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MOUNTAIN HOMESTEADERS ASSOCIATION

Editor—Marti Szczur

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Sizzling Summertime

The Mountains Are Alive with the Sound of Music

by Christine Casey

Ambling along the Shamokin Springs Nature Preserve Loop, we come upon a footbridge. Suddenly, out of the quiet of the summer's day, the sweet sound of an oboe fills the air with mellifluous sounds. A bassoon, French horn, clarinet, and flute soon join the oboe permeating the air with Samuel Barber's Summer Music for Woodwind Quintet, Op. 31. A little mountain magic is happening and is a feast for the senses. Cascading streams surrounding the musicians add to the mix in perfect harmony. We stand transfixed, listening - standing on the little bridge enjoying the surround sound. The musicians have become one with nature. The music was written by a composer whose creative spirit flowed freely like the stream unbridled by the musical currents of his time. It is a perfect match.

Around a few more bends in the pathway is another academy chamber ensemble. You can hike a little further and enjoy a string quintet - glorious music to behold.

"I'm so happy to know that classical music will not die," said Cheyenne a clarinet playing academy student working toward her masters in music at Florida State University. She has been so delightfully surprised to find the Wintergreen community so supportive of the arts and is elated to know that symphonies will be in her future and not relegated to the same fate of the Dodo bird. There are many other talented students passionate in their desire to become accomplished musicians that are here studying with music masters in the Wintergreen Summer Music Academy.

"People actually come out to see you perform and enjoy classical music in this community. This makes me so happy," stated Lauren, a flute player working on her music degree at McGill University in Montreal.

"I love waking up here, being a part of this musical experience, and not having to travel back and forth," says Genevieve, a bassoon player studying at Michigan State University.

People, like Maria and Paul Spence, have created a scholarship fund enabling students to learn from musical masters in a program aimed at musical growth. Young instrumentalists and composers spend time with outstanding professional musicians listening, playing, creating, taking masters classes, and working in ensembles. For many, it is a dream come true. It's an opportunity of a lifetime that can be life affirming and changing.

Many people donate to the Wintergreen Performing Arts. Some specify that their contributions be used to sponsor music academy students. If you would like to sponsor a student or make a partial contribution to help an academy student, please e-mail info@wintergreenperformingsarts.org or contact Larry Alan Smith, Artistic and Executive Director at (434) 325-8292 or send a check to:

Wintergreen Performing Arts
P.O. Box 816
Wintergreen, Virginia 22958

Your contribution could be just the opportunity a gifted student musician needs to launch their musical career and fill these mountains with music for years to come.

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President's Corner

HELLO TO ALL!

Your MHA Board, as well as me, hope you are having a GREAT SUMMER traveling or attending the many events here at Wintergreen.

The Wintergreen Performing Arts Summer Music Festival has gone well with good attendance at most of all of the daytime events, as well as the evening concerts. Hope you have attended some, and if not plan to do so next year. Next years theme is "REALMS OF GOLD A MEDITERRANEAN ODYSSEY" which begins July 6-August 7. So mark your calendars.

This year's Shrimp Fest and Independence Day All American Cook Out were very successful and all had fun. Congratulations to Millie and Tom Steele, who coordinated the two events and had great helpers too. Good help is always appreciated, so think about signing up for some of next years parties that will be announced later, so stay tuned in by viewing the next LINK.

Mark your calendars for the Lobster Feast, September 11th at 5:30 at Chestnut Springs Park & Pool. The deadline is September 4th and is limited to the first 70 **members** with checks to Larry Luessen, RR1, Box 503, Roseland, Va. 22967-9201.

If you would like to serve on the MHA Board for 2011, please contact me.

Horace H. Brady, Jr., MHA President
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Join these Mountain Activities ...

Mountain Women meetings are held the second Friday of each month at 10:00 am. Roadrunners are welcome! Contact: Martha Misker on 325-7585.

Mountain Women Gardeners meet every third Friday at various member's homes. Contact: Vera Jones on 325-9256.

Mountain Women Book Group meets the Monday after the Mountain Women meeting. Contact: Barbara Porter on 325-7314.

