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September Brings us Fun Festivals, Fashion and Fairs



Fun times at Oktoberfest at Hofbrauhaus Pittsburgh.

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September! What can I say? I do love the fall but not as much as I dislike the close of summer, so this month is always a tough one for me. It's a time that represents so much change. Especially if you have kids of any age, attending school of any kind! This is the month the house gets quieter and feels emptier. I'm sure glad there is always plenty to do in the Pittsburgh area to keep me occupied and having fun!

The Annual Pittsburgh Irish Festival, Magic of Ireland, is being held Sept. 8-10 at the Carrie Blast Furnaces. This outdoor event is for the entire family and offers a 360 degree



Live Irish music everyday.

~photo courtesy pghirishfest.org

virtual tour of Ireland, Celtic axe throwing, Carrie Furnace mini tours, Irish games, comedy, food and drinks, an Irish Marketplace, a children's area with stories and fun, whiskey tasting for the over 21 and you can even

watch the Steelers, Pitt Panthers and more on the big screen. Information at pghirishfest.org.

A Fair in the Park is holding it's event Sept. 8-10 at Mellon Park in Shadyside. The event is presented by the Craftsmen's Guild of Pittsburgh and features over 100 artists working with a variety of mediums including clay, wood, glass, fiber. There will be fun, food, music, children's activities including a scavenger hunt and more. Information at craftsmensguild.org.

The Annual Ukrainian Food Festival will be held on Sept. 8-9, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie. The event will offer homemade Ukrainian foods and ethnic entertainment. Info at orthodoxcarnegie.org.

Oktoberfest is a Pittsburgh staple and is celebrated in almost every neighborhood around the area and downtown as well.

These festivals offer a variety of German foods, activities, entertainment, kids' fun, crafts, vendors, drinks and much more.

Green Tree will have Octoberfest on Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. and will feature a car cruise, and of course food,

live music and end of evening fireworks. Info at greentreeboro.org.

Canonsburg has their PA Bavarian Oktoberfest on Sept. 15-17 and features amusement rides, two stages with live music, German food and beer, games and much more!

Hofbrauhaus Pittsburgh Oktoberfest is Sept. 15-16 & 22-23 at the Southside Works. Two weekends of fun, music, food and more!

Collier Twp. is celebrating Collierfest on Sept. 22, 5-9 p.m. & Sept. 23, 3-10 p.m. at Collier Park and will feature live music, food, drinks, inflatables, fireworks and more!

Penn Brewery has an annual Oktoberfest that spans two weekends, Sept. 15-17 and 22-24. This event will offer different VIP packages to cut wait time in lines, reserve seating and more. German dishes like schnitzel, potato pancakes, apple strudel and more! There will be plenty of fun, German beer and fun! Info at pennbrew.com.

If I missed a location close to you, try calling your local borough to find out if there is an Oktoberfest event near you.

The Washington & Greene County Annual Covered Bridge Fes-



Kids exploring one of many historical bridges.

~photo courtesy of Visit Washington

tival is being held this year on Sept. 16-17. There are 23 historic bridges and many different locations that will offer activities, food, children's games, historic reenactments and live entertainment in addition to the historical environment itself. Info at www.visitwashingtoncountypa.com.

The Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival will be held Sept. 14-17, and feature different events including Taste of Jazz and live music all weekend ending with the 17th from 1-10 p.m. at the August Wilson African American Cultural Center. Info at pittsburghjazzfest.org.

Pittsburgh Fashion Week's 2023 Runway Show will be held on Sept. 15, 6:30 - 10 p.m. at Wintergarden at PPG Place. This event will include the runway show, an after party and cocktail hour beforehand. Info at pghfw.com.



Fashion Week comes to Pittsburgh for it's 12th year.

~photo courtesy of pghfw.com

The Pittsburgh Renaissance Festival will be held every Sat. and Sun. in September as well as Labor Day from 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., rain or shine! Each weekend has a different theme and no matter when you choose to go, you will feel as if you stepped back in time. Info at pittsburghrenfest.com.

RADical Days starts Sept. 8. Thus is an annual thank you to the public with free admission, tours, performances, and family activities offered by the organizations and attractions that are funded by the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD).

RADical Days will continue through Oct. 17 with 40 days and 70 free events. Info at radworkshere.org.

