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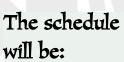
December 2011



aturnalia has been a great event in the past, with hundreds of neighbors joining the fun. We hope you'll take time off from your holiday preparations, gather your family and friends, and come and enjoy Saturnalia together in Downtown Bryn Mawr.

The events are free and open to the public, and are brought to you by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association. This year the BMNA is funding this event and are looking for local realtors, business owners or neighbors to help cover the costs. If you are interested in being a sponsor for the 2011 Saturnalia Festival, please send a donation of any denomination to BMNA-Saturnalia, P.O. Box 16437, Minneapolis, MN 55416-0437.

Volunteers are needed (for short shifts) - watch your e-mail for a notice or contact Patty Wycoff at 612-377-4565 or pwycoff@comcast.net



(all times approximate):

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

• Drum Corp will rock the 'hood

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

marshmallow roasting and hot cocoa (while supplies last)

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

• Santa drops in to visit with the children

5:30-7:30 p.m.

• Horse-drawn hay rides to view the neighborhood holiday lights (departing every 15-20 minutes)

8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

• Party hearty at Cuppa Java (adults only), featuring live music. Drinks may be purchased.



BMNA Lighting Project Complete

In a final touch to the installation of decorative lighting in downtown Bryn Mawr, welcome banners now hang from the new fixtures. These are the result of private donations from the businesses, BMNA dollars, city NRP funds, and from the hard work of NRP chair, Scott McLaughlin.

- Marlin Possehl, President, BMNA

Bryn Mawr Wins Awards for Neighborhood Energy Savings Project Participation

n Tuesday, October 25, Community Energy Services, in partnership with the McKnight Foundation and the City of Minneapolis, hosted the Award Ceremony for the 2011 Outreach Grant Challenge. It was a fun and exciting night that honored the dedication of partnering organizations, volunteers and city council members that have helped make CES a success. Many awards, including over \$45,000 in grants, were distributed that evening. The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association won 2 awards at the ceremony: Implementation Award and Participation Award and a total of \$5,500 from Community Energy Services.

Back in May of 2010, the BMNA hosted energy educational workshops with The Center for Energy and Environment at Bryn Mawr Elementary. NRP money paid for the first 100 neighbors that attended the workshop. After completion of the workshop, neighbors received a free energy audit from the CEE. Neighbors were given information about how they could reduce their energy usage in their home. Many neighbors took



the information and made costly improvements to reduce their energy usage. These neighbors are the reason we won 1st place and the Implementation Award and \$3000! Bryn Mawr also won 8th place for Participation in the program and another \$2500! It was an honor to attend this event with Scott McLaughlin(NRP Chair) and represent my neighbors in Bryn Mawr.

- Patricia Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator

Please Note: NO BUGLE IN JANUARY. Next issue is February 2012.

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BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes Wed., November 9, 2011, 7:00-8:45 PM

Call to Order and Introductions

Marlin called to order and introductions made.

Attendees are as follows:

Board Members-Marlin Possehl-President: Ted Kiesselbach-Vice President; Liz Pederson-Co-Treasurer, Sandie Gay-Secretary, Scott McLaughlin-NRP/NCEC, George Seebach-Area 2 Co-Rep, Jessica Wiley-Area 3, Jeanne Carter-Area 3, Christopher Etz-Area 4, Dave Logsdon-Area 5, Barry Shade-Area 6, Jay Peterson-Area 6, Andrew Kraling-Area 7, JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle Editor. Guests-Lisa Goodman-City of Minneapolis, Tim Hammett-4th Precinct, Dylan Thomas-SW Journal, Ben Horn-Area 7, Jim Stokes-Area 7.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Moved, seconded and passed. Minutes of last month's meeting Today's Agenda

Acceptance of this month's Financial Report (available online)

City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman

- Street sweeping next week.
- No Lunch with Lisa in November. "Later" with Lisa on Dec. 19th at Normandy Hotel, free. Starting in

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your **HEART**

Warm COMFORT FOOD.....

Jan 2012, L with L will be on 4th Wed of each month.

- City wide NCEC meetings scheduled on 10th of Nov.
- Week of November 14th last week of yard waste pick up.

Crime Report-Tim Hammett, 4th Precinct

- Crime up 19%.
- Burglary and auto theft are highest categories.
- Violent crimes down.
- Property crimes are up.
- Auto theft is up in precinct.
- Daytime burglaries have been occurring N of 394.
- Thefts from autos typically occur
- Neighborhood advisory was issued after garage break-ins on evening of Nov 7th.
- To prevent theft from auto, don't leave anything visible in car.
- Aggravated assault occurred in Bryn Mawr. Transients had altercation, alcohol involved.
- Homelessness considered a social problem, not a crime.
- Drug activity across from gas station has caused problems-Some measures taken in the past have included; camera put in temporarily and patrols ramped up. Report from Jeannie-Attended neighborhood meeting. Officers addressed activity, marijuana buys, happens quickly, police cannot get there in time, BMNA Board will look for leadership for the inactive Safety and Traffic Committees.
- Dec 10th-crime prevention workshop for Bryn Mawr residents will be held at the precinct from 2-4pm.

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• Courtwatch is an opportunity to have community involved when sentencing. Need community involvement. Identified about 30 burglars and when sentencing community can testify. Write impact statements or go to meeting.

updates

Park board Appointee Charrette-Recommendations were made and Tuesday. Rebuilt path and swim dock around Wirth Lake. Contemplating building-storage facility on NW corner of lake.

