

Sunset Hills May 2017

Greensboro, North Carolina

Annual Neighborhood Events

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Easter Egg Hunt

Great American Clean-up

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Annual Pig Picking

June

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National Night Out

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October

Neighborhood Meeting

Halloween Party in the Park

November

Lighted Christmas Ball Workshop

December

Lighted Christmas Balls

Food Drive, Running of the Balls

Trees for You and Us

By Randal Romie

The NeighborWoods tree-planting was kicked off with an Arbor Day celebration on March 18 and the planting of the first tree in the Sunset Hills Park. As previously published, Sunset Hills was awarded the Greensboro Beautiful NeighborWoods * tree-planting grant for 2017.

One of the main ecological reasons for Sunset Hills receiving this award was the fact that over 62 large trees have been lost in Sunset Hills in the last two or three years. When a tree falls in the woods of Sunset Hills the neighborhood hears it!

This year's NeighborWoods program was custom-tailored for Sunset Hills. As a member of this neighborhood you may receive two large canopy trees to replace those that have fallen. Trees available through this program include a White Oak, the symbol of Greensboro, the Nuttall Oak, a hardy oak for the Piedmont, a Red Sunset Maple, with its

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The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association has a website, Facebook page, and a listserv. Many pictures of neighborhood events appear in color on the website and on the Facebook page.

Get to know your neighbors in text and print and learn the news: http://www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org. The information tab contains a list of tradespeople recommended by neighbors. If you are not on the listserv go to Email listserv and submit your email address to be added as a member of the monitored listsery. The neighborhood Facebook page is: https://www.facebook.com/SunsetHillsGSO

When you have a question about tradespeople, spot a stray dog or cat or note something unusual, submit a message to the listserv and the message goes out to all the members. The listserv is monitored to keep the messages relevant to this area and on topics about the neighborhood. You must have paid your 2017 dues to submit a nonemergency message to the listserv.

DUES are due in January. However, it is never too late to pay for the current year. Please remit your \$10 directly to the treasurer, Elaine Brune at 2504 Sylvan Rd. Checks for more than \$10 will be accepted as donations to the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association.

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beautiful fall color, and a Black Gum tree, otherwise known as a Tupelo tree and another tree with brilliant red fall color. If your large oak or hickory trees are in good shape, then consider planting from this list of flowering understory trees that will delight in growing under your large trees: a Kousa Dogwood, flowering with creamy white flowers after the leaves come out, an 'Appalachian Red' Red Bud, with prolific fuchsia-colored flowers, and a Serviceberry tree, that enjoys a partly-shady location and has early small white flowers and then edible red berries.

Between now and August 1, you may go on-line and request the trees you would like. The Sunset Hills-Greensboro Beautiful custom link is: Request trees: https://form.jotformpro.com/70614117272954. These trees are free and can be planted in the front of your house. Planting day is Saturday November 4 and the planting holes will be augured the day before. The trees will be delivered to your location. You are encouraged to plant your own trees. Many neighbors and volunteers will be available that morning to help you plant your trees.

Many people have said that this sounds too good to be true. It is just another fine program orchestrated by Greensboro Beautiful and its Urban Forestry Committee working to sustain and grow the tree canopy of Greensboro, to beautify the city and to engage all citizens in their hometown.

To date 57 trees have been requested. Trees are also planned for the park in the College Park neighborhood. The goal for NeighborWoods is to plant 150 trees, or more. If you have a question about the trees, information is provided on the tree request link above. If you have questions specifically about your front yard, feel free to contact Sunset Hills resident and Greensboro Beautiful Urban Forestry Co-Chair Randal Romie via email: rsromieasla@aol.com. If a consultation in your front yard is necessary he will be happy to stop by.

This is our chance to reforest Sunset Hills and the perfect opportunity to keep it the heavenly and nature-filled place that it is. From an old saying, "the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second-best time is now."

*Note: From the City of Greensboro's web site: Greensboro is a Tree City USA community and Greensboro Beautiful has been helping to beautify the city for 49 years. NeighborWoods is a partnership between the City, Greensboro Beautiful, NC Cooperative Extension Service, and neighborhoods to plant new trees and rebuild the City's tree canopy. The program educates residents about the importance of trees, which provide shade that cools and conserves energy.