The outside activities this month are numerous and I'm going to try to embrace the changes that come with September and enjoy some festival fun with friends and family. I hope you do the same!

MUSINGS...THE STILL POINT



At the still point of the turning world.....there the dance is.

~ T.S. Eliot

Relaxation

In today's go-go-go world, where productivity and achievement are prioritized, it is easy to get burned out. The relentless pursuit of material success often eclipses deeper connections with ourselves and others.

In this environment, relaxation is not a luxury, but a necessity.

·Physically, relaxation acts as a reset button for the body.

·Mentally, relaxation serves as a sanctuary for the mind to unwind and rejuvenate.

·Emotionally, relaxation is a balm for the soul.

Relaxation can bring us back home.

How?

Sitting on the couch and watching TV doesn't do it.

Experiment with practices that balance the logical, analytical mind, such as awareness, noticing, observing, exploring, accepting, being intuitive, creative and open-minded. Slip some being mode into your doing mode.

Going Deeper

Stillness offers a sanctuary for recharging and healing. Embracing stillness reconnects us with our innate essence. This reconnection guides us towards purpose, balance, and authenticity.

Where is the still point? And what is the dance?

I found this place inside myself after my husband Gene died unexpectedly. We were young. I was shocked, my life upended. I went back to work as quickly as possible – to a demanding, rewarding job. It was exhausting, but I knew how to do it and it made me feel somewhat normal.

Then one evening I literally fell onto the couch. “You can't keep running,” said a voice in my head. It was clear to me that the only thing that would move me through that difficult time was stillness, allowing my body, mind and spirit to settle into some shape as yet unknown.

I began to sit still, in silence, on that couch for 30 minutes every day. I wasn't meditating or doing anything scripted. At first it was hard. I was fidgety. But in time I looked forward to it, and learned to relax.

Gradually I became aware of a place deep inside myself that was spacious and peaceful. I missed Gene – powerfully – but felt such gratitude for having loved him. I began to know I would be okay.

That was my introduction to the “still point” Eliot talks about. Grief took me there, but I have learned to go there regularly, and it heals me over

and over again when life gets stressful. I'm not sure what the “dance” is, but it feels sacred. Like accessing my soul!

Silence

Bob Sardello and his wife Cheryl describe this sacred space in their book, Silence.

There is a tiny organ of perception just behind the heart that is not spoken of or acknowledged; it is there in all of us; it trembles with joy when Silence approaches....It is a realm that we are hardly aware of, yet are desperately seeking. When we stumble onto it, it fills us with unspeakable wonder and we are awakened into the realm of our true human spirit.

– Cheryl Sanders-Sardello

When we locate the healing currents within Silence, we know it because our body feels just right, and active currents of healing are present. We feel as if we are being held by a tender, loving, invisible presence.

- Robert Sardello

It is a spiritual journey, getting to the still point.

In this post, I am recommending a precious, internal resort spot, “the still point of the turning world.” And it's free! I hope you'll go there.

COACHING QUESTIONS/TIPS:

1. Ponder: How can you be more and do less?
2. Ponder: how can you relax deeply?
3. Practice: relax into deep stillness and silence. Bask in joy.

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Sharon and Nancy Smyth, her business partner in Two Wise Women, together published, “Chocolate or Lunch, How Choices Impact Relationships.” If you have tense relationships, this book is for you. Both books are available through Amazon.

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How Communities Benefit When Consumers Shop Local



Shopping locally can benefit our local community economy.

Ideas about shopping are never set in stone, and the pandemic illustrated just how quickly consumer trends and opinions can change. Many individuals are now reevaluating how they spend their hard-earned money, particularly since inflation has affected just how far a dollar can be stretched. When consumers think about which stores to patronize, locally owned businesses may be the smartest option for a number of rea-

sons; not the least of which is the way such enterprises benefit the communities they call home.

Shopping locally means that more money will stay in the community. According to recent research from Civic Economics, local eateries return nearly 79 percent of revenue to the community, compared to just over 30 percent for chain restaurants. Overall, for every \$100 spent at a local business, around \$73 re-

mains in the community, versus roughly \$43 when shopping at a non-locally owned business. That's a substantial amount of money kept in your local area.

