



# Glidden Drive Association

## Around The Drive...

by The Old Beachcomber

That's right, this newsletter is entitled "August," and it's way past *that* summer month. We hope to be back on schedule before the end of the year. If you have any material for the next newsletter, please turn it in before the end of November.

It must be fall! Three new houses are going up on the Drive; all in the north third, inland side. One is a true log cabin with square-cut logs imported from a custom home company in Tennessee, one is log veneer, and the last of as-yet indeterminate construction. Herb Nichols expects to be enjoying Thanksgiving with the family in his new log house if all goes well.

### Association News

The GDA Board last met Thursday, October 24. The main discussion was our twice-annual dinners; the summer pig roast drew 84 people, less than last year's 110. It was thought we should try

something different next year.

The Board voted to handle dinner promotion expenses (mailings, printing) as a part of general fund expenses, and not charge diners for this as part of the reservation fee as has been done in the past.

In other concerns, it seems some drive residents or guests have been putting trash on the street for pickup in unprotected containers like plastic trash bags. In our area, not only is this a raccoon dinner invitation, but there is no free municipal trash pickup, so the road can quickly become unsightly. If you have tenants or guests, please be sure to let them know how to properly handle trash.

At the previous GDA Board meeting August 9, memorial donations were authorized for de-

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President Tom Girman



Treasurer Don Schweer



Past President Tom Jung

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ceased Association members Lou Olson (to the Maritime Museum) and Vega Connelly (to the Nature Conservancy).

President Tom Girman volunteered to contact the Glidden Lodge Condo Association and join with them at a future meeting to answer questions and encourage Condo owners to take a more active part in the Drive Association.

**The next GDA Board meeting** will be at the Hitching Post, 9AM, Thursday, December 19. Please contact any Board member if you have an item for the agenda.

**At our Annual Membership Meeting** on July 6, Tom Girman was elected president and Rich Kinka became our Vice-President. Former President Tom Jung accepted a Director's position to fill the vacancy left by Rich.



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Superintendent Joe McMahon

Superintendent Joe McMahon spoke about Sevastopol Schools, and plans for the future. Enrollment is declining in both Sevastopol and Gibraltar districts, and at some point it may make sense to consolidate.

About 75 of our members attended the meeting, and many stayed for brats, burgers & beer afterwards.

### New Members

We would like to welcome the following new or returning members who joined since May: Jack & Marilyn Ahern (4444), George & Sharon Ayd (4370), Mr. & Mrs. James J. Barrett (lot), Willard & Mae Dean Burnap (4204), Paul B.W. & Patricia Carlon (3757), D.C. Enterprises (4676), The Fishers (3878), John R. Griffith (4676), Roxanne & Richard Hanney (4353), Don & Geri Hayes (3931), Gerald Pitz & Alison Levernier (3719), Kay Nelson (4125), Kyle A. Price (4676), James & Kathie Schwertfeger (3842), Norman Stoner (4676), Richard & Sharon Virlee (3959).

The following joined too late to be included in the August Directory, but have full member status: Ragnhild (Ronnie) Seiler (4358), Bob & Fran Kessler (4455), Jim & Linda Stanton (3730). I hope we spelled your name right!

All members: please be sure we have your correct street and email address. We send out emails to all

members about topics that can't wait until the next newsletter, and we don't want you to miss out.

### Glidden Drive News

**The Hitching Post was the venue** for visits by both candidates for Wisconsin First Assembly District. Garey Bies (Rep, incumbent) spoke on October 9 and Tom Hermann (Dem), on October 16. Thanks to Carl Scholz for arranging these events.

**Two lane barriers were erected** this summer, at White Pine Lane and Pebble Lane. The Pebble Lane fence was in bad shape, so it was removed and replaced with a decorative rustic design by Terry Albright and Don Schweer.

The White Pine Lane barrier had been removed years ago to provide construction access to the beach side of some properties. Jim Huhta, Laddie Chapman, and John Hunter joined forces to restore it with new bolts and posts. This should make access more difficult for beach joyriders, who have been observed using that Lane as a vehicular road.