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If you have questions, please contact me at cllindse@gmail.com and I will be glad to help.

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Neighbors having coffee and donuts provided by Greensboro Beautiful



Wonderful turnout for the occasion.



Trees for You and Us

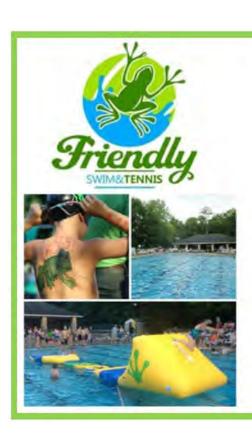
a wonderful day for the neighborhood!



Randal Romie and Paula Tedford drawing for raffle prizes on Arbor Day.



Sunset Hills neighbor registering for door prizes at the Sunset Hills Garden Club table with arrangement given during raffle drawing.



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Pope Francis, Huntington's Disease, and May Madness By Kathy Martinek

Except for folk singer Woody Guthrie who died of Huntington's disease in 1967, no other celebrity has brought such attention to Huntington's disease---until now.



Pope Francis will speak to an audience of 7000 Huntington's disease families and supporters on May 18, 2017 at the Vatican. This is HUGE for the HD community. This will finally put a face to this very debilitating, genetic, directly hereditary disease that has no treatment or cure. It takes away a person's ability to talk, think, feel and move. There can be 3 generations of HD family members at the same time—sometimes in the same household

I have HD in my family and I head up the NC Chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America. I have decided to participate in this moment in history at the Vatican.

An amazing fact is that a group of families in South America has grown to global proportions and comes together under the HDdennomore initiative (pronounced 'Hidden No More', www.HDdennomore.com). They want to end the stigma and shame around the disease that has persisted for generations. There has never been so much hope!

And there's more-- As a prelude to the historic Papal event, my family has put together a FUNraiser, 'Hoops for Hope' basketball free-throw shooting contest, Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Grimsley High School, 9-11:30 a.m. –perfect for

any athletic ability, girls and boys, 7-18. We will have rebounders, scorekeepers, basketballs, timers, music, tshirts, snacks, drinks! May Madness!

We have kept registration affordable at \$5 each, \$20 for a team of 4, so we can reach as many as possible. Register with Peter Martinek-Jenne (Mr M-J), 336-268-0534, martinp3@gcsnc. com. Then bring the kids and have a blast! The proceeds will support HD families in North Carolina—resources, support groups and education.

Events like this are a way to show how inspired people can join together to make a difference. Thank you!



Celebrating One Hundred Years

By Lee Hull Moses



The congregation of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is celebrating its centennial anniversary this year. Originally founded in 1917 as Elm Street Christian Church, the congregation moved to its current location in Sunset Hills in 1953 and has been an active part of the neighborhood ever since. Some neighbors might remember the groundbreaking for the "new" building, held in the fall of 1952, or the installation of the first steeple in 1957. Many will probably remember the steeple-raising party we held when we replaced that original steeple with a new one in 2011.

Our official anniversary date was April 8, which turned out to be a beautiful day to turn 100! The weather was perfect, the sky a gorgeous blue. To mark the occasion, we gathered for a prayer service near



the site of our congregation's original location at the corner of Fisher and Elm Street. Joining us were several church members who have been around long enough to remember the old Elm Street Christian Church building.

We sang, we prayed, we laughed, we remembered. Then we set off to walk to our current location at the corner of Market and Overlook. We had 4-

and 5-year-old walkers and walkers in their 80s, and everyone in between (including a dog or two!).

We are continuing the anniversary commemoration with a big celebration weekend June 3 and 4, 2017, and we'd love for all our neighbors to join us. On Saturday, June 3, from 11:00-2:00, we're planning a Family Fun Day with games, inflatables, music, and food. Sunday, June 4, we'll hold a special Centennial Worship service at 10:00, with a luncheon following. You can find more information and rsvp on our website: www.fccgreensboro.org.

We're grateful to be part of Sunset Hills -- please come join in the celebration!







The annual 4th of July neighborhood event kicks off with a parade, which is basically a semi-organized wave of red, white, and blue kids, dogs, bikes, and vehicles. It is followed by a gathering in the Sunset Hills park, hopefully with live music, and a bring your own picnic. This year, the event is on Tuesday, July 4th. The parade around the neighborhood starts at 4:30 PM.

