

THE BUZZ

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BUZZY LINKS

We think the best sites are those that evolve or offer an ever-changing and appetizing buffet of information, photography, or conversation. Here is a return trip to a tantalizing place that has become a GCI member favorite:

Floret Flower Farm

www.floretflowers.com

While it's unlikely that most of us will become flower farmers, there is a lot to be learned from this site and the photography is exquisite.

October 15, 10:30 General Meeting

The Garden Troubadour

Come to our last outdoor, in-person meeting and hear Mark Lyons spin his unusual story. Like his moniker, Mark is a Renaissance man - a gardener, cheesemaker, musician and designer. He will share his lore and knowledge and, perhaps, a tune or two.

Bundle up, bring a chair, check your email by 9, if weather is iffy. There is no rain date.

UPCOMING

- October 15 General Meeting
The Garden Troubadour
Bundle up, we're outdoors! North Park parking lot at 10:30.
- November 3 VOTE!
- Nov 5 Zoom Board Meeting
- Nov 6 The BUZZ articles due
- Nov 19 Zoom General Meeting
Check the website.

What Happened to September? *by Nancy Kaye*

Dear Friends,
I don't know about you but I was uplifted by our September meeting. We missed many faces but we had a good turnout and, for a short while, everything seemed kind of normal. I think we all enjoyed Kim Hartmann from Countryside Flowers and were surprised to learn we still have something to learn from these presenters who are enjoyably passionate about their topics. Nice job, Mary Kay and Pam! Thanks to Denise for securing our venue and Myra who helped with the yearbooks, and to all who helped set up and take down.. And how

about those gorgeous anniversary champagne flutes! Thank you to Joyce Axe, Vicki Peters, Kathy Rein, and Mary Rubino for their lovely creations. (If you missed the meeting, your yearbook and glass will be delivered soon.)

I no sooner got home that day when I had phone calls from Shirley and Denise, bursting with ideas to make this December special. We may not be able to enjoy our Holiday Luncheon, but plans are being made to do something fun to mark the end of our 80th anniversary year. And we will continue to focus on philanthropy, at a very local level, to bring cheer to those upon whom isolation is taking its toll and re-establish our visibility in the community. We have one more outdoor meeting on October 15, featuring the Garden Troubadour. Fingers crossed for passable weather! There is no rain date.

On a personal note, I can't thank you all enough for the kindness, cards, and support you showered on me during my illness. Your thoughtfulness pulled me through some dark days and chased those COVID blues away. Best yet, I don't think I passed it on to anyone! And thanks to the Board who continued to work so hard for you while I languished.

Cards of Kindness

By now our first batch of cards have made their way to the residents of St. Joseph Home for the Elderly. Thanks to your tremendous response, every resident in assisted living has a "buddy." And they are so grateful. You are not obligated to continue your correspondence with your resident but a monthly greeting would be much appreciated by these isolated seniors. We have some ideas for the holiday season as well. Stay tuned.

Thank you to all who continue to support our food drive for the Palatine Township Food Pantry. We have collected at all three summer get-togethers and the September meeting. You will have another opportunity to contribute on October 15. Do not hesitate to contact Nancy Kaye if you need items picked up.

Cheers to 80 Years!



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An impressive highlight of GCI's 25th Anniversary festivities.

Garden Club to Dedicate Inverness Arboretum Sunday

Inverness Garden Club will formally dedicate the Arboretum at the Inverness Playfield Sunday afternoon, June 28 at 1 p.m. as another of the village's 25th Anniversary celebration activities.

In addition to a tour of the Arboretum, at which time the names and characteristics of each tree will be identified and discussed, at least one expert from the Baker Family Nursery, Palatine will be available to answer questions on pruning, fertilizing and spraying trees. Refreshments will be served and

residents have been invited by the Garden Club to bring children for an early start toward a good knowledge of their natural surroundings.

DURING THE following week, children attending the summer recreation program at the Inverness Playfield will be given special classes at the Arboretum by the program's director, Ronald Smith.

Inverness Garden Club, now in its 24th year, began the Arboretum in 1961 and has planted

nearly 60 trees at the playfield during this time. Mrs. Jessalyn Nicklas, president of the club, reports that the club worked with the Inverness Association in developing the area. Funds for the purchase of the trees and shrubs have been acquired through benefit card parties and other volunteer contributions.

In addition to providing a natural outdoor nature school for the village's children, the Garden Club developed the Arboretum as a place where Inverness

residents could go to make selections for their own property plantings. Included are specimens of most varieties of trees and shrubs suitable for this part of the country.

