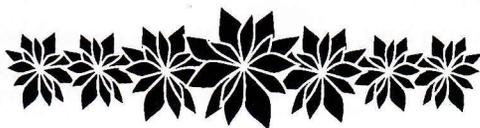


# GENE STRATTON-PORTER MEMORIAL SOCIETY, INC.

NEWSLETTER

FALL 1994

BOX 639  
ROME CITY, IN 46784



## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT WILDFLOWER WOODS

GENE STRATTON-PORTER  
STATE HISTORIC SITE  
ROME CITY, IN

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1994**  
**9 A.M. - 9 P.M.**

Music by: Gus Butcher  
West Noble Choir

6 P.M. - 9 P.M.  
CANDLELIGHT WALK

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1994**  
**11 A.M. - 5 P.M.**

Music by: Gus Butcher  
The Top Brass

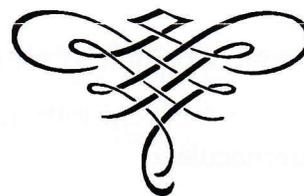
"Santa Claus"  
"Homemade Goodies"

**Information (219) 854-3790**



## SYLVAN LAKE UPDATE!

The dam will be repaired and the water will rise in May, 1995. The task at hand is to clear the exposed shoreline of weeds and trees. This is being accomplished by chopping, spraying and burning. To stop the erosion of the site's shoreline INDOT is going to add new riprap.



## CHAUTAUQUA REVIEW

Perfect weather prevailed for all our activities. A large crowd overflowed the big tent for Marcia Quick's excellent portrayal of Gene Stratton-Porter in "A Song in the Wilderness".

The Top Brass all tuba band made such a big hit that we invited them back for the Holiday Open House.

The revived 'Freckles' contest for all ages and both sexes was lots of fun. There were contestants in all four categories with lots of freckles. This event will definitely be included in next years activities.



## NEWS from WILDFLOWER WOODS

It is amazing how fast the seasons fly by. Seems like we were just gearing up to start a season and now we are preparing for our final big event the Holiday Open House.

The last large school groups visited the second week of October. All told over 2500 students from 34 different schools were our guests.

Jennette, Pat and Eva have worked very hard in the gardens and their efforts have been much appreciated. The gardens have been beautiful and are now being prepared for winter.

Pat's Fall Foliage Walk was our most successful with 50 people and no rain.

Joy is putting the finishing touches on the garage addition being built with help from Pat when more manpower was needed. He did a great job and saved the state much money.

The Cabin sports a much needed new roof. We will hope for a new coat of paint next year.

Betty and Robin are excellent tour guides and have kept the cabin immaculate.

Margie & Martha had fun doing their third Elderhostel at Epworth Forest. It is great to share Gene Stratton-Porter with people from across the United States. We enjoy presenting our outreach programs to people of all ages.

### NEW ITEMS IN THE GIFT SHOP

NATURE BINGO.....	\$12.00
1995 CALENDAR.....	\$ 7.95
BUG INNS.....	\$ 4.00

\*Prices do not include  
Indiana Sales Tax.

## SOCIETY BOARD

Two board meetings have been held since the annual meeting. The 1994-95 budget was approved. Proposals on ways to increase society memberships and revenue were discussed and members were appointed to obtain additional information and implement ideas.

### Mark your calendars!

### \*May 9, 1995, ANNUAL MEETING\*

Treasurer's Report as of October 11, 1994:

Checking .....	\$453.09
Carriage House .....	\$625.78
Program Acct. ....	\$737.75
Operating Sav. ....	\$1295.70
CD .....	\$3000.00
CD (Miss Limber) .....	\$1000.00

### SOCIETY'S SUPPORT AT GSP

In the past year the Society has underwritten the following projects and co-sponsored the following events:

#### Projects

Flowers for gardens  
Sign for trolley  
Limberlost road sign replaced  
Design and print site brochure  
Picture Framed

#### Co-sponsored Events

Wildflowers Walk  
Miss Limberlost Reception  
GSP Birthday Celebration  
Christmas Open House

### VIDEOS AVAILABLE FROM:

FEATURE FILMS  
for FAMILIES  
1-800-347-2833

"Girl of the Limberlost"  
"City Boy" based on FRECKLES

# Sarah Avery Crowned Miss Limberlost

By Dennis Nartker

KENDALLVILLE — After hearing her name announced as the new Miss Limberlost, the first person a teary-eyed Sarah Avery hugged was fellow competitor and first runner-up BethAnn Gisel.

"She talked me into entering," said Avery, her voice breaking with emotion. "I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for her."

Tears were flowing Saturday night at the 1995 Miss Limberlost Scholarship Pageant here at Cole Auditorium.

Special guest Miss Indiana Tiffany Storm wiped tears from her eyes after singing "Dreamers."

Michelle Albaugh, 1993 Miss Limberlost, cried openly when thanking her family, friends and pageant organizers.

"Don't forget, there's \$7,000 in scholarships walking away tonight and that's what this is all about," she said before waving farewell.

Then the emcee Pam Stephens told the audience she shed a tear backstage while listening to Albaugh.



