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BMNA Annual Dinner and Board Elections Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m.

lease come to the Annual Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Dinner on May 11. The dinner will begin at 6pm and we ask that neighbors bring a dish to share. This wonderful event is held in the cafeteria of Bryn Mawr Elementary School. The BMNA will provide a main dish as well as beverages.

> We have invited several public officials to our event. Beginning at 7 pm, they will each be given a few minutes to speak about what is happening in their positions. The BMNA will

> > also speak about some of the accomplishments in the past year, future projects and membership. Neighbors will vote for VP, Treasurer and Representatives from Areas 1, 3 and 5. Contact Patty Wycoff at 612-377-4565 or pwcoordinator@comcast.net if you are interested in



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tions.

eet at the Upton community garden on Cedar Lake Road and Upton for a group tour (biking or strolling) of our community gardens. Maps will be provided, cycle with the main group or tour at your own pace, and join us for an after-gathering at Cuppa Java, light refreshments and beverages provided. Don't miss this opportunity to mingle with your Bryn Mawr neighbors to celebrate our community green spaces and gardens. Meet our gardening volunteers, provide feedback for future greening efforts ... and hear about plans for the return of the Blooming Bryn Mawr Garden Tour in 2012. Look for future updates on this fun event on our website at www.bmna.org. Questions? Email brynmawrpetals@gmail.co

being on the ballot (individual candidates or persons who want to share a position.)

Door prizes donated by local businesses will be drawn at the end of the dinner. This event is a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors you have not seen over the past long, snowy, cold winter. We hope to see you there!

> - Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator pwcoordinator@comcast.net or 612-377-4565



BMNA Annual Meeting and Board Elections Wednesday, May 11, 2011

BMNA Board Nominees

Vice President: Ted Kiesselbach

Co-Treasurers: Dave Holets and Liz Lindholm-Pederson

> Area 1 Co-Representatives: Dave Holets and Greg Froehle

Area 3 Co-Representatives: Jessica Wiley and Rick Carter

> Area 5 Representative: Dave Logsdon

Area 7 Co-Representatives: Steve Harvey and Andrew Kraling

Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales - May 7th* Stop by the BMNA Benefit Garage Sale **257 Thomas Avenue South**

*Some sales also open May 8th. Maps available at registered sales or www.BMNA.org.





BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes (unapproved) Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Bryn Mawr Elementary

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions -2. Approval of Consent Agenda -
- Including:

Minutes of last month's meeting Today's Agenda

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

City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman

Dates for Lunch with Lisa are April 27 and May 25.

Patty Wycoff, NC activity report

Garage Sale - Port-a-potties are ordered. So far, one vendor has signed up. Rick Carter moved that a traffic officer be hired for the event for a 9am to 2am shift. Pay one hour minimum if it rains. Passed. The Business Association was not funded for this year. They can pay for the port-a-potties this year but not next. There may be need for an appeal to the neighborhood for donations. Marlin has a line on a 2001 Ford Focus to auction off at the Garage Sale to raise money. Annual Dinner - Food for dinner was discussed-Italian, vegetarian, lasagna. Patty will look into purchasing lasagna for maximum of \$100 per suggestion by Marlin. The students from the Capstone project will make a short (5-10 minutes) presentation to the group and then set up a table in an adjacent space for any questions or comments. The Capstone project is a study done by graduate students at the Humphrey Institute re: development around the Penn LRT Station. Membership - 188 membership applications have been received to date.

BMNA donates \$100 to Family Fun Night.

JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report

There has been an increase in advertising activity. No want-ad volunteers have stepped forward so JoEllyn has filled in.

No response, so far, to back cover to the prototype for other public ad. A new feature is meant as an extra ad for parents to take out for graduates. The traditional graduation announcements are still intact.

Membership campaign update -Paul/Patty

\$11,522 has been received so far, which is very close to last year's campaign. Good response to emailing of receipts.

NRP report - Scott

NRP status update- The application to NCR was approved in the sum of \$21,600.

NRP projects-CEE energy audits met goal. Invitations for more audits will be extended. See attachment for full report.

Community Project committee report/recommendation -**Rick/Jessica**

Out of 15 submittals, the Bike Tour of BM Community and Residential Gardens was selected. Rick moved that \$2000 be allocated to the event and that the Garden Tour become an annual event. Motion passed.

LRT Project updates

Station Area Strategic Planning- Station plans for the LRT Penn Station will go to Met Council within a week. Because of the shift from Hennepin County to Met Council, there has been a delay in planning. There is no update on the access to the Cedar Lake Trail or other BMNA concerns.

Capstone (Humphrey Institute) Project – Rick

Jay attending meeting on Thursday, April 14 with suggestion to contact people in areas surrounding BM. Report will be complete May 5.

Garden project developments – Dave L-

Bike Tour-This was approved by Community Project committee. More rain garden workshops will be held in May. More coupons are available. Garden clean-up project announced by email to the neighborhood. Landscape designer has volunteered to re-think downtown plantings. Garden near gas station was repaired. This garden is close

spaces. Still no master plan.

Wirth Park-Advisory group is studying Quaking Bog area for a redesign of the trails and surrounding area. A survey has been sent to the neighborhood to discuss possible uses.

Standing Committee Reports Schools Committee – Jessica

The Anwatin School Community Advisory Council has been disbanded. The fund balance will be used for Community Ed. BMNA will need to eventually amend by-laws. All who served on the committee are thanked for their service to the community and school.

Communications Committee – Jay The communications committee met. A report of their activity appeared in the April Bugle.

Treasurer's report- Ben Horn Need a volunteer to audit. Marlin suggested past treasurers be contacted.

Discussion Items and Updates and Announcements:

NiceRide proposal for BM location - There will be no kiosk for this year.

No board meeting in May.

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Fare for All - all volunteer bulk purchasing program. Ted volunteered to be BMNA liaison.

Nominations Committee-

Treasurer position is currently vacant. Two neighbors have volunteered for the position.

Some illegal parking in front of Cuppa Java discussed. The Board felt this was an issue for the police.

Minneapolis/St. Paul. Home Tour the week-end before the Garage Sale this year.

Bogus wanted poster showed up posted around neighborhood. Neighbors cautioned to only respond to notification from the Police precinct.

"How Big is your Ash?" graphic requested to be used on other websites.

Adjournat 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wed, June 8, 7:00 p.m., BM Church?

