



The Village Green

Newsletter of the Village of Pomona

April 2004

Message from Mayor Herbert Marshall ...

Each of us fortunate enough to live in this pleasant little village called Pomona, have a common bond to the spirit and nature of our very special community. This past week, Helen Seymour, who moved into our village about 5 years ago, presented me with a very special treat in the form of a poem, "Pomona", written by James Whitcomb Riley in about 1883. From a book of poetry published by The Bobbs-Merrill Company in 1922, this poem so clearly reflects the spirit of our Pomona that I have decided to forgo my usual prater and make it the center of this month's newsletter. I hope you enjoy it as I have.

POMONA

OH, the golden afternoon!-
Like a ripened summer day
That had fallen oversoon
In the weedy orchard-way-
As an apple, ripe in June.

He had left his fishrod leant
O'er the footlog by the spring-
Clomb the hill-path's high ascent,
Whence a voice, down showering,
Lured him, wondering as he went.

Not the voice of bee nor bird,
Nay, nor voice of man nor child,
Nor the creek's shoal-alto heard
Blent with warblings sweet and wild
Of the midstream, music-stirred.

'Twas a goddess! As the air
Swirled to eddying silence, he
Glimpsed about him, half aware
Of some subtle sorcery
Woven round him everywhere.

Suavest slopes of pleasaunce, sown
With long lines of fruited trees
Weighed o'er grasses all unmown
But by scythings of the breeze

In prone swaths that flashed and shone

Like silk locks of Faunus sleeked
This, that way, and contrawise,
Thro' whose bredes ambrosial leaked
Oily amber sheens and dyes,
Starred with petals purple-freaked.

Here the bellflower swaped and swung,
Greenly belfried high amid
Thick leave in whose covert sung
Hermit-thrush, or kathdid,
Or the glowworm nightly clung.

Here the damson, peach and pear;
There the plum, in Tyrian tings,
Like great grapes in clusters rare;
and the metal-heavy quince
Like a plummet dangled there.

All ethereal, yet all
Most material, - a theme
Of some fabled festival-
Save the fair face of his dream
Smiling o'er the orchard wall.

[Pomona - The Goddess of Fruit Trees Ed.]

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SPRING CLEANUP - HAVERSTRAW HIGHWAY - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Beginning in April and during the months of April, May and June, the Haverstraw Highway crew will be doing their spring cleanup. This will include the cutting back of branches that are overgrown and hang down over the roadway. The Highway Departments do have the right to cut back all the

way to the property lines.

All Haverstraw Highway trucks are marked with the Town of Haverstraw logo on their doors. If you see an unmarked truck doing work, and you are not sure who they might be, just give us a call at Village Hall at 354-0545, and we will check it out for you.

Meet the Neighbors ... Lee Ann Greene

We are pleased to introduce you this month to a long-time and prominent member of our community - Lee Ann Greene.

Lee Ann is the proud owner of Country Lee Farms on Ladentown Road, just outside the village. Many of you may know Stuart Greene, Lee Ann's husband, who is the owner of Pantry Deli on Route 202 for the past 19 years! They live on Ladentown Road in the village with their two children, Hailee, 15 and Theo, 12

If you read last month's Village Green article regarding some history of the village, you read about actor Burgess Meredith having been instrumental in helping incorporate the Village of Pomona by organizing a wonderful horse show. Lee Ann Greene is related to that bit of history as she purchased part of the property that was owned by Burgess Meredith, including the property on which the horse show was held. She is very proud of that fact and remembers well the celebrities that came to visit Burgess, like Carroll O'Conner.

Having purchased the farm 22 years ago, Lee Ann has built a multi-faceted business which includes the boarding of horses, riding lessons for adults and children, pony rides, and birthday parties which include pony rides as well. If your children attend any of a number of the local day camps, it is Lee Ann's ponies that they ride on Horseback Riding Day. Lee Anne is not only a certified instructor but also

a U.S.D.F. Bronze and Silver Medal Holder, as well as a medalist in Dressage.

Another source of pride for Lee-Anne is the non-profit organization, STEED, (Special Therapeutic Equine Development), a riding program which takes place on her farm involving a crew of volunteer (certified) instructors who work with physically and mentally challenged individuals for 10 weeks each in the spring and fall. STEED has been with Lee Ann for 18 of their 27 years.

Last but not least, Lee Ann runs a 4H Club on the farm property with the emphasis on horses, of course. The club is for children ages 7 - 19, and educates them in agriculture, medicine, and several equestrian areas. They learn about the care and feeding of the animals, and many of the kids end up studying veterinary medicine at Cornell! Her 4H Club is also part of the Adopt-A-Highway program, whereby the kids volunteer and clean up on a certain portion of road in the vicinity.

Whether they study at Cornell or not, Lee Ann says the kids that have studied with her, volunteered with her, or have participated in the 4H Club, always come back after they are grown to see her and say hello.

By the way, the kids do not have to own their own horses to be part of this 4H program.

Not bad for a little girl from Hackensack who, at the age of 10, discovered she liked pony rides at Van Saun Park!



Lee Ann riding her horse "Uno"

Village Board Continues Work on the Budget

With a deadline looming, the Mayor and the Village Board have been working on getting the budget ready for a Public Hearing on April 12th, so that it can be passed before May 1st as required by State Law. The budget will be published on the village website prior to the meeting, and residents will also be able to come into Village Hall to get copies.

Preliminary indications suggest that this budget, like others in the past 10 years, will not increase village taxes. Good news for our residents during this period of uncertain economic climate.

Speeding in the village continues to be an area of concern for many residents. Several residents voiced their concerns during the last

village board meeting in March. Haverstraw Police Officer Hawthorne, who was at the meeting, advised that he will request his department to increase vigilance in the areas where residents had indicated speeding had increased. The Board will continue to liaise closely with both town Police Departments on this issue.



The last gasp of winter, we hope. Village Hall March 19th 2004



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