Patty Wycoff, NC activity report

- · Sip and Stroll-successful and well attended. At least 59 people visited businesses and participated in the drawing.
- bread for soups and stews.
- and planning has been completed.
- Award dinner was put on by city for neighborhood groups. BMNA awarded first place for highest number of people signing up for energy audits- Gave us \$3000. 6th place for highest % of people in neighborhood signing up. Gave us \$2500.

JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report

- Good response to Vida's article on layover facility.
- Dec. article about history of neighborhood-Jay Peterson.
- Bugle will be out the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Wirth/Brownie Lake CAC

will be prioritized. Next meeting on

- Annual dinner-BMNA provided
- Saturnalia-Will occur on Dec 3

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Treasurer's report- Liz Pederson

Profit and Loss sheet will be developed and presented at the meetings starting next month.

Financial Report on BMNA web-

Bugle Editor update - Ted

One resume was received. Committee met Monday and will make recommendation next month.

NCEC report – Scott McLaughlin

• Projects-Few solar projects-were installed so still have \$20,000 for other uses.

BMNA Façade Improvement-Resolution by Scott as follows:

The BMNA Board resolves to move remaining Phase I rollover dollars into Phase II Strategy 12.1.1 (Improve Downtown Bryn Mawr) from the following Phase II strategies- \$6,281 from 13.1.2 Increase Safety of Parks, \$4,206.52 from 15.1.1 Penn Avenue Traffic Calming, \$1,450 from 15.1.3 Improve Access to Transit and up to \$10,000 from 16.1.1 Improve Neighborhood Environment. Resolution: Moved, seconded and passed

• Downtown banners installed for \$160.

LRT Project updates

Hennepin Co CAC - Barry LRT committee-will have workshops to put comments together to put into Impact Statement on 1st Wed of Dec and thereafter. Ted will go to first meeting.

Rail layover facility-A public meeting will be held on 2nd to last Monday in October. City is looking at feasibility of Ryan Development proposal for the rail layover facility. May put in structural pilings for future development. County will move forward on some development. BMNA invited Harrison residents to Dec Board Meeting.

Garden projects – Dave Logsdon

Requested change of date for meetings on Bugle calendar.

Standing Committee Reports Land Use Committee Report—

No variance requests this month Schools Committee - JoEllyn Jolstad Changes in Sheridan K-8 to pre K-5 will impact Anwatin by adding about 50 more students. No plans to change attendance areas for High Schools. Metro Transit GoTo Passes

tion for high school students. Communications Committee - Jay Bugle editor recommendation will be made at Dec meeting.. including two year contracts and reviews. Bulletin board-spruce up will focus on content and design. The conflict

may replace school bus transporta-

of interest policy will be evaluated. **Discussion Items and Updates**

and Announcements: Arts and Crafts Fair-Dec. 1, Thursday at Anwatin.

Adjournat 8:45 p.m. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Wed, Dec 14, 7:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary

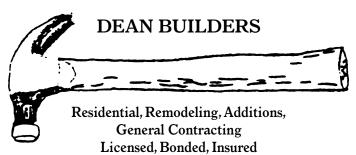
UPCOMING EVENTS: Saturnalia-December 3, 2011

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2011

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Happy Hanukkah.

Happy Househunting.



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Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Area 1	December 12 January 9 January 23	December 27	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	December 5 December 19 January 16	January 3	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		December 6 December 20 January 17	January 4

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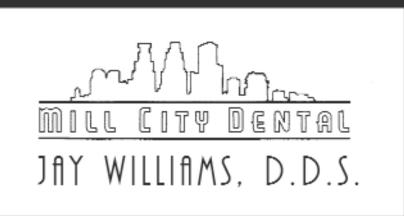
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From the Editor

recently had an interviewer ask for three words that describe **⊥**me. I came up with "driven", "creative" and "adaptable." I think the last one is both particularly true and important to my life as I am apparently determined to live it. I am pretty good at problem-solving and shifting gears when things change or don't work out as originally planned.

Last week, there were only two paid work days. So, did I have the relaxing long weekend I had planned? Oh my no, but it was still great! My father surprised us all and flew our oldest in from Boston for the weekend - definitely worth a little extra stress and adaptation!

Thanksgiving weekend is often a tricky time to do the Bugle. The printer is closed on Thursday (my usual press day) and the volunteer block distributors are not around to circulate it. Advertisers and other contributors are also busy and often unavailable if there are questions or delays which can suddenly result in an empty space.

This year Thanksgiving was the 24th and with the deadline for submissions on the 20th, finishing early was not an option. So, here I am on Cyber Monday putting the finishing touches on the final edition of 2011.

As I reflect this morning on the events of the past five days, I have to take satisfaction in all that has

been accomplished. It is no small feat that these words appear on paper today. Good thing I didn't have to cook!

In addition to working on the Bugle, enjoying my daughter and spending time with the rest of the family, I had an important meeting this morning for which I needed to prepare. I worked on costumes for the Sanford Middle School production of Annie the weekend after next, and archived files for marketing materials related to the French Immersion School project.

I did take a break over the holiday weekend from my regular job. But the emails have piled up, the catalog for winter classes has to be finalized this week and payroll submitted for fall classes so I will be scrambling to make up the time. There is also the Anwatin Arts and Craft Fair this week and I still need to do the program.