UPCOMING EVENTS: Annual Meeting: Wed, May 11 Membership campaign

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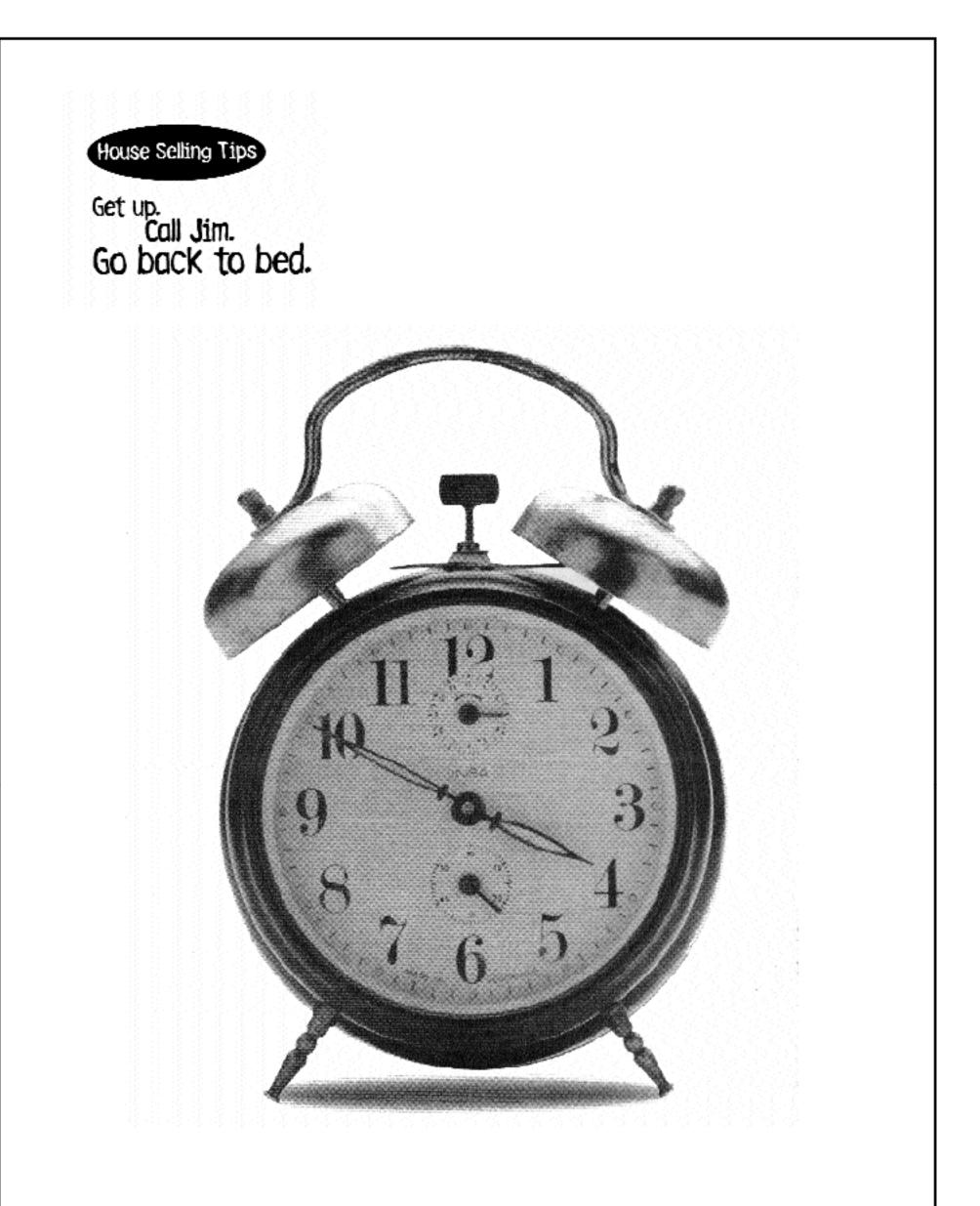
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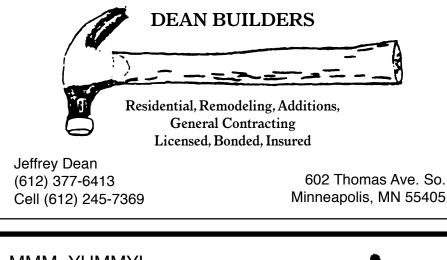
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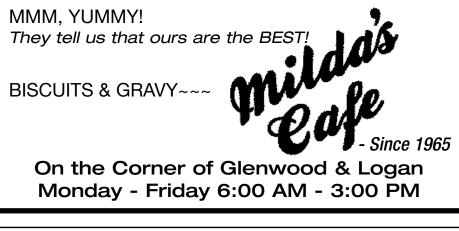
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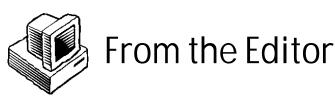
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		May 31

Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without. Recycle.









f you take a tour of Anwatin Middle School, you will see posters made by students, all over the school. Many of them have messages about preventing bullying. When I show the school to parents, some see the posters and ask if we have a problem with bullying.

Students in middle school are at a very vulnerable age. They are susceptible to both being a victim and to the allure of having power over someone else by harassing them. The posters are part of an effort to be proactive and raise awareness that this kind of behavior is not tolerated at school.

A few summers back, my daughter was bullied on the bus going to her summer program. The two girls who victimized her were both tiny, quiet, introverts. Individually, you could not imagine either of them being bold enough to tease another student, but together they were toxic. Even two people can create a gang mentality. But it was not only those two. The rest of the kids on the bus never said a word.

Now in all fairness, not all the kids on the bus saw or heard what was happening. But "bystanders" are a major obstacle to preventing bully behavior. Someone has to be willing to say, "That is not OK."

Now that my daughter is in sixth grade at Anwatin she is no longer bullied. She and her friends are

older and more comfortable with themselves and each other. They have learned to speak up when they feel like someone has hurt them and to intervene when they see teasing go too far.

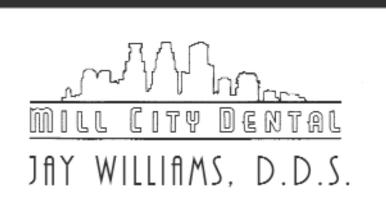
This is a difficult skill for anyone to learn. Even adults don't always recognized bullying or know how to step in and stop it. So it was a wondeful opportunity when Anwatin was awarded a grant to bring Jamie Nabozny of the documentary "Bullied" to the school. (You can read about it on page 6.)

I am the advisor for the Anwatin Student Council and my sixth grader is in the GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance). Both groups have been working on tolerance initiatives this year and were invited to participate in a discussion with Jamie after the presentation. His speech to the students was memorable, but to sit on the floor in a circle openly share and ask questions was a powerful experience. The students respected his openness and felt comfortable being honest in return.

They were so profoundly wise and curious. It reminded me why I love kids this age. It also gave them a deeper connection to each other and hopefully planted the seeds for strong, compassionate, future leaders who will not be silent witnesses to hatred and intolerance.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org





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"The security we profess to seek in foreign adventures, we lose in decaying cities. The bombs in Vietnam explode at home. They destroy the hopes and possibilities for a decent America."

-Martin Luther King -1966-

I don't have a cool blackboard to draw the connections between the city's financial woes (and higher property taxes for ya'll) and the trillions spent in foreign adventures, but as federal budget drama unfolds, things don't look promising. Thank goodness we have a strong community here in Bryn Mawr to weather the storm, but we need to reach out to BOTH political parties to re-examine where are money is being spent.

Meanwhile back at the ranch....

The red hot Bryn Mawr Garden group has gained momentum despite the laissez-faire leadership style of its leader ("Ted, pour me another glass of wine, por favor.") I function mainly as a figurehead much like the Queen of England while Ted Kiesselbach is the Prime Minister who runs the "Government".

"We" have big plans for this year. Other than the Rain garden projects that we co-sponsor with Metro Blooms, including two very large endeavors at the Bryn Mawr Church and Cedar Lake Town-homes, we have scheduled our first "PEDAL to PETAL Tour" of all our public gardens to take place on June 11th. We will have maps for all who participate, folks peopling the stops in the tour with information about their particular spot. The tour ends at Cuppa Java for a night of debauchery..er.. I mean frivolity. We do plan on having another Rain Garden presentation by Metro Blooms on the 24th of May. Look for our table at the Annual Membership Potluck on May 11th as we build momentum for the return of the Bryn Mawr Garden Tour in 2012!

...too much information

Early in the morning as I approached the Market for my shift there, I noticed a pamphlet taped to the door of the store. It had a photo shopped picture of a young man and a notice for a \$10,000 reward for the capture of this person. His crimes were listed as child molester, crack dealer, and thief. It was so phony that I immediately ripped it down. A half hour later, Josie from Cuppa Java came by and told me he was going around the neighborhood ripping down these things. At the coffee shop they had one that listed his crime as world's biggest fag. If a crime alert is ever posted, it would be on official police stationary and the neighborhood co-ordinator (Patty Wycoff) would e-mail to hundreds of households in Bryn Mawr. Unfortunately, enough people see someone's image associated with "child molester" and the genie is out of the bottle. This young man who was being smeared grew up in Bryn Mawr and his parents were extremely upset.

