
 **THE VALLEY VINE** 
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 **A NOTE FROM GNOME OTTO**

"Fellow valley-folk! July is a time of open skies, bursting berries, and big ideas! Keep your eyes peeled for hummingbirds and hidden doors—adventure always knocks in summer."

 **BERRY BANDITS STRIKE AGAIN!**

Last Tuesday, Gnome Anne spotted three chipmunks in sunglasses sneaking away with a bucket of raspberries from her windowsill! "They had incredible teamwork," she admits. Gnome Aid and Gnome Ess have set up a "Berry Watch" patrol. If you see suspicious nibbling near your garden, report it to the Raspberry Rangers!

 **GNOME ORE'S "SHADE & STORY" SUNDAYS**

Bring a blanket and join Gnome Ore under the big oak tree every Sunday at 3 PM for tales, tea, and tiny treats. This month's featured book: *"The Whispering Willow"*. Readers who finish all chapters get a bookmark made of dried lavender and ribbon!

 **MYSTERY IN THE GROVE!**

Each night at sunset, someone has been playing music in the Grove of Abundance. A flute? A leaf-whistle? Nobody knows! Gnome Ad is leading an investigation. If you think you know who the "Twilight Tunesplayer" is, write your guess on a pebble and place it by the mossy stone circle.

 **MATH CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH (by Gnome Ad)**

"I bought 3 bunches of blueberries. Each bunch has 12 berries. I gave 10 to Gnome Anne and 8 to Gnome Ore. How many berries do I still have?"
Drop your answer in the "Smart Tree Stump" by the library!

 **BIG NEWS: THE GNOME FAIR IS COMING!**

Mark your calendars: August 17 is the first-ever Valley of Plenty Gnome Fair! There will be games, contests, a pie-tossing tournament, and a moss-hat fashion show. Start planning your booth or talent now! Want to perform? Talk to Gnome Otto by the end of the month!

 **JULY REMINDERS**

- Wear sunhats! The sunflower fields are in full blaze.
 - Don't forget to refill your acorn water flasks.
 - Firefly dances begin around 9 PM—best watched from Lily Pad Hill.
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Stay curious. Stay kind. And remember: even the smallest gnome can make the biggest ripple.
— *With joy from The Valley Vine Team*

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