

NATURES TALES

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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY



Steve and Jan get a New Home!

ANNR Skinny Dip 2013

This might be the quiet time of year for us, but we still wanted to do our part in helping ANNRR beat their previous skinny dipping record of 14,288. It was a perfect day with lots of sunshine and no wind, plus there were munchies and drinks in the clubhouse to entice everyone to take part. We had a good turnout - A total of 38 people in the pool (plus our photographer) which beats our previous counts of 31 and 23. We might be a small group, but we enjoyed the opportunity of being part of something big.

The "New" Natures celebrates its 6th Anniversary

It is hard to believe that six years have passed since Frank, Bill & Sandy, and Bill & Misty joined forces and the "New" Natures was born. On looking back we are amazed, but very pleased, at how smoothly (and quickly) the past six years have gone by. They have been very busy but rewarding years as we have worked to improve and keep the park looking nice. Besides the expansion, there have been changes to the clubhouse, the pool area, the roads, the paths and other smaller projects. The only area that has not changed is our

people. Certainly we have lost some of our Natures family, others have moved, and there are more people in the park now, but, as a family, the people are the same - caring, helping, volunteering and just good folks!

We, the owners, would like to thank everyone for their love, caring and constant encouragement and help over the past six years. We could not have done it without you!

Condolences

It is with a heavy heart that we pass on the information that Sharon passed away. Sharon was loved by everyone, and had a special place in many of our hearts. We have lost a bright ray of sunshine in our Natures family, and will miss her dearly. We send our deepest sympathies to Rosaire and Sharon's family. We also thank those who were tireless in their effort to keep Sharon comfortable and well cared for during her illness.

Another Summer Project!

A few years ago we created a little kitchenette in each guest room in the area where there had previously only been a shelf with a microwave and coffee maker. We added an overhead shelf for the microwave plus a sink

and cabinets for dishes etc. This was definitely a good addition, but now it was time to freshen up the rest of the south rooms.

The dropped ceilings have been removed, and a well insulated sheetrock ceiling has been installed with brighter overhead lighting. New patio doors have been fitted, and this has eliminated the problems that we had with the previous doors and screens. The floor tiles in the bathrooms have been removed and replaced with vinyl floor covering. And lastly, new carpet with plush padding has been installed. We believe that our guests will be happy with the improvements, and it is our intention to revamp the north rooms next summer.

Tidbits from Speckles, Natures Proud Cat!

This is such a lazy time of the year. Snooze, catch a mouse, sleep, eat the mouse. Life doesn't get better than this! But my family here seem to find all kinds of things to do, even though this is *supposed* to be our quiet season!



- Steve & Jan, Lot 39, have joined the ranks of 'mobile home owners'. They worked hard at putting in beautiful wood flooring prior to heading north for the remainder of the summer. Congratulations on your new home!
- I thought that an old fashioned watch repair person had moved into the park, and then I discovered that it was Jay working on his cabbing machine producing finished cabochons! What this actually means is that Jay starts with rough slabs of stone, then grinds, sands and polishes, making beautiful stones that will later be used to create unique pieces of jewelry. Stop by and see some of his beautiful work!
- Rebecca has created the cutest little Fairy Garden. It's worth stopping to take a look at all the fine detail.
- Bill is at it again - creating crazy stuff. This time it was a sort of double decker

bicycle that looked like one bike on top of another. Dean was helped up onto this monster bike and actually managed to ride it. It is a mystery as to how he stopped and got off without hurting himself!

- Larry (Lot 236) is back home after his surgery. He is doing well and, although he is still walking a little gingerly, we are happy to see him out and about again.
- On June 30th everyone was invited to the clubhouse for ice cream and cookies to celebrate the end of the first half of the year! Sounds to me like this was just an excuse to get together and eat!
- What a great celebration we had for Independence day. Wish you could have been with us. Many thanks to Marvin & Diane and Janice & Brad for hosting the dinner.
- Florence is leaving us - but she (and we) are hoping that she will be able to visit us from time to time. We are certainly going to miss her bubbly personality and ever present smile!
- Other fun get-togethers: Ice Cream Sundaes, Root Beer Floats, A watermelon feast (but who can blame them? The Valley has the best watermelons and they only cost \$1 each!), and these are always accompanied by cookies - from 'The Cookie Man' who brings us cases of cookies every time he visits us! Thank you Mr. Cookie Man!
- I don't like getting wet, but my Natures family are so happy that it has rained. Everything is pretty and green again, but everyone is having to work hard to keep the grass mowed and the weeds pulled. They sure grow fast in the summer!
- Dennis has been on vacation, and with the rain the grass has been growing like crazy. We are extremely grateful to Al (Lot 13) for helping out by mowing the grounds twice. Thank you Al!

That's all from me. I hope everyone is having a purrrfect summer!