What can Sunset Hills residents do?

- Join the parade! You can decorate your car, ride your bike, or even be a spectator. Water balloons, candy, hoses are all welcome. Line up at the tennis courts to join the parade.
- If there are any bands or musicians in the neighborhood who would like the gig
 or would participate in an open mic event, send an email with your willingness to
 participate to Scott Harkey scott@windshieldglass.com or 336-273-1791 (work phone).
- If you're interested in organizing games for the kids, we need some help with water balloons (several coolers full!) and musical chairs (50 paper plates, a jam box, and several coordinating adults). If you have other ideas and want to volunteer to organize something, please do!
- Of course, come out, bring your own food and mingle with your neighbors.

Want more information about the event and how to get involved? Give Scott a call at 336-370-9692 or catch him walking around the 'Hood with Roscoe! Also contact either of our two social event chairs, Lauren Davidson (laurendavidson1@gmail.com) or Brittany Semones (bsemones@gmail.com).

Help Wanted

Help organize the 4th of July event in the park.



Games and entertainment for kids

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Please contact Lauren Davidson or Brittany Semones to volunteer your talents.

Things to know about the NeighborWoods grant project

By Beverley Gass

- Request trees on-line using https://form.jotformpro.com/70614117272954 from April 1 until August 1.
- Think about planting Oaks, Maple, or Black Gum trees. These larger trees will provide shade for another 100 years and help to replace the 90-100 year old Oaks that Sunset Hills is losing now.



"Sunset Hills Garden Club members pretending to dig hole for American Beech that had already been planted. From left, Michelle Togut, Beverley Gass, Jackie Tanseer, Patricia Martinez, Paula Tedford and Sherry Harris"

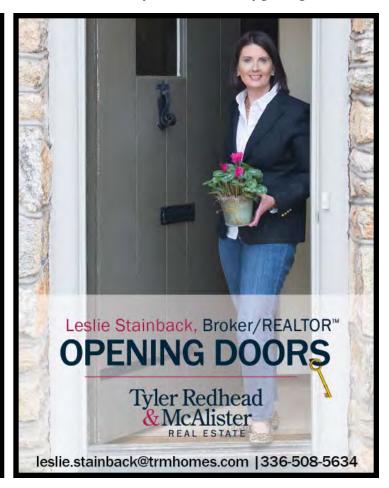
- The understory trees are for planting under overhead wires and under existing larger trees.
- Trees are free through Greensboro Beautiful as in no cost!
- Planting Day is November 4, 2017.
- The day before Planting Day, holes for the trees will be augured for you.
- Volunteers will help you, or plant your tree(s) for you if you are not able.
- A bag of mulch will be provided with each tree, free from Greensboro Beautiful.
- Your job is to water your trees consistently for them to survive. You will be provided with watering requirements.

There will be another neighborhood meeting in a few months to check the status of the NeighborWoods participation.

Have questions? Contact Randal Romie at rsromieasla@aol.com or Beverley Gass at beverleygass@gmail.com.

Memorial and Honor Trees By Randal Romie

Did you know that you may have trees planted in your front yard and/or planted in the Sunset Hills Park and/or in the median of West Market Street? Well, you may through a special program of Greensboro Beautiful, the Memorial and Honor Tree program. The planting of the trees will be part of the current NeighborWoods award. To request a tree to be planted in memory or in honor of a special someone or for a special event: birthday, wedding, anniversary, etc., simply select the option on the Sunset Hills Tree Request Link (see article starting on page one) to purchase a Memorial/Honor tree. You will receive a letter acknowledging your gift, as will the recipient or family of the one being recognized. These trees will be planted on the same day as the NeighborWoods tree-planting day, November 4. It is a wonderful opportunity to be able to have a tree planted in Greensboro for someone, and the letters of acknowledgement are touching, heartfelt and quite memorable. I speak from experience.



Does Ruby still need pain meds?



Ruby, a 3 year old beagle, was evaluated for Stem Cell Therapy in November, 2016. Her RDVM in Virginia had surgically corrected a partial ACL and meniscal tear in 2015. However, after an unsuccessful vault over the baby gate, Ruby continued to experience progressive lameness. In addition to DJD of both knees, Ruby was also diagnosed with bicipital tendonitis. Ruby qualified for Stem Cell Therapy and 700 million stem cells were harvested from her abdominal fat. She received stem cell injections IV in both knees and shoulders and banked 470 million cells frozen for future needs. Three weeks later, her human asked, "Does Ruby still need her medications? She does not appear to be in pain." My answer? "No."

