

 **THE VALLEY VINE** 
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“Leaves, Lanterns & Lessons”

HARVEST TIME BEGINS!

The Valley of Plenty is glowing in gold and crimson! Apple trees bend with fruit, pumpkins are sprouting plump, and the air smells of spice and woodsmoke. Gnome Ess and Gnome Aid have organized the **Annual Harvest Swap** in Genesee’s town square on **September 14th**. Bring something from your garden and trade it for something new!




GNOME AD’S CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

“I picked 36 apples. I put them in baskets of 9. Then I gave 2 baskets to Gnome Anne. How many apples do I have left?”

Place your answer in the *Counting Cauldron* by the bakery. Winners get a crunchy caramel acorn!

GNOME ORE’S SCHOOL OF STORIES

With autumn lessons starting, Gnome Ore is offering **Saturday Story Lessons** for young learners. Topics include:

-  How to read moss runes
-  Writing in leaf-script
-  Acting out fables with acorn puppets

First lesson: *September 7th, 10 AM at Adore Villa Garden*.

FIELD & FOREST NOTES

- Cranberries are ripe near the River of Promise.
 - Please collect fallen leaves for the **Lantern Festival** (see below).
 - Forest mushrooms are sprouting — check with Gnome Aid before tasting!
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THE GREAT LANTERN FESTIVAL – SEPT 21

Join us by Lake Genesee for the glowing night of the year! Make your own lantern from gourds, bark, or paper leaves, then float it across the water as the moon rises. Music, mulled cider, and starwatching to follow.

WISE WORDS FROM GNOME OTTO

“Every path is brighter when lit by kindness. Carry your lantern high this month!”

With crisp air in your lungs and stories in your satchel,
— *The Valley Vine Team*

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