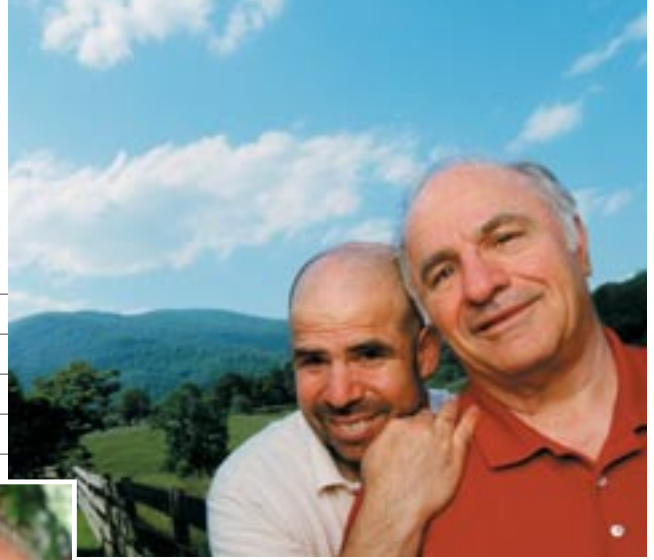


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Mark with his son, Jonathan

Tribute to a Founder

On December 11, 2010, Innisfree lost a Founding Father, a generous soul, a loving family man, and a long-time benefactor of our village. The world lost a humanitarian.

Mark and his wife, Barbara, were part of the nucleus of families who founded Innisfree, tending the concept in the late 1960s and helping the village to germinate in 1971 with the purchase of Walnut Level Farm near Crozet. That 400 acres became Innisfree Village where their son, Jonathan, came to live and thrive in 1982.

Mark's interests were boundless. During his lifetime, he delivered milk, worked on a highway construction crew, boxed in the U.S.



Mark Fried
June 18, 1932-
December 11, 2010

Army, ran a successful law practice, owned car dealerships, developed residential and commercial properties in Northern Virginia, Fredericksburg, Greene County, and Albemarle County, served on the Board of Visitors of several colleges, including George Mason University, and built a luxury pet resort in Northern Virginia. Mark was a member of Innisfree's Board of Directors for more than 35 years.

Mark dreamed big, starting with his own life. He was the quintessential self-made man. One thing that is so admirable about Mark is that while he was making his own dreams come true, he was also dreaming for others. This magnanimous, all-embracing spirit is the quality that sets Mark apart from his peers.

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The village gathered to thank Mark Fried, modeling the hats and coats and scarves with Innisfree logos that he provided.



The Cabana was finished at the same time as the reconstructed swimming pool. It has provided a perfect setting for weekly BBQs, occasional plays (including a serial Soap Opera in its maiden summer), end of season CSA (community supported agriculture) subscriber parties and cider pressing, musical performances and dances, and our Fall Equinox celebrating the bounty of our garden season. Like so many of Mark's ideas, the Cabana has become a vital part of the Innisfree landscape and so hard now to imagine how we managed without it.



This Spring the new potting shed will be finished, completing the upgrade to our garden support buildings, thanks to Mark's desire for gardeners to have a light, airy place to work, a convenient bathroom, and a mudroom for cleaning red Virginia clay from their boots.

Innisfree was just one of the dreams in which Mark had a hand. Another of those dreams was a state program to provide scholarships so that foster children in Virginia could attend college. Mark provided the idea and the seed money for this Great Expectations program, a project of the Virginia Community College Foundation of which Mark was a Board member.

Arriving at Mark's home or his Springfield or Crozet offices, visitors were always announced by a rambunctious collection of dogs, barking greetings and alerting Mark that guests had arrived. Mark and his daughter, Leah, started the Olde Towne Pet



Jon in front of his home, Oz

Resort in Springfield, an outgrowth of Mark's abiding affection for dogs. Mark referred to this high-end kennel as the "Ritz-Carlton for pets."

Mark and Barbara moved to Albemarle County about a decade ago, purchasing Turkey Ridge, the scenic farm property adjacent to Innisfree that now protects our southern flank. In the years of his association with Innisfree, Mark inspired us to think wider and imagine higher. He ensured that many of these ideas that began as his musings or brainstormings came to fruition. Innisfree's Fitness Program, which he and Barbara have been passionate about, exists because of his support and the generous use of the Fried family's fully-equipped exercise gym. The Xperience Tennis Tournament, recently held at the Boar's Head Inn, was another project Mark and Barbara conceived.

Mark knew and loved buildings. He and Barbara designed Innisfree's residence Oz, pushed for construction of the pavilion by

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Art Show

The arts continue to be important at Innisfree and many participated in the VSA Show --- VERY SPECIAL ARTS --- a visual arts show held at the Martin Luther King Center for the Performing Arts. The Opening on January 14th was a well attended gala, with artists and friends gathered to celebrate the wonderful display that will be hung in the lobby through March 4, 2011. Innisfree artist Chris Raupp was especially honored as his art work "New York City" was chosen for the poster announcing the whole show. Chris drew the colorful skyscrapers in his weekly class lead by Patricia Moore and held at our town houses. He had the pleasure of visiting the city when he and his dad went to the US Open to watch the tennis matches for his 40th birthday.

Others included in the show: *Stormy Conditions* by Ellie, *Mackinac Bridge* by Marny, *Tribute to Vincent* by Andy, *Washington DC* by Mark M. and *Trains* by Willie.

Even the papier-mâché Innisfree Dragon made in the village for Mayfair 2010 was prominently displayed for a public encore. Hanging from the ceiling above the show, the dragon lent even more color to the playful atmosphere of the opening.

But all artistic endeavors don't happen in a class. Bridget has begun using the lens of her camera to capture the beauty she sees.



Stormy Conditions by Ellie



Tribute to Vincent by Andy



Mackinac Bridge by Marny



Washington DC by Mark M.



Trains by Willie





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our swimming pool known as the Cabana, and financially supported the rebuilding of our garden's potting shed to celebrate and enhance the vegetable garden's year-round work.

Even in Mark's final discussion with Carolyn about Innisfree the December morning of his death, Mark was intent on all having warm jackets for the impending winter, asking that she be certain to add hats and scarves to the already placed order.

The Innisfree Board of Director paid special tribute to Mark Fried. Excerpts from the Board's remembrance proclaim: *"To a person who shared his vision, wisdom and counsel. To a person that was so generous with his time, thoughts, insights, and money. To a person who could be tough- and was: and a person who could be tender- and was this also. To a person who gave to us individually, to our volunteers and coworkers and to the Innisfree community as a whole- and did so willingly, regularly and with enormous heart. To a person who helped us found the Village, who helped us grow the Village and whose memory will now and forever sustain the Village."*



Barbara Fried, Leah Fried Sedwick, and Ron Manilla of the Boar's Head Inn Sports Club admire an award presented to Ron for his support of the Special Olympics Xperience Tennis Tournament held January 13-15, 2011.



2010 Campaign

With great excitement and satisfaction we are pleased to announce our five year 2010 Campaign has met our \$5 million goal. You will hear more about this wonderful milestone throughout this, Innisfree's 40th year. With these gifts with have added to our endowment, enhanced our scholarship fund, built new buildings and upgraded existing homes, plus expanded the work opportunities for community members. We are extremely grateful to our loyal supporters listed below who have contributed this year and to those who have given in the past years of this campaign.

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