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Two Trees, Two Guitars, and A Little Girl

By Brad Reaves

The chain saws woke me. The oaks were old and by observation looked to be part of the generation of Sunset Hills trees we've lost in the last few years. I imagine nearly every home has a big tree they keep their eye on. My grandson and I grabbed the outdated, wooden, efficiently folded carpenter's rule and headed for the stumps as the crew dissipated. Six rings per inch x 20 inches. We estimated 80 – 120 years for each tree. Homesteading with gardener wife Anne is a lifelong education and I suspect two new trees are destined to be planted somewhere in the hood to replace them. I recalled it's been said it takes 25 years for a guitar to forget it was a tree and I felt life in the wooden ruler as I folded it and snuggled it into my jeans pocket.

Guitar number one recently entered my studio door carried by a professional man who has his musical sights set on North Mississippi Hill Country Blues. The guitar, a standard student grade Yamaha purchased at a local music store, is plenty good for a starting player. The second guitar is a 1970s Gibson SG electric model in mint condition. This guitar was a grandfather's present handed down to a lucky, creative neighborhood high school student who is a talented, dedicated learner. Good singer too. "You'll never outgrow this guitar", I said as our musical dialogue began.

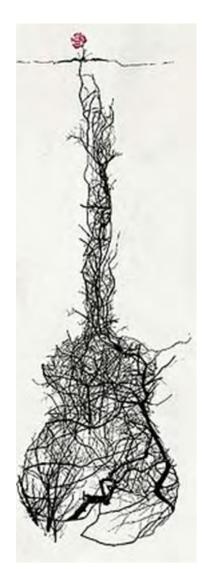
The little girl entered my music life when her lovely mother sought me out at a New Year's Eve jam session. Steered my way by a friend I had taught several years back, this mom's fourth grader is inspired by children's theater experiences and desires to be a better singer. Our two daughters grew up in theater and music and we understand watching a kid grow in the arts. If nothing else they learn how to keep a calendar. You simply can't cram two days before the show and survive it.

I ponder what I myself am planting as I continue in my musical life. Like the two new saplings in the hands of the Sunset Hills tree shepherds I'm gratefully growing singers, players, songwriters who will share their artistry in living rooms, schools, by campfires, on silent porches and in places of worship replacing previous generations. It comes easy for me I guess because those are the places where I've developed in the art form myself, and teaching is just another way to continue growing.

I contemplate through my kitchen window the stories in the sawdust covered rings of the historic stumps across the street. I wait for the studio doorbell to ring signaling that it is time and I slip down our spiral staircase to tend the talent garden.

P.S. The little girl has just been cast in her first musical.

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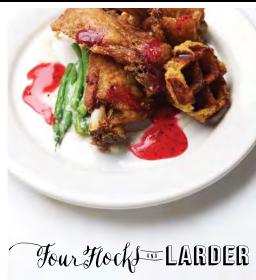
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OMG We're In Norway!!

By Carole Lindsey-Potter

It has been said that we would go to the ends of the earth for our children. We actually did. Almost two years ago our daughter, Dianna Potter Walla, moved to Tromsø, Norway to pursue a Masters of Philosophy degree in theoretical linguistics at the University of the Arctic. Tromsø is 200 miles above the arctic circle, and a long way from Greensboro. We started planning for a visit to the far north to see Dianna and her husband, Chris. In the year and a half before our trip, using skype became our best method for staying in contact with Dianna. I researched many ways to schedule our trip and see not only Dianna and Chris, but as much of Norway as we could fit into two weeks. We have travelled extensively throughout Europe, but this would be our first trip to Norway.

On March 2, we began our four leg trip to Tromsø – Greensboro to Newark, Newark to Brussels, Brussels to Oslo, and Oslo to Tromsø.

