



FIELD NOTES FROM THE FARM APRIL 2023

Sometimes you need a little rain in order to blossom. Author Unknown

WELCOME APRIL!

Do you ever wonder where the time goes? Seems like the more times we travel around the sun, the faster the days and years go by. So, let's treasure each day as it comes, knowing they pass quickly and we can never get them back.

<u>"THE MEADOWS"</u>

Our Board of Directors has been looking for a name for the area where our future homes will be built. Several names have been suggested, but "The Meadows" has taken first place with a unanimous vote!

VACANCY...NO VACANCY

Recently, we had a full house and had to turn people away...a good problem to have! Sherry says that she is already getting calls for summer bookings – some are returning guests and some are new friends that we just haven't met yet!

<u>OPEN MIC</u>

Open Mic will be back again this summer starting on June 3rd. This is a heads up so you can start tuning up your instruments and voices!!

BIRD WALK

Dr. Stephen Kress will be leading a bird walk on June 27^{th} at 7 AM. He will be sharing his knowledge and passion with all the "early birds" that meet at the Inn on that day.

BLUEBIRD HOUSES

Jason Anthony and Heather Hardy have put up the birdhouses around the farm again this year! Spring has sprung!!

SINGING CIRCLE

For all you singers out there, our first Singing Circle of the season will be on April 27^{th} at 1 PM.

VOLUNTEER BRUNCH

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! Mark your calendars! We are planning our annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on August 26th from 10-1. If you have any ideas or questions, please contact Sherry. This will be followed by an Open Mic session and an Open House.

VOLUNTEERING

Our faithful and hard-working volunteer coordinators continue to solicit volunteers for a large variety of jobs. Please contact Jan John or <u>Cindi Hasty</u> and they will be happy to give you more information about work to be done. No matter what your strength may be, if you've got a little time to share, there is a place for you! There is a clipboard in the office with an ongoing list of opportunities – for information about anything on the clipboard, call 207-682-0118.

TEMPORARY NEED

Our housekeeper is taking a much-needed vacation, so we are looking for someone to fill in for a few hours each week. For more information, please contact Sherry.

CLYNK DONATIONS

Thank you to all of you who donated your returnables to IAW through the Clynk program. We recently received over \$20 which went toward food for Lunches with the Bunches. Every little bit helps!

THANK YOU TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK

We are so grateful for their pledge of \$50,000 towards our Capital Campaign. This is being distributed over three years and we recently received our second installment.

THOSE AMONG US

This new series will pay tribute to some of those we encounter on a daily basis. Bill Liam Child will be the first to share his story via Zoom on Thursday, April 20th at 1:00 PM. Here's the link for the Zoom meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87230644771?pwd=UDR5bkRtcz E5T21iNXBURHdvL2J0QT09

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT IAW IN APRIL:

- LUNCHES WITH THE BUNCHES... Wednesdays from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
- CIRCLE OF CARE... Every other Monday (April 10 & 24) – from 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
- GRIEF & RESILIENCE... Every other Wednesday (April 5 & 19) – from 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- BECOMING MORTAL... Every other Wednesday (April 12 & 26) from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
- THOSE AMONG US... Thursday, April 20 at 1:00 PM
- SINGING CIRCLE... Thursday, April 27 at 1:00 PM

PLANT SALE

I know that some of you are already planning your gardens for this year, so keep in mind that the Bristol Garden Club will be having a plant sale here on June 10th – mark your calendars so you don't forget!

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

Go to: <u>www.innalongtheway.org/</u>, 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!

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

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 please check out our website: <u>www.innalongtheway.org</u>.

Comments and suggestions can be sent to: <u>info@innalongtheway.org</u>. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

MaryAnn Look