We live in an information age, where access to private information is available and sets open the opportunities for others to slander someone's good name. We as citizens when we are confronted with these situations must not jump to conclusions and do our best to vet the sources of these vigilante actions.

Bring it on home...

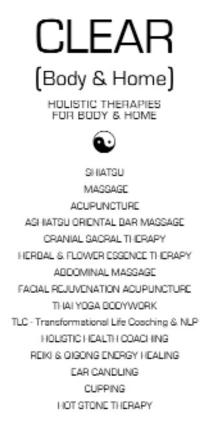
Congratulations to Sven Sundgaard, Alexei and Channy Moon Casselle for being voted the best in their categories by City Pages Magazine. Alexei is Bryn Mawr neighbor who married his high school sweetheart (Channy) and formed a group called Roma di Luna. Roma di Luna was voted "Best Folk Artist", and Channy was named "Best Female Vocalist". My partner of fifteen years, Karen Moon, is very proud of both of them, as am I.

Of course, Area 7's Sven was voted "Best TV Weather-person" and is extremely popular with or without his shirt on! When neighbors see him at Cuppa Java, he has his shirt on, but on the cover of Lavender magazine his he is shirtless as once again he is spokesperson for the annual "Dining Out for Life" drive to raise funds for AIDS research. Many Twin Cities bars and restaurants donate a percentage of their daily eamings on April 29th. Our own Cuppa Java was a platinum level participant donating thirty five percent of it's earnings. Sven is not some "photo op" celebrity participant, he puts in a full day going around to as many restaurants as he can to make this a successful event. I know we always get our "I Ate" sticker that you receive from the restaurant where we dine and where it proudly!

When I finally got around to visiting the new Bassett Creek Arts custom frame shop, I suggested to owner Mark that he should advertise in the Bugle, he replied, "I already do". My bad, maybe I should read more than my own column. Mark says he's off to a great start and now he's going to be selling Bryn Mawr resident, Bryan Ball's wonderful pottery! His shop is open weekends and by appointment (check his ad for hours.)

Marlin Possehl, the low key, low profile, soft spoken President of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association is partnered with the dashing, high profile Dennis Spears. Well Mr. Spears is making news lately for his deeply personal portrayal of Nat King Cole. Ironically, in the play called "Unforgettable", the singing was less of a challenge than the acting. It has a short run in town at the Penumbra until May 22nd and then on to Washington D.C. for a month at the Kennedy Center for the Arts.

Remember folks, pay those Garage Sale fees, pick up your dog's poop, put a song in your heart, and don't forget to boogie! See you at the Annual BMNA dinner on May 11th where we will have lots of door prizes, chair massage, and good food.



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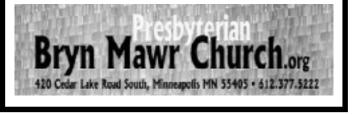
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Jamie Nabozny speaks at Anwatin Middle School!

nwatin Middle School held its 2nd Anti-Bullying week this school year as part of a service project done by the student Gay-Straight Alliance in conjunction with advisors Jenny Pilon and Robyn Eliason, and the staff Com-

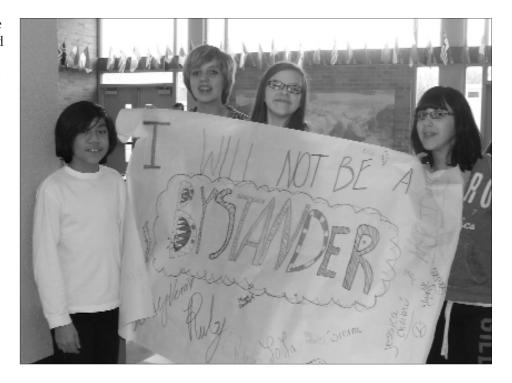


munity and Service Committee. The week revolved around watching and discussing the documentary "Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case that Made History" produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center. The movie documents the powerful story of Jamie Nabozny, a student who experienced persistent verbal and physical harassment during middle and high school for being gay. After years of reporting incidents of bullying and harassment to school officials with little to no support or change in the situation, Jamie stood up against his harassers and the school district by filing a federal lawsuit against his school district. This lawsuit led to a landmark federal court decision holding that school officials could be held accountable for not stopping the harassment and abuse of gay students.

Anwatin decided that simply viewing the video was not enough. Under the efforts of a dedicated group of staff within the Community







and Service Committee, a weeklong effort of anti-bullying events were planned. Each Anwatin student viewed the video within a content area class, and spent an entire hour discussing not only the film's message but also all types of bullying and what it means to be a safe school for ALL students. The question was posed in each classroom, "What does a safe school look like, feel like and sound like." After discussion, students created posters to display their ideas.

To culminate the week, Jamie Nabozny, the subject of the documentary Bullied, came to Anwatin Middle School to address the entire student body. This opportunity was made possible by the district's Student Support Services - Safe and Drug Free Schools. Anwatin was one of 4 schools to be chosen because of the school's dedicated GSA work this school year.

Jamie started off by asking the students "How many of you have heard That's so gay in the last week?" Almost every student raised their hand. The same reaction was had when he asked about the word retarded. He encouraged students to think about what they are saying and replace the words gay or retarded with something different. Jamie briefly talked about his story and took questions from students.

"I was extremely proud of our GSA students," said Jenny Pilon, coadvisor to GSA and Community School Coordinator. "The formation of a GSA was the idea of a couple students who felt passionately about standing up against bullying in our school. It was because of them that we were able to provide this amazing opportunity to all of our students. After Jamie spoke to the school, the GSA and the 7th grade Student Council members had an opportunity to sit and ask Jamie questions. They were so grateful for the opportunity, and had such great questions. It was a special experience for the group."

Jamie's message was empowering to students as he encouraged them to stand up for themselves and others through appropriate methods if they are being bullied. "My favorite moment" says Robyn Eliason, coadvisor to GSA and Spanish immersion humanities teacher, "was when a student asked Jamie why he did not fight back. Jamie replied that he did fight back, but as a pacifist he fought back in ways that did not include violence. And in the end, it was a fight he won." It was after this comment that our middle school audience burst into applause. It was an amazing Anwatin moment.

The 2nd Anti-Bullying week finished with a pledge. Some GSA students had volunteered at the Rainbow Families Conference as part of a service project and had heard Jamie speak there. They realized his presentation held a strong message about being a bystander. Jamie wondered why so many stood by and did nothing. Also, recent data shows that bystanders are negatively affected by bullying. This information moved the students and the GSA decided to make large posters that students could sign. The posters stated "I will not be a bystander." On the way out of school that day, GSA and Student Council members encouraged staff and students to sign. Many signed taking a pledge: Anwatin students and staff will work to make sure that school is a safe space for ALL students.

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Cooking Indian Style: Maharaj Food: Khichdi and Cudhi Monday, May 16 6:30-8:30

Cost: \$15 class fee; \$21 supply fee payable to the instructor Minal Sahu. If you prefer to eat totally nutritional food with no fat or cholesterol, but yet full of vitamins and mouth watering ingredients then this is the class for you. This recipe uses rice, beans, herbs, nuts, and spices and is simple to prepare. It will be topped off with cilantro, cardamom, and curry leaves. Everything will be fresh. The cudhi will be complete h plain homemade yogurt, cilantro, ginger, and jalapenos. It will be a delicious and wondrous experience.

