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Summer Backyard Garden Tour Showcases Avalon Villagers' Green Thumbs

Thirteen beautiful gardens were on display for Avalon Residents to enjoy during a backyard garden walk, held on June 30th during the peak of summer beauty. Activities Committee member Donna Ross organized the tour, providing location maps for everyone when they gathered at 101 Thistle Lane. Garden hosts were on hand at each cottage to share amusing gardening stories and how certain unique characteristics came to exist.

The tour was a wonderful way for neighbors to enjoy fellowship and share common green thumb interests. For those who missed it, take heart. In approximately twelve short months, give or take, we'll do it again!



How Does Your Garden Grow?

In the midst of the many beautiful flower beds and vegetable gardens at Avalon, there are some instances where plants are growing to storybook proportions!

The towering tomato plant (left) dwarfs the pot from which it sprouted on the back deck at the McCullough's cottage. At the community garden beds on Foxglove Drive, where many vegetable gardens are keeping gardeners happily weeding, watering, and picking, Hollis Condon's giant beanstalk (right) is the talk of the village. Rumor has it that earlier this spring Hollis crossed paths with a peddler selling magic beans.



Wildlife Corner

You can't step outside your door at Avalon without being enveloped by the soothing sounds of feathered friends. We are blessed with many kinds of bird species who call Avalon Village home!

Following is a very small sampling of some familiar sounds you'll hear each day:

- Ank, ank, ank - White-breasted Nuthatch
- Bubble, bubble, zee - Brown-headed Cowbird
- Bzeeee-bzeeee-bzeeee-bzeeee - Cedar Waxwing
- Cheer or Purty, purty, purty or Wheet- Northern Cardinal
- Cheerily, cheer-up, cheerily - American Robin
- Chiva, chiva, chiva - Tufted Titmouse
- Conquereeee - Red-winged Blackbird
- Dee-dee-dee (rapid) - Black-capped Chickadee
- Jay, jay, jay - Blue Jay
- Jeet, jeet - Baltimore Oriole
- Kleek-kik-ik-ik, Kak-kak-kak - Bald Eagle
- Old Sam Peabody, Peabody, Peabody - White-throated Sparrow
- Queer, queer - Red-headed Woodpecker





Attention Bookworms

Have you checked out the living room library lately? In addition to the Edythe Dyer Community Library located on Avalon's site, you'll find hardcovers and paperbacks by many bestselling authors on the shelves at the Manor House, ready to borrow at any time for your enjoyment. The next time you head to the beach or one of many nearby recreational destinations, pick up a good read to take along!

And, if you have the blood of a librarian coursing through your veins, the library is in need of re-organizing! Please contact the Avalon office: 862-5100.



Welcome Nixons

John and Marina Nixon are the new residents at 102 Wintergreen Court.

Former residents of Calais, John retired from the Woodland mill (Domtar) after working there for more than 40 years. Marina retired as an LPN at the Calais Regional Hospital after serving for nearly the same length of time. They moved to Avalon to be closer to their daughter and her family, including granddaughter Jady, who live in Holden.

To date, John reports that they have met 21 Avalon residents since moving into their cottage in mid-July. "People here are awfully nice," he says.



Manor Music

On July 27 Avalon welcomed a performance of "Village to Village," an international music program featuring two professional local musicians, violinist Ellie May Shufro and cellist Juan Condori.

The intimate concert gave the two dozen attendees a trip around the world and through the centuries ... from France, Spain, Russia, Italy, Bulgaria to Japan and beyond! Avalon chef Veronika presented a mouth watering International Buffet before the concert, setting the stage for the delightful evening.

NEXT MUSIC EVENT: PUB NIGHT

Thursday, August 19, 7:00 PM
"Swing Thing" Guitar and Vocals
Guests are welcome. Call 862-5105 to reserve your seat!

Calling all Shutter Bugs

Here's a chance to show off your photographic talents! On Saturday afternoon, September 25, the Manor House living room will be transformed into a photo gallery with frames filled with scenes at Avalon, taken by residents. If you haven't already collected favorite photos to share, take advantage of this beautiful Maine summer and find that special photo opportunity that is waiting to be captured! A Potluck Dinner will follow the photo exhibit. More to come...



Cookout on the Green

Mark your calendar for the annual Cookout on the Green, Wednesday, September 8, beginning at 4:30!

The annual event, hosted by Avalon Management, features lots of grilling, plenty of ice cold beer and beverages, and desserts a' plenty. It's a great chance to celebrate the waning days of summer with all of your Avalon friends and staff, and make that favorite summer dessert recipe one more time (but don't feel obligated to bring a dish there's always more than enough to feed an army).

RAIN DATE: September 15



Quilt Show returns to Avalon

Following the success of their first show in September 2008, members of the Hampden Highland Quilters Guild are returning to the beautiful setting of Avalon's Manor House on

Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM for their next big show.

The Hampden Highland Quilters belong to the Pine Tree Quilters Guild, a statewide organization that includes over 2,000 members within its 74 chapters. They meet twice monthly from September - May. (mainequilts.org)

Featuring a selection of traditional, art and novelty quilts, the show utilizes every available space in the Manor House for the exhibit, including the dining room, living room, equestrian game room, upper living room and grand foyer. A quilters yard sale is a new feature this year. Come see fiber arts in action!

Admission is \$3.00. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided. Don't miss it!

Tell your friends!

Summer Open House

Saturday, August 21
10 AM - 2 PM