

Hills & Homes

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A GIFT OF WORDS

by Linda Yutmeyer

Dear Friends and Clients,

Can it be September already? My daughter, Catherine, worked in the office this summer, and I can't believe it's time for her to leave. She will be a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. We enjoyed having her!

If you are a Galena Territory property owner, you should have received a letter from the Galena Territory Foundation about the "Lend a Hand" Scholarship. I applaud this effort. To fund this foundation they are raffling off a Territory lot that has been reclaimed, and the proceeds will go toward an annual \$1000 scholarship to a local high school senior for college, junior college, or vocational training. I am pleased to see the group that they are targeting — not the A+ students who will probably get scholarships anyway — but achievers in other ways. I have often had thought to myself of trying to give a small scholarship each year to a student with these needs.

The tickets are \$5 each, and you don't have to be a Territory property owner to buy one. If interested, call the Property Owner's Club at 815-777-2000.

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A FEW NEAT THINGS...

September 14 - 16

Ladies Getaway

Three days dedicated to the interests of women.

September 28 - 30

Galena Antique & Collectible Show and Sale.

Galena Convention Center
847.498.2481

Web Sites

www.galenachamber.com
www.dubuque365.com
www.dubuquechamber.com
www.galena.org
www.grantcounty.org

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Real Estate Stats

January 1, 2001 - June 30, 2001

In the Territory

Single Family Homes
Homes sold 35
Average price \$209,250
Average days on market 270

Vacant Land
Lots sold 36
Average Price \$ 27,243
Average days on market 352

Multi-Family Units
Units sold 14
Average price \$133,957
Average days on market 430

In Jo Daviess County

Single Family Homes
Homes sold 34
Average price \$106,984
Average days on market 183

In Galena

Single Family Homes
Homes sold 28
Average price \$136,203
Average days on market 257

Based on information from the Freeport-Galena Area Association of Realtors from Jan. 1, 2001 - June 30, 2001.

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In our last newsletter, I listed Cedardale Flower Farm as one of my favorite places to visit. At their recent annual Cedardale in Bloom open house, I attended Courtney Lomax's fresh flower arranging workshop. It was well worth the \$5, and then more. I found out why my flower arrangements don't last more than two or three days. In fact, using these tips, they are on their fifth day today and still looking good! With Courtney's permission, I will reprint her tips.



Always start with a clean bucket washed with a bleach solution and thoroughly rinsed clean.



Always use a commercial preservative and mix accurately according to directions. (*Don't add sugar, pennies or other common myths for preservatives, Courtney advised.*)



Cut flowers early in the morning (best) or late in the evening when flowers are not under stress from the hot sun.



Always cut stems at a 45 degree angle. When arranging flowers, cut stems underwater if possible.



Remove ALL foliage that will be under the water level.

Allow flowers at least 12 hours to condition in a cool environment before arranging.



Add preservative water daily.



Courtney also aided her arrangements by making a grid on top of the vases using thin floral tape. She used a lot of various greenery from the garden (look around your yard-you'll be surprised at the various textures you can find) and arranged by working in odd numbers and in "triangular" shapes. Thanks, Courtney! I love working with my flowers, and now it's even more fun! ❀

From the Kitchen of Linda Yutmeyer

Gazpacho

In blender:

12 ounce can of tomato juice

1/2 medium cucumber

1 medium tomato chopped

a little parsley

1 T. sugar

1/4 Cup red wine, herbal, or balsamic vinegar

1/4 Cup salad oil

1/8 Cup Worcestershire sauce

1 t. beef bouillon

2 green onions with tops

1 clove garlic

1 green pepper

Add:

1 medium chopped tomato, finely chopped

1/2 medium cucumber, finely chopped

Chill till very cold and serve with croutons. Keeps in refrigerator for several days.

TOOLBOX TRIVIA

By: Jerry Dupasquier

THE filters used in affluent systems make them highly sensitive to materials other than toilet paper. As a preventative to costly repairs - do not place anything in the system such as paper towels, diapers, and the like. This also applies to all septic systems. Flush toilet paper only!

LOCK YOUR DOORS!!!

That's right - it is tomato and zucchini season in JoDaviess County. To prevent these crazy vegetables from entering your home I suggest you lock your doors.

Remember the bay leaves...those pesky beetles will make another appearance this fall!



Just Stunning Cards

Here's my "just stunning" easy & simple card idea for the fall.

Remember the rules: have fun, have fun, have fun and start with good quality card stock and envelopes. When the leaves start falling, find some pretty, colorful leaves. I like the shape and color of maple leaves. Press for a few days until dry. I



Julie Runde
Cardmaking Demonstration
Hearts & Art 2001

put leaves between pages of the MLS books, but probably

any book with "recycled" type paper would work, like a phone book. Or put between paper towels. I stack heavy books on top to keep flat. Then glue on the card by smearing a glue stick carefully on the back of the leaf (glue sticks work the best-use enough to make stick, but not too much). You have an instant autumn beauty! I sometimes smear on some pearly, shimmering stuff, but play around and see what works for you. This is a fun

project for kids, too. And don't forget to sign your card---it's a work of art!

Speaking of cards...We're planning Hearts & Art 2002!!! Put February 3, 2002, on your calendar and don't miss this wonderful event. Last year we had over 1,000 handmade cards created by local artsy people. Efforts are also under way to make a big deal of the Valentine season in Galena. Hearts & Art could be just one of several events for an annual "Valentine Winter Fest"!

In the Office...

With Rhonda

THINGS are changing here in the office, as we are preparing to welcome a new member to the team. The office responsibilities are growing at an unbelievable rate. Thankfully, Jerry and Linda, with their keen sense, decided to add another Administrative Assistant position. I certainly welcome the change.

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I have been spending the past two weeks preparing for Sherry Seas' arrival scheduled for September

4th. I guess you can call it fall cleaning. From furniture to network issues...we are set!

Sherry and I will make a wonderful team. Our skills are complimentary. Sherry is a licensed real estate agent; therefore, she can answer the many questions I legally cannot. That alone is a really big help. She is also extremely familiar with The Galena Territory where we do much of our business. Sherry possesses many other talents and will be a valuable asset to the team.

As Linda states, "I look forward to working with another person from whom I can learn and who can learn from me."

Life here at Galena Realty, Ltd. is about constant change, growth, and

new friends. The most important part of this change - we will be better able to serve our many clients and friends!

Welcome to the office, Sherry!

**What do you think of
our newsletter?**

E-mail us and let us know!
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is like a garden
carried in the pocket.
- Chinese proverb -

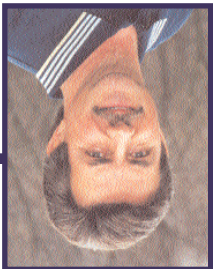


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