Mountain Women Craft Group meets on the 4th Friday of each month. Contact: Sarah Scott on 325-7375.

Mountain Women Epicurious Group meets on the second Thursday of every other (even) month. Contact Sylvia Stafford 325-1439 or 410-268-1681.

Book Clubs: Two book clubs meet each month on Tues evenings. Contacts: Arlo Croxall on 361-0045 or Elaine Davis on 361-1936.

Mahjong meets Mondays at 10:00 am. Contact: Susan Capell on 361-2435.

Saturday Evening Bridge meets the second or third Saturday of the month, at 7:30 pm. Contact: Kate McIntire at 325-7073

Editor's Note

Oh, my, what a July! I've been brushing my teeth to the beat of Mozart and waltzing around the house humming Strauss. I so love our summer music festival! In fact, on my June visit with my 90-year old mom, I explained that I really needed her to stay healthy in July. Luckily, she survived the month just fine, and I didn't have to make a decision whether to tend to an ailing mom or remain on the mountain and attend the music festival (just kidding … I'm sure my mom would have won!) Alas, now that August is upon us, reality has struck, and I will need to clean the house again, maybe replenish the freezer and pantry, and get back to some consulting work I have in the queue.

Some heat we had in July, eh? Unusual for us to have to worry about being warm up here. We even flicked the A/C on. Sadie Dog was not so eager to go for long walks, and I learned which plants survive drought the best. However, as I write this note, it is back to a cooler temperature and our rain barrels are full from a storm the other day. Sadie bounds off for her walks. Plants have stopped gasping. Nice. Here's hoping August treats us comfortably!

Newsletter's a bit lean this time. I'm soliciting ideas (and writers) for new columns or articles. Got a topic you think would be of interest to Mountain Homesteaders? Send me a note. I'd love to hear from you.

Marti Szczur (szczurmar@aol.com)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS YEAR!
2010 Mountain Homesteaders Activities

February 27th — "Mardi Gras" Party (Gumbo/Jambalaya Event)

March 27th — "Zodiac" Party (New Member Party)

June 12th —Shrimp Feast

July 4th — Annual 4th of July Cookout

August 7th — Western "Pork and Boots" Party (Ribs & Barbeque Pork)

Sept. 11th — Lobster Feast

Sept. 25th—Oktoberfest

Nov 13th—Annual Holiday Party at Wintergreen Skyline Pavilion

Note: Details about events will be sent by email, be available on website, and posted at Mailbox Kiosk.

Sept. 11th — Lobster Fest

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT (No extended family or friends)

Where: Chestnut Springs (Trillium House is rain location)

When: 5:30 pm **How Much**: $30 per person

Fresh Lobster Dinner
Wine & Soft Drinks provided

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Sept 4th

Please note: This is a popular event. Due to facility size, it is limited to the first 70 who send checks to Larry Luessen at RR 1 Box 503. Roseland, VA 22967 (email: lluessen@verizon.net)

IMPORTANT: Bring your own 'pick & hammer', as MHA does not provide tools.

Sept. 25th — Oktoberfest

(held in conjunction with the WPA Oktoberfest)

Where: Evans Center **When**: 12—1 pm

For Mountain Homesteaders, the food at Oktoberfest is free (included in the dues you have paid). Yeah!

Here's how it works - At the ticket booth, identify yourself as a Homesteader and you will receive a coupon good for a meal plate--a wurst, potato salad, sauerkraut, etc. Turn the coupon in at the food stand as payment. To make it more of a Homesteader get together, food tickets will be given out between 12 and 12:30 -- tables reserved for Homesteaders from 12-1.

Note: Beverages (e.g., Beer, Soft Drinks) can be purchased at event.

Nov 13th — Annual Holiday Party at Wintergreen Skyline Pavilion

(Details will be sent by email.)

Wintergreen Performing Arts is a 12 month operation!

