

# Innisfree

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*Mitch and Katie  
head home,  
fresh bakery  
bread in hand.*

## Where the magic happens

**O**ur newsletters and posts often focus on special events, but the magic of Innisfree really lies in our daily rhythms and routines. For this issue, we asked community members to share their favorite part of the Innisfree day.

### Walks

**Nancy:** I find the morning 'rush hour' to be very endearing. Watching the village walk together to work in the mornings

and greeting each other as we go. A short commute, and by foot, is a precious thing in this world. We have folks by foot, by walker and by bicycle; carrying trash, compost, gym clothes and each other's hands. When I lived with Stephen in Halcyon, we often walked down

singing favorite tunes as we walked, "Sunny Days, Sweepin' the clouds away...."

**Elizabeth:** Going for a walk helps me get exercise.

**Tee:** I like walking down in the morning because it gives you exercise and I can get a lot of exercise.



*The ladies of Trillium head down the hill.*



*Brooke and Mark on their way to work*



*Paul and Kevin enjoy each other's  
company on the way home.*



## Work

*Vanessa and Linda take a break to show off their matching t-shirts.*



**Vanessa:** I always appreciate my daily reminders of why I call Innisfree my home and what is really important. Whether it is Kim sneaking up to give me a hug while I am working away at the computer or Linda coming in to visit and to ask if we will be going to church on Sunday, these little “distractions” make my day.

*The woodshop crew loves coffee breaks!*

**Luis:** Our lives at Innisfree are no less busy than anyone else's. We work hard but are not consumed by our responsibilities. At the wood shop we take time at the end of each work period to relax and interact with other members of our community, sometimes even attracting workers from other workstations to this calm in the middle of the bustle.



**Julie:** [I like] working in the weavery.

**Paul:** I like working in the garden because I like it when people are always around and keeping me company.

**Mitch:** [I like] everyone helping each other.

**Mark K.:** I just like to work and I like to see special people.

**Ariel H.:** In the woodshop, we work with wood. That's our basic thing about that.



*Rush hour in the village!*



*Brooke and Sage collect some flowers to share.*



*Paul and Stephen rake leaves.*



*Sunchoke bear with Tee*





Daily lunchtime rituals include Brett ringing the lunch bell (above) and Collin greeting everyone as they arrive (below).



Former director Lee Walters joins Amity for lunch, a special treat.

## Community Meals

**Eric:** Singing "Happy Birthday" to the lucky birthday person(s) in the Community Center during lunch. The melodious cacophony is classic Innisfree.

**Brett:** When it's 12:30, I start ringing the bell 23 times. I've been doing it for quite some time.

**Collin:** I just say hi to everybody because they are my friends.

**Paige:** [I like] just coming together as a community.

**Andy:** [I like that we are] a big family.



Nich and Stephen share a laugh as lunch wraps up.



Mitch cooks up a storm.



We love it when our cameras capture the natural beauty of the village.



# Remembering Marianne Roberts

September 16, 1952 – September 11, 2018

by Phyllis Sato with Carolyn Ohle

**W**e remember Marianne as a distinctive voice adding to the richness of our life-sharing community. Her first stint was as a regular volunteer beginning in 1986, living in Laurel, rotating through work stations and frequently helping out in the office, then located in Echo. She had turned away from Wall Street where she was utilizing her Harvard MBA in the corporate world to come to Innisfree where she could live

her principles, to be side-by-side coworkers in our rural environment and to continue her advocacy for animal rights. Among many things, she introduced the Village to the Cirque du Soleil as a substitute for going to the circus before that was taken for granted. An opportunity to do lobbying work for animal rights took her to northern Virginia for some



Marianne and Wendy outside of Oakwood in 2011



Pete Jugovich, Willie, and Marianne help Phyllis and Sato in their move to VA Beach in the early 90's.

months but Innisfree seemed to call her back and she carved out various niches over the years. Her longest and most settled stint was her final one living with Wendy, first in Walnut Level, and then at Oakwood which was constructed in 2005.

Sometimes, when an individual is fulfilling a quiet role

at Innisfree, they become part of the fabric. However when they are gone we realize what a presence they were and how important small interactions were.

Marianne was very good at seeing a need and tackling it without being asked if she felt she could make a difference. Her attention to the running of a household, her careful oversight of all things medical, her documentation and follow through in every aspect of her commitments was extraordinary. She lived true to her principles, and without her presence and thoughtful attention to these details, there's a snag in the fabric of our village. She was an important part of the Innisfree family.



Marianne dances at a village event in 2010.



Marianne and Heinz in 2017

## Come to the Innisfree Village Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 8, 2018  
10am-5pm

There will be crafts for sale from our weavery, bakery, woodshop, pottery, art studio, and gardens. Plus children's activities, tours of the village, refreshments, workshops, and more!

### Register for our Wreath-making Workshop!

1:30 Pm - \$40 (Includes all materials) - Advance Registration Required! E-mail [Trisha@innisfreevillage.org](mailto:Trisha@innisfreevillage.org) to register or for more information or directions.

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