I know there are people out there who have actual routines. For them it is reassuring to know that each new day/week/year will look much like the previous one. I guess (or hope?) that I will never be one of those people. I like the unexpected twists and turns of life.

Thank you for being part of my journey. I wish for you experiences that feed your spirit.

> - JoEllyn Banfield Jolstad bugle@bmna.org

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by Dave Logsdon



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"Thought is subversive and revolutionary, destructive and terrible. Thought is merciless to privilege, established institutions, and comfortable habits.

Thought is great and swift and free." -Bertrand Russell-

s we plummet into another holiday season and into the year 2012, maybe we can indulge in a little reflection on the past tumultuous year. When it comes to indulging (and over indulging), I am world class!

A long days journey...

Hey, my piece of occu-pie was frozen! After a full day of activities commemorating Armistice Day, on 11/11/11, eleven Veterans spent the night on the Government Plaza to show solidarity with Scott Olsen, the Marine who was hit by a tear gas canister at a peaceful Occupy/Oakland demonstration. Bruce Berry (Area 3) and I were among the eleven who made it through a very cold night. Many of you are probably saying, "Isn't it Veterans Day, not Armistice Day?" Well, in the city of Minneapolis this year, November 11th was officially declared Veterans/Armistice Day in the city of Minneapolis "in the hopes that some day, instead of spending money on war, our nation will spend money

WEEKLY MEETINGS OF **ALCOHOLICS A**NONYMOUS

are held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church,

Cedar Lake Road and Laurel Avenue.on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

All interested people are invited to attend.

on building better cities for our children to laugh and play and grow." A big thank you for Mayor Rybak for his support in making this Proclamation happen.

All hands on deck

How many times have you read in my column that there are many opportunities to serve this community. Well, maybe it's hanging around people who grasp the concept of the body politic, everyone pulling in the same direction. Every step that I take in the direction of community involvement makes the reality of democracy possible. Democracy is participatory, get in the mix. Deliver Bugles, become an area representative, pull weeds, and together we can grow.

Lighting that candle..

Adelai Stevenson once said of Eleanor Roosevelt that "she would rather light a candle than curse the darkness." 2011 was a year when there was a lot of cursing the darkness going on in Madison, Egypt, New York, and Oakland. There was also a lot of candles being lit and all those candles can provide a lot of heat. They have warmed my heart. Where is all this occupying is going, I don't know, but change is in the air. Bruce and I have discussed an "Occupy West Minneapolis" group to keep this momentum going, locally and organically.

Well, I told I you was going to indulge, I'll catch up with all of you in February (no January Bugle). Until then, keep lighting those can-

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols December 24 at 7:30 p.m.

We will celebrate Christmas at our evening service on December 24 and we will not have worship on Sunday morning December 25.

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Comprehensive Plan

By Jay Peterson, Area 6 Co-Representative

In 1997 a core group of Bryn Mawr neighbors got together over several months to create a Comprehensive Plan for our neighborhood. The entire Plan is now available on our website under the Planning tab - http://bmna.org/planningnrp/brynmawrcompplan.mht . The purpose of the Plan was to provide an easy-to-understand and graphic view into the character of the Bryn Mawr neighborhood, the specific characteristics that make Bryn Mawr unique and which of those characteristics warrant preservation or attention. The Plan was meant to strengthen and sustain our sense of community and maintain the "nostalgic" aura of the neighborhood.

One of my favorite sections of the plan documented a history of the Bryn Mawr neighborhood in Minneapolis.

Bryn Mawr History

Bryn Mawr is a neighborhood with a history. There are families that have been in Bryn Mawr for many years who keep living here. It is a neighborhood that has withstood the negative effects of change: the suburban exodus and migration, the cutting through of a highway and subsequent expansion to a freeway and urban renewal around the neighborhood's borders. Bryn Mawr has maintained its perspective as a unified neighborhood through freeway splitting, school board decisions and residential development. Neighbors work hard to maintain the integrity of the neighborhood.

Blocks of aging homes, with collapsing basements from the moving blue clay that lay at the bottom of a prehistoric river were cleared to develop Bryn Mawr Meadows. Apart from some farmhomes, the oldest residential subdivisions were closest to Downtown, i.e., east of Penn and near the streetcar line. By the 1920's, Bryn Mawr was discovered and homes were built in all areas. These included the lake cottages near Cedar Lake in Area 1 and the subdivision and infill with new housing that occurred in the 1950's, largely in Area 7 and in scattered empty lots. The last big wave were houses, townhouses and apartments in Area 2 near Cedar Lake.

Bryn Mawr contains historic sites including the Fruen Mill, (a historic grain mill), Glenwood/Inglewood Water, the former site of Buma-Shave (the company that developed the highway signs with jingles to promote their product and highway safety) and the Laurel Avenue Streetcar from Downtown that traveled to Bryn Mawr when Cedar Lake Road was the main road to the West from the City.

Bryn Mawr Neighbor Participation

The Bryn Mawr Improvement Association organization was credited to John Diegel. It helped get the area zoned residential. A verbal rumor which colorizes this purpose was that the Kenwood area did not want the tracks to be part of their neighborhood but Bryn Mawr's. Whether the changing yards or roundhouse were the actual problem is unknown. This later led to Cedar Lake Park being included in Bryn Mawr.