Coming up next is the 5th Annual Blue Ridge Mountain Music Fest…and More

The Blue Ridge Mountains are a painter's paradise, rich with the pink of mountain laurels; the blues, lavenders and purples of mountain and sky; the greens of the summer forest, turning to fire as the autumn advances; and, when the eye is weary, the subtle, stark colors of winter. But the Blue Ridge has a voice as well. The Blue Ridge speaks through mandolins and guitars; fiddles and basses; banjos and autoharps. The Blue Ridge speaks in the plaintive high lonesome tenor of the balladeer and the longing soprano sigh of the weary mountain woman. The Blue Ridge sings the story of America's roots. This rich tradition is featured at the daylong 5th Annual Blue Ridge Mountain Music Fest on **Saturday, August 21, noon-7:00pm at the Evans Center.**

The 2010 program features **Junior Sisk and Rambler's Choice**, a group that is rapidly being recognized as one of America's finest traditional bluegrass bands. The group also features Jason Tomlin, formerly a member of the Deer Creek Boys, on mandolin and tenor solos. Also appearing will be **The Steel Wheels**. This group features acoustic music ranging from old time, country folk, infused with elements of gospel, blues, and rock and roll. From the far southwest of Virginia comes the family-based old time group the **Whitetop Mountain Band**. The day's performances will conclude with the Appalachian string band music of **Kim and Jimbo Cary** and **Pete and Ellen Vigour**.

Also on Wintergreen Performing Arts' late summer schedule is the **International Wine and Food Festival on Saturday, September 4 – Labor Day Weekend.** Explore wines from around the world – over 50 wines from Australia, France, Germany, Italy and Spain, New Zealand, Chile, Argentina, South Africa, California, and, of course, Virginia.

And to end the month of September there is the popular **Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 25**. A celebration of German culture and food – a family event in a beer garden setting. Enjoy traditional "oom-pah" band music and taste local microbrewery beers while feasting on bratwurst and potato salad.

You can find out more about all three of these events at **www.wintergreenperformingarts.org.**

Secrets from a Chef's Recipe File

GOLDEN GAZPACHO

Chef Ellen English (Rosa-Ellen@verizon.net, 325-2012)

Ingredients

- 2 yellow peppers: halved, cored and seeded
- 1-2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1 banana pepper: halved, cored and seeded
- 2 pounds yellow tomatoes, cored and quartered
- 1-2 cucumbers, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 2 small yellow squash, coarsely chopped
- 1 large sweet onion, diced
- 1 celery stalk, trimmed and sliced.
- 1 medium jicama, peeled and diced (or tart apple like Granny Smith or Albemarle Pippin, peeled cored and diced)
- 2 cloves garlic
- 3 cups vegetable broth or chicken stock
- 1-2 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 4 Tablespoons fresh chopped herbs (basil, mint, parsley, chives, etc)
- 2 Tablespoons extra virgin olive oil (plus extra for drizzling on each portion, as desired)
- Dash of hot pepper sauce or to taste
- Kosher Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- Pinch of sugar
- Garnish: Chopped chives and fresh steamed sweet corn cut from the cobb.
- Optional: 1 pound fresh lump crabmeat tossed in a little Old Bay

Directions

Place yellow peppers in a roasting pan, cut side down, drizzle with olive oil and roast @ 400° for 22-25 minutes. Immediately transfer to a large bowl, cover bowl with plastic wrap and let pepper halves steam for 8-10 minutes. Loosen skin from peppers and discard skin. Scrape any pan juices/oil from roasting pan into bowl.

Add remaining ingredients (except garnishes) to bowl, toss and then blend in batches in food processor to desired smoothness/chunkiness. I like to puree about half and "pulse" the other half so it's fairly chunky, making sure garlic cloves are in batch that's pureed.

Chill several hours before serving; garnish with corn, chives or other herbs and fruity extra virgin olive oil. Take the opportunity to experiment with a variety of vegetables -avocado is a favorite addition of mine. If you top this Golden Gazpacho with crabmeat and serve with a good loaf of bread (and perhaps a wedge of cheese) you'll have the perfect summer supper!

