



FIELD NOTES FROM THE FARM MAY 2022

Try to be a rainbow
In someone else's cloud
Maya Angelou

WELCOME MAY AND THE FLOWERS YOU BRING!

SEASONS ON A FARM

Spring – a time for growing after a long, fallow winter

At Inn Along the Way, it's not only the gardens that are growing! Here's a look at some of the changes that are happening...

- ◆ Renovations on the house are very nearly complete – just finishing up some electrical work. The upstairs rooms are getting furnished with donated items and are really coming together!
- ◆ As we mentioned last month, the roof over the porch is finished and looks great – as shown in the picture above. Many thanks to the workers who made it happen! Soon there will be people sitting under it enjoying the warmth of the sunshine.
- ◆ Mary's Place is the second ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) room to be completed. It's got a wonderful brass bed and a peaceful ambiance. Beautiful, isn't it?



- ◆ All this means that we are open for business! There will always be ongoing projects, construction, and improvements, but we are taking reservations and accepting guests!
- ◆ Did you see the new birdhouses in the field? They were put up by Jason Anthony to attract both tree swallows and bluebirds! We are looking forward to seeing those beautiful birds raising their families in the houses! Donations to help defray the cost of the houses are being accepted at the Inn.

- ◆ There is a new deck that's been constructed behind the barn. The materials for the deck came from the same deck used for the other deck that was donated by Bangor Savings Bank. John has also painted the back side of the barn – looks great! The deck looks out over the fields beyond and will be a great addition to the events happening in the barn.



AND SPEAKING OF EVENTS...

- ◆ May 21st from 10 to 2, will be our first open house of the year! We will be needing some help with this event, so if you're looking for a way to

volunteer, here it is! See “Upcoming Events” below.

- ◇ June 4th from 8 to 2, we’ll be having our first barn sale – we are currently taking donations May. See below for MUCH more information!
- ◇ June 11th will be our first open mic event of the year.
- ◇ June 14th at 10:00, we will be hosting a workshop on Advance Directives with Marcia DeGeer. Please notify Sherry if you are interested in attending.
- ◇ June 29th at 7:00 AM, Dr. Steve Kress (founder of Project Puffin) will be leading another bird walk at the farm.
- ◇ Dr. Kress will also conduct an indoor presentation of ‘Summer Birds of Midcoast Maine’ and/or ‘Gardening for Birds.’ He has some amazing photographs to share.
- ◇ Lunches with the Bunches will be starting up very soon! We are just waiting for the weather to get better and hoping that Covid doesn’t cause us to postpone our lunches again.
- ◇ Our new series, “Those Among Us,” will feature Liam Child and Bernadette Moss later in the summer.
- ◇ Our updated website is live and beautiful – check it out at www.innalongtheway.org!
- ◇ **NOTE: ALL EVENTS AT IAW WILL FOLLOW THE CDC GUIDELINES IN EFFECT AT THAT TIME.**

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES – AKA “HELP!”

JUNE 4TH BARN SALE

“BC” – Before Covid, we were hosting two sales each week! “DC” – During Covid, we changed that to two sales per year!

This year’s initial barn sale will take place June 4th from 8-2. Future sale dates will be determined later.

Volunteers are needed to do some of the sorting, pricing and organizing of sale items. In addition, there’s help needed to set up tables the day before the sale; helping during the sale; and cleaning up when all is said and done.

****And, of course, we need items to sell!****

These can be dropped off at the farm. On the last page of this newsletter is a list of items we can accept...and those we cannot. If you have questions, would like to volunteer, or need more info about any of this, please contact Sherry at 207-751-6261 or info@innalongtheway.org. NOTE: If you are planning to attend the sale, be aware that we **will not** be starting the sale early, so please, no early birds!!

We will be needing help in a variety of areas for all of the events at IAW. It may be cooking, hosting, preparing, cleaning or help in some other way. Contact [Jan John](#) or [Cindi Hasty](#) for more information about how you can help.

Summer – a time for continued growth

The warm days of summer will soon be here. It’s such a great time to enjoy the beauty around us, watch children playing and take random road trips! Are those Sunday afternoon drives a thing of the past?

Fall – a time for harvesting

Let’s enjoy the spring and summer before we start talking about Fall!

Winter – a time for the fields to rest and prepare for the new year

...and the cycle continues...

SPECIAL THANKS

April was volunteer appreciation month and we want to send a special thanks to all of our volunteers! Belva Ann Prycel for the beautiful paintings she donated.

Mike, John and volunteers from Carpenter’s Boatshop for their work on the new deck.

Be sure to check our website for dates and times for our activities. Go to: www.innalongtheway.org/, then click on the Calendar tab.

We are continuing to host grief and caregivers support groups. For more information or to sign up, call Sherry, at 207-751-6261, or contact us at info@innalongtheway.org.

For more information about who we are, what we do and our hopes and dreams, please check out our website: www.innalongtheway.org.

WAYS OF GIVING

We are in need of some artwork to complete each of our guest rooms.

There are numerous ways to make financial donations. All gifts – large and small – make a difference.

For more information, go to: www.innalongtheway.org/contribute

NOTE: If any of the links don’t work for you, simply copy them from this newsletter and paste them into your browser.

If you would like to make a suggestion about content for an upcoming newsletter or have a comment you’d like to share, you can contact us at: newsletter@innalongtheway.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted.

MaryAnn Look

Inn Along the Way

DONATIONS

Accepting

- 👍 Furniture
- 👍 Dishes
- 👍 Housewares
- 👍 Small Working Appliances
- 👍 Home Decorating
- 👍 Area Rugs
- 👍 Lights
- 👍 Art
- 👍 Jewelry
- 👍 Pet Items
 - Furry & Feathers
- 👍 Towels
- 👍 Children Items
 - No Car Seats
- 👍 Sports Items
 - Exercise Bikes
- 👍 Tools and Hand Tools
- 👍 Marine Items
- 👍 Garden Items

Not Accepting

- 👎 Books
- 👎 CD & DVD's
- 👎 Clothing
- 👎 Electronics
- 👎 Computers & Printers
- 👎 Treadmills & Ellipticals
- 👎 Rowing Machines
- 👎 Mattresses and Box Springs
- 👎 Bedding
- 👎 Medical Devices
- 👎 Large Appliances
- 👎 Baby Car Seats

Places that accept some or all of these:

- ✓ Skidompha Used Book Store
- ✓ Miles Thrift Shop
- ✓ Goodwill
- ✓ Staples (computers & printers)

Thank You For Your Generous Donations