


“Rain, Ribbons and Rising Green”

SPRING RAINS ARRIVE

April has brought soft rain showers across the Valley of Plenty. The River of Promise runs fuller, the hills turn bright green, and every muddy path seems to lead somewhere new. Gnome Otto says: “*If you follow the rain, you will always find something growing.*”

GNOME ANNE’S SPRING FESTIVAL – APRIL 13

Join the Valley for the **Festival of First Blooms** in the Grove of Abundance. Expect:

 Flower crown making

 Meadow music circle

 Birdsong storytelling hour

Bring petals, ribbons, or a small poem to share at the community bloom table.

GNOME ORE’S APRIL STORY WALK

This month’s tale: *The Umbrella That Learned to Listen*

Walk-and-read sessions every **Sunday at 2 PM**, starting at Adore Villa and winding toward Lake Genesee. Hot nettle tea will be waiting at the halfway bench.

GNOME AID & GNOME ESS CRAFT CORNER

Seed Paper Surprises

- Tear scrap paper into small pieces
- Soak in water, mash into pulp
- Press into shapes and sprinkle with wildflower seeds
- Dry and plant in soil

Result: Letters that grow into flowers!

FIELD & FOREST REPORT

- Bluebells are beginning to bloom in shaded woods.
 - The first frogs have returned to Lake Genesee, singing at dusk.
 - Gnome Aid reminds everyone: “Puddle jumping is encouraged — just wear good boots!”
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WORDS FROM GNOME OTTO

“April does not rush — it awakens. Watch closely, and you’ll see the world remembering how to grow.”

WITH RAIN ON ROOFTOPS AND GREEN IN THE GROUND

— *The Valley Vine Team*

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