Cooking Indian Style: Healthy Stuffed Flatbread Wednesday, May 25 6:30-8:30

Cost: \$15 class fee; \$21 supply fee payable to the instructor Minal Sahu. Indian flat breads are called rotis or parathas. These are stuffed with spinach, potatoes, cabbage, fenugreek leaves, and paneer (a special type of cheese). These are all made from scratch, and with all natural, fresh ingredients. They're fast and easy to make! These dishes are all healthy and yet very tasty, and do not include preservatives. While cooking, you will also gain knowledge in the health benefits of the ingredients. My 50 years of authentic Indian cooking experience will bring you a great experience! Say good bye to frozen dinners and hello to a combination of 56 spices. Bring a container for possible leftovers.



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Spring Rain Garden Workshop

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Home Energy Audit Program Expanded!

Due to popular demand our CEE Project on home energy audits has been expanded. This program has been a big success. Our goal of 100 participating Bryn Mawrians was reached in early April! Since then we have negotiated 25 more slots for those of you who missed out on this opportunity. All you need to do is attend a FREE workshop to receive the benefits of a more energy efficient home. Call the the Center for Energy and Environment to sign up for a workshop. (612)219-7334) Indicate you are a Bryn Mawr resident to gain free access to the workshop. Lots of free stuff comes with this opportunity!

Future places and dates of workshops:

 Wed 5/4 6:30PM
 3131 19th Ave S (South HS)

 Sat 5/7 10:00AM
 1111 Sumner Ave NE

 Tue 5/17 6:30PM
 2600 44th Ave NE (Loring School)

 Thu 5/19 6:30PM
 3755 Pleasant Ave S (Lake Country School)

 Thu 5/26 6:30PM
 4200 W River Pkwy (Minnehaha Academy)

- Scott McLaughlin, BMNA NRP/NCEC Chair



has been in place for the last four years. The Community Project Committee, including committee chair Rick Carter (Area 3), Jay Peterson (Area 6), Steve Harvey (Area 7), and Jessica Wiley (Area 3), met in March to review suggestions from the community. The committee presented their top choice to the Board at their April Board meeting.

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.

The BMNA Board has elected to pursue a project to host a bike tour of Bryn Mawr community gardens this summer. This would be a casual bike tour of each of our community garden assets. A map will be prepared for a planned route; there will be water and snacks provided along the way with a gathering at the end at Cuppa Java. The hope is to raise awareness of the spectrum of public gardening opportunities in the neighborhood, generate feedback and ideas, recognize existing caretakers and solicit volunteers for currently orphaned garden spaces. The ultimate goal is to bring back the garden tour during the summer of 2012. Our beloved community garden tour has lain fallow for a few years and we think it's ready to rise again. The community bike tour project will lay the

ground work for resurrecting the garden tour.

The committee keeps a running list of recommendations, and all ideas were considered. Some of the projects suggested have been addressed in other arenas, so the committee plans to cull those out during the next round of considerations. Please submit ideas for future projects to jesswiley@comcast.net, or 612-374-3481.

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - May 2011

All meetings are open - everyone is welcome. Neighbors are urged to attend and participate in meetings and activities of special interest to them. Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association and its committees meet at Bryn Mawr Elementary School during the school year, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	Land Use Committee 3 Meeting, 6:30, RM 136 Bryn Mawr Ele- mentary	4	5	6	Festival of Garage 7 Sales May 7-8 BMNA sale Saturday only at 257 Thomas Ave. S.
8	9	Bryn Mawr PTA 10 Plant Sale Pick Up, 2:30-6:30pm, Bryn Mawr Elementary Parking Lot	BMNA Annual 11 Dinner, 6pm, Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria	12	13	14
15	16	ROC Committee, 17 Ripley Gardens, 6:30pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	Spring Rain Garden 24 Workshop, Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria, 7pm	Lunch w/Lisa 25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Bryn Mawr Community Solar Projects

Only 10 Grants Remain for Solar-Powered Hot Water Heating!

Financing Available!

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association and Make Mine Solar H20 are excited to announce grants up to \$2000 for the installation of solar-powered hot water heating systems. The program is an initiative organized by the MN Renewable Energy Society (MRES) to enable easy and affordable installation of solar thermal systems through bulk purchase discounts, state rebates, federal incentives and local grants.

Several local contractors and two equipment suppliers have agreed to pre-negotiated prices for the installation and equipment costs which are typically around \$9000. The grants, discounts, and incentives reduce the final cost to \$3200-\$3600 and the variation depends on the panel manufacturer selected by the homeowner. Financing is available and the systems are exempt from sales and property taxes.

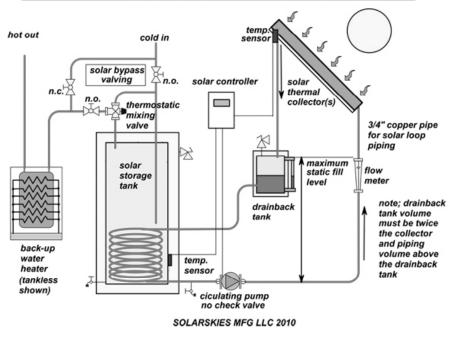
Property owners utilize their existing hot water heaters and the equipment installers connect the solar panel system to pre-heat the cold incoming city water. Thermal hot water heating systems require a smaller footprint than whole-house solar panel systems and commonly range from 20-40 sq. ft. for a family of 4-6. Help us contribute to our local economy and to a greener future and save money doing so!

To start and for more details about the program including contractor information visit www.makeminesolar.org and fill out the interest form for a free site analysis to see if your site has potential. For further information visit www.MNRenewables.org and www.mnseia.org and www.pacenow.org and www.bmna.org

Remember there are no income limits and only one grant is allowed per property. The BMNA also contin-

ues to offer grants up to \$3000 for solar panel systems that supply electrical power to the entire home. Eligible properties include single family houses, businesses, owner-occupied multi-unit homes, condos, and town homes. Interested homeowners should act quickly because the funds are on a first-come, first-serve basis and all work must be completed by December 2011.

Please note that the BMNA is an independent third party to any transaction between you and the contractor; BMNA receives no compensation from any contractor or non-profit group, nor does BMNA accept any liability for any work performed



by the contractors. If you have any questions regarding this program please contact one of the Community Solar Program Committee Members.

Andrew Kraling 612 226 6249-BMNA Area 7 Co-Representative and Community Solar Program Project Member

Ben Horn 612 382 7982-BMNA Co-Treasurer, Area 7 Resident, and Community Solar Program Project Member

-Scott McLaughlin 612 374 9494 NRP Chair, Area 5 Resident, and Community Solar Program Project Member

Trails and Rails: A Confluence

Neil Trembley

In the coming months, we face a daunting task: one profoundly affecting the trails through Cedar Lake Park. The Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA) believes that trail users must act. The trails need our help.

The Southwest Light Rail Transit way is coming down the track. As the light rail line comes through the narrow Kenilworth corridor and into Greater Cedar Lake Park, it will crowd the Kenilworth Trail and run smack dab into the Cedar Lake Trail.

How important is the Cedar Lake Trail? It connects the western suburbs to the city. It's a gateway to the Chain of Lakes. It links the Grand Round, Kenilworth, Midtown, West River Road, Luce Line...the list goes on and on. Over 450,000 people travel it each year. As the nation's first federally funded, non-motorized commuter route, the Cedar Lake Trail serves as the linchpin of our superb bicycle transit system.