Various other groups emerged over the years to answer the needs of the neighborhood. The Bryn Mawr Community Organization met at the Dayton Hudson (now Target) building for its annual meeting. It was a fancy affair with silverservice. There were speakers at the meeting and

problems of the community were discussed, however, the purpose was primarily social.

The Bryn Mawr School Parent Teacher Association was most active on school concerns, and problems affecting children but not general concerns.

As children grew and left the elementary, many families missed the contacts they had made and the Bryn Mawr Community League was formed for social purposes. In addition, alumnae of the school, circa 1920-1940, continue to meet as the Bryn Mawr Kids yearly.

The Community School Council came into being when school lunches were introduced through Community Education to the elementary. The PTA invited Paul Boranian of Community Education to make a presentation about Community Education at the school. In the fall of 1969, the Community School of Bryn Mawr was started with an Advisory Council of 15 members. In 1973, the Social Concerns Committee of the Community School Council established a Highway Task Force to study the issue of the proposed

I-394. As a result of the work of this Task Force, a neighborhood organization (BMNA) was re-established to address additional concerns and needs of the residents of Bryn Mawr. The Council and Community Education were moved to Anwatin in 1974 when the District purchased the old St. Margaret's school as a middle school. In 1977, the Anwatin Community School was one of those in the city chosen to be a recipient of Mott Foundation funds through the Stimulate Neighborhood Action Process (SNAP) program. With these funds, and additional monies raised by neighbors, they engaged in projects such as the Summer Fun Club for children, Block Clubs, joint contracting for home maintenance and improvements, a professional study of troubled youth, a

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		Anwatin Craft Fair, 1 5:30-8:30 in the foyer	2	Saturnalia Festival, 3 4-7:30pm on Cedar Lake Rd.		
4	5	6	Land Use Committee ⁷ Meeting, 7pm @ Bryn Mawr Elemen- tary, RM 136	∞	9	Crime prevention 10 workshop at the Fourth Precinct from 2-4pm.
11	12	13	BMNA monthly 14 meeting, 7pm @ Bryn Mawr Elemen- tary, Cafeteria	15	16	17
18	Later w/Lisa Good-19 man @ The Nor- mandy Inn, 5-7:30	ROC Committee, Har orison Community Center, 6:00pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Cooperative Day Care Center, a canoe trip for teens to BWCA and a single parents workshop. The Community School Council had the active cooperation of the BMNA

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association began publishing a newsletter in the spring of 1974 and was formally incorporated in 1976. A Town Meeting was held in 1976 under the auspices of the BMNA. The highway moratorium was a direct result of this day-long training and communication program. The BMNA has changed the original five areas to seven, continues the monthly publication of the Bugle, sponsors the annual Festival of Garage Sales (originally semi-annually), continues work on the infringement of the highway in our neighborhood, uses block clubs to decrease crime, holds the annual meeting and potluck in the spring, supports an ice cream social in the summer and conducts a fall membership drive. For a decade the BMNA ran a recycling program for our neighborhood, first on the southemend of Penn Avenue and then by contracting with Mr. Frank until the City began its recycling program. The Bryn Mawr Bugle has received awards over the years. The neighborhood is well known and continues to provide coordination of activities and leadership in improving our neighborhood through active participation by residents. The Neighborhood Revitalization Program is a continuation of the Bryn Mawr neighborhood activism.

To see the complete BMNA Comprehensive Plan from 1997, visit http://bmna.org/planning.html

BMNA Safety and Traffic Committees Leadership Wanted!

In response to an increase in burglary and theft in the neighborhood, and drug activity at the intersection of Penn and Cedar Lake Road, a group of neighbors met at the 4th Precinct on November 3, 2011 to talk about crime and safety. Some of the remedies discussed included posting signs warning that the neighborhood doesn't tolerate drug activity, setting up cameras to record activities, and forming block clubs. Area 3 Rep Jeanne Carter attended the meeting and brought the issue to the November 9 BMNA board meeting.

Through the NRP plan, BMNA has had a crime and safety committee in the past that addressed personal safety issues in the neighborhood. The committee focused on a variety of activities including an alley lighting initiative that helped neighbors afford motion detector lighting.

This committee has not been active in the recent past. Our experience with the safety committee is that it waxes and wanes in response to crime in the neighborhood. We have not had success in sustaining an ongoing committee. The Board discussed reconstituting the committee to address the issues raised. We are looking for leadership for this committee and are asking those interested to contact President Marlin Possehl, Vice President Ted Kiesselbach, or their neighborhood representative to volunteer.

A reinvigorated safety committee would be asked to explore the benefit of signage in the neighborhood warning that we report crimes, look into the costs of camera surveillance and work with our Crime Prevention Specialist, Tim Hammett, to strengthen the block captain program in Bryn Mawr. According to Hammett, block captains help neigh-

bors connect with each other resulting in increased vigilance in watching out for and reporting suspicious activity.

The neighborhood group also brought up the issue of traffic; specifically speeding on Penn, Cedar Lake Road, and Laurel. The BMNA traffic committee worked for years on traffic calming on Penn. They were largely responsible for the lobbying it took to keep the 4-way stop at Penn and Cedar Lake Road, as opposed to stop lights, which encouraged speeding on Penn when the green light gave cars the advantage of racing down the road. They also explored temporary speed bumps, and working on getting a crosswalk painted at Penn and Cedar Lake Road. Those interested in reviving work on traffic calming should also contact President Marlin Possehl, Vice President Ted Kiesselbach, or their neighborhood representative to volunteer.

