



FIELD NOTES FROM THE FARM SEPTEMBER 2022

Did you know?

Out of all the 12 months of the year, September is the only month that contains the same number of letters as its number in the calendar year.

WELCOME SEPTEMBER

SEASONS ON A FARM

Summer – The ‘Dog Days of Summer’ are gone and we will be welcoming Autumn very soon. Guest visits and family picnics are starting to wane, and we start thinking about what the next few months will bring. Changing seasons bring a lot of changes!

NO VACANCY

Have you been by the Inn when our sign says, “NO VACANCY?” How cool is that?!! There have been several times this summer when that message has been displayed when all the rooms are full...and we hope to see it swinging out there more often in the future!!

Here's what's happening at IAW in September:

- ◆ Thursdays – LUNCHES WITH THE BUNCHES continue to be offered from 11:30 to 1. There is no fixed charge for the lunch, but donations are appreciated. Donations can be in any form – not just monetary – maybe volunteer some time or bake something for the next lunch?
- ◆ September 8th and 22nd at 1:00 PM – right after Lunches with the Bunches – THE SINGING CIRCLE continues! All are welcome and acoustic instruments add to the enjoyment of everyone!

- ◆ Thursday, September 15th from 12:30 to 3:30 PM – AGING IN THE RIGHT PLACE – Partners, Spectrum Generations and IAW, will host this 9th annual forum. This year's focus will be on getting information to citizens that will help them live and age successfully in their chosen community.
- ◆ Sunday, September 25th - 3:00 – 4:00 PM – CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS CIRCLE – the focus for this month will be a continuation of our exploration of retirement and the relationship we have with ourselves as we age.
- ◆ Wednesday, September 21st – 10 AM to 12 PM – The next COLLAGE WORKSHOP WITH DANIELLE FILOSA will be held in the barn. For more information or to register, please call 751-6261.

We encourage you to check our website for dates and times of activities at Inn Along the Way.

Go to: www.innalongtheway.org/, then click on “UPDATES,” then select “Calendar.”

As always, everyone is invited to join in and participate in any or all of the activities here!

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL EVENTS AT IAW
WILL FOLLOW THE CDC GUIDELINES
IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT.**

CLEANER NEEDED

We are continuing our search for a cleaner to assist with the work associated with our increased guest rentals. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please talk to Sherry for more details.

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Bill Burleson is our first second-generation board member! He has lived and worked in the mid coast area since 1994, and is the son of former board member Nancy Burleson. Through the years he has worn a variety of hats – including cook, waiter, bartender, dishwasher (“because we all need to pay our dues”), painter, carpenter, lumber yard worker, retail salesperson, certified nursing assistant, hospice caregiver, and currently that of a property manager for a wonderful South Bristol family. In his spare time you can find him working in the yard or on the family home. Occasionally you will find him on stage with one of the local theatre groups! Bill’s goal as a board member is to work closely with board members and volunteers alike to help bring the vision of IAW to fruition by continuing and building upon the work of past and current members creating a strong and sustainable community-based organization.

WELCOME, BILL!

GARDENING ALONG THE WAY



It takes quite a lot of planning to create a garden like the one that graces the field beside the Inn...and it takes a dedicated group of gardeners to plant and care for

it. Sharon Abair is the master mind behind that masterpiece and is shown here at one of her planning sessions! Sometimes our brains work best while our hands are otherwise occupied!! Sharon is a gardener extraordinaire!

Thank you, Sharon for all your efforts! Thanks, too, to her faithful and dedicated crew, Jan John, Cindi and Mike Hasty and Mary Piasecki. You guys ROCK!

If you happen to be going by the Inn on the morning of September 8th, you may see a group of people painting at the farm. They are the Plein Air Painters.

NOTICE

We are transitioning to our house address effective immediately: **741 Main Street, Damariscotta.**

We have discontinued our P.O. Box rental.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

This Labor Day weekend, a VERY SPECIAL THANKS to all of the volunteers for their many and varied labors!

And special recognition to:

- 👉 Tracy and her crew for another safe and well-run barn sale. They raised just under \$3,000!!! WOW!
- 👉 Steve Harvey for mowing the lawns and making sure the grounds look neat.
- 👉 The Anonymous Donor who is making it possible for us to create the memorial gardens with the labyrinth and quiet house, in memory of Board Member, Nancy Burleson.

We are so grateful to all the people who help us move closer to our cooperative community.

WAYS OF GIVING

If you would like to make a financial donation, there are numerous ways to accomplish that. All gifts – large and small – make a difference.

For more information, go to:

www.innalongtheway.org/contribute

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES – AKA “HELP!”

We have an ongoing need for volunteers in a variety of areas for all of the events at IAW. It may be cooking, hosting, preparing, cleaning or helping in some other way. Contact [Jan John](#) or [Cindi Hasty](#) for more information about how you can join in the fun!

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.

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: info@innalongtheway.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
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