

Innisfree

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The Many Colors of Innisfree

Color is everywhere. Those of us lucky enough to call Innisfree home, find beautiful colors filling our vision, and our being, every day. Especially now, in autumn, we are surrounded by the colors of nature. Come along for a tour of the colors of Innisfree.



Yellow

We stop to smell the flowers and notice that another critter had the same idea. We look forward to visits from our family and friends. Hank Luria,

inspiration for the founding of Innisfree, visits with her daughter and daughter-in-law.



Red

Shining through the branches of trees, we see Nicky's bright sweater, and the roof of our new herb house.



Orange

We celebrate creativity in the pottery and weavery. And on October 14th we celebrated love at the wedding of Trisha and Cabell.



Green

Green is everywhere at Innisfree—the broccoli blooming in the garden, the mountains watching over us, the trees surrounding Oakwood, our newly completed house where Wendy lives.



Blue

A perfect blue sky provides the backdrop for Tom's smile and inspiration for Andrea's chenille scarf design.



Indigo

We take delight in simple pleasures—a new creation comes out of the pottery studio, while Stephen enjoys making music.





Memories of Judith

by Lisa Gerlits

My first encounter with Judith was on the dance floor. I had just arrived at Innisfree and there was a wedding that weekend. Judith, with her swinging hips and twirling skirts, was the first to start dancing that afternoon and the last to leave. She would dance with anyone and everyone, sidling up to one person then the next with her suggestive moves, a sly grin on her face and a twinkle in her eye. Or she would dance with no one at all, content to hold herself and sway back and forth with all the drama of a star in the spotlight.

And I remember Judith's sign language. Every time we had a talent show or some musical event, Judith would position herself to the side of the stage and with the air of a professional, interpret the entire performance. Whether she knew the conventional signs or just made up her own, we all appreciated her translations.

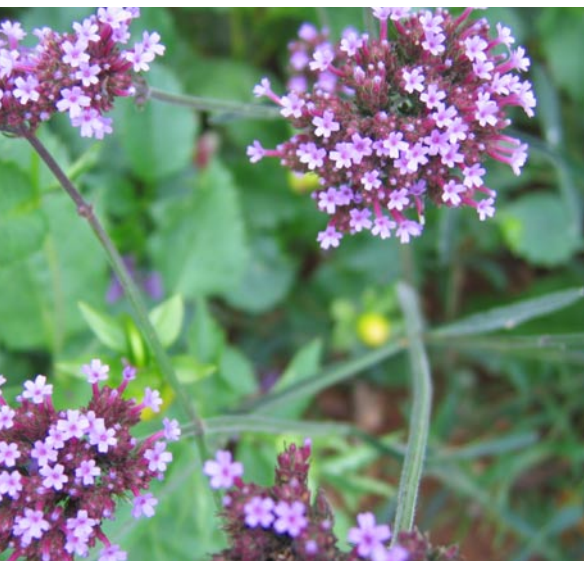
But what I remember most about Judith is her warm hands. I had been at Innisfree for probably a year or more before I discovered that Judith gives the best massages. That woman has magic hands! Besides weaving

with care and precision, Judith's hands could do something extra special. When my back ached from hunching over a loom in the weavery, Judith would sometimes come over and just rub my back for a few minutes while she took a break from her own project. She made me melt every time. I would feel a warm touch across my back, a firm thumb pressed into my shoulder, and eventually a nice strong hug. "You're my woman," she'd say, nestling her chin into my neck.

We all have so much to give each other. Judith, your bounty of spirit will be missed by all!



Judith Ann McCauley
September 29, 1958 – July 22, 2006



Violet

We see violet in delicate flowers and in the memories of our dear friend, Judith.



Rainbow

The colors unite to form rainbows. We see them in Laura & Denny's prayer flags outside of Hickory, in Joan Crump's quilt hanging in the community center, in Jon's victory at the Special Olympics in Germany, in Bridget's artwork, and in Brett's double rainbow.



Innisfree received news that Everett Montague Owen Jr. died on May 11, 2006. He was 66 years old. Monty was a member of the Innisfree community between 1973 and 1999. At his memorial service in Richmond Monty's brother, Lee described Monty's time in our village as "the best years of Monty's life." We are saddened at the passing of another friend.



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT

Did You Know?

IRA owners who are 70 ½ years and older will be able to make tax-free distributions (up to \$100,000) in each of the next two years, 2006 and 2007. Some special rules apply. The gift must be made directly to a qualified

public charity such as Innisfree straight from the IRA, shielding the giver from some of the income tax effects. This provision is currently authorized by Congress for only the next two years. Please think of Innisfree when you meet with your financial planner. A generous gift to our Village could have important benefits for you as well.

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