- Jessica Wiley, BMNA Area 3 Co-Rep

NOTE: A crime prevention workshop will be held at the Fourth Precinct from 2-4pm on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Call 673-2866 for information.

(To read more about the initiatives of BMNA committees, go to BMNA.org, Click on Planning; NRP and then the NRP website to read the BMNA NRP plan)

COORDINATOR CORNER

My name is Patty Wycoff and I am the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Coordinator. Feel free to contact me at organizer@bmna.org or 612-377-4565.

Please add your e-mail to the BMNA e-mail list. Go to bmna.org and click on "add to e-mail."
You will receive information about upcoming events, snow emergencies, crime reports, etc.

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15	16	ROC Committee, 17 Harrison Community Center, 6:00pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	BMNA Schools 26 Committee Meeting 7:00 pm at Bryn Mawr Elementary, Conference Rm 136	27	28
29	30	31	•		day, Feb 4-5 n on how to register, vol	unteer as well as

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View From the Bridge

Harvesting Nature's Seasons: Holiday Greens - December 2011

"Are we going to grandma's house?", we asked. Mom answered, "Yes, we're going for a walk in grandma's woods. Why? To go moss picking."

7hile autumn means hunting deer to others of my small Pennsylvania town, for me it brings memories of a different tradition: collecting nature's greens - moss and clubmosses - to decorate the holiday village and crèche for Christmas.

The first holiday garden show – a collection of nature's greens, lights and decorations - that I enjoyed was viewed not at an arboretum, botanical garden, museum, department or floral store, but in my grandmother's living room in rural Pennsylvania in the 1960s and 1970s.

Across a raised platform sprawled a miniature village and toy train. Both the green ground plane and the "trees" were plants found on my grandparents' land. "Picking moss" and collecting 'greens' was a tradition that my maternal grandmother, Louise Feldbauer began when she decorated her house for her children's and grandchildren's Christmas celebrations.

In "those days", a day's outing for us grandchildren included exploring our grandparents' land and gathering berries, leaves, and flowers.

Harvesting nature's bounty extended to decorations for the holidays. Not one, but two evergreen conifers rose within my grandparents' parlor — bookending a model railroad village. Initially, suitably sized hemlock trees were scavenged from my grandparents twenty-five acres. Later, my grandparents harvested evergreen trees that my grandfather had planted on their pasture land after they stopped raising animals and removed the barn.

The holiday greens were Clubmosses – diminutive plants that resemble tiny evergreen boughs or trees. Some families wove running pine clubmosses into wreaths. My relatives planted ground pine clubmosses as tiny trees for a model railroad village. We spread live moss to simulate lawns and meadows throughout the village. Completing the illusion, Downy detergent flakes substituted for artificial snow dusted over the mossy grass.

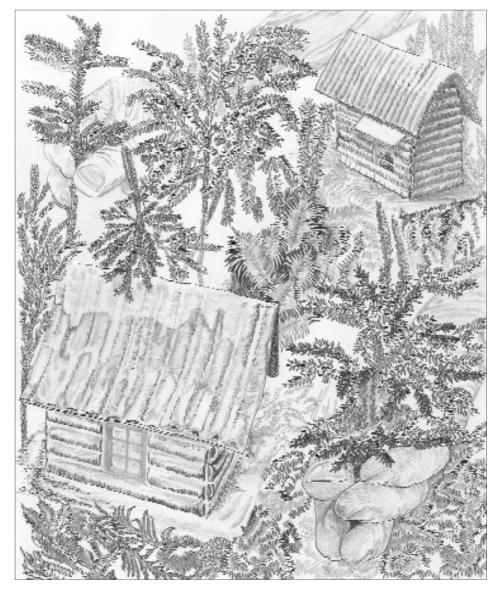
It is Thanksgiving weekend - the day after the big meal. Our grade

school classmates describe tracking deer with their fathers, uncles, or grandfathers. The maternal side of the family leads our search. The timing of our hunting season allows for removal of moss before it became frozen to its rock substrate but not so much ahead of the Christmas holiday that the moss and greens will dry out and turn brown.

We bundle up in layers – 3M's Thinsulate had not yet been invented – a combination of waffle-pattermed long underwear, scratchy woolens, - and most importantly, discarded plastic bread bags used as a boot liner around our stockingclothed feet. The crinkling plastic bags serve several purposes adding another air layer, adding waterproofing, and easing the act of inserting one's feet into winter snow boots. Squeaking as they stretch, the boots are rubbery and have a tar-like smell. We struggle to zip up rubber boots and dash out the front door, our nylon snow pants swooshing and swishing.

No longer toddlers, my siblings and I join my grandmother and mother in collecting. Beyond the edge of our town, our car shudders along a dirt road rutted with washboard ripples and bordered by ditches. Flanking the road, leafless trees compose a screen through which the weakening sun sparkles. My mother slowly maneuvers the car up the sloping driveway. Crossing the road in front of my grandparents' house, we plod through the former cow pasture which now holds heath groundcovers of huckleberries and wintergreen. Carefully stepping from rock to rock, we cross the creek (pronounced "crick" in our Western Pennsylvanian). Leaves rustle under our shuffling feet. From overhead Black Cherry trees, last night's rain and the morning dew sprinkle our jackets. Passing Black Elderberry shrubs, we recall collecting its dark berries for homemade elderberry jelly. We enter a forest darkened by hemlock and mountain laurel. My grandmother surveys small evergreen trees making mental notes of specimens that would be cut down to be added to the living room display.

