

SUNSPORT GARDENS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2011

AND NOW... A WORD FROM MORLEY

It's exciting to see the progress on the enhancement projects at Sunsport. The south (front) pavilion wall refurbishing is now complete. New pavers have been laid in front of the pavilion. Most of the posts to support the pergola which will provide shade over the center of the restaurant deck and the area between the deck and the pool are in place. The climbing tower in the children's playground now has a tree-house at the top. The retaining wall to support the hill ("mountain") in the playground is almost complete. (See photo's page 2) There is significant progress every day.

We still haven't had much rain. The water level in the ponds is down about four feet.

Grey Vanaman is putting together a slide show on Sunsport's history for Sunday evening of Fourth of July weekend. Tex Reutter has provided many photos. Long time Sunsport members are encouraged to come and help identify people and events.

Sunsport will host the Fifth Annual Naturist Society Youth Camp July 16-24. Campers should be registered by July 1. Camp Director Sandra Reamer anticipates a record number of campers from throughout the country. Contributions to help support camper tuition are welcome. \$200 will allow an additional child to attend.

Florida Young Naturists aged 18-30 will return to Sunsport for another "Bash" August 12-14. Several FYN members returned over Memorial Day Weekend for an impromptu get together. In April Sunsport was featured in a front page Wall Street Journal story on young adults at naturist

resorts. Follow-up stories appeared in Time Magazine, a Miami paper and even on NPR's Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me show. I have done related interviews with media from Seattle, England and even China. While some naturist resorts may feel like retirement communities, I am proud that many young adults and families live at and visit Sunsport. People of all ages are welcomed and feel comfortable at Sunsport.

Morley



Pavilion Front Repair Completed

My name is "DJ" Don Sanborn and I am the editor for the Sunsport Gardens Newsletter. It is my intention to inform members, visitors and the curious as to the activities and the "goings-on" here at SSG. Your input, suggestions and contributions are anxiously and eagerly accepted. Contact me at Lot #3, or e-mail: SSGEDITOR@att.net. Please have any articles, letters or digital photos delivered to me by **June 28th** for review and possible inclusion in the July Newsletter. Thank you.

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Progress is evident on the Restaurant Deck



Pergola supports in place.

What will this look like next month?

Youth Camp 2011 is approaching and I need volunteers. If you are interested in running an activity for children please send me an email at budneedsme@comcast.net or leave a message at the Sunport Gardens front office for me.

Some children will need sponsorship this year. The cost for camp is \$200.00 per child. If you would like to sponsor a child please let me know. If you want to make a donation please do that thru the front office, and let them know it is for the upcoming youth camp.

If you just want to donate supplies that would be helpful also. All support is welcome and appreciated. Camp dates are July 16 - July 24, 2011. Anyone interested in attending should register by July 1, 2011. If you do not have children, please pass this information along to families you know.

Sandra Reamer
Youth Camp Director

Thank You !!

Thanks to all who have donated funds to the Youth Camp. I am overwhelmed by all of your support. Please remember to contact me regarding your donation of time and or funds by July 1st. I say to all of you...Keep up the good work!

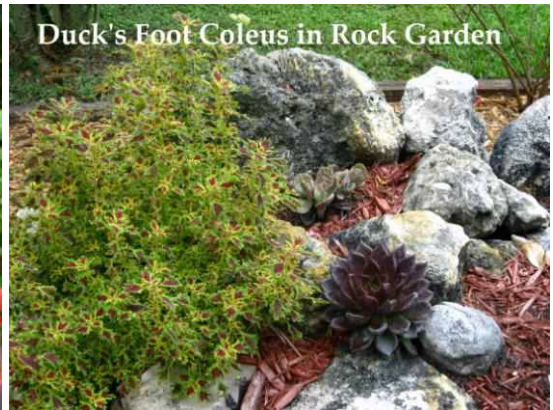
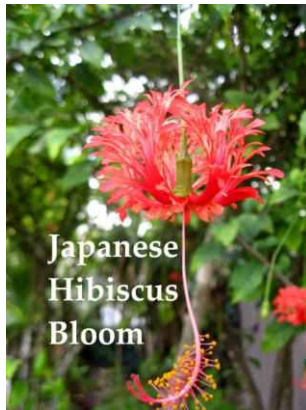
Sandra Reamer



The Prevention POWER of Gardening... (as reported in Prevention Magazine)

JUST 5 MINUTES of gardening *improves both self-esteem and mood*, according to a recent study published in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology*. There's also evidence that tending a patch of earth can make you more *tranquil, generous, and*

hopeful. Researchers speculate it's evolutionary: Connecting with nature stimulates biochemical pathways in the brain that *satisfy our primal longing to commune with Mother Earth*, restoring us to well-being.