You tend to get a personal touch when you walk into a local establishment. Local business owners typically are inclined to go the extra mile for their customers and are personally invested in the services and products they are selling. As a result, shopping locally tends to be a personalized experience. Furthermore, a local business owner may be more amenable to ordering products for specific clientele. Such personalized service is typically not accessible when shopping big box stores or other shops where owners are off-site.

Lines are shorter in the small neighborhood boutique than at the bigger chains.

Waiting in long lines for check-out or to pick up merchandise ordered online can drain consumers' energy and contribute to stress. Local businesses tend to have short lines and small crowds, which can lead to a more pleasant shopping experience.

Local businesses generate more

tax revenue per sales dollar, according to Rubicon, a digital marketplace for waste and recycling businesses. Taxes paid by local small businesses go to support schools, parks, roads, and other programs that benefit the community as well.

Local businesses often support good work in the community, such as nonprofit groups. These can include schools and sports teams, among other groups. According to a variety of studies, nonprofits receive more support from small businesses than larger ones.

Local business support other local businesses by buying and selling among each other. A local, independently owned restaurant may source its ingredients from local farms, which means visitors to such eateries are supporting multiple local businesses each time they dine out.

Small businesses are a boon to the economy, particularly local economies. These enterprises help their communities in a multitude of ways.

Next time you are deciding where to shop or eat out, try thinking about the local businesses first.

Community News and Events

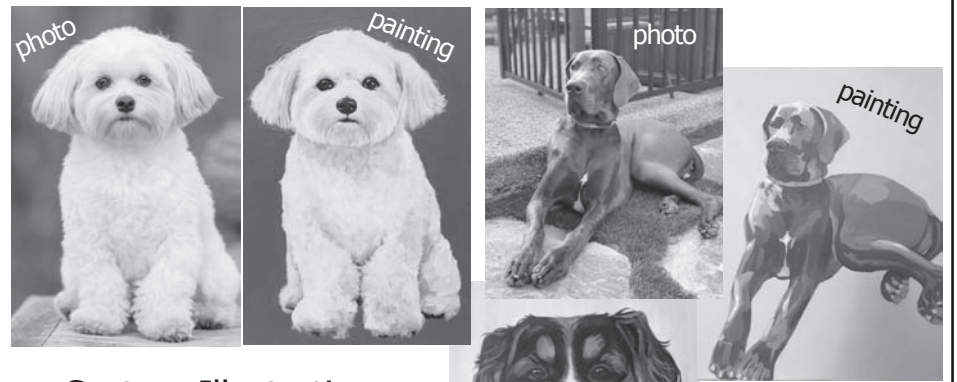
The Art of Bonsai presentation by Ed Baginski, Pittsburgh Bonsai Society and sponsored by the **Green Tree Garden Club** will be on Thurs., Sept. 14 at the Green Tree Municipal Center. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and a special appreciation luncheon will be held for the Municipal workers beginning at 11:00 a.m. The second annual Chili and Soup cook-off will take place with the municipal workers as the judges. Following the luncheon, there will be a business meeting, and the presentation. Reservations are required. Contact President Kevin Maurer at 412-922-8816 by Sept. 7. A Hardy Mum and Aster Sale will be held on Sat., Sept. 9 at the Green Tree Municipal Center from 9 am to 1 pm. A variety of colors will be available.

The Carnegie Crawl celebrates 11 years! Friday, Sept. 8 from 5-9 p.m., enjoy all of the great businesses, great food and live performances in the E. Main Parking lot. Info at visitcarnegie.com. The **Carnegie Fall Fest** will be Sept. 23, 2-9 p.m. and will feature hayrides, crafts, live music, "Rogi Rumble" (which is a pierogi contest). Info visitcarnegie.com

Plant-based Pittsburgh South presents "Getting Started with a Whole Food Plant-Based Lifestyle" on Sat., Sept. 9 at **Green Tree Library**, 10 W Manilla Ave, Pittsburgh. Registration is required: www.greentreeibrary.org/events. The \$5 fee includes light refreshments.

The **College Club of Carnegie** will meet on Sat., September 9, at Scoglio's Restaurant, Foster Plaza, Building 7, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. There will be a Social at 11:30 A.M. with luncheon served at noon. The "90th Anniversary Celebration" will be the focus of the meeting. Women with post-secondary degrees are invited to call Therese Condit, Membership Chairperson, at 412-279-4458 for further information.

