

# Innisfree

VILLAGE VOICE  
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*Weekend nature  
walk explores  
our own property*

## Hiking Here and There

Whether hiking in the National Park or our own back yard, walking is a part of our Innisfree lives. From the very beginning, the village plan included a ring of houses spread over a mile loop. The physical layout alone ensures we will be walking every day ...

to work, to visit one another, to take a swim.

And we walk for fun, too. This spring Meadow and Sunflower joined forces and drove to the Shenandoah National Park. With Jill as chauffeur, each member of the two households joined the fun. Vinh claims it was his first "hike" ever. He did a great job and trusted the volunteers to guide him over the rough terrain. Everyone completed the hike and was very proud of the accomplishment.

Hikers enjoyed the time

together, the beauty of each other and our national park.

On a warm spring day, Nancy led a local nature walk here at home. The route provided new views of the village, from down behind Meadow, on Batten Road. The creek was



*Denny and Laketa on their daily pilgrimage*



roaring following several days of rain. Only Carol was brave enough to go in the icy waters and look for tadpoles. Ida made super brownies, eaten midway on the edge of the creek. James did his bit for the environment by bringing home the roadside litter found along the way. It was beautiful and relaxing. Walking has always been an important part of our daily lives in the village.



*Vinh and Diane and Sunflower hiking in the Shenandoah National Park*



## Birthday Party for those born in the merry month of MAY

*Good-Bye to the Halcyon mural, painted by Bruce Caisse in 1977*



*Down to the studs, Halcyon will have a total face lift!*



*Weekend nature walkers at Innisfree*

## Halcyon Remodel

**W**rapped in Tyvek now, with old cabinets and drywall removed, Halcyon is being reborn. Built in 1973-74, it was the second house added to the village after Innisfree began. Those who remember the house when



new are excited to watch it be refreshed. You can't beat the location. Overlooking the pond, it will again become "home" for 6-7 community members when completed later this fall.



## Volunteering at Innisfree

by Rhonda Miska

Service groups who come to Innisfree offer a much needed helping hand with big projects in our village. The painting of farm out-buildings, cooking a special community dinner, serving our families at Mayfair, deep-cleaning of the community center kitchen, and moving furniture to clear out Halcyon before its renovation, are all examples of various projects that service groups have tackled recently at Innisfree. A group of five to fifteen people coming for a few hours of focused work can accomplish an incredible amount. In exchange, we always ensure that visiting service groups get a tour to learn about Innisfree's mission and the opportunity to



*Tandem school students helped weed our herb garden.*

interact with volunteers and coworkers. Service groups leave not just with the satisfaction of a job well done but also with a greater understanding of and appreciation for people with disabilities, community living, and lifesharing.

## Volunteering at JABA

by Mitch Pierce



*Mitch was recognized as a JABA volunteer in the Adult Day Care Services program.*

Iz drives me to JABA on Tuesday. That's Jefferson Area Board for Aging. When I first get in, I say hello to people I've gotten to know. I work at the Adult Day Care Services and go

there each week. I leave the Village at 9:45 and don't get back to Innisfree until after 4. I help serve the meal in the kitchen, then clean and disinfect everything afterward. I put the pots and pans through the dishwasher. I have my own lunch from 12:00 to 12:30. After that I help with BINGO. Once a month a lady from Therapeutic Parks and Recreation comes for a slide show. The last one was about Mother's Day, like how to get breakfast in bed for mothers and things like that. I really enjoy it. It's been worthwhile to get to know older people. It's very rewarding. I think it was my destiny to get to go there since I helped at a nursing home before for 7 ½ years.



*UVA Service Fraternity, APO moved furniture out of Halcyon before the remodelling began.*

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## The Weavery has Expanded!

Thanks to generous gifts from individuals and foundations, our weavery expanded this year. We now have additional space for weaving yarns and supplies, plus a handy laundry/finishing area to process weaving after it comes off of the looms. We received supportive gifts from the HUT Foundation, the Community Endowment Fund in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band, KOVAR, Tom & Sherry Nicholson, and the sale of handwoven goods made by our own weavers. Miriam, our head weaver, at Innisfree since 1984 says, "We're so happy to be able to un-box the yarn and see all the colored cones and balls of cotton. We can find them more easily when designing new projects. Weavers have more space to spread out, plus we have added another great view of the village out the window!" Thank you to our donors for helping to make this possible.



Placemats are hanging to dry in the new laundry area



Miriam finishing some of Julie's reversible placemats for sale at the Crozet Craft Fair



Robert, Linda and Brett bring decades of experience to their daily weaving.



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