

*A Year in the Life of*

# Innisfree

VILLAGE VOICE  
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**January**

## Winter Woodworkers

Brett prides himself on careful work, as shown here in our woodshop. Cheese and cutting boards, coffee and end tables are among the items produced, that are sold at craft and gourmet food shops around Charlottesville. Begun in the early years of our village, the woodshop provides an important opportunity for community members especially talented in woodworking to explore their creativity.

**February**

## Potters Hands

Frost may be on the mountains, but indoors in the pottery studio is where many prefer to be during the chilly winter months. The pottery offers a cozy space for the group to explore coiled dishes and larger collaborative works in clay. Individuals also have the opportunity to work on the wheel under the guidance of our potter, Becky Garrity. Our expressive therapies program also includes music with Cathy Bollinger and art with Patricia Moore.



**March**

## Spring Arrives

Spring means a visit from the Easter bunny and an egg hunt on the lawn. Robert is eager to make friends with the giant rabbit. Each month our activities committee brings a variety of seasonal celebrations to our community calendar. Equinox and solstice celebrations, a drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway to view the arrival of redbud and dogwood, a Sunday Jazz brunch, and a spring fashion show are just a sampling.





April

## Proud to be Bakers

Katie bags another batch of our signature granola for sale at health food stores in Crozet and Charlottesville while Mitch puts the finishing touches on loaves of rosemary garlic bread. Each week the bakery makes dozens of

loaves, including gluten free bread that are eaten throughout the village. Our healthy foods and homemade meals are an incredible benefit of community living.

May

## Life in Charlottesville

Two houses in a quiet neighborhood in Charlottesville provide an opportunity for town living for those seeking a change from our rural environment. Magnolia and Walden are close to the downtown pedestrian mall making them convenient to many shops and employers. Andy loves helping in the yard at his house, whether raking leaves in the fall or mowing the lawn all spring and summer.



June

## Flowers and Herbs in Abundance

Summertime revolves around tending our herb garden, nurturing the plants that become wedding bouquets, tea bags, salves, w culinary herbs and homemade paper. C for finding a job for all her gardeners an greenhouse and drying shed are com enjoy their new year 'rou





## July Summer Camp

Our first ever "Nieces Summer Camp" was an exciting reach between the generations. Four teenage campers came to Innisfree for one week to join in daily activities and camp festivities with Uncle Bob and Aunt Marny, both long time residents of our village. The camp was a fabulous opportunity for younger family members to become reconnected with their Aunt and Uncle and learn about the special community where they live.



## August Potato Digging Party

Some days have a special quality hard to capture and reproduce. This summer the Innisfree Gardens hosted a Potato Digging Party welcoming the CSA – Community Supported Agriculture subscribers for a Dig and Swim. There were couch potatoes, potato sack races, potato print making, and hard core diggers including Chris and his father, Konrad all before the Barbeque and swim at the pool. This event provided a special blend of Charlottesville families and Innisfree community members --- one of the reasons the CSA was so successful.



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## September The Store

First Fridays is a wonderful, monthly attraction in the Downtown area of Charlottesville held predictably the first Friday of each month. The Innisfree World Artisans store keeps its doors open that evening to benefit from the strollers on the mall visiting the art exhibits and galleries, enjoying the music of "Fridays After Five," and dining outdoors. Each month we have offered a different talent --, Philip on the Bongos, weavers demonstrating or in September, Mark and his accomplice, Maria playing violin.





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**October**

## Weavers gear up for the Craft Fair Season

Jake has been an Innisfree weaver  
for more than 25 years. Like many

of our long timers, he has become an accomplished artisan, setting a high standard that has made the Innisfree Weavery known for its finely crafted scarves and shawls, placemats and garments. Each fall, the weavery and other Innisfree workstations participate in craft fairs throughout our region and sell directly through our outlet at Innisfree World Artisans.

**November**

## Oakwood under Construction

Builders have been busy throughout the year in our Village. Bathrooms have been remodeled and made "accessible," a new screened porch and deck was added to Dogwood, a new residence Oz was finally completed and work on Oakwood, another small residence is underway with hopes to be in by year's end. Ground breaking for the new herb garden drying shed, "Violet" took place at our annual Family Day Celebration following a successful campaign to raise the funds for this new building. We are grateful to ALL of our supporters for making this year one of growth and expansion.



**December**

## Wreath and Paper Making Workshop

This colorful wreath made at last year's workshop shows a sample of the creative talents of workshop participants in 2004. On

December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> we will again host our Holiday Open House and Craft Fair. All are invited. Last year's successful workshops in wreath-making and paper-making were completely filled so the event has been expanded to two days, both Saturday and Sunday in 2005. The workshops require advance registration, so call soon to see if there is still a space for you: (434) 823-5646. Or simply come to enjoy hot cider, unbelievable scenery, and uncrowded holiday shopping!