Reaching a moist glen, we spy mosses and ground pines growing among granite outcroppings and boulders deep within the forest. Curving trails climb over tree roots



and around rocks not unlike the Superior Hiking Trail of Lake Superior's North Shore.

We children kneel down as our mother and grandmother demonstrate how to ease one's fingertips under the edge of the moss and gently separate the moss from the surface on which it grows. We extract the damp moss from the rough, hard rock. A crisp, cool, damp smell of peat tickles our nostrils. We handle the moss gingerly/gently. Folding the moss, dirty sides together, we layer the moss within heavy black plastic lawn bags. We make a game of capturing the most, the largest, the most beautiful ground pine. The youngest of us carries a bucket of these clubmosses. We older children and our mother take turns carrying bags of moss back to my grandparents' home and to my parents' car. Later as we grandchildren grew older and away from home, my uncle Fred uses a four-wheeler all-terrain-vehicle to ease the task of transporting materials to the growing group of relatives.

We return home with our holiday bounty. At home we pull off the wet outer layers; and rub our pink itchy skin. We place our wet clothes, snow-pants, gloves, sweat shirts, sweaters, hats, and scarves on the cast iron radiators to dry out. We slowly warm up in the comfort of those same radiators.

The physical warmth of our home would soon be augmented by the cozy warmth of time spent with favorite relatives and the emotional comfort of a lovingly created holiday display of lights and greenery.

From natural, recycled, and manmade materials, my relatives create a Lilliputian whimsy. My grandmother and mother position moss on newspapers within and surrounding a model railroad oval. They layer the moss, creating undulating planes that become lawns and meadows in our imagination. Some of the miniature structures - churches and larger houses – were bought from dime stores or from catalogs. My uncles made numerous miniature houses and buildings using recycled materials. To simulate logs and metal panels, they carefully pulled apart corrugated cardboard. This ribbed material became log walls, tiled roofs, and tin panels. For windows, they installed colored cellophane wrappers saved from the occasional and very special candy that a person would enjoy at that time – late 1940s and 1950s. Creating the illusion of forest and trees, ground pines are carefully placed amidst the buildings, anchored into place by fitting their roots under edges of the moss patches and mats. The room is darkened and strings of lights are plugged in. Light glows from within the homes and buildings as well as the trees. We children are transported to fantasies of Red-riding Hood, Robin Hood, Daniel Boone, Sleepy Hollow and Bavaria.

Now, decades later, my grandparents both have passed away. My grandmother's living room and house are no more, torn down, and the property sold. The road is still unpaved, still much the same as it was back then. We no longer use moss or clubmosses for our holiday decorations. Yet, hiking in woods of moss and "ground pines" will always launch reminiscences of those good times so many years ago. May your memories of camping, hunting, and time at the cabin sustain you and your families during the long dark winter.

> - Greg Lecker, Area 3 U of M Extension Service Master Gardener, Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer

Sources: Bugle VFTB columns, November and December 2009.

Minneapolis Audubon Society Programs

Programs begin at 1:00 p.m. the second Friday of each month at the Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, located at the corner of 31st Street and Bryant Avenue, in Minneapolis. The Center, just one block south of Lake Street, is easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes.

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Wirth Lake Construction Update

heodore Wirth Park around the vicinity of Wirth Lake (Glenwood Avenue and Wirth Parkway) has undergone significant updates this year. Construction for the year is now completed and visitors can enjoy upgraded trails that encircle the lake, thanks to the installation of a boardwalk along the north side of the lake.

These updates are part of an extensive capital improvements project that has been broken into phases. Earlier phases included a renovation of the beach and beach house and construction of a new playground and volleyball courts. Current projects include trail improvements, parking lot renovation, wetlands restoration, improved access to the picnic pavilion, and tree replacement. Future projects under consideration include a renovation of the pavilion, additional trail improvements, improved picnic facilities, and water quality improvement initiatives.

Originally scheduled to be done by mid-summer, these activities were delayed by the May tomado

and discovery of contamination in the wetlands area. The tomado devastated many trees in the area, cutting a swath from the quaking bog in a north-northeasterly direction, through the Wirth Beach area, crossing the lake, and continuing into North Minneapolis. Fortunately there was little damage to the beach house and playground, but the new beach dock was destroyed and the boardwalk took major damage. The beach was closed all season as Park staff struggled to manage cleanup and damage claims.

As a regular park patron I found the delays to be frustrating, but I commend Park staff for completing the work this season despite the difficult delays. I highly recommend that you enjoy a walk around the lake on one of these warm fall days.

Information on this project, as well as design considerations for all of Wirth Park (including the area north of Highway 55) is available at: http://www.minneapolisparks.org/d efault.asp?PageID=1150, or call Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board at 612-230-6400.

- Karen Soderberg, Area 7



Along the horizon, you can see where new improvements to Wirth Park include a boardwalk along Hwy 55, completing a trail around Wirth Lake for walkers and runners. The walkway was destroyed by last summer's tornado shortly after completion but has been restored. Keep watch for more improvements which are on the way.