These photos were shot in May, 2011 in The NekkedMan Garden, Lot #3, Sunsport Gardens by Don Sanborn.

WAZZUP??

Or as some say: Where Are They Now? And What Are They Doing?

This month's contribution was submitted by Bob & Helen Fekete. So... apparently there are readers out there **AND** the begging & pleading is affecting some of you! Thank you Fekete's! Who will step up next month? I would like to

hear from as many as possible! Submit your **WAZZUP??** article to me, Don Sanborn, by email to: SSGeditor@att.net or drop off to Lot #3 or the SSG office.

To whom it may concern *by Bob Fekete*

(Thu, May 12)

After a long, relaxing trip that included visiting with friends, Helen and I finally arrived at our new summer home at Berkshire Vista Nudist Resort. BVR is located in the Berkshire Mountains of Northwestern Massachusetts, and upon our arrival, the sun was shining, the birds were singing and the temperature was a delightful 71 degrees. Little did we know, that would be the last time we would see the sun or be warm for many days. The view from our deck overlooks Jiminy Peak, a ski resort on the next mountain over. There were still large patches of snow on many of the ski runs and under the lifts, but at the time, we were too excited to understand that if there's still snow on the mountain, it's still going to be COLD.



View from Bob & Helen's Window

After unloading the Miata, which really doesn't hold a lot or take too long, we did a quick inspection of the trailer then headed out on the first of MANY trips for groceries and other necessities. While shopping, almost every one we came across had a big smile and some sort of comment on the beautiful weather. That

should have been our first clue that this beautiful day was the exception, not the norm. Upon our return to BVR, we met Tom from the local RV store. He was just making his way up to our site to de-winterize our trailer. It was during this process that, for us alone, the day didn't seem quite so sunny. He found a nest, formerly occupied by field mice, inside our oven. Evidently Mommy mouse, Daddy mouse and the kids left at the first sign of Spring, but Grandpa never got to see the new wild flowers pushing their way through the ground as he had passed away in our oven over the long winter. Oh, Yeah! A freeze dried dinner was already in the oven waiting for us. (Yuck!) But wait, there's more! The good news kept coming as we found out from Tom we had two areas in the living room that had wood rot and taken out parts of the floor and one wall. Luckily, the trailer is still habitable and the rotted wood will be replaced at the end of this season while we're back at Sunspot. After micro-waving our frozen dinner and looking at the overwhelming amount of cleaning and organizing ahead of us, we retired for the evening and, oddly enough, were looking forward to days of shopping, cleaning and organizing to make this into our Summer home.

(Wed, May 18)

Rather than go through a day-to-day diary of our first week here, I'll summarize. Satellite TV and Internet were the next priority after food and cleaning. As of today, we have a brand new large screen HDTV hooked to our newly installed Direct TV dish. After visiting the local Verizon store, we walked away with a "MiFi Hotspot" device and are now connected to a reliable Internet source. BVR, like Sunspot, offers free Internet, but from our location, it is a weak signal but more importantly, UNSECURED. We at least now have an option,

as the weather and remote location here has a lot to do with reception of ANY type.

Yesterday, May 17, our new chairs arrived. Helen was about to go insane without a rocking chair. Anyone that knows her also knows she was... Born To Rock. Lastly, we ordered our golf cart and it should be delivered by Saturday the 21st.

As I'm writing this entry, I'm looking out the window. It's 7:30 am and even though the temperature is a delightful 60 degrees, there is a cold, bitter wind blowing, as it has for the past six days, and it's been either damp or rainy, the whole time. I'm guessing the sun is up there somewhere, but alas, day six is no different from the last five.

Rick and Nancy LaLonde, some of you know them from Sunsport, are due in today and we are having them over for dinner tonight. They

are the only other full-time summer residents besides Helen and I and the owners and staff. All the other members who have permanent sites here either have jobs or are retired and only come on weekends because they all have homes in the area. After living at Sunsport, it's strange to realize this beautiful park and setting is only open from May through October.

(Thu, May 19)

Tom, the local RV repair guy came by and finished up some minor repairs while Helen and Nancy went shopping. Not really earth shattering news by itself, but today, for about four hours, THE SUN CAME OUT!! Then it went away.

So much for our arrival. We're here, we're safe and we're happy. The next time something cool happens I'll let you know.

(O.K. DJ, I wrote an article! One less for you to write.)



Bob & Helen Fekete Enjoying (?) the weather in MA.