Serves 6-8

Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Updates

by Curtis Sheets, Deputy Executive Director, WPOA 434-325-8536 www.wtgfireresq.org

Fire Department Update

One of the largest events for the Wintergreen Fire Department each year is the July 4th fireworks display. Each year, most of the staff and volunteers, as well as members from neighboring departments are on hand to make sure the community can safely enjoy the evening. The last unit left the mountain at 1:00AM after an evening of relatively few problems. At 4:50AM, there was a problem, and it was huge.

On Blue Chickory Lane in the Stoney Creek community, a house was fully engulfed in flames, while the occupants were inside. Within five minutes, our crews arrived and were met by the occupants whom had thankfully escaped without injury.

Crews worked for over three hours to make certain the fire was contained to one property. The dry conditions, and proximity of the home to thick woods, made this a bit of a challenge. Ten of our own firefighters, with the support of twenty from neighboring departments battled the blaze. The ladder truck was on-scene to establish a "water curtain" between the affected home and unaffected homes, should the primary attack strategy fail. Enough of the home was destroyed for it to be considered a total loss. The cause of the fire, while not at all suspicious, remains under investigation by the insurance company, which is standard procedure for a major loss.

This fire should remind us all of several things:

- Know your escape route.
- Have and maintain smoke detectors and alarms.
- Support your fire department in whatever way you can.
- Appreciate that no Fire or Rescue agency in Nelson County is capable of handling all emergencies by themselves, and our mutual-aid agreements are very important.

The staff are always available to help you formulate your plans for risk management. Please explore our website at www.wtgfireresq.org for a complete list of services we offer.

As the annual fire department fund drive winds down we sincerely thank each of you for yet another successful year, and we wish the rescue squad well with their drive, which is about to begin.

Rescue Update

On average, nearly three times each day the Wintergreen Rescue Squad responds to a 911 emergency. Fortunately, most calls aren't life-threatening, however at times, seconds count. The only way for the volunteers and staff to maintain proficiency is through practice and training.

This is the time of year when we are focused heavily on training and recruitment as the pending ski season draws nearer. It's hard to think about snow skiing when it's 100+ degrees; however it takes several months for us to prepare new volunteers. We always need new volunteers, and in fact are in serious need of volunteers who are able to run calls at nights and on weekends.

The annual rescue fund-drive will soon begin and while we recognize that times are difficult for everyone, please know that every contribution, no matter the size, is very important.

We will soon be taking delivery of a new cot for one of our ambulances. This shouldn't seem like a very big deal, however the price tag is $12,000 and we need four of them! This is just one of many examples of how very expensive the items we need can be.

Please remember the Rescue Squad is a completely different organization from the Fire Department and therefore has an independent annual fund-drive.

As always, we are willing to share any number of "value-added" services with you.

For more information on what we offer, membership requirements, or to see a log of recent noteworthy events, please visit our website at www.wtgfireresq.org.

Our mission is simple, ***"To provide the best-possible pre-hospital care to the citizens of Wintergreen and our neighbors in Nelson and Augusta Counties."*** To accomplish this goal takes teamwork. Please be a part of our team.

ON THE DECK

by Joan Stemmler

Good orderly direction is the mantra of the day. Order room by room creating clean empty surfaces and clutter free rooms. But wait, here is a book that I must thank the sender for. Do it now, I say to myself. And so I sit down outside and take the time to write a letter. Moving my pen across the paper writing words to reach someone is such a pleasurable occupation.

A deep slow breath, a letting go of tense muscles. Becoming aware of the feel of a freshening breeze, the billowing the canvas of the umbrella and the sound of pond water ripple, the lifting and falling of the leafy oak tree branches, the sunlight and the odorless air. Being on the deck is like being afloat in the trees. Creating a calming interlude in a busy cleaning day and a music filled month. Why not write some more?

Being at Wintergreen this month meant strolling through the Nature Preserve, hearing the intermingled strains of wind and string music and coming across an oboist answering horn, bassoon, flute and clarinet across a clearing. Listening until the end of the piece, and moving on to the strings at the next stop. Pausing for the string quintet's musical offering. Wandering along the path where the black gum trees stand, seeing in the leafy duff two red leaves of these first trees to change color in the fall and mulling on the passage of time. Finding two men standing in a drought-dried stream bed alternately reading verses in German and English of poetry that later in the week would be sung as Schubert's Die Schoene Muellerin. Amazing.

A walk on my own path through the woods revealed a visit of the bear. It had torn open a black garbage bag expecting a feast, only to find it stuffed with leaves and trail debris. The story of its frustration was told by the snatches of black plastic bag littering the trail. I wandered along past mossy rocks, past pink lady slipper plants with shriveled blossoms that I never saw last spring. Other blossoms I'll never see are those of my transplanted phlox whose ancestors lived in my mother's garden. A wandering deer untidily removed them from the plants right in front of the house.

The raccoon is angry at the bubblers in our little ponds and has ripped one apart. In the dark of one early morning, in the pond where Ed's goldfish live, I heard noisy gropings after the other pump along with an odd mewling sound. I removed the screen from the window and shone the flashlight on the ground below. An enormous mother raccoon startled and backed into the woods with her kit scurrying out of the beam of light after her.

Another mother fared not so well. After three weeks of sitting, the junco abandoned her nest in my doorway geranium pot, leaving three unhatched eggs. I had seen a thin silver and black snake nearby resting its head on a fern. Whether it played a role in frightening her away remains a mystery of the forest.

But now, my peaceful interlude on the ship of letters really must conclude. Down with the pen and up with the dust cloth.

Mountain Golfers Win Back Cup In May Shootout !

On a picture perfect weekend in mid May the Mountain golfers brought the trophy back to its rightful place in the Devils Knob golf shop, defeating the Valley team by two points in a hotly contested matchup. The Mountain golfers were led by Tracy Denny, Steve Marianella, Pete Mckee, Ned Martin and Champe Holman, all of whom won matches both days.

After the Valley took the lead by four points after Round 1 at the Devils Knob course, the Mountain team mounted a big comeback in the final round at Stoney Creek. Denny and Ed Gilbert, McKee and John Armel, and the Ed Solomon / Floyd Davidson team all swept the full three points in their matches in the Round 2 comeback . The Ken Nelson/Fred Street and Hal Bonawitz/Harrison Jones teams also came home victorius on Day 2 and Fred Thomas was a victor on Day 1 at Devils Knob. John Coy,Mike Morris, Bill Hartog ,Bruce Bach, Jim Foerge Art Mullian and Al Crannis all contributed points in the overall victory, which now makes the Mountain team winners in two of the last three years.

Both teams enjoyed a BBQ cookout and beverages at the Tuckahoe Clubhouse in Stoney Creek after golf and a good time was had by all. Join us for the next shootout in May 2011!

Photo shows victorious mountain golfers bringing the Golf Shootout Cup back to the Devils Grill (pictured Steve Marianella,Ed Solomon, Floyd Davidson,Fred Thomas, back row John Armel ,Mike Morris)

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation

MHA Editor's Picks from TWNF Calendar

(check out details and other events at http://www.twnf.org)

Aug 14: WNF Neighborhood Block Party

Come out for a great evening, a little music, door prizes and a whole lot of fun! Bring the family; there will be something for everyone. We'll have burgers and hot dogs on the grill. A great way to learn about your Nature Foundation and meet valley and mountain owners, both full and part-time. We welcome you all! Bring your appetite and your questions about Wintergreen's nature. FREE. RSVP by August 6.

Sept 10: 17th Annual Sara Ott Memorial Golf Classic and Auction

Enjoy camaraderie, beautiful views, great golf, live auction and much, much more. You'll have chances to win a new car, $1,000,000, 50/50 raffle, and many more prizes. The Ladies Nine Hole tournament at Devil's Knob is held in conjunction with the Golf Classic. Even if you are not a golfer but would like to support the Nature Foundation, join us for the awards ceremony dinner and live auction.

BEAR SMART NEWS

by Stu Harvey

We have had 9 reported bear sightings in June and numerous sightings in July, so obviously we need to be cautious about bears. There was one entry into a home through a screen in June. The bear entered and left without damaging anything. Leaving food outside, unattended is a sure attraction; likewise, food on a screened porch will provide incentive for entry.

Be sure to report sightings or break-ins to the front gate--325-8520.

Remind your neighbors who may be feeding the birds that it is not allowed from April 1-December 1.

Bob Scott has been invited by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) to serve on the Stakeholders Committee to revise the 10 year bear management plan for the Black Bear in Virginia. We are the first Bear Smart Community in Virginia. The DGIF estimates that there are 16,000 bears in Virginia and numbers are increasing ,so it is important for us to continue our efforts. While many communities are having serious problems, Wintergreen is living with the bears quite successfully, thanks to being "bear smart."

Let's keep it up!

Tuckahoe Clubhouse Update *submitted by Mary Wolf*

Our clubhouse continues to improve! We were finally able to redo the kitchen this summer. The facility is utilized constantly, and the covered deck and new kitchen make it wonderful. We couldn't have done this without all of the wonderful residents in our community. Many thanks to EVERYONE who has helped with Tuckahoe Events to build the deck and kitchen!

The most recent event was lead by Louis Calderone. Louis, Vicki Keenan, Bonnie Jefferson and Nancy McIntyre worked tirelessly to orchestrate our first annual Yard Sale and Antique Fair. The event was VERY well attended , and we made almost $2700. Many thanks to everyone who donated items and who worked this event! It was a great success and it was fun to see folks attending from all over the county.

With all of the fundraising and donations we currently have a balance of just under $5,000 to finish paying for the kitchen. We have asked the Valley Association for some money. Given their past generosity, I am sure they will come through to help us! We hope to make enough with the Murder Mystery to finish paying for the new kitchen.

Again, thanks so much to everyone for your help and support!

New Kitchen Details

Our new kitchen should be complete by the time this article is published. We are installing locks on the cabinets, then everything will be thoroughly cleaned. We are also having one additional rolling island built. The two islands will provide us with lots of storage space and a wonderful ability to configure the kitchen for many different uses.

If you haven't seen the kitchen yet, stop by and take a peek. We now have lots of extra counter and cabinet space. We also have double self-cleaning ovens with a ceramic cooktop. The cooktop has configurable burners, which are terrific. Our new frig is very spacious, and we are keeping the old frig in place, as a backup. We also have a dishwasher -- finally!

We will be stocking the cabinets with 120 plates and bowls, as well as silverware and wine glasses. We have cooking utensils, mixing bowls, cookware, etc. When you rent Tuckahoe for $75, you can pay an additional $25 to use the kitchen dishes/supplies.

To rent Tuckahoe, contact Theresa Harris at 325-8530. Checks are made out to Tuckahoe Clubhouse Fund and sent to Theresa. If you are paying to use the kitchen dishes, etc, contact Odette Henderson (361-1887) after paying Theresa. Odette will meet you and give you a key, as well as any necessary instructions.

The **Mountain Women Epicurious Group** sponsored the WPA "Pop Over before the Pops" event held at Joyce/John Claman's and Cindy/John Coys on July 14th. A good time was had by all, as the photos record. Kudos to the Epicurious women.

Vicki & Bob Keenan,Lois Conrad, and Bill Hart enjoying dinner at the Coys.

Angela Lindquist, Glenna Martin, Van and Edith Wagening enjoying some wine before dinner.

Pat Harvey preparing dinner with hosts Joyce and John Claman.

Wintergreen Cat Conscious Council Update

submitted by Ellen English

So far, fingers crossed, we only know of one kitten born homeless up here on the mountain this year.

"Tanner" was born underneath a deck at Tanner's Ridge and trapped at about 12-14 weeks of age, fostered and socialized by the Sandman family and found to be remarkably friendly and playful. He found his forever home at the 4th of July craft fair.

This is surely a sign that the 33 cats trapped and neutered since last Labor Day is making a difference in the homeless population. Many thanks to all of you who have donated cat food or money towards spay/neuter costs. For more information on this project and what you can do to help, visit www.ccc-wtg.cfsites.org.

[*Editor's Note: Thanks to Ellen for coordinating and championing this effort. This is a huge accomplishment and benefits Wintergreen animal lovers , and especially the resident feral cats.]*

The Annual Nelson County SPCA/Almost Home Golf Tournament is set for August 27, 2010 at Stoney Creek Golf Club. For more information check out their website.

http://www.nelsonspca.org/fundrsrs.htm

REMINDER: The Wintergreen Property Owners Association Annual Meeting Date has been set for:

October 23, 2010
in the Skyline Pavilion at 10:00 a.m.

To stay in the mountain news loop, be sure to subscribe to the **Wintergreen Friends Bulletin Board**. The Wintergreen Friends Bulletin Board is an e-mail version of what you might find on the wall in a community center, grocery store, or other place where people pass frequently. The idea is to provide to everyone in Wintergreen and surrounding areas a way to ask for help, get a recommendation, give away items no longer needed, etc.

To submit a request or recommendation or ask to be put on distribution list, send note to Wintergreen-Friends@Gmail.com. When you send a request or a recommendation, try to make it as concise as possible and please don't forget to include your name and e-mail address and/or phone number in the text of your e-mail. Thanks to Barbara Marker, Ellen Hampton and Ginger Fries for maintaining this useful e-service.

Newsy Tidbits

Cell Phone Update: According to Curtis Sheets, who spoke at a Mountain Women meeting in June, Verizon has abandoned its plans for erecting cell phone towers and will be doing no further improvements in Nelson County. AT&T will be installing 2 new towers (vicinity of Water Works Lane) and replacing one of the two towers in the area of Fern Circle. This work will bring 4G service to the mountain. The best coverage right now is through Intelos who will be installing a tower across from the Ski Barn.

Knox Boxes: These secure boxes, containing a key to your house, can be installed next to your power meter and a sticker can be placed on your door letting firemen responding to a fire know that a key is available (and so will not knock your door in). The boxes cost approximately $180.00 and are installed by the Fire Department.

MURDER and MAYHEM in NELLYSFORD

The wild and fearless cast of the murder mystery "Pasta, Passion & Pistol" is back -- this time brilliantly tackling the twists and turns of yet another thriller - "Lust for Wine and Murder in Nellysford".

This year's Murder Mystery DINNER Theater will have back-to-back presentations and a Silent Auction at:

MONOCAN CLUB HOUSE
THURSDAY AUGUST 19 AND FRIDAY AUGUST 20
6PM (both nights)
$40 per person for both the play and DINNER!

The goal is to raise money for two very worthy causes: 100% of the profit from the first night, August 19, will go to the Nelson County Community Fund, a non-profit organization created to provide the most basic human services to our neighbors in need. Proceeds from the August 20th presentation will benefit the TUCKAHOE CLUBHOUSE in order to help pay off our new kitchen!

Ticket reservations can be made starting JULY 7, by sending your check (made out to Ed Fries) for $40 (per person) to: ED FRIES, 1038 Stoney Creek East, Nellysford, VA. 22958. Space is limited so please sign up early.

Guess who's moving off the mountain and going to live in Paris for a year? If you haven't heard, it's Pat and Stu Harvey. Somehow we are going to try to survive without our Harveys for the year.

To keep abreast of their escapades, THE LINK will be carrying a quarterly update from them in a column called *Notes from Paris*.

Bon Voyage, Pat and Stu! Ayez une magnifique aventure!

In the Darkness of the Night

by Christine Casey

Ear-piercing sound
No rest to be found

Difficult to ignore
As I try to snore

Drag yourself up
Open your eyes

It's not a dream
That shrill stream of sound

Check the batteries
Check the wires

Please make it stop
My ears will pop

Circuit breaker off
Circuit breaker on

Doesn't matter at all
That shrill noise still calls

Bugs, dust, grim over time
A culprit's at work, but which one?

Into the darkness
Goes the noise

Neighbor's lights go on
Will the shrieking ever stop?

Changed the batteries
Checked the wires

Redirect currents of air
Please make it stop

Call for help….not this time
No fire to be found

Pull the wires and take out the batteries
No protection but peace at last.

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2010 RENEWAL DUES

2010 WINTERGREEN MOUNTAIN HOMESTEADERS ASSOCIATION

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