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The Fishin' Hole



Sam Hall

2023 has already been one of the best years I have ever had fishing for Smallmouth Bass, and the usual best time for Smallmouth Bass fishing still lies ahead this fall. 2023 has also been a year in which I have learned an incredible amount from personal experience on the water.

School is back in session in all our local classrooms. Even though I stand firmly against the idea of any school before Labor Day or after Memorial Day on general principle. Regardless, let's go to class and I will share with you what I learned this summer.

First, and most emphatically this summer, I have learned that the color of your bait matters dramatically to Smallmouth Bass. I have fished all of my life and never really thought about the color of my bait, especially when throwing plastics. This year I learned. It started one Saturday morning about six weeks ago. I unexpectedly happened upon a hot Smallmouth bite in the creek where I was fishing with live bait. The bite was so good I thought I would try some plastics. In my vest pocket, I found three Watermelon Shade Curly-Tail Fat Grubs. Those three baits only lasted about an hour, the bass destroyed them, literally shredded them off the hook. During the week after that, I made a point to pick up some of that exact kind of bait. There was only one package available so I also bought the exact same grub only in a different color called "Cotton Candy Purple". Over the next two times

on the water, on different waterways the "Watermelon" shade continued to produce dramatic Smallmouth Bass action. In fact, the action was so strong that after two trips out I was down to only a couple "Watermelon" grubs left. Not wanting to run out, I switched to "Cotton Candy". Nothing, and I mean nothing. It was as if the fish had disappeared. I could not believe it mattered that much so I switched back, and back came the fish. I still have difficulty believing it to be honest and so I still occasionally throw on a "Cotton Candy" but the results are always the same. So I have put that in the vault, not that green is better always, but, that color matters. What that color is, I think you have to figure out on your own depending upon where you are fishing. I am sure "Cotton Candy" is the right color somewhere, just not anywhere I was so far this summer.

I also learned that sometimes a size four hook, for the last forty years the largest hook I have ever used, is not a big enough hook. Before two months ago I would have told you the only time you ever need a size two hook is to fish with live Bluegill for giant Catfish. This summer though, I was missing, or plain losing so many fish on the river with size four, that I got frustrated and tried the twos. The misses stopped immediately. Now, the size two can be difficult in smaller creeks and streams with a tendency to snag, but they will forever have a

place in my vest, that they never had before.

The best thing I learned this summer was that Smallmouth Bass can and will go at it all summer long. Prior to that Saturday morning when I ran into the smallies on my local creek accidentally, I would have considered July and most of August to be time when Smallmouth Bass are kind of biding their way through the heat of summer. Occasionally eating yes, but, really just waiting for the water to cool down so they can get into an eating frenzy. I would usually not target Smallmouth until the start of football season. That is no longer true.

Might be a quiz next month, but for now, pencils down, keep those lines tight and send your pictures and stories to samdhall@comcast.net.



Smallmouth eats Watermelon Grub.
~photo courtesy of Sam Hall

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Back-to-School

ask a
librarian

Fall Programs have started at the libraries so try attending some events. Be sure to call or visit the website for more information.

Most libraries throughout the area are offering daily activities for all ages. Most activities are in person. Check with the library near you for the details.

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(Answers on back page)



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Thanks for reading! :)



(Covers of the magazine)

Commonyms

What do they have in common?

Example: A Ball- A Fish - A Cold

Answer: They are caught.

1. A Cork - A Question - A Balloon
2. A Ball - A Salad - A Coin
3. A Bottle - A Baseball Player - A Mushroom
4. A Basketball Court - A Highway - A Bowling Alley
5. A Tug of War - The Nightly News - A Boat

Hink Pinks

(Two rhyming words. Ex.: heavy feline = fat cat)

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| 1. Final explosion | 6. Tone down your dishonor |
| 2. Fresh adhesive | 7. Following written work |
| 3. Fuzzy fruit lecture | 8. Goofy flower |
| 4. Girl Friend | 9. Food sale |
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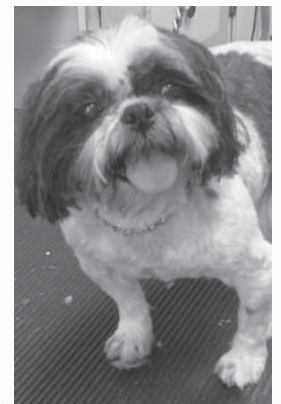
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