



 **THE VALLEY VINE** 
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 **THE GNOME FAIR IS NEAR!**

The countdown has begun! The **First Annual Gnome Fair** is coming to the Grove of Abundance on **August 17th!** Expect:

 Button Toss Tournaments

 Bark-Theatre Skits

 Mushroom Carving

 The Great Moss-Hat Parade (yes, it's back!)

Bring a friend, wear your finest leaf-cape, and don't forget your acorn tokens!

To sign up for a booth or talent show slot, visit the notice board outside Grace Cottage.

 **GNOME AD'S RIDDLE OF THE MONTH**

"I had 50 pebbles. I gave 12 to Gnome Ess and hid 18 under my bed. Then I found 6 more by the river. How many pebbles do I have now?"

Write your answer on a leaf and place it in the "Math Log" by the bakery. One lucky solver wins a pinecone pencil!

 **GNOME ORE RECOMMENDS...**

This month's must-read: *The Lantern That Wandered*.

"It's about a lost lantern who floats across the Valley looking for its flame," says Gnome Ore. Find a copy in the shaded reading nook beside Adore Villa.

Bonus: Reading group meets Thursdays at 2 PM — iced nettle tea and biscuits included!

 **FROM THE FIELDS & FOREST**

- Sunberries are ready for picking! Best near the bend of the River of Promise.
- Gnome Aid says: "Compost your corn husks, not your cousin's shoes."
- Look out for glitterwings fluttering near Lake Genesee — they migrate this time of year!

 **SONGS IN THE WIND**

The *Twilight Tunesplayer* has returned! Sweet melodies have been drifting from the hills after sundown. Gnome Otto is convinced it's a friendly spirit. Gnome Anne believes it's a gnome-in-training. What do *you* think?

 **WISHING NIGHT – AUGUST 29**

Gather at the Hill of Echoes for a night of stargazing, silent wishes, and soft songs. Write your wish on a ribbon and tie it to the Wishing Tree. (Wishes sealed in gnome tradition may take up to one year to sprout!)

With berries in your basket and magic on the breeze,
— *Your friends at The Valley Vine*

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