After over thirty hours of traveling and flying over beautiful snowy landscapes, we reached our beautiful final destination. Although it has been a warmer winter there with climate change very evident, we arrived to fresh snow and beautiful sunshine which luckily stayed with us for the five days we had in Tromsø. We were lucky to rent an apartment across the street from Dianna's apartment. It had an icy entrance down to the lower level, and I immediately slipped and fell hard on the steps. This resulted in a world record colorful bruise on my hip, but no major injuries. Just a note to the wise – be sure to wear crampons on your shoes when walking in hilly ice and snow covered streets, sidewalks and stairs.



are available for guests who need warmer clothing. Our musher introduced us to the dogs and explained that female dogs were put in the lead (not surprising) and the male dogs were behind for two reasons. They always followed the females and their strength worked best closest to the sled. Our ride was spectacular and over an hour long. We later visited the dogs and even held eight week old pups. The tour concluded with a traditional Sami (the native people of Scandinavia) meal in a gamme (Sami hut). Upon entering, we were greeted by the warmth and comfort of a fireplace burning in the middle of the hut. It gave the place an eerie red glow, and a smell of burnt firewood. Our lunch was a simple meal of reindeer stew, served with bread and coffee.

One of the highlights we had in Tromsø was a dog sledding tour at the Tromsø Wilderness Center. This was truly a once in a lifetime experience. We were greeted by a friendly staff and over 300 dogs. Our tour group was split into two groups and our group headed to the sleds first. The sleds were piled with fur pelts and woolen blankets were wrapped around our legs. Down-filled jumpsuits





Another highlight of Tromsø was a cable car ride to the top of Storsteinen. The view of Tromsø was spectacular! We walked around the mountaintop to see everything. That's Dianna clowning with her Dad. After a nice lunch overlooking the view, we descended in the cable car again. That night Chip, my husband, enjoyed a traditional Norwegian meal of fried cod tongues at a lovely waterside restaurant.





The next leg of our trip started when we boarded Hurtigruten's Kong Harald at midnight. Hurtigruten has a fleet of ferries that ply the

fjords and coastal towns and cities of Norway. They are a cross between a working ferry and a cruise ship. For three and a half days we traveled south to Bergen passing by and through some of the most beautiful scenery I have ever seen. In many ports, the ship only stopped long enough to unload and load cargo and passengers. We had a cabin with many amenities and also all meals in a lovely restaurant, but some passengers stay in lounges overnight. There is a cafeteria on board for those who do not have meals included in

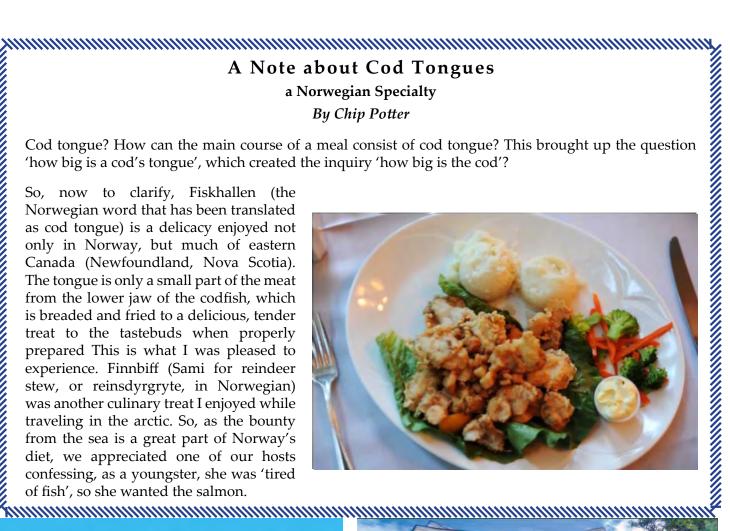
their fare. Activities are mainly special events like celebrating crossing the Arctic Circle by taking a spoonful of cod liver oil. I spent my days in the observation lounge, gazing at the amazing vistas, knitting and chatting with fellow

passengers. Most stops were too short to disembark, but we did enjoy a stop in Trondheim, and in Stokmarknes where we spent time in the Hurtigruten Museum. The exhibits are interesting and well presented, giving you a nice oversight of the history of the Express Steamer.

We enjoyed a brief overnight visit to Bergen, sister city to Seattle. A walk around the city was beautiful and we were sorry to leave the next day as we boarded Norwegian Rail for our seven hour trip to Oslo through the mountains. Once again, Norway did not disappoint. Our trip finished in Oslo where we visited with friends who treated us to Nowegian specialities and local restaurants away from the tourists. This was an amazing journey and one we will not soon forget.