From The Daily Herald

June 25, 1964



How Does Your Garden Grow?

By Kathy Zweidinger

October

Plant Bulbs. Plant spring-blooming bulbs as long as the soil is still workable, and don't leave any of the papery parts of the bulb on the ground. This is a sure way for the squirrels to discover your bulbs and have a feast. I have planted bulbs until late November, and they bloomed the following spring!

Divide bulbs. Divide summer and fall-blooming bulbs after the foliage has yellowed.

Lift tender bulbs. After the first frost, dig up dahlias, gladioli, cannas and begonias. Wait for the foliage to yellow, then store.

Water evergreens, shrubs, and trees. Keep watering thoroughly in the fall. They will reduce water intake on their own to prepare for dormancy, so don't decide for them by withholding water. Plants that keep growing late in autumn, such as rhododendrons, evergreen azalea, and boxwood, are susceptible to early freeze damage. They need to be well watered until the ground freezes to protect them from harm.

Clean out containers. After frost has killed your container plants, empty them into the compost pile. Clean and store clay and ceramic pots in the garage so they don't crack. Remove crusted minerals from clay pots by soaking in water for several hours. Scrub with steel wool and dish soap if needed.

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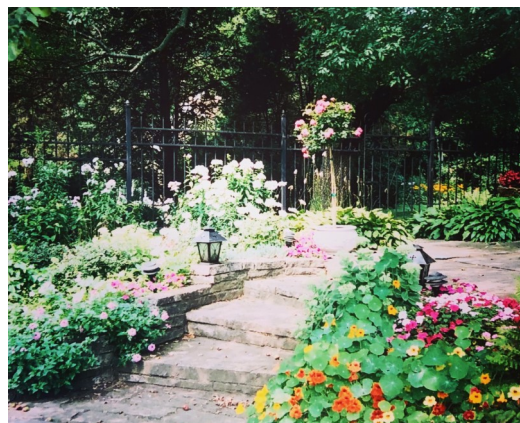
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Reflections/Rosalie Schneider

My husband Gerd and I moved to Inverness in 1973 with our three children, Renee 9, Eric 5 and Glen 2 years old. We were the young couple on the street and were welcomed by our mostly retired neighbors. In 1974, I joined the Garden Club and loved it right away. The meetings were held at the Field House, which was a ranch house with one large room for meetings, a small kitchen, and a small library for children. It was located at North Park where the new building now stands. Our daughter Lynn was born in 1975 and now we had two boys and two girls—what more could we want! We were very happy. We enjoyed our big yard and built patios and flower beds and a pond. Over the years, I planted mostly perennials that can be divided and shared. Some of my favorite flowers came from plant exchanges, my mother's garden, and from friends. This year I spent more time than ever working in

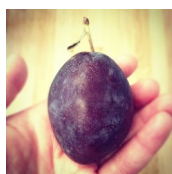
my yard because of COVID-19, and was very glad to have something to do that I enjoy so much. I feel very lucky to live in Inverness.

Some memories from Rose who has been an active member longer than anyone on our current roster!



Plum or Apple Cake

from Rose Schneider



Empress Plum

1 stick unsalted butter, softened
1 egg
2 T milk
1 1/2 c flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 t salt
1/4 c sugar

Mix first three ingredients by hand or mixer, add dry ingredients, then pat

into greased 9 x 13 pan.
24 Italian plums or 12 large Empress plums, pitted and halved. (We like Empress the best.)
Lay plums on the dough and sprinkle with topping. Bake 30 minutes at 350 or until lightly browned.

Topping: 1/2 c sugar
1 t cinnamon
2 T flour

2 T softened butter
Mix by hand.



A Different Grilled Cheese Sandwich from Rose Schneider

Sour dough bread
Havarti cheese
Green cabbage
Honey mustard
Butter

Butter one side of bread. Spread mustard on the other side. Layer cheese and a slice of cabbage on the mustard side and top with another slice of bread. Fry in pan until cheese is melted.



Board News



← Longtime active member and officer, Melodie Moroney, has resigned from the board in order to "try on" Maine with husband Jay. She will continue to support GCI from the coast. Melodie was our Community Garden Chair. Best wishes for a happy transition!

New member, Judith Tammi, has graciously → agreed to fill the position of Membership Chair. Welcome to the Board, Judith!



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As seen in
Garden Glories
May 2020