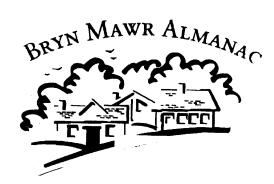


This is the view looking north from the west end of the floating walkway which now surrounds the beach in front of the beach house. -Photos by Marlin Possebl, Area 3

Snowshoeing at Wirth Park

Saturday, December 10th 10:00am to 11:30am

I nowshoe through Wirth Park in an area that most people only see in summer. Watch for wildlife as you tromp through the I snow. Snowshoes provided. Meet at the Wirth Beach parking lot on Glenwood Ave just east of Theodore Wirth Parkway. Register at minneapolisparks.org or call 313-7725. \$10



December 10, 2011 Full moon, the Ojibwe Descending Cold moon

December 11, 2010 Saturalia Festival in Bryn Mawr cancelled because of "Snowmaggedon." The biggest snowstormto hit the Twin Cities since the Halloween stormin 1991 whited out -- and pretty much paralyzed -- the metro area and much of the rest of

Minnesota.

December 15, 2006 A local veterinarian rescued about 20 starving white pelicans, stranded on Pelican Lake in Wright County, unable to fish because of ice cover. Perhaps they dawdled flying south, lulled by the year's unseasonably warm weather. Pelicans winter in the Gulf of Mexico and breed in the Dakotas and Manitoba, including lakes Traverse and Big Stone on the Minnesota border. The rest of our state is fly-over country each spring and fall.

December 18, 2005

Watched a northern lights display over the Mendota Bridge for about 1/2 hour. Classic slender vertical shimmering veils of green and white.

December 24, 2004. Low -10°. Brilliant sun dogs on either side of the rising sun on the way to work.







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Who Let The Moms Out?

Eight Bryn Mawr Moms on the Search for Good Books and Food

insen Noodles and Bar opened a few months ago on Lake Street in Uptown. In our quest to try new restaurants, six of us dined there on a November Friday night. The space is stylish and contemporary; the music loud. We all agreed, which isn't always the case, that the Asian food was flavorful and beautifully presented.

Our favorite appetizers were the chicken wings, dipped in ginger and soy and crispy fried, and the curry triangle with yam filling. We enjoyed the peanut noodles and the pineapple fried rice. You get a free appe-

tizer if it's your first time eating there, or you bring a friend who is new to the place.

Wine was pricey at \$11 a glass, unless you're willing to drink the Soave Bolla at \$28 a bottle, which (some of us) we were! The service was attentive. Our waitress topped of our wine from a new bottle after realizing one of us got shorted in the last pour. After wine, beer, cocktails, appetizers, entrees and three desserts; we walked away at \$25 each, including tip. If you stay late enough, Karaoke starts at 10:00 p.m.

"I Wish You Love" Returns for Extended Run



Penumbra Theatre Company, one of the nation's preeminent African American theatres, announces the addition of 14 performances of I Wish You Love due to popular demand.

Local singer and actor, Dennis Spears returns as Nat "King" Cole in two weeks of performances now through December 18, 2011

Performances are Wednesdays through Sundays. Tickets are available at penumbratheatre.org or by calling 651-224-3180.

This original drama with music focuses on a fictionalized episode in the life of Nat "King" Cole. In 1957, Americans were falling in love to his sweet sounds while racial violence raged in the streets.

Still, Cole believed that he would be judged on the content

of his character as opposed to the color of his skin. Featuring 20 of his signature songs, the play uses Cole's television show, newscasts and commercials to illustrate the man, the times and the real life drama behind the sanitizing lens of the television camera.

The cast includes Eric Berryman (Jeffrey Prince), Dennis W. Spears (Nat "King" Cole), Michael Tezla (Bell Henry & News Anchor) and Kevin D. West (Oliver Moore).

I Wish You Love sold out both its April 2011 world premiere at Penumbra Theatre and its follow-up Kennedy Center run in Washington, D.C., and continues to be an audience favorite during its return engagement to its hometown stage.



Family Open Gym at Bryn Mawr Community School

Tuesday nights from 6-8 p.m. November through March

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School Choice Time

This is school choice time again and there are some important upcoming dates. Minneapolis Public Schools will host a school choice fair on January 21, 2012 at the Hyatt Hotel, 1300 Nicollet Mall, from 9 am to 2 pm. School choice cards for next year will be due February 29, 2012. And in January shortly after the school fair there will be a High Five/Kindergarten Open House at Bryn Mawr Elementary School. This is your chance to talk to other parents, meet the kindergarten and High Five teachers

and see the classrooms. Look for flyers in the neighborhood announcing the date or sign up for an email alert at www.bmna.org. School tours can be arranged at any time by calling the school at 612-668-2500.

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Are Books on your Shopping List?

Here are some suggestions from knowledgeable neighbor, Jackie Rust.

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival

by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery.

Bobbi is a dog and Bob Cat is a

cat. The title says it all, except for the surprise that had the fifth grade students I tutor, opening their mouths in amazement. This may make you cry.

Hero Cat by Eileen Spinelli.

In a few sentences per page, the author tells us of Scarlet, who saved her five kittens from a burning building. Another true story, the illustrations help set the mood.

Tabitha: The Fabulous Flying Feline by Carol Ann Timmel.