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A Clean Well-lighted Place

By R.S. Gingher

("What is music to you? What would you be without music? Music is everything. Nature is music [cicadas in the tropical night]. The sea is music, the wind is music. The rain drumming on the roof and the storm raging in the sky are music. Music is the oldest entity. The scope of music is immense and infinite. It is the 'Esperanto' of the world." —Duke Ellington)

The jazz heritage of North Carolina in general, and Greensboro in particular, is strong. Think, for instance, John Coltrane, Thelonius Monk, Billy Taylor, Nina Simone, Dannie Richmond, Johnny Best, Eddie Wilcox, Woody Shaw, and Percy Heath. Our neck of the woods is a hub for performance arts, bolstered by strong music programs

in a half-dozen nearby colleges and universities, most of which

are right here in Greensboro.

A strong appetite for jazz has existed here for decades. What's been missing, especially in recent years, is a working menu, a functional delivery system for musicians. That appetite seemed to grow alongside the more familiar physical desire for good food and gradual emergence of fine dining here during the nineties and later. But the 2008 financial decline combined with that of North Carolina textiles, furniture, and tobacco markets signaled the end for many restaurants and for many working musician's venues. With their demise also went the last best hope for many local jazz musicians.

And yet...one hot August Saturday that year over 1,100 area residents and friends appeared on our lawn, veranda, secondfloor deck, and throughout the park. They had all gathered, along with the mayor, to hear the viscerally powerful sound of





authentic jazz, delivered live by prominent jazz artists from the stage of a flatbed truck parked on the street (W Greenway N) dividing the park from our front yard. This third "Greensboro Jazzfest" took the form of a fundraiser to support organizations with missions to introduce the transformative and salutary power of music to children. Appetite had met menu.

Over the years we'd held a score or more of indoor home concerts. But this outside effort was

backed by sixteen companies, one of which, Natty Greene's, materialized in the form of our neighbors and some staff for hands-on support and supply. There were bar and food lines, golf carts transporting folks to and from parking, half a dozen porta-potties rearing up like sentinels in park and yard, and everywhere a cool racial mix of young and old lounging in a colorful patchwork of pitched blankets and folding chairs.

I've sorely missed the Jazzfest days and those of hearing great instrumentalists and torch singers in several of our local restaurants. Fortunately, for 15 years O. Henry's owners have wanted to offer cocktail-and-jazz vibes like those in the grand New York hotels of the 1950s. In 2015 this dream began to materialize. Hotelier Dennis Quaintance and impresario May 2017



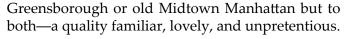
Victoria Clegg, perhaps sensing "tipping point," teamed up to offer jazz evenings. Now, in the magical space of the O. Henry Hotel's social lobby, outstanding instrumentalists and vocalists pay homage to the great American classics each Thursday (5:30-8:30) and most Saturdays from 6:30-9:30. Its Ensemblein-Residence is the remarkably skilled jazz trio-pianist Dave Fox, reed man Neill Clegg, and double bassist Matt Kendrick. Thursday's thev guest vocalists, serving up jazz classics from the Great American

Songbook. On Saturdays a variety of impressive jazz ensembles support stellar vocalists. Astonishingly, there is no cover charge, though performances here are on par with the best jazz offerings anywhere.

Beginning in 2006 a group of friends and I started lunching on Wednesdays at the Green Valley Grill (GVG), O. Henry's restaurant. Now on jazz evenings the familiar pleasures of good food, relaxed conversation, and tonic companionship there continue, for GVG's bar extends into the lobby then for cocktail and tapas service,

"Spirit of place" suggests a field of felt energy certain spaces possess, some indefinable but palpably real essence

we sometimes call "good vibes." Such arenas invite collective celebration and restorative fellowship. I like to call such an area "a clean, welllighted place." The magical core of the hotel is its entrance hall or lobby, designed after that of the renowned Algonquin Hotel in New York City. It's unusually beautiful, with vintage half-moon lighting and honey-colored, wainscoted arcades, above which reads O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi." There the entire text of his bestknown story is in gilt on green pages covering all four walls. The entire effect is unique and "bespoke," speaking for simple essence exclusive neither to old



It's a perfect space to lounge, listen, and enjoy the music, a place of harmony, contentment, good fellow-feeling, and restorative at-onement. You can't miss discovering this after a single evening here. In the lobby's portrait, the master storyteller himself lounges, newspaper in hand, and sets the tone, as if calming surveying this entrance hall and its sojourners. Now no weekend feels truly complete without a ritual lunch and jazz evening here.

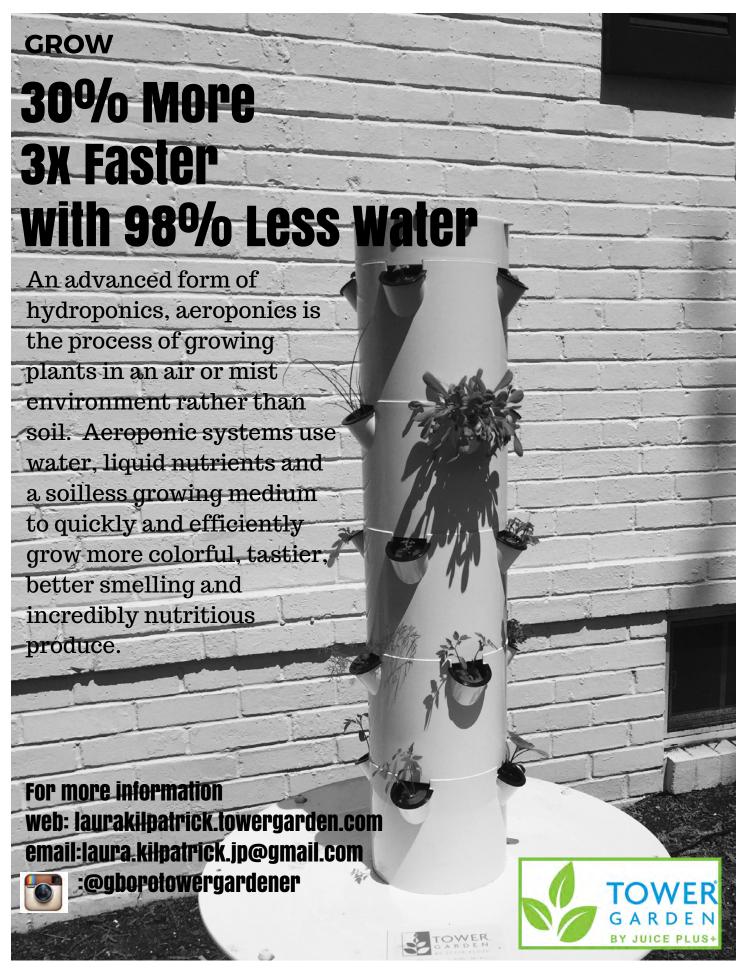


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Youth Day Camp for Faith and Peace

By Tom Warren

Peace United Church of Christ will be holding its 2nd annual Peace Village Day Camp beginning Monday, June 26th through Friday, June 30th. This day camp will engage youth in fun activities, crafts, singing, and teamwork building exercises all while learning about different faith traditions and the foundational values of peace which they teach.

Adult mentors will guide participating children in the skills of simple yoga, conflict resolution, environmental stewardship, and teamwork in actively creative ways. Each day will include time with a representative from the faith traditions of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and the Native American tradition. Youth will learn the basics of each faith tradition as it relates to inner peace, environmental peace, and peace with our neighbors around the world.

Peace Village is open to rising first graders through rising 6th graders. Registration fees are \$30 for a single child, \$40 for two children, or \$50 for three or more children in the same household. The program begins at 8:00am until 1:00pm and includes breakfast and snacks (youth must bring a bag lunch). To register go to www.peaceucc.com or contact Rhiannon Kelly at youthdirectorpeaceucc@gmail.com for more information.



Growing Tomatoes in the Piedmont

By Kimberly Hornberger, Guilford County extension Master Gardener Volunteer Intern 2015

Many people enjoy eating tomatoes, especially during the warmer months when tomatoes are abundantly available in supermarkets and at local farmers markets. It can be enticing to try all of the popular, new cultivars that have been hitting the shelves in recent years. With names like "Celebrity," "Big Beef" and "Husky Gold," it can be hard to resist buying a few to make the perfect tomato sandwich. However, with prices of some tomatoes, especially heirloom varieties, hovering around four or five dollars per pound, why not try growing your own? There are many types of tomatoes that do not require a large amount of space, so even those with limited space have options. With a little bit of knowledge and some time out of your day, you could be enjoying perfect tomatoes grown by YOU!

Before you purchase tomato plants, you should assess the amount of space available to you. Some tomato varieties are 'determinate' and will only grow to between one and five feet, while others are 'indeterminate' and may grow to between five and eight feet. If you are growing tomatoes on a small patio or in pots, you will want to choose a determinate variety. Some determinate varieties include Colonial, Mountain Delight, Mountain Pride, and Sunrise. If you have more space, some indeterminate varieties are Better Boy, Big Boy, Fantastic and Cherokee.

For those of us in the Piedmont and central NC, referred to as zone 7 by the Department of Agriculture, the optimal planting dates for tomatoes are between April 20th and July 15th. It is important to plant after the last frost; however, seeds may be started indoors 5-7 weeks prior to planting. During the day tomatoes prefer temperatures of 70-80 F and 60-70 F at night. A good rule of thumb for watering tomatoes and other fruit and vegetables is one inch of water per week. Plants grown in containers may require additional watering as they tend to lose moisture and nutrients more quickly than those grown in the ground.

When purchasing transplants, it is important to make sure that the grower is trustworthy so that you will receive a high quality product. Be sure to look for any signs of disease or insect damage as you do not want to bring home a diseased plant that may infect others plants you already have at home.

Early Blight is a fungal disease that commonly affects tomatoes; it causes dark brown, irregular spots and yellow halos on leaves, stems and fruit. Typically, the fruit will have spots on the end of the stem which resemble a sunken bulls-eye. There are a few controls you can use to prevent Early Blight from affecting your tomatoes. First, try to plant resistant cultivars. Remove old plant debris from the garden or pot, which could harbor bacteria and insects. When watering, aim for the base of the plant rather than the foliage so that water goes directly to the roots. Also, mulch around plants and allow adequate space between plants. Finally, use a registered fungicide if necessary. Most importantly, have fun in your garden!

> Sources: Master Gardener Manual (Vegetable Chapter) For more information: https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/65/tom.pdf https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/search-results/?q=growing%20tomatoes (Elaine Brune arranged for us to have this article to print.)



Lindley Elementary Annual Spring Carnival

Ladies and Gentlemen, step right up to Lindley Elementary Annual Spring Carnival on Friday, May 19th from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. With classic games like penny drop, beanbag toss, ring the pony, tin can alley and balloon pop, you are sure to have fun!! Test your strength with the hi-striker, cuddle some furry friends at smooch the pooch, and indulge in too much cotton candy and popcorn. Place your bids at the Silent Auction, get a sweet treat at the Bake Sale, and definitely buy a few ears of corn!



It's a longstanding Lindley tradition of great food, games, live entertainment and family fun for ALL! This is a community event so please share the date with friends and neighbors. If you have any questions please contact Ashleigh Reier at ashleigh@marquisseating.com or 688.4802.











Peace Village Day Camp

Monday, June 26th - Friday, June 30th -Rising1st Grade through Rising 6th Grade-



The Peace Village Day Camp focuses on different aspects of peace:

Peace teachings from a different faith tradition each day
Group crafts, outdoor exploration, team building
8:00am-1:00pm with <u>breakfast and snacks</u> provided
Children bring a bag lunch each day



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Membership Report as of April 28, 2017

By Elaine Brune

Listed below are the three hundred and twenty-eight neighbors who have paid dues for 2017. Bolded and asterisked * made contributions as well as paid dues. Thank you all for your generosity and neighborliness!

If your name is not listed and you have paid, I apologize. Please let me know and I will correct it. If you haven't paid your dues yet, there still is time. Dues are \$10 per year per household. A check can be made out to Sunset Hlls Neighborhood Association and mailed or dropped of to me at 2504 Sylvan Road, Greensboro, NC 27403. Or you can use Paypal to pay your dues. The PayPal link can be found on our website: http://www. sunsethillsneighborhood.org/calendar.html.

Dues payment allows you to help sponsor our neighborhood activities and post messages on our listserv. Again thanks to all our paid members and donations!

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