

GENE STRATTON-PORTER MEMORIAL SOCIETY, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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BOX 639
ROME CITY, IN 46784

NEWSLETTERS

Please accept our apologies! It had been our intention to have 3 newsletters each year, but the 93-94 year will have only 2. Due to a very busy December and the inclement weather of January and February, snow, ice and temperature down to -22, the usual Winter issue did not materialize. Sorry!

1993 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The annual holiday open house last November 13 & 14th was a great success. This was well attended both days and the weather cooperated so that the candlelite walk on Saturday night was a beautiful sight. Cookies, coffee and hot spiced cider were served. Inspiration Christmas music was provided by Gus Butcher at the piano and the Madrigal Singers. The second floor was not open because it is not handicapped accessible. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped serve and tour.

"BOARD MEETINGS"

There were no Board Meetings during January and February due to extreme cold & heavy drifting snow. At the March 3, 1994 meeting the following 1994-95 budget was proposed:

Birthday Celebration	\$ 400.00
Xmas Open House	500.00
Wildflower Walk	75.00
Fall Foliage Walk	50.00
Miss Limberlost Tea	150.00
Office Supplies	50.00
Postage	50.00
Annual Meeting Exp.	100.00
IN State Non-Profit	10.00
Liab. Insurance	200.00
Flowers for Gardens	1000.00
Newsletters	600.00
Brochures	325.00
Misc. Expenses	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3810.00

GSP ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1994 6:30 P.M.

ROME CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
\$7.00 Per Person Chicken with all the trimmings

Business Meeting
Reports
Program by Neil Case

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND & BRING A FRIEND.

Reservation cards will be sent soon!

Mother Duck

The last 2 years a mother duck has built her nest above the 2nd porch on the back of the cabin. When it's time for the ducklings to leave the nest Mother Duck flies to the ground below and coaxes her young ones to "abandon nest" and "fly" to her. The landing strip is the cement sidewalk around the back porch. One by one they plop on the hard cement, shake their stunned bodies, gather around Mother and walk in a line to the lake where they jump in and swim off. How would you like to have a Mother like that?



Michael O'Halloran *"Be Square"*

By
GENE STRATTON-PORTER
Author of "Freckles," "Laddie," Etc.

THIS is the story of Mickey, a newsie, small in size, but with a big, broad, common sense, street philosophy of life, and a ready Irish wit and cheerfulness that goes right to your heart. It is, too, a nature romance filled with the charm of the swamp flowers and the bird songs of Mrs. Porter's "Limberlost" stories.

Illustrated and decorated

Cloth, net, \$1.35 Leather, net, \$2.00

"Greetings from the Cabin"

Margie continues her great leadership in this finely tuned operation. Martha is her assistant and Joy is in charge of site maintenance. Our enthusiastic staff of intermittents are all returning. Hurrah! Betty's and Robin's cheerful hellos will greet you at the front door and they will give you an informative tour of the cabin. Jeannette and Pat will add their magic to that of the Devine's to produce beautiful gardens and grounds. Pat will also be conducting a variety of nature activities throughout the season. If you happen to visit us in the next couple month you may see the following projects in progress: An addition to the existing garage to provide a much needed workshop for Joy and storage space for equipment and vehicles and a new roof on the cabin.

Thanks to the Society a new attractive and informative site brochure is available. The brochures will be placed in card racks throughout the area.

Remember: Call in advance if you need transportation from the parking lot to the cabin and someone will meet you with the Limberlost Trolley.

GARDEN SHED NOTES:

At the time of this writing it is 62° F, full sun, birds singing -- AH - Spring. It's hard to remember last January's -27° F. Sorry to say but I missed it as I was in Key West. Oh well maybe next year! The temptation to get into the gardens and clean off the beds is great - but I have lived in Indiana too long to know better!

But the flowers don't wait on us or winter to get around to them, so they start the Rite of Springs. Already the coltsfoot and skunk cabbage are up and have the headstart over the other plants (good luck). Did you know coltsfoot does not develop leaves until after its flower has drooped and gone to seed? Sometimes we must move fast to catch the action in the garden! More so with the spring flowers. So take your spring tonic and get a move on and come see the happenings out in the woods and garden. Stop by for a visit or...stop by and help. We are looking for a few good hard working volunteers...for more information call the site and ask for Pat.

Do you have these things around your house? If so we could use them. If you have no need of them and would like to donate them to the garden just bring them to the garden shed.

Roller Skate Wheel
Glass eye droppers
6 oz. juice cans (no juice)
Yarn
Goose or turkey wing feathers

Panty Hose
Thermometers
Pill Cups
Venetian Blind
One 6" strand unbleached blond hair

1994 ANNUAL DUES, NOW DUE

Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society dues run from January 1st to December 31st. Please check the appropriate membership box below, write your check and send your dues in now. THANK YOU! If you are in doubt as to whether you have paid your dues a gold star here indicates your '94 dues have not been received.

We hope you will renew your membership now. Your contribution is tax deductible. We need and appreciate your continued support. Thank again!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society, INC.
Box 639, Rome City, IN 46784

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Membership Rates per Year

Student	\$ 1.00	Non-Profit Org.	\$ 25.00
Single	7.50	Business	50.00
Family	10.00	Life (40 Yrs. of age or older)	
Sustaining	20.00	Single	100.00
		Husband & Wife	150.00

SYLVAN LAKE DAM - After the exciting Birthday Celebration last August with Jim and Ann Meehan it was back to the regular routine and the talk and worry of how soon, and what would be done to the dam to get the water level back up to normal. The water being lowered 7 1/2 feet left a lot of lake bottom exposed all around the shore. A big worry at GSP was whether the lotus water lilies planted by Mrs. Porter would survive a winter out of water. The staff tried several methods of lilies preservation - only time will tell how successful they were. Due to the lowered water level the Chautauqua Princess will again not be part of our Chautauqua celebration. This means tourism will be down and there will be a loss of revenue for both the site and the town of Rome City. It now looks as if the water level will remain down until after a new dam is constructed, finish date in late 1995.

1994 Nature Events

Wildflower Walk

A walk through Gene Stratton-Porter's Wildflower Woods guided by Naturalist Pat Bolman. Walk starts at the shelter. Refreshments served. Donation appreciated.

April 30, 1 p.m.

Early Morning Nature Rambles

Study the fauna and flora at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site with Naturalist Pat Bolman. Sessions start at the shelter. Refreshments served. Donation appreciated.

May 7 & 21, 8 a.m.

June 4 & 18, 8 a.m.

July 2 & 16, 8 a.m.

August 6 & 20, 8 a.m.

Leaf Collection

Students join Naturalist Pat Bolman and collect leaves for fall science projects. Refreshments will be served. Donation appreciated.

August 27, 8 a.m.

Fall Foliage Walk

Observe the fall foliage with Naturalist Pat Bolman. Walk starts at the shelter. Refreshments will be served. Donation appreciated.

September 24, 1p.m.

1994 Special Events

Gene Stratton-Porter's Birthday Celebration

Entertainment. Refreshments served. Donation appreciated.

August 14, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

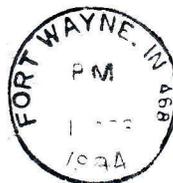
Christmas Open House

Holiday refreshments served. Donation appreciated.

November 12, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Candlelight Walk 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

November 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.



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