

Innisfree

VILLAGE VOICE
SUMMER 2021

*Our new solar panels
make for a great backdrop
as David helps put up
sheep fencing.*

Innisfree Magic!

by Tim SanJule

Most folks who spend any time thinking about electricity understand that in many ways it is magic. Seriously. I mean you have these invisible charged particles which we can use as energy in ways that do work for us. Harnessing this electrical magic has made modern life as we know it possible. If we couldn't plug things in we would be living a very different life. It is Magic.

Like all magic, there is both light and darkness involved.

Dark electrical magic is the kind that comes with the heavy cost of burning fossil fuels. That cost is paid for in climate change. Many of us here at Innisfree do not like changes very much, especially changes in the weather, so we are definitely concerned about dark magic.

Light electrical magic comes from the sun or some other renewable source such as wind, waves, or even water. No fossil fuel burning required! This is the kind of



electricity that we prefer and for that reason we are thrilled to announce that we now have solar panels here at Innisfree!

If you look to your left as you make the drive on Walnut Level Road one of the first buildings that you will see is the big red equipment barn in the distance past the big pond. That barn now has enough solar panels on it to provide all of the electricity needed by the barn, the cabana and the pool. We are no longer paying for electricity for those structures.

We are finally making electricity from the sun! One day we hope that we can have solar panels and/or other forms of sustainable, green energy powering many of the buildings here. We will

be using light magic and saving money on our electric bills all at the same time. It is definitely a win-win situation. Good magic for sure made possible by the generous support of the Solar Moonshot Program of the Left Coast Fund and a local anonymous donor. We are very grateful!



The equipment barn shows off its new makeover with a birds eye view.



Eric jams on his bass.



Nich picks (and grins) with his expert banjo skills.



Graham serenades us at the St. Patrick's Day party.



Vanessa keeps the beat with her Irish bodhran drum.



Grainneog sings to some of their most dedicated fans.

Musical Talents at Innisfree

With two especially talented bands in the village, it doesn't take us long to find a reason for a party or special event. Grainneog belts out folksy Irish tunes like "Kiss Me, I'm Irish" and Dammit Dan jams out with their classic rock covers like "American Girl" and "Fortunate Son." Some musical highlights from this year include the annual St. Patrick's Day party, and we rocked it at the Cabana with a summer concert and potluck. You are sure to find some smooth dancing moves, lots of laughs, and of course, really good music! Let's get to know our band members:



Dammit

Grainneog Members:

Graham-guitar
Eric-bass guitar
Nich-banjo
Vanessa-percussion

Kim and Stephen enjoy dancing a jig.



Grainneog celebrates Junefest 2019 with some of the





Clark keeps it chill with his bass chords.



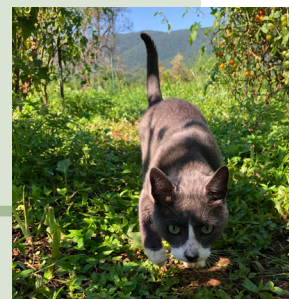
Finn drops a beat on the drums.



Tim breaks out his kazoo for a fun musical twist.



Dan jam out at our summer concert.



Dan the Cat!

Dammit Dan Members:

Tim: keyboard, kazoo, baritone
 Nich: electric guitar
 Finn: drums
 Clark: bass guitar

Did you Know?

rainneog means hedgehog. Some years ago, when Nich and Vanessa were in Ireland, they learned one Gaelic word during their travels. Can you guess what word?

their favorite tunes.

Did you Know?

Dammit Dan gets its namesake from none other than Dan the cat, one of our favorite village felines!



Katie, Linda, and Rorie enjoy a group dance.



Corinne dances along to Dammit Dan.

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Sheridan Nicholson

September 8, 1932 - June 9, 2021

Innisfree founding parent and avid supporter Sherry Nicholson died peacefully in her sleep on June 9. She is survived by two daughters, long-time Innisfree coworker Bridget "Bee" Nicholson and Susanna Nicholson, as well as a granddaughter Laura Nicholson, her sister Susanne Androux, her son-in-law John Moore, and many dear friends. Bee wanted to share the below remembrance of her mother.



My Mom was a very wonderful person. Every time I would go home, my Mom and I would always do something fun together. My

Mom and I would watch movies and watch TV or play games or cook dinner. My Mom was a lot of fun to be with. I will always miss and love my Mom. We would go over to Ireland and I can't forget all the fun that I had with my Mom and Dad.



*Tom, Sherry, and Bee
Nicholson at their home
in Kenmare, Ireland.*