Yes, this is another true story. Tabitha, the cat, is lost on an airplane for thirteen days. Her owner, Carol Ann Timmel, never gives up hope and never stops harassing the airlines. This is a longer picture book and the purpose is more to tell the story than to use descriptive language. It is still worth reading, if you like true cat stories.

Chester by Melanie Watts

This is a true picture book, for without illustrations, the reader wouldn't fully understand, appreciate, or enjoy the story. The story is told by Melanie Watts, in black type and revised by Chester, in red marker. Young children may not understand that the red marker is the cat rewriting it. This is a funny and silly story. When I read this at story time, at the end of the book Chester (the cat puppet) draws a red beard and mustache on me.

MIDDLE GRADES (4-6th) FICTION *Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George.

This book was written in 1972 and 30 years later it has just as much punch. Julie ends up alone in the Arctic and survives by being adopted by a pack of wolves. The description of the coming of spring and light made me feel like I was there waiting with Julie. Julie is fed just like other wolf pups, but I don't want to spoil the description.

MIDDLE GRADES HISTORICAL FICTION

Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen.

Paulsen is known for his outdoor stories; most are set in present time and are a must to read. This is set during the Revolutionary War. The story has a hopeful ending, but a bloody start and I learned about an evil called Hessians. This is a great book for boys and those interested in history.

MIDDLE GRADE FANTASY BOOKS

The Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan

The Lightning Thief Sea of Monster Titan's Curse Battle of the Labyrinth The Last Olympian

This series uses Greek mythology, as it basis. The Greek gods are alive and living above the Empire State building. The stories are plot driven, with lots of action, but they don't sacrifice characterization. Percy Jackson is a half-blood or demi-god, which means one of the gods is his dad or mom. I don't want to tell you which one or it will ruin the story. The books are about his adventures or quests with other demi-gods and of course there are villains and lots of monsters. I loved this series. Hint: the movie is nothing like the books. I don't think the writers even read the books.

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INSTRUCTOR Erin Threlkeld has been teaching yoga since 1980. She is certified in classical Hatha yoga from the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centre on Paradise Island, Bahamas and Vinyasa yoga from the White Lotus Foundation in Santa Barbara. She has augmented her learnings with studies in the traditions of lyengar, Jivamukti, Bikram, Kripalu, Ashtanga, Anusara, Kundalini, and Para. Erin's yoga classes are designed to help the student develop a kinesthetic sense of how to intentionally generate flow. She does not subscribe rigidly to any one doctrine, but prefers to move fluidly between several schools of thought and discipline.

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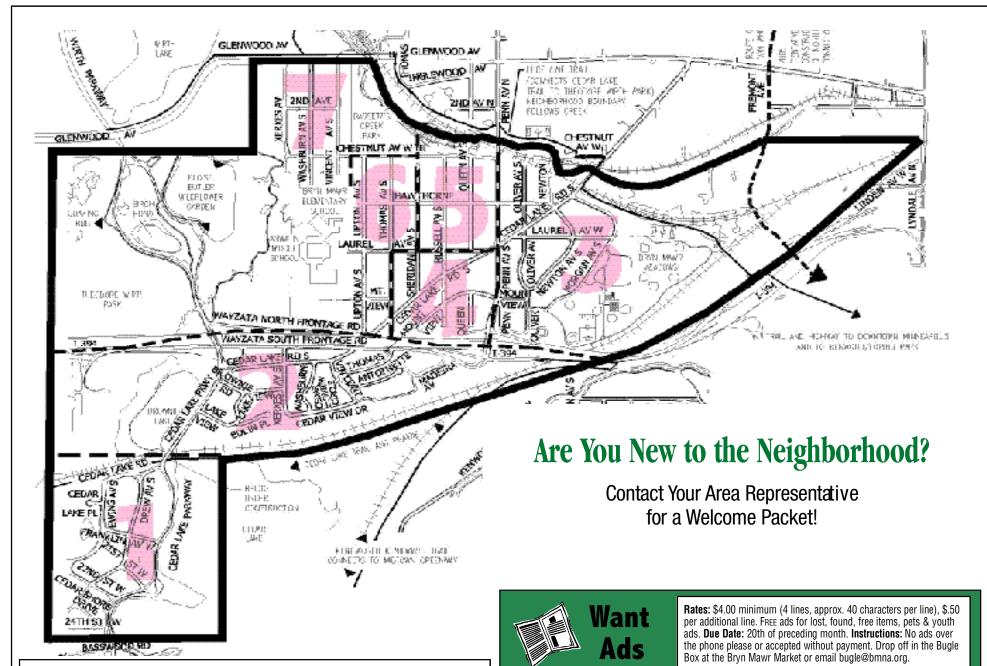
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lamps, household items, artwork, etc. Vintage rock n roll t shirts, posters & related music items. Vintage motorcycle helmets. Vintage paint by numbers. Herman Miller fiberglass chairs. Vintage Black Americana items. Give me a call before you have a sale or throw things away. I will always pay a fair price. Thanks! Richard 612-529-7040.

YOUTH SERVICES

BABYSITTER: Experienced, kid-loving & Red-Cross certified 14-year old is up to babysitting children 1.5 to 9 years old, preferably in Bryn Mawr. References available. Call Hal at 612-374-9014.

BABYSITTER Experienced, responsible: 13 years old, loves kids. Call Merideth (612) 377-8968.