

SUMMER UNFURLS HER CLOAK

With fireflies blinking in the twilight and strawberries ripening in every patch, summer has arrived in the Valley of Plenty! The long golden days are perfect for exploring new paths, reading under shady trees, or swimming in the sparkling waters of Lake Genesee. Gnome Anne hosted the season's first dawn yoga, attendees reported a deep sense of stretch and serenity (and one accidental tumble into the clover patch).

其 OTTO'S TRAIL CHALLENGE BEGINS

Adventure-loving gnomes, rejoice! Gnome Otto has announced his *Great Trail Challenge*: a weeklong journey through five secret spots across the Valley. Clues are hidden in pebbles, tree hollows, and songbird verses. The first team to complete the trail will receive the coveted Compass of Curiosity! Sign up by June 10 at Otto's Grotto.

GNOME ORE'S LITERARY LANTERN NIGHTS

Every Saturday in June, Gnome Ore will host evening readings in her garden at Adore Villa. Bring a lantern and a cushion! This month's theme: *Journeys Through Gentle Lands*. Tea and thistle biscuits provided. Children welcome. First session: June 7 at twilight.

ፉ FIELD & FOREST NEWS

- Farmer Bramble's corn is knee-high and humming with beetle-chatter.
- Mulberries are plump and free to pick near the Grove of Abundance.
- The Forest of Bounty's golden mushrooms are *not* for nibbling—please ask Gnome Ess before harvesting.

GENESSEAN GALLERY UNVEILS NEW WORKS

The town of Genesee's gallery just opened a summer exhibit: *Brush & Bloom*—a stunning collection of watercolours by local artist Misty Thatch, who paints with pond water and crushed petals. Don't miss the mural of the River of Promise painted entirely in bluebell dye.

🖶 REMINDERS & WHISPERS

- The Midsummer Feast will be held on June 21 at sunset. Bring something from your garden or your imagination.
- If you hear bells in the fields, don't worry, it's just the Windkin gathering songs.
- Gnome Aid reminds us: "Drink water. And sing while you do it!"

May your paths be dappled with sunlight, and your satchels light but full of wonder. —Lovingly from all your neighbours in the Valley of Plenty 💲

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