JOANNE HUHTA

John Hunter and Jim Huhta work on the White Pine Lane barrier



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Terry Albright and Don Schweer work on the Pebble Lane fence

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LADDIE CHAPMAN

The finished Pebble Lane fence



Soon to be a tradition

## Plant Exchange A Success

by Nancy Fauser and Chris Kinka

As the saying goes — “Build it and they will come.” This held true for the recent Glidden Drive Plant Exchange. Gardeners, friends, acquaintances and even tourists came to swap plants.

The successful plant swap we organized exceeded expectations. Husbands handled the parking logistics and Flo McGurk, Mary Wold, Janet Duebner saw that the plants found their sun/shade locations.

Some neighbors participated without receiving plants in return saying “the deer will only devour them.” We estimated 100 participants enjoyed exchanging not only plants, but plant advice. Leftovers were placed on the road with a “Free” sign and disappeared in 15 minutes. Glidden Drive is the “Garden of Eden” and we are the caretakers/gardeners.

Look for us next year around the same time with shorter “exchange” hours. Thank you for your support.



DENNIS CONNOLLY

Kathy passes on a Little horticultural advice



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I've got just the spot for this!



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Garden sculpture at the Kinka's



Jack & Lyn Hirst

## Neighbors You Should Know

By Tim Comeford

Jack and Lyn Hirst met in Chicago in somewhat dramatic circumstances but let's start at the beginning.

Lyn was born in Manhattan, New York. Her father was a Presbyterian minister. They moved to Chicago when she was 12 years old when her father became a professor at McCormick Seminary. She later attended college for two years before she transferred to the Goodman Theater School of Drama, later to become DePaul.

Jack was born in St. Louis, Missouri. In school he studied drama and dance. He recalls the only A's he received in school were in arts classes. He put his talent and training to early use in USO shows and on cruise ships on the Mississippi. After high school, he was drafted into the Air Force and spent time in Japan. Upon returning from service, he got a job designing window displays for a St. Louis department store. He later went to the Goodman to study on the GI Bill because he met a girl who was going to go to there.

While at the Goodman, Jack and Lyn met, and the other girl, forgotten. Three years after they met, they married with Lyn's father officiating. By then Lyn was working as a model and Jack as an actor and dancer.

Jack was in shows and dramatic productions and served a stint as a dancer in a Polish opera troupe. He participated in variety shows put on for conventions and group events, Woodstock Opera House, community theater, Shakespeare and even a screen test at Columbia Pictures.

Later, a friend of theirs decided he would move to New York. He suggested Jack for his replacement as head of cosmetology at Pat Steven's Modeling Agency in Chicago. Jack would be putting to use some of the skills he learned at the Goodman. He spent several years doing this and make up for stage and TV productions. Eventually, he opened his own beauty salon in Elmhurst which he operated for many years.

Meanwhile, Lyn had two pretty significant productions of her own. Their daughter Melissa is now an art teacher who is married to Tom; they have two children, Elizabeth Rose and Timothy. Their son John is a plumber who is married to Laura and they have four children, Ben, Sam, Max and Jake. By the way, Lyn's father not only baptized their two children, but also married them and later baptized all six grandchildren. Good to have a minister around the house!



Lyn & Jack Hirst

Lyn went back to school and began teaching Social Studies, English and Drama for 20 years in the Roselle area.

In 1962, they first came up to Door County, staying at the Alpine in Egg Harbor. They must have liked the area because they bought a lot in Alpine Woods near the golf course. They discovered Glidden Drive and in 1968 they bought the lot where they now live.

Among those memories they recall the Schmocks at Glidden Lodge; how Babette Schmock made donuts and Jack used to cut Ewald's hair. They found themselves spending more and more time here.

In 1978, Lyn wrote a history of Door County covering the glacial formation of the peninsula and also the pioneers who founded the towns and started the businesses. For four summers, they produced this in the form of a light and sound show at the winery in Carlsville.

In 1995 they took down the old house on Glidden

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## Jack & Lyn Hirst

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and replaced it with the present building. Jack says the snakes like to winter in the new structure a lot less. They moved up here full time in December of 1996.

They both love being retired here. Not only do they like the natural beauty and wildlife but also the increasing opportunities to enjoy art, music and drama. They keep themselves busy in several ways.

Both volunteer at Hope Church; Lyn is a deacon and program chairperson for fellowship; Jack is on the Mission Council. Lyn has worked with HELP for five years, answering phone calls regarding domestic abuse crises and counseling clients. She was named volunteer of the year in 2001. She writes poetry that has been published in several publications, including the *Resorter Reporter* and her letters to the editor of the *Door County Advocate* are frequently printed.

Jack keeps active in the arts realm. He has appeared in Door County Shakespeare in a dual role as the Duke in *As You Like It*, and helps with their publicity. Along with Lyn they read to residents of Whispering Winds Assisted Care facility in Sturgeon Bay. He also says he would like to start to paint again – that is, on canvas, not the living room wall.

They have a particular interest in the plants of the area. Jack likes to garden and shares his plants with newcomers as he did when we moved into our house. He has a particular interest in the marsh marigold,



The Hirsts' original cabin, torn down in 1995

swamp iris and lady slipper. Lyn has even written poems about them.

They believe the neighbors on Glidden Drive are wonderful and really do care about each other, neighbors who are ready to help when needed.

They do have a major concern about the trend towards mega-development like the mega-Walmart and the mega-jail. They believe we need to work harder to solve the problems than to just build larger facilities which may overwhelm our ability to support them and still retain our small town character.

And if you want to hear what Shakespeare wrote about the deer – just ask Jack. He is always ready to quote a few lines for you.

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**A lakeside meeting about the Lily Bay Boat Ramp** was held at that location September 9. George Pinney, Door County Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Pagels and Chris Pagels of the DNR listened to ideas and described what can be done to make the boat ramp & mini-dock usable.

Although many options were considered, there appears to be no economical way to solve the boat-launch problem by modifying the dock or with new construction. One estimate of dock modification was in the \$100,000 range. Just hiring dock and shore experts could cost us \$10,000 (Whitefish Bay is paying \$25,000 for just that service, with no results in sight).

This is especially disappointing since there is no usable boat launch facility nearby in any direction, from Sturgeon Bay City to Baileys Harbor. Door County, which brags about its many miles of shoreline and fabulous fishing, makes it difficult for fishermen to utilize what is advertised. Gary Steiner said his solution was

to extend the “tongue” of his boat trailer so he could safely launch over the sandy area.

The only other solution is to wait until the lake level rises to previous levels, as the dock/ramp arrangement seemed to work adequately then.

George, Chris & Jeff promised to keep us informed of any developments or new ideas.

**The Whitefish Bay Dock problem** is under study by STS Associates, who have suggested some solutions to the Town of Sevastopol, but all are expensive and none are a perfect fix. STS claims that there is no known method to prevent sand from filling in the launching area, although the proposed modifications will make dredging easier.

**The orange marks on trees** near the road have been marked by the Association to encourage the County to remove them before they fall in a storm and cause damage.

**Two Glidden Drive variance requests** before the Door County Board of Adjustment were granted. One was for Marian and Charles Banks (4060) to build an

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addition to their very small cottage. Due to an oddity in how their house was originally built, even an addition on the road side was too close to the water. The GDA Board supported their request, and there was no opposition.

The seller of the vacant property at 4156 Glidden (Leah Gignilleat) petitioned for a variance to build a new house 65' from the road, where the required setback from a county road is 75'. This was the second request for a variance on the same property this year; the first was for a 50' setback.

The prospective builder, Dr. James Wishau, was denied the first request, but returned with a more modest proposal which was accepted by the County Board. The second petition was not opposed by the GDA Board.

## Sevastopol News

At the Sevastopol Board of Supervisors meeting October 21, the Board voted to create a Cable Committee to explore the town's options for a PEG (Public/Education/Government) TV channel. The Town has two options: accept one channel from Sturgeon Bay to permanently replace the one Charter has reserved for us, or start our own PEG channel. Town Chairman Leo Zipperer will be appointing the members of the Committee to serve until the end of 2003.

A separate agreement is being hammered out between the governments of Sturgeon Bay and Sevastopol giving Sevastopol the rights to use either tapes or a live feed from one of Sturgeon Bay's four PEG channels. If Sevastopol decides to roll their own, they would be able to supplement County and City government taped shows with more locally produced material, perhaps from Sevastopol Schools.

Funding for equipment and day-to-day operation of a Sevastopol PEG channel could come from the 5% franchise fee paid by Charter subscribers, less the amount promised to Sturgeon Bay for their contribution, or 25% of the Sevastopol



Herb Nichols' log cabin on the way up. Master carpenter John Nelk was assisted by Levi Richards and Scott James, the crew from Tennessee

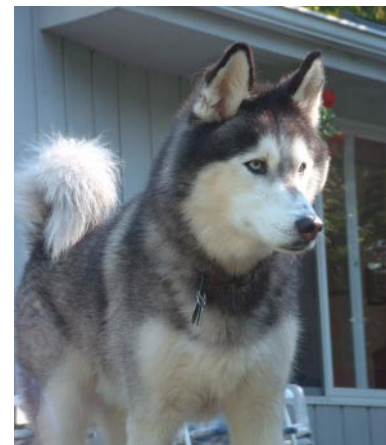
fee. The amount collected in Sevastopol is expected to be about \$12,000 this year, so \$3,000 would be paid to Sturgeon Bay in exchange for priority access to their tape library.

## Door County News

The coal-fired power plant idea was tabled by the Sturgeon Bay Canal Property Committee on September 4. The Committee seems determined to do *something* to develop the lakeside property south of the canal, perhaps scoop out an aquatic industrial park. But the SRO citizen crowd of about 70 that attended the meeting seems to want *nothing* to be done with it.

## Do you know where your dog is?

On separate occasions, several dogs have been lost in the Glidden area. All were returned safely to their owners, but the experience should teach us something. In one case, "Groucho," a young malamute, had a collar and tags, but the address and phone number on the tags were out of date and out of state making tracing the owner unnecessarily difficult.



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"Groucho," who escaped from a beach party and was found by Jeannie Nevitt the next day, a mile north. In spite of his tags, some intensive research was needed to find his owner, who was staying with Ruth Schoenfeld.

You might think that a rabies serial number, being the only one of its kind in The Whole Wide World, would be easy to use to trace back to the owner. But we found out, at least in the case of Illinois records, that there is no central depository of such numbers, just at the county level. And the county won't give out the owner's name, citing privacy reasons.

A black lab was seen wandering the Drive without any collar at all, and without any vehicular sense either. Luckily in this case, the owner was found before a mishap, as was the case with a dachshund friend of Kay Hettig.

So if you value your pet, be sure his tags are up to date and securely attached to his body. And if all else fails, we will put a lost pet notice and a picture on our web site, so call Laddie Chapman.

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Not for sandwiches

## Don't Pass The Garlic Mustard, Pull It!

by Ed Allen

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is not a new taste treat, but a threat to the woodlands and wildflowers along Glidden Drive. While not yet here in profusion, there are signs of scattered plants beginning to gain a foothold. Left unchecked, these prolific plants will soon out-compete native species by monopolizing light, moisture, nutrients, soil and space. It's estimated that one plant produces hundreds of seeds, adding to the rapid spread of this invasive weed.

There are four common ways to identify Garlic Mustard:

- ❖ The first-year plant grows low to the ground with clusters of three or four round leaves with serrated edges. Plants are easy to spot in Winter as the leaves remain green.
- ❖ Older plants grow two to four feet in height. Leaves tend to become more triangular shaped and can be two to three inches across. In May and June, the plant has clusters of small flowers at the end of a stem. Each flower has four white petals, and some people mistakenly think that these would look pretty in their flower gardens. Bad decision!
- ❖ Flowers give way to two-inch long seed pods. These are narrow, cylindrical and have prominent mid-ribs.
- ❖ Crushed leaves emit a garlic-like odor.

Once you've spotted Garlic Mustard, the best treatment is to pull it out, making certain that the entire plant is removed. It should be bagged as the plants can continue to mature and produce seeds even when out of the ground. It



First-year Garlic Mustard plants remain green all winter long. They generally stand 4-6" tall.



Garlic Mustard blooms in May-June. Pulling them before the seed pods form is the best way to eradicate this invasive plant.

can take up to seven years to totally exhaust the seed bank created by a two-year old plant. If the infestation is large (as in some areas of Peninsula Park), cutting is effective so long as it is done while the plants are in flower. Even fire does not destroy seeds that may be in the ground. This is one tenacious plant!

Seeds are spread in many ways. Make sure you brush off boots after hiking in wild areas as you may have unknowingly given the tiny black seeds a ride home. Deer and other animals can brush against the plants and carry seeds in wet fur. Wind and water also spread the seeds.

Keep an eye open for this threat to our woodlands and watch for signs of its invasion NOW, next Winter and Spring.

### Eagle Spotted



Gary Steiner sent us this picture taken on his beach last winter, of a bald eagle dining on a fish carcass.



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### Burning Permits

Some neighbors have been scared by careless burning of logs and brush in our forested area, so at the request of the Association, Hugh Daubner and the Sevastopol Supervisors are no longer handing out permits for Glidden. If you need a burning permit, get one from either Dick Shappell or Tom Jung, who will make sure the regulations and careful practices are followed. The house you save might be your own!



A purple flower will brighten up any day

LADDIE CHAPMAN

## What Neighbors Say...

**I see more and more people walking on the wrong side of the road.** Why not ask owners to advise their guests of the proper side — facing the on-coming traffic. This way pedestrians can see the cars — a much safer way to walk.

— Henry Scheig

**People who are walking/running their dogs on the beach should have them leashed and should carry doggy bags to pick up after their dogs.**

— Ruth Black

*Ed note: Door County has a leash law and a link to it can be found on our web site.*

**Well, I switched one lake for another,** be it oh, so much smaller. The nice thing is I have a dock and a pontoon boat that I can use most days. Sam's family is just down the road and I am not short of visitors. We have a property owner's association here, which seems to be very similar, if not larger than Glidden Drive. Only people that live in the development can use the lake and it is pretty well self-sufficient, having its own sewer system and security. All in all it's a beautiful area. I'm just an hour from Pittsburgh and live just two miles from Interstate 79 and 80. I look at GDA's [web] site frequently and am in touch with friends most days.

— Suzanne Bromley, now at Lake Latonka (formerly 4444 Glidden)

## Coming Events

**Tuesday, November 5, General Election.** Sevastopol polls are open from 8AM to 8PM. Absentee ballots must be at the Clerk's office by 5PM the day before the election. Polling place is Sevastopol Schools, Institute.



**Monday, November 18, 7PM, Public Hearing on the Sevastopol Town Budget.** This meeting will be immediately be followed by the Special Town Meeting to vote on the budget. All residents of Sevastopol are encouraged to attend — these are two meetings where a single vote has a lot of influence.

**Monday, November 25, 7PM, Sevastopol Board of Supervisors meeting.** All Town meetings are held behind the Sevastopol Schools, Institute.

**Thursday, December 19, 9AM, GDA Board meeting,** Hitching Post.

## In Memoriam

**Lou Olson, 87,** passed away on July 13, 2002, in Sturgeon Bay. She and Howard, who died earlier this year, were long-time residents of Glidden Drive.

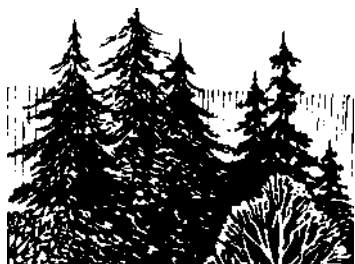
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