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A GIFT OF WORDS

Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

Looking at our last newsletter, I remember that my column was written in April during a snowstorm. As it is 90 outside right now, it's hard to imagine. I love how Rhonda takes an ordinary picture, finds an interesting aspect and captures the image in the newsletter as she did with this "Henri chair"



(my wonderful and talented father-in-law), my early-morning-in-the garden cup of coffee, and my glorious bucket of zinnias. Is there anything more wonderful than being in your garden early in the cool of morning with a cup of coffee? Is there a more wonderful smell than tomato leaves, petunias? A more wonderful sound than the late summer song of the katydids (cicadas), crickets in the evening?

I often sit in this chair with a glass of iced herbal tea, a very refreshing beverage with none of the bad stuff (caffeine, sugar, sodium, artificial sweeteners). My favorite discovery this season has been "tangerine orange zinger" by Celestial Seasonings. Did you know you could make instant herbal tea by

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Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

- Marcel Proust -

Real Estate Stats

January - June 2003

In The Territory

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	48
Average Price	\$233,658
Average Days on Market	189

Vacant Land

Land Sold	46
Average Price	\$ 26,010
Average Days on Market	418

Condos & Townhomes

Homes Sold	20
Average Price	\$132,850
Average Days on Market	298

In Galena

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	27
Average Price	\$134,377
Average Days on Market	203

In Jo Daviess County

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	32
Average Price	\$97,354
Average Days on Market	274

Based on information from the Freeport-Galena Area Association of Realtors from Jan. 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003.

Northgate Builders Goodwill Golf Benefit Raises \$5,500

for the
**Northwestern Illinois Center
for
Independent Living
Jo Daviess County Division**



A very special thank you to our sponsors, participants, and all who helped make this event a success!

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IN THE OFFICE

with Rhonda

AROUND TOWN! I have spent an extraordinary amount of time taking digital photos around the tri-state area. I began in early this year photographing spring flowers. In June, I took a 4-day digital photography class - we went everywhere; The Territory; downtown Galena; Balltown, IA; Madison, WI; and the Dubuque Arboretum. In one month, I have taken over 1600 photos! I printed three of my favorite daisies, had them matted and framed, and gave them to my niece Allyson for her birthday.

Digital photography is fantastic. Not only do I get instant results, I have a wonderful library of photos, textures, backgrounds, and people that I can use in design work, as cards, and to give as gifts for years to come. Here is the website from the digital class. Check it out!

<http://www.garyolsen.com/GoClarke/digitalphotography/index.htm>

THE BOOKSHELF

Linda's Shelf

- Anything by *A. Manette Ansay* or *Anita Shreve*

Marsha Rinetti Shelf (a very nice client)

- The Education of Little Tree, *Forrest Carter*
- Prodigal Summer: A Novel, *Barbara Kingsolver*

Bob Smith (a very nice client)

- Man in Full, *Tom Wolfe*
- Cold Mountain, *Charles Frazier*

Vickie and Bill Shipman (Linda's sister and brother-in-law)

- Seabiscuit: An American Legend, *Laura Hillenbrand* (book-on-tape)

Keith Dupasquier

- Four Blind Mice, *James Patterson*

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just adding a tea bag to a glass of iced water? It's a nice alternative to plain water. Also, try ordering an orange in your iced tea instead of a lemon.

Last week I invited four dear friends



over a long-overdue impromptu supper of fresh vegetables from the

garden. This picture was taken on our patio with "rose profusion zinnias", a new flower at our house. If you're looking for a low-growing, prolific blooming, lots of splash for little cash to fill a sunny area flower, try these little gems. They're Jerry's favorites.

It's been a good summer, and if you're in The Territory, don't forget to stop by our open house 6 Vermillion Lane. We love to see friends.

TOOLBOX TRIVIA

Jerry Dupasquier

JUST CALL ME Grandpa! My daughter just gave birth to Seth Conner Richardson. He weighed in at 9 lbs 3 oz. At 21", he definitely has the Dupasquier height! Congratulations to Lisa, James, and big brother Andrew.

Two new casual dining experiences for the county are Irish Pub on Highway 20 on the east side of Galena and the Cove at Apple Canyon Lake. Sit outside on the deck of the newly built Cove restaurant on a summer evening, and enjoy beautiful Apple Canyon Lake. It's not far from Galena...call, and we'll give you directions. Tell Brenda and Rick we sent you.

6 Vermillion is finished! A very special thanks to all who helped

make the vision a reality. Everyone who participated in this project really gave of themselves and it shows. Open houses are scheduled every weekend; please stop by and say hello.



A SPECIAL thanks to Cindy's Catering of Galena for the extraordinary job they did for us at the Goodwill Golf Benefit. Cindy has catered for us on many occasions; I would not hesitate to use her services for our next event. Thanks, Cindy!



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A Few Fun Things...

25th Annual Galena Halloween Parade

10/25/2003 -Saturday

6 p.m. in downtown Galena. Floats, costumes and more. (815) 777-9050.

U.S. Bank Parade of Homes 2003

10/18/03 - 10/19/03 - Saturday 10:00 - 3:00 & Sunday 12:00 - 5:00



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