1994 MISS LIMBERLOST ROYALTY

Sarah Avery, 18, of Kendallville, second from left, was crowned the 1994 Miss Limberlost Scholarship Pageant queen Saturday night at Cole Auditorium in Kendallville. Shown with her are: left to right, Jaime Miller, 18, of Kendallville, second runner-up and Miss Congeniality; Avery; BethAnn Gisel, 20, of Kendallville, first runner-up; and Natalie Baughman, 19, of Kendallville, third runner-up. (News-Sun photo by Carl Duvall)

Avery, 18, is the daughter of Robert and Susan Avery, of Kendallville, and a 1994 East Noble graduate.

For her talent the 5-foot, 10-inch redhead created once again her most memorable East Noble Theatre performance as Dolly Levi, singing "So Long Dearie" from the Broadway musical "Hello, Dolly!"

The 1994 East Noble graduate will represent Noble and LaGrange counties in the 1995 Miss Indiana Scholarship Pageant next June. While in school she was active in theater, show choir and Bi-Phy-Chem Club.

She plans to attend the University of Evansville and major in theater performance.

"I am very surprised," she said after being crowned by Albaugh with help from Miss Indiana.

Avery won a \$3,000 scholarship from the Dekko Foundation, a fashion award from Special Moments in Kendallville, roses from Chloe's Florist, tanning sessions from the Tanning Hut and a copy of Gene Stratton-Porter's "Girl of the Limberlost" from the Gene Stratton-Porter Society.

A star here \_\_\_\_\_ is a reminder that we have not received your 1994 dues. Since 1995 is fast approaching why not pay both years with one check.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Rates per Year

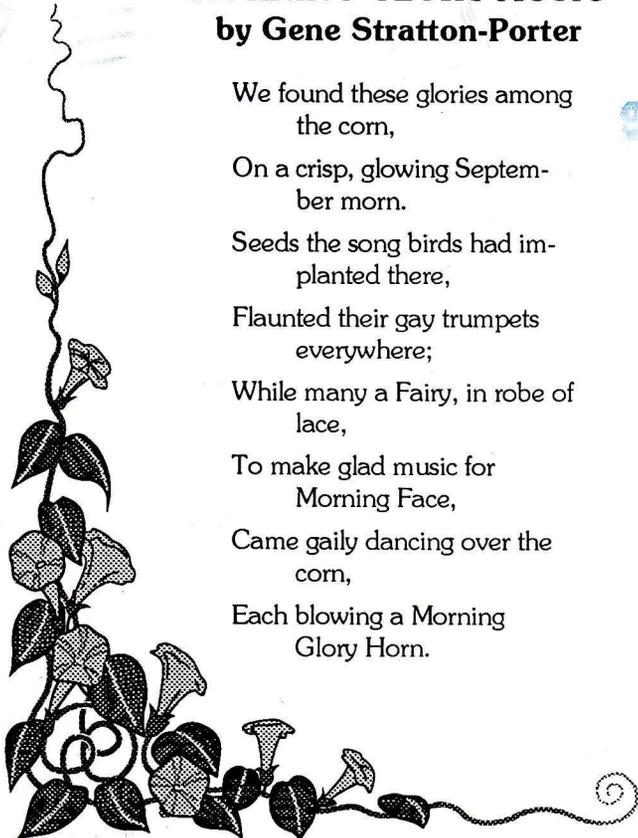
Student .....	\$ 1.00	Non-Profit Org. ....	\$ 25.00
Single .....	7.50	Business .....	50.00
Family .....	10.00	Life (40 Yrs. of age or older)	
Sustaining .....	20.00	Single .....	100.00
		Husband & Wife .....	150.00



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## MORNING GLORY MUSIC by Gene Stratton-Porter

We found these glories among  
the corn,  
On a crisp, glowing Septem-  
ber morn.  
Seeds the song birds had im-  
planted there,  
Flaunted their gay trumpets  
everywhere;  
While many a Fairy, in robe of  
lace,  
To make glad music for  
Morning Face,  
Came gaily dancing over the  
corn,  
Each blowing a Morning  
Glory Horn.



## Couple bring Porter to life on stage

By Jackie Kunzmann

ROME CITY — For Marcia Quick and Larry Gard, putting on a one-act, one-woman play about Gene Stratton-Porter at Wildflower Woods was exciting.

The husband-wife team brought their reincarnation of Gene Stratton-Porter to the stage at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site Sunday. The 45-minute production was part of the annual Chautauqua Days Festival.

Following her performance, Quick was surrounded by members of the audience who wanted photographs and a few minutes to tell her how they felt about the production.

"It is so special to do it here, she told them, posing in her khaki green jodhpurs, knee-high black laced boots, man-tailored shirt and straw hat while pictures were snapped. "Some people have said they thought Larry's words were Gene Stratton-Porter's and that is flattering. Larry wanted to write the play with her diction."



"It is really exciting to come to Wildflower Woods and do the play," Gard, who wrote and directed the production, said. "We can really feel the spirit of Gene Stratton-Porter here. It is exciting to do and feel that."