

Park View Village

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PROGRAM CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 5 to 8 pm: Our annual picnic at Morrison Park (461 2nd St., Harrisonburg, located off Chicago Ave. on the northwest corner of the block that includes Waterman Elementary School). Please bring one potluck dish per person (couples bring 2: a main course, plus a veggie, salad or dessert). Also, everyone bring your own cups, plates, cutlery; napkins; and if desired, soft drinks or juice. (Water will be available.) Guests are welcome! We'll gather at 5, and hear music by jazz guitarist Royce Campbell with bassist Karl Kimmel beginning about 5:45 or 6.
(In severe weather, the picnic must be cancelled . . . but forecasts look good.)



DISCOVERING HEARTFLAME GARDEN

On a cool, light-drizzly May morning, a group of “villagers” traveled to Heartflame Garden in Elkton. We were greeted by owners Gabriel and Inanna Garretson. Their beautiful 1.5-acre garden and 5-acre grounds are open to the public via reservation May

through October. In the group photo -- Front row: Gabriel Garretson, Virginia Spicher, Faye Yoder, Inanna Garretson, Arlene Wiens. Back: Ed Yoder, John Spicher, Emery Yoder, Clara Yoder, Evelyn Driver, Mary Kauffman, Glen Kauffman. (Arlene is also pictured exploring the garden, below at left.) Our visit was followed by lunch and fellowship at Hank's BBQ restaurant. *Article and all photos by Greg Versen*



DAY TRIP TO STAUNTON: Visiting MBU, Sunspots Studios

On a cool, breezy April 17 morning, Ed and Clara Yoder, Paul and Ann Yoder, Glenn and Mary Kauffman, John and Virginia Spicher and Greg Versen carpooled to Staunton to visit **Mary Baldwin University and Sunspots Studios**. Matthew Sidner & Lindsey Simmons, admission counselors, welcomed us. After Matthew gave us some MBU literature, Lindsey talked with us about the school's history, beginning with its 1842 founding by Rufus William Bailey as the Augusta Female Seminary. It is the oldest institution of higher education for women affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

MBU changed names several times, and in 1963, integrated racially. Beginning this fall, the school will enroll males. There are 700 undergraduates, with a total enrollment of 1,600 students.

With the help of its endowment and scholarships, the \$40,000 tuition for students is lowered to around \$9,000 per year. Special grants are made to students who enroll from the local area. Approximately 51% of students are from Virginia.

Many of the campus buildings are historic and are laid out on a hilly terrain. Lindsey said they had gotten special dispensation from the American with Disabilities Act.

Junior Jazzlyn Manning and Sophomore Katherine Bernal Vigil gave us a tour of the academic and resident hall buildings. As this was final exam week, they were very careful to not speak loudly so as to not interfere with the process.

We ended our visit with lunch in the school cafeteria: for \$7.00, a hearty serving of tasty food, choice of salads, soup and do-it-yourself hand dipped ice cream.

Our second stop was the glass blowing studios at Sunspots. We surveyed the beautiful glass objects on display (some of which left with us), and had an educational

Q&A with the glass blowers at work. Doug Sheridan, owner, was working, as was Dan Scogna, who took the time to share facts with us about the art of coloring and blowing glass art works. This really made the visit informative and meaningful. – Greg Versen



In Staunton -- Above: Exploring Mary Baldwin University's campus . . . and checking out the cafeteria.

Below: Watching workers with glass at Sunspots Studios.



BOARD PRESIDENT UPDATE

The PVV Board and Project 2.0 Team are developing strategic initiatives to address the issues raised in the Member Survey conducted in September 2017. We look forward to launching Park View Village 2.0 at the September potluck and annual meeting. The initiatives include the organization name, logo, tagline, and transitioning annual membership renewals to January 1, scheduling coming events (breakfast gatherings, programs and movies for Fall and Winter), expanding the vendor list, and launching a new system for matching volunteers with members requesting assistance. The date and location of the September potluck and annual meeting are to be announced.

Peggy Landis has resigned from the board and the Events and Program Committee effective May 2018. Peggy has given years of service in both roles. Our thanks for her years of service to Park View Village.

Daryl Peifer will joined the Board and will also serve on the Events and Program Committee, which includes Greg Versen, chair, and Robin McNallie.

See you at the summer picnic potluck on Friday, June 1!

- *Keith Gnagey, Board President*

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT: Help needed to update vendor list

Your PVI Vendor Coordinator is in the process of updating the list of vendors that have provided satisfactory and reasonably priced services. I will be contacting the vendors on our present list to ensure they are in business, see the value of having their name on our list and are willing to give us their best price.

Please let me know if you have had good experiences with vendors that are not on the list and would recommend their inclusion. I will follow up by contacting them, asking for a list of services, additional references, license/certification numbers where appropriate, and explaining that a work contract is between the customer and vendor; neither PVI nor its members are liable for unsuccessful outcomes.

Please send comments and recommended vendors to vjspicher@gmail.com.

*John Spicher
Vendor Services Chair*

PVV movies are on break until September . . . but it won't be an "Endless Summer" (let alone a rerun of "Jaws"). Want to recommend any favorite films to show this Fall, and/or to join the movie committee?? We need you! Contact John and Virginia Spicher, Steve and Karen Shenk, or Chris Edwards and Robin McNallie.

“Where I see God” – a photo display

For a program in May, Greg Versen shared some of his photos on the theme of the Divine (one of many displays of his photography that have been exhibited in the WMRA Studios). Greg perceives God’s work in architecture that celebrates faith and learning (can you identify Greg’s two PVV file photos here? See p. 6*), as well as in landscapes and sky views ranging in location from China to Greg’s back yard, and in acts of kindness by animals and humans.



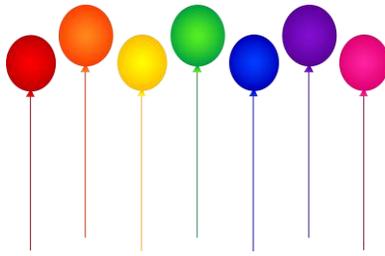
Breakfast group grows



Five people met for breakfast at the Little Grill on May 24. This time we had one woman, something new! Keith and Linda Gnagey walked all the way to the Little Grill and back, at least 2.5 miles each way! Our conversations centered around several topics. One was programs for the fall period, as well as volunteer opportunities and management of the same. We also talked briefly about how to recruit new members. We always welcome new members and need to encourage them to come to our program events, which those attending find very worthwhile, thanks to Greg and his program committee.

We failed to get a picture of the group. (The one above, from April’s breakfast, can substitute, with David Alleman, Ed Yoder, Greg Versen and newcomer Ken Weaver.) This time, Keith and Linda were joined by Greg, Ed and Paul Yoder. Come join us next month for a 7:30 am informal breakfast hour. It is relaxing and a place where you can share in a small group setting. Please contact me at payoder@comcast.net or text 810-0923 if you are interested in taking part.

Paul A. Yoder



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PVV MEMBERS!

June

Shirley Yoder Brubaker, Edna Brunk, Sarah Marie Weaver, Edwin M. Yoder, Paul A. Yoder, Nancy Gunden

July

David Cowardin, Robin McNallie, Ann L. Yoder

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Deadline is July 25 for submissions to the July-August issue of PVV's bimonthly newsletter. Send items to Chris Edwards, editor, 434-0457; chrisedwardshburg@gmail.com.

***Answers to "Can you identify..." the 2 file photos by Greg Versen, on p. 5: 3rd, the Baha'i House of Worship (Wilmette, IL); 4th, the Library of Congress (Washington, DC).**