Now, here's the rub. CLPA has heard of plans for the light rail line to cross the trail at grade. Now imagine a major motorized highway crossing a rail line at grade: no one would even think of it. Well, shouldn't the same hold true for a major commuter route and a light rail line? Well, there's a simple solution: an underpass. Having the Cedar Lake Trail pass under the light rail line would respect the integrity of the trail, ensure safety, promote connectivity, and increase usage for the trail and the light rail. The illustration below shows how such an underpass might look. But what about the current freight line? It crosses the trail at grade. Sure. But that freight line runs six times per day crawling along at 5 MPH. The Southwest LRT will run more than 200 times per day zipping through the Park at 40 MPH. Comparing the two crossings is like comparing apples to oranges. No, a grade-separated crossing is the only solution that will ensure a safe, free flow of commuters and recreational users.



DRAINBACK SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEM

Where's the Kenilworth Trail in all this? With over 600,000 users per year, the Kenilworth is the busiest trail in the city. And it's in trouble. Light rail will swallow large amounts of real estate in the narrow corridor. For the Kenilworth Tail to coexist with light rail, the old "temporary" freight line needs to go. Now, there's some talk of rerouting the Kenilworth Tail out of the corridor and on to a busy road to make room for the freight line. Reroute the Kenilworth Trail out of the Kenilworth corridor? Let's make sure the Kenilworth Trail stays in the corridor and the families and children who use the trail to get to the park remain safe.

To be the Number 1 Bicycle City in America; Minneapolis must design transit systems that will nurture each other and promote growth. After all, bicyclists and pedestrians will use the trail to connect with the light rail. The tough part is making sure they can work together. It's imperative that meet this challenge. How do we citizens make the Cedar Lake Trail Underpass become a reality? How do we protect the Kenilworth Trail? Sometime soon, the U.S Department of Transportation will release its Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS). It will be posted on the SW LRT website. There will be a sixty-day comment period. CLPA believes that it's critical that you provide input on the impact of the SW LRT on your neighborhood, parks, and trails. The future of Cedar Lake Park and its trails depends on citizens stepping up and making themselves heard. Talk to your neighbors, contact elected officials, and attend the Cedar Lake Park Association's steering committee meetings (See the CLPA website).

We've been through so much to nurture Cedar Lake Park and its trails. We have no alternative. We must act.

BMNA Responds to Penn Station Plan

ennepin County and the City of Minneapolis have recently completed strategic plans for each of the five Light Rail Transit or "LRT" stations intended to connect Minneapolis to western suburbs via the Kenilworth corridor. These Station Plans are the product of a Station Area Strategic Planning process that received input from

many people from the Bryn Mawr neighborhood.

Despite neighborhood input, the Station Plan does not adequately address the concerns of the neighborhood and arguably understates the attractiveness of a potential Penn Station as a gateway to parks, trails and transit. Northern parts of the Bryn Mawr neighborhood already have problems with access to the Cedar Lake Regional Trail, and the Station Plan proposes additional barriers without constructively supporting other avenues of access.

Comments on the Station Plan were submitted on behalf of the BMNA and focused on the proposed Penn Station. The comments expressed a concern that the Station Plan does not recognize how cyclists and pedestrians might be affected unfavorably by the LRT. Unlike the recent design Charette co-sponsored by the Cedar Lake Park Association and the BMNA, the Station Plan did not capture a positive vision, purpose and value for the Penn Station.

Although the proposed Van White Station also lies in Bryn Mawr, it will

This year, I'll be participating in a very special event called the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure.

I'll walk 60 miles over the course of three days with thousands of other women and men. Net proceeds from the 3-Day for the Cure fund innovative global breast cancer research and local community programs supporting education, screening and treatment. Virtually every major advance in the fight against breast cancer in the last 28 years has been impacted by a Komen for the Cure grant.

I've agreed to raise at least \$2,300 in donations. I've set my personal goal at \$3000. So I need your help. Would you please consider making a donation of any size? You can give online at www.the3day.org. Click on "Donate to a Participant" and search Patricia Wycoff. This is my personal webpage. You can also call 800-996-3DAY to donate over the phone.

Somewhere in the world, a woman dies from breast cancer every 69 seconds. That's why I'm walking so far. To do something bold about breast cancer. I hope that you'll share this incredible adventure with me - by supporting me in my fundraising efforts.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sincerely, Patty Wycoff

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provide little service to the neighborhood. Comments on the Van White Station were submitted by ROC on which Bryn Mawr has active membership. Those comments also expressed concerns about the Station Plan.

While the Station Plan will be used to shape the next phase of the LRT project, it is not the last opportunity for the neighborhood to have input. In several months, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be released and comments can be made at that time. Also, preliminary engineering will begin shortly, and there should be abundant opportunity for community input. The neighborhood will also be able to provide a vision for the Penn Station through the Capstone Project, a study being conducted by a team of graduate students from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Anyone concerned about the direction set by the Station Plan should let their voice be heard. The Station Area Strategic Area Plan can be found on the Southwest Transitway website, www.southwesttransitway.org. A copy of comments submitted on behalf of the BMNA can be found on the BMNA website or by contacting Barry Schade at 612-377-8152. Anyone wanting more information on ROC and the comments on the Van White Station can contact Vida Ditter at vyditter@vyditter.cnc.net. - Barry Schade

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Cedar Lake Park Association 22nd Annual Meeting

Dr. Keith Prussing

n Tuesday April 5, 2011 the Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA) hosted its 22nd annual meeting at the Jones-Harrison Residence overlooking Cedar Lake. At they have in the past, Jones-Harrison graciously donated the use of their large meeting room and provided good food service at a reasonable cost. At the meeting, members reported on several items.

The Cedar Lake Trail extension to the Mississippi River is almost a reality. The trail is paved passed Washington Ave, including the 775 foot stretch under the Target Field. The trail should be completed sometime this spring. Two grand opening celebrations are in the works: one a ribbon cutting hosted by the city and the other a festive gala for the community. CLPA is partnering with other groups to make a special day to honor all those who have seen this vision to fruition. Mark your calendar for June 12.

CLPA and the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association hosted a design charette in Nov 2010. Twelve prominent landscape architects donated their time and talents to develop concepts and drawings concerring the Southwest LRT passing along side Cedar Lake Park. The designs included innovative station area drawings as wells as proposals dealing with the complex challenges around Cedar Lake Parkway.

Once again, CLPA partnered with the City of Lakes Loppet to run the end of race food service, providing warming energy foods for thousands of racers. The Burnham Woodlands Restoration, near the Burnham Bridge, is beautiful. The Memorial Cedar Grove north of Upland Ave S will see buckthorn removal and other gentle enhancements in 2011. The Minneapolis Park and Recre-

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ation Board has a comprehensive plan for Brownie Lake, hoping for Legacy Fund dollars. CLPA is represented on the Park board's Citizens Advisory Committee studying Southwest LRT impacts.

Look for Cedar Lake Park on Facebook. Like us, and you will receive updates on the trail celebrations, volunteer activities in the park, and the Southwest LRT. Add those things that reflect how Cedar Lake is special to you. Our website, www.cedarlakepark.org, is the home of all our efforts over 22 years, and a treasure trove of photos, maps, and information, including the concept master plan that is guiding the development and preservation of Cedar Lake Park.

CLPA has taken the lead in forming a Minneapolis Corridor Coalition comprised of all the Minneapolis neighborhoods adjacent to the Southwest LRT corridor. The coalition includes North Loop, Harrison, Bryn Mawr, Lowry Hill, Kenwood, CIDNA and West Calhoun, along with CLPA. We believe that a united community will be able to speak with a strong voice. We are determined to protect the parks, trails and neighborhoods while enhancing transportation opportunities for all modes.

County Commissioner Gail Dorfman was present and provided the latest news about the Southwest L RT. Gail understands our concerns and offered to help set up a trails group, including CLPA, that would bring ideas forward to be incorporated into the preliminary engineering drawings, a key step before construction documents.

The slate of candidates for the CLPA board was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Tree Planting in Area 1

Teighbors in Area 1 will plant 18 new trees in the triangular-shaped park just west of Cedar Lake the moming of Saturday, May 14. The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board's Forestry Division will dig holes

earlier in the week. The trees -- four Kentucky coffee trees, a catalpa, six river birch and six swamp white oak -- will be available by 9 a.m. that Saturday moming.

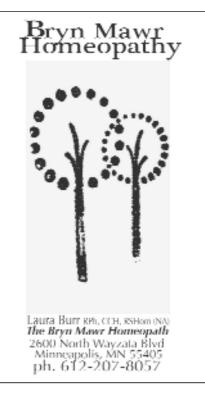
The MPRB removed stumps of dead trees last fall and trimmed viable trees in the winter. Generous, park-loving neighbors in Minneapolis and St. Louis Park contributed more than \$3,000 to beautify the park at Drew Ave. S. and 24th St. Please come May 14 and help make it happen. We'll have FUN!

-Peg Meier, Area 1



- May 9, 2008 Goldfinches at backyard feeder have a strange mottled color, halfway between their winter olive plumage and the bright yellow of summer.
- May 10, 2011 Pick up plants ordered from the Bryn Mawr Community School PTA plant sale in the parking lot, 2:30-6:30 PM. There are always extras for those who didn't order in advance, available on May 24 and 25.
- May 15, 1998 Thunderstormwith large hail and tremendous wind damage in Bryn Mawr, especially along the shore of Cedar Lake. This is the peak of severe weather in Minnesota, when tropical air from the gulf collides with still-cool air from northern Canada.
- May 17, 2011 Full moon, the Ojibwe Budding Plants moon. It's usually safe to plant annuals in the second half of May.
- May 19, 2008 Heat wave with 97° in Twin Cities (warmest temperature of the summer) and 100° in Granite Falls, but only 33° in Grand Marais with an onshore breeze from Lake Superior. Dusty with gale-force winds here.





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Eloise Butler Widflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary IT'S MAY AND SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN!

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden showcases a spectacular display of woodland wildflowers each spring. Visit the Garden this month to revel in the beauty of the woodlands in May. Look for wild ginger, trout lilies, and trillium as you stroll under the vibrant canopy of flowering trees. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair of ours to spot the migratory spring songbirds fueling up before they finish their journey north. It is a magnificent time of year to enjoy what the Wildflower Garden has to offer.

Every Saturday at 11am, Sunday at 4pm, and Tuesday at 5:30pm Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden Naturalists offer free Garden Highlights Nature Hikes at the Garden. Learn about the latest blossoms and birds on these fabulous (and free!) explorations of the Garden. Each Saturday moming at 9:30am a free spring birding program is offered for new and experienced bird watchers. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time in the field with a seasoned group of birders.

Themed tours on a variety of natural history topics are available on Saturdays at 3pm and Sundays at 1pm. These programs will delve a little deeper into particular subjects like Minnesota native tree identification, birding skills, wildflower identification and more. Special classes take things a step further bringing local specialists into the Garden to teach you about the wonders of nature within the Garden gates. Please see the calendar and program descriptions for more information.

Program Registration:

Go online to www.minneapolisparks.org to register using ActiveNet, stop in the Martha Crone Visitors Shelter, or call us at 612-370-4903. All programs begin at the Shelter unless otherwise noted.

Garden Information and Inquiries:

To ask Garden related questions or to inquire about plants in bloom and recent bird sightings please stop by the Martha Crone Visitors Shelter or call 370-4903 during Shelter hours.

Garden Hours:

The Garden is open daily from April 1st to October 15th from 7:30am to ? hour before sunset.

Martha Crone Visitors Shelter Hours:

Monday to Saturday: 10am-1 hour before sunset Sunday: Noon to 1 hour before sunset

Directions:

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is located 1/2 mile north of I-394 on Theodore Wirth Parkway. Metro Transit bus route 9 stops at Glenwood Avenue and Theodore Wirth Parkway, just a two-block walk to the Garden entrance.

Public Programs & Tours - May 2011

Sunday, May 1st

1:00-2:30pm May Day Wildflower Tour \$5 per person/\$10 per family 4:00-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike Free 1:00-2:30pm Mother's Day Wildflower Tour

\$5 per person/\$10 per family 4:00-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike Free **Tuesday, May 10th**

10:00am-12 Gardening with Wildflowers (2/3)* Special Class \$60.00 for course

5:30pm-6:30pm Evening Nature StrollFreeSaturday, May 14thFree7:30-9:00am Early BirdersFree9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the GardenFree11:00am-12 Garden Highlights Nature HikeFree

3:00-4:30pm Spring Wildflower Tour

\$5 per person/\$10 per family

Sunday, May 15th

1:00-2:30pm Secrets of the Spring Woods Tour \$5 per person/\$10 per family 4:00-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike Free Monday, May 16th

5:30-7:00pm Nature's Healers- Intro to Wild Medicines* Special Class \$15.00 per person 8:15-9:15pm Full Flower Moon Garden Tour \$5 per person/\$10 per family

Tuesday, May 17th

10:00am-12 Gardening with Wildflowers (3/3)* Special Class \$60.00 for course 5:30-6:30pm Evening Nature Stroll Free Friday, May 20th

9:30-11:00am Wildflower Photography 101* Special Class \$15.00 per person

Saturday, May 21st

7:30-9:00am Early Birders Free 9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the Garden Free 11:00am-12 Garden Highlights Nature Hike Free 1:00-3:00pm Wonder in the Garden Art Event* Free 3:00-4:30pm Spring Wildflower Tour

\$5 per person/\$10 per family

Sunday, May 22nd

1:00-2:30pm Family Nature Discoveries Tour \$5 per person/\$10 per family

4:00-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike Free

Tuesday, May 24th

5:30-6:30pm Evening Nature Stroll	Free
Saturday, May 28th	
7:30-9:00am Early Birders	Free
9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the Garden	Free
11:00am-12 Garden Highlights Nature Hike	Free
3:00-4:30pm Spring Wildflower Tour	
\$5 per person/\$10 per	family

Sunday, May 29th

1:00-2:30pm Native Tree ID Tour \$5 per person/\$10 per family 4:00-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike Free

Tuesday, May 31st

5:30-6:30pm Evening Nature Stroll

Special Classes

Nature's Healers- Medicinal Plants of the Garden

Led by herbalist Cynthia Thomas Mondays, 5:30-7 pm May 2- Spring Edible and Medicinal Plants May 16- Introduction to Wild Medicines June 27- Medicines of the Summer Prairie Cost: \$15.00 per class May 3, 10, and 17

Cost: \$60.00

Wildflowers are valued as reliable and beautiful plants to use in formal and informal homes gardens. Join us for a fun foray into the art and science of gardening with wildflowers in your own backyard. Learn more about several different easy to grow wildflower species while being shown the basics of garden design and simple plant propagation techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to propagate and take home wildflowers obtained from the teacher's own garden.

Photographing Wildflowers 101

Led by photographer John Maciejny Fridays, 9:30am-11am May 6- Showy Woodland Wildflowers May 20- Ferns and Foliage June 10— Showy Lady's Slipper June 24— Blue and Yellow Prairie Flowers Cost: \$15.00 per class Learning how to photograph the subtle beauty of native plants takes time, patience and the right tools. Join seasoned photographer John Maciejny in the field to learn about photographing wildflowers to capture their beauty, brightness and form In this class participants will be taught basic techniques to create stunning floral images. Digital or film cameras are welcome.

Plant Families and Scientific Names

Led by botanist Shirley Mah Kooyman Tuesdays, 10am-12pm June 7 and 14 Cost: \$30.00 Learning more about the basics behind scientific

plant names and family groupings can help uncover a world of meaning and enrichment. This class will start you on your journey of getting to know common plant families of the Midwest through field-explorations in the Garden. In addition, class time will be spent learning about the meanings behind many Greek and Latin words used for scientific names.

Special Events

Wonder in the Wildflower Garden Hands-on Art Exploration Series

April through August, join artists from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts for third Saturdays in the Wildflower Garden. Find out what artists wonder about. Explore inspirations from the museum and nature. Then roll up your sleeves and make some art!

Animal Collages with artist Geriann Fedorowicz

May 21st, 1:00pm-3:00pm Meet outside of Martha Crone Visitor Shelter in

the Garden

Free

Cost: Free!

Geriann will assist you in creating a one-of-a-kind mixed media animal collage at the Wildflower Garden. Take inspiration from the many critters of the Garden. Learn more about nature and artmaking from Geriann as she shows you how to craft a Garden creature of your very own. Geriann's inspiration for this project is a wooden Malagan Frieze from the 19th century housed at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Pre-registration is encouraged to guarantee a space. We will try to accommodate all walk-ins.

Monday, May 2nd

5:30-7:00pm Nature's Healers- Spring Edibles and Medicinals* Special Class \$15.00 per person

Tuesday, May 3rd

10:00am-12 Gardening with Wildflowers (1/3)* Special Class \$60.00 for course 5:30-6:30pm Evening Nature Stroll Free 7:30-8:30pm New Moon Garden Tour \$5 per person/\$10 per family

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Friday, May 6th

9:30-11:00am Wildflower Photography 101*Special Class \$15.00 per person

Saturday, May 7th

7:30-9:00am Early BirdersFree9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the GardenFree11:00am-12 Garden Highlights Nature HikeFree3:00-4:30pm Birding Basics TourFree

\$5 per person/\$10 per family

Sunday, May 8th

11:00am-12:30pm Spring Wildflower Tour \$5 per person/\$10 per family Spring is a time of personal renewal. Join herbalist Cynthia Thomas in the field to learn about the simple use of plants as medicine and food. Learn about the healing properties of plants growing in the Garden and your own backyard. Find out which plants are traditionally eaten in the spring for their health benefits. Discover how to identify and use several favorite

medicinal plants species.

The Wildflower Garden is a sanctuary for native plants. Harvesting plant material from the Garden is strictly prohibited.

Gardening with Wildflowers

Led by botanist Shirley Mah Kooyman Tuesdays, 10am-12pm



Edible Gardens - Bird/Butterfly Gardens - Native Plant Gardens - Rain Gardens Hillside Gardens - Cottage Gardens - Boulevard/Front Yard Gardens - Woodland Gardens

View From the Bridge

Dandelion and Creeping Charley May 2011

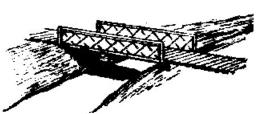
he winter of 2010-2011 seemed endless, bringing snow cover from November 13, 2010 through the first week of April, and even a coating of wet snow the morning of April 20 (filing deadline for this column)! After surveying five months of white and brown, finding anything newly growing and green is welcome but how about the common dandelion and creeping Charley? Creeping Charlie appears to have grown under snow cover, ready to flower as spring arrives. The weeds blemish perfect lawns, but are less beastly than the aggressive Garlic Mustard, Burdock, and Buckthorn. Common Dandelion (Taraxacum officinale) Aster Family, 2" to 18" tall

Dandelion is a composite of many tiny flowers. Yellow flowers grow atop leafless hollow stems. The plant flowers in May and June and again in Autumn when daylength drops below 12 hours again. Flowers open at daybreak and close at night.

Leaves have deep lobes and sharp teeth. In fact, these sharp teeth are one source of the plant's name: Dandelion. The French "dent-de-lion" means "teeth of lion". Hollow stems contain a sap that stains little hands of children making bracelets, crowns, or necklaces of inter-locked flower stems. From a long tap root grows a basal rosette of ground hugging leaves. This prostrate habit protects the plant from mower blades.

The plant reproduces from both seeds and broken segments of the tap root. Large tap roots may branch into multiple segments. Seed heads are globe-like. Individual seeds have soft hair-like tails that carry seeds on breezes.

Dandelion is a non-native perennial. It grows in full sun and tolerates dry conditions such as lawns, fields, clearings and edges, even paths at edge of Boundary Waters. The plant originates from Eurasia, from where it was imported as a



be applied to lawns. Most importantly, keep one's lawn thick and healthy – employing adequate water and fertilizer according to results and recommendations of a soil test. Maintaining grass at a taller height may discourage the weeds. For proof, consider that the plant is rarely found in the shade of meadows and prairies.

I recall tasting a Dandelion wine as a child visiting my paternal grandparents. I've since discovered that, though there are many recipes, all have much in common. All Dandelion wine recipes appear to use the following ingredients: Dandelion flowers, water, sugar, yeast, and often fruit, often citrus, sometimes grapes or raisins. So, in reality, Dandelion wine is often a blend of grape wine and Dandelion wine. Some recipes dictate that only Dandelion petals and flowers are used, others allow use of the flower and calyx (green receptacle enclosing the flower bud) but with stems removed - to avoid introducing bitterress. Recipes recommend picking flowers just before beginning the recipe - and sometimes specifically at midday when flowers are most fully opened, for best results. Flowers, water, sugar, and fruit are combined - and sometimes a Campden tablet is added to kill any yeast that is naturally occurring on flowers and fruit. Eliminating the unknown yeast allows the winemaker to have more control over winemaking by controlling the amount and type of yeast used. After the blend cools to room temperature, a selected yeast is added. The combination is allowed to stand for a minimum of several days; then the mixture is strained and bottled. A fermentation trap allows gases to escape but prevents air from spoiling the concoction. Fermentation is allowed to continue until the fusion clarifies and until fementation slows down and stops. Typically this means that the wine has reached the 12% alcohol desired in wine. The wine is then bottled and aged for six months to



mer, two- to three-inch tall flower spikes bear tiny lavender to blue flowers.

Creeping Charley is known by another name, "Gill-over-theground", which originates from the French "guiller" (meaning "to ferment"). Its leaves were once used to ferment and to flavor beer. Also known as Alehoof, the plant was also used not only to improve the flavor and keeping qualities of beer, but also rendering it clearer. As Gill also meant 'a girl,' it came also to be called 'Hedgemaids'" (source: Botanical.com). Other interesting names are Catsfoot (from the size and shape of the leaf), Field Balm, Run-away-robin.

Creeping Charley was imported to America from Eurasia. If kept in bounds (or if the plant were slower growing), creeping Charley could be appreciated as a fragrant ground cover. Unfortunately, creeping Charley spreads quickly to form mats or carpets that have a tendency to strangle low growing plants that are desired - whether these be grass blades or low growing flowers. It can be particularly troublesome in heavy, rich soils with good fertility and high moisture. The best way to prevent creeping Charley is to cultivate a healthy lawn by employing proper mowing, watering (watering deep and not more often than necessary) and fertilizing techniques. Reduce shade where possible. In dense shade, where even shade grasses such as fescue struggle, install shady ground covers. Eradication, or at least control, is possible by using a variety of methods: hand removal, Borax, and other chemical control. Creeping Charley may be somewhat contained by hand or by strongly raking.

A diluted Borax solution has been used in control of weeds in general for some time; and it can be especially helpful in controlling creeping Charley. Borax contains boron which is an essential micronutrient that plants require. However, it is toxic in minute excess amounts; and creeping Charley is particularly sensitive to boron. Exercise caution since Borax builds up in soil and harms many plants in higher concentrations.

Ortho® Weed-B-Gon Max® or Weed-B-Gon[®] for Creeping Charley can be carefully used, following all product directions. The plant is best controlled permanently with herbicide application in the fall when chemical uptake is strongest. Once temperatures have cooled into the 60's or 70's, reapply every ten to fourteen days. Avoid hot or windy weather to prevent drift of herbicide onto desirable plants. Three-way broadleaf herbicide combinations (one product containing three herbicides) may provide best control.

food crop. Somewhat bitter tasting, the leaves reportedly have high vitamin and mineral content.

Dandelion is considered a weed when found growing in lawns or garden beds. One must determine one's tolerance for Dandelion and other weeds. To some, even a single plant is forbidden. To others a few or more may be acceptable. Control is possible using several methods: physical removal, chemical methods, and cultural control. Manually remove plants with a hand tool or a foot-operated tool. Non-selective herbicide can be applied carefully only to Dandelion plants. A broadleaf weed killer, such as a "weed-and-feed" combination herbicide and fertilizer may

one or two years.

Creeping Charlie or Charley (Glechoma hederacea) Mint family, 5" to 8" tall

Also known as ground ivy and creeping jenny, creeping Charley is a low growing, weedy ground cover of moist, shady areas. It will invade thin areas of sunny lawns as well. Displaying one obvious trait of Mint family members, creeping Charley has four-sided stems that grow up to 15 to 30 inches long. Roots will form at stem nodes where leaves join the stem. Resembling miniature geranium foliage, creeping Charley leaves are round and scalloped. Leaves may also be kidney-shaped, deep veins and coarsely scalloped edges, leaves may have a purplish tinge or tint. Especially in spring but also in sum-

Sources:

<u>Wildflowers of Minnesota, Field</u> <u>Guide</u> by Stan Tekiela, Adventure Productions, 2001.

University of Minnesota Extension Service Yard & Garden Brief H519B, "Using Borax to Control Creeping Charley"

Consider the lowly Dandelion and Creeping Charley...it will be worth your effort!

Greg Lecker, U of M Extension Service Master Gardener, Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer

Family Fun Night 2011

amily Fun Night 2011 at Bryn Mawr Elementary was a blast. The kids and families enjoyed homemade eggrolls made by Hmong parents and fried rice donated by Chang Mai Tai. There were many games and lots of treats. This is an annual event for the school to build community and raise money for the school. This year the



silent auction returned raising more than \$2500. This event is a tremendous amount of work but worth it. Thank you to Lisa Mills for taking the lead on this fabulous event enjoyed by so many.



The Bugle will be running its annual tribute to graduates in the <u>JULY</u> issue. If you or someone you know is a recent or soon-to-be graduate, be sure to drop an announcement and a photo in the Bugle box at the Bryn Mawr Market. Include your name, school, and phone number so we can call with questions.

Or contact us (377-8968, or e-mail <u>djolstad@msn.com</u>) and we will help you write the interesting particulars of your accomplishments and plans for the future.

Anwatin Middle School and Project SUCCESS present:



Friday, June 3, 7:00 pm



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Lynda Shaheen, BMNA Schools Committee Co-Chair

Kindergarten and High Five Registration

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BMNA Schools Committee to Support Community Ed

uring the past two BMNA Schools Committee meetings, committee members examined the role of the Anwatin Community School Advisory Council and the best way to support the community education program at Anwatin Middle School. After hearing from current and former Anwatin Community School Advisory Council members, researching community education policies, and talking with staff member Jenny Pilon, the Schools Committee has agreed to assume the responsibility for advising Jenny on the needs of the neighborhood and to have oversight of the remaining Council dollars.

The Anwatin Community School Advisory Council has been in existence for over 30 years. During that time, many neighbors served on the Council. The purpose of the Council, articulated in the Anwatin Community School Advisory Council Constitution, is to determine the educational and recreational needs and interests of the Anwatin community and to promote an effective community school program. The Council has experienced a decline in influence over the past years with the Minneapolis Public Schools community education department; community education programs are now guided by more regional advisories. Additionally, the Council has had difficulty finding neighbors to serve. With the BMNA Schools Committee agreeing to formally support community education programming, current Council members voted to close their financial books and turn the remaining dollars over to the BMNA for oversight.

The BMNA Schools Committee will have community education as a standing agenda item and will invite Jenny to regularly scheduled meetings. A process for distributing the remaining Council dollars to the Anwatin Community Education Program will be determined at the April 2011 meeting.

The neighborhood is indebted to all those who served on the Anwatin Community School Advisory Council. They advocated for over 30 years for the needs of the Bryn Mawr community. A special thank you goes to Mary Duffy, who committed her time and energy for programming that would improve the quality of life for all members of the community. The BMNA Schools Committee will work diligently to carry out her vision.

- Jessica Wiley, Area 3, BMNA Schools Committee Co-Chair

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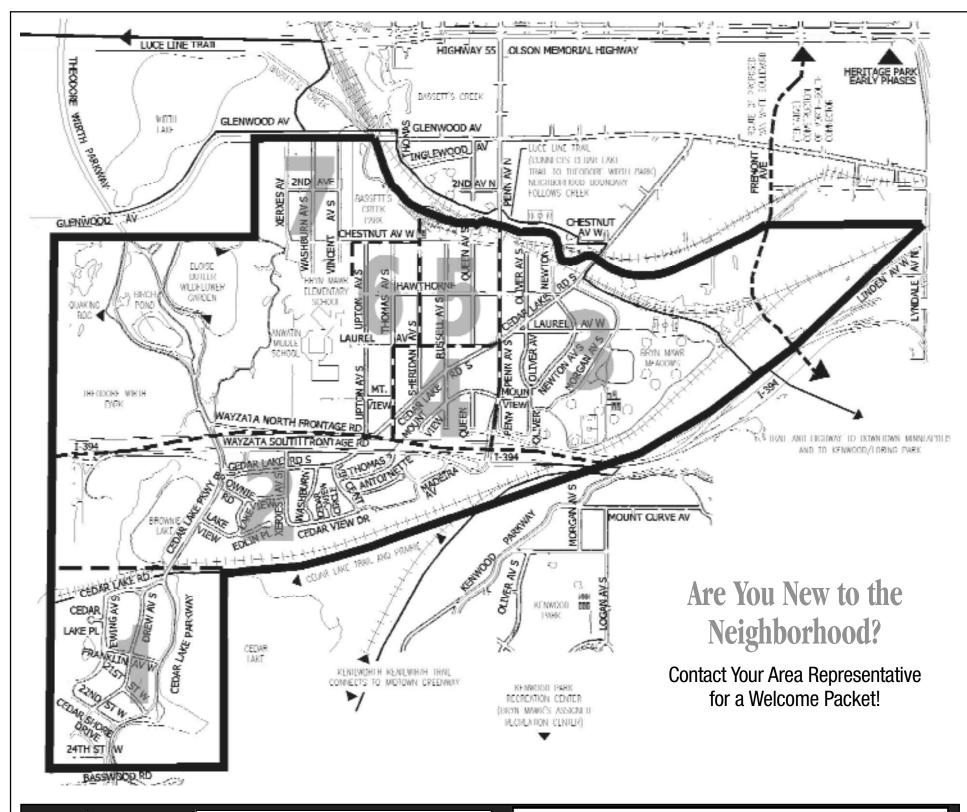
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