



Glidden Drive Association

President's Message

by Tom Jung

Someone asked the other day at the Wednesday Men's Coffee: "Tom, as the new President of the Association, what's your agenda?"

Good question. My answer was, "Get involved, do something, become concerned. Things are changing, times are changing, let's become a part of it."

Many of our members are doing something; they are volunteering. Everything from *Feed My People* to *Habitat for Humanity* and everything in-between. They are the doers, not the complainers.

They are the ones getting things done. Just listen sometimes. The complainers are the ones who, when asked to join, will say, "I'm retired now. I did those



President Tom Jung

things - 'volunteered' - when I was young. When my children were young. Now I just want to take it easy."

Yah, take it easy and just complain. How I learned this was a number of years ago when I was the complainer and was told "Join and maybe you can be heard and make a difference." I did. My complaints were heard. *Everything* didn't change but *some* things did. You, too, can make a difference.

My thoughts about Glidden Drive are, "Things are changing."

Some of us don't like what we are seeing and

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President Herb Klein addresses the GDA annual meeting on the lawn at the Hitching Post.



Carl Scholz describes the local flora and fauna to the TV camera.



Glidden Drive Association Officers & Board 1999-2000. Left to right, standing: Laddie Chapman, Bob Geyer, George Wentz (V.P.), Tom Jung (Treasurer), Chris Vuco (Historian), Carl Scholz, Herb Klein (President), Don Schweer, Susan Mazza, George Griffith (Secretary). Seated: Tim Comeford. Photography by Boyd Fellows.

Around The Drive...

Kerscher's Foodland, after remodeling over the winter, is now open for business with new gas pumps in front and longer hours (6-10 every day). **Jim Kerscher's** butcher counter is gone, replaced with shrinkwrapped, barcoded cuts of meat, including homemade brats and sausage. Jim will cut to order with sufficient notice.

Don't forget to make your reservation for the annual **Association dinner** by Monday, August 21! Our featured speaker will be **Roy Lukes**, Door County's renowned naturalist who writes columns for the Advocate, Press-Gazette, and other papers. He will present a talk about the **Shivering Sands conservation area** illustrated with his marvelous slides.

The **next GDA board meeting** is August 17. If you have any items that need to be addressed, contact one of the officers or board members.

Some more facts have come to light since the 03/08/00 Lanes document was written. **Ash Lane**, from Glidden to Schmock Road only, was omitted from the report. Just north of Phillips' at 3863 Glidden, it presently belongs to the Nature Conservancy but is not marked with a lane sign. And the Differdings have shown that **Evergreen Lane**, from Glidden to Schmock Road only, was vacated by the Town in 1943 at the request of **Ewald Schmock**. It's possible that portions of other lanes were vacated similarly; if anyone has such a document attached to their deed, please let us know, since it will save much research time.

Carl Scholz and **Herb Klein** were actors in a recent *Discover Wisconsin* TV program about **rustic roads** seen around the state. A small portion of the show included Door County, and an even smaller part showcased Glidden Drive. Carl, interviewed at the roadside, said "My favorite rustic road is Glidden Drive. It's my favorite because it has the greatest plant and animal diversity of any rustic road." A copy of this program is available on video in the GDA archives; contact Laddie Chapman if you wish to borrow it.

Lake Level Forecast

Source: *Army Corps of Engineers and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

The level of Lake Michigan on July 20 was 5 inches above chart datum, or 577.89 feet. This is 11 inches below the level of one year ago, 14 inches above the all-time low in July 1964 and 49 inches below the all-time high in July 1986. Little or no change is expected through August this year.

Highlights of The GDA Annual Meeting

by George Griffith, Secretary

On July 1, 2000, Association President Herb Klein opened the 9:30AM meeting at the Hitching Post with a welcome to nearly 70 Glidden Drive residents.

He then introduced Ursula Petersen of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's Endangered Species Program. She gave an interesting and timely presentation with handouts about the Dune Thistle, a local plant on the federal list of endangered and threatened species. This is a key member of the dune community and its sustained existence is threatened by lakeshore development.

The following announcements were then made:

- There have not been any break-ins on Glidden Drive in the past year, although there were said to be 3 on South Cave Point Drive in the same period.
- The annual Summer Dinner will be held on 09/01/00 at Stone Harbor, with a program by Roy and Charlotte Lukes about the Shivering Sands area. The Dinner reservation form can be downloaded from the GDA web site.
- Mary Clarke's attractive Glidden Drive Association History book is still available for \$20.00.

The election of Board Members and Officers resulted in the election of Ann Fischer, reelection of Carl Scholz, both for 3-year terms, and election of Chris Vuco to fill the remaining year of Bob Geyer's term, who resigned in anticipation of a move out of the Glidden Drive area. Elected to President was Tom Jung; Vice-President, Tom Girman; Treasurer, Don Schweer; and Secretary, George Griffith, all for one-year terms. Chris Vuco remains the historian.

Following a discussion of the Shivering Sands area, a unanimous vote was made in favor of trying to keep the area in its present wild and undeveloped state. (See letter at left)

By a vote of 28 to 12 a motion carried in favor of posting newsletters and other items of interest to members on a World-Wide Web site if at no cost to the Association. The web address is www.doorbell.net/gda.

The meeting was strongly in favor of sending a letter of appreciation to Doug LaFollette for dedication of 47 acres of his land to the Nature Conservancy.

Herb expressed the Association's appreciation for the dedicated service of outgoing Vice President George Wentz and Board Member Bob Geyer. He delivered gifts to each of them.

Incoming President Tom Jung then presented a gift to Herb in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to Glidden Drive during his two terms as President.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40AM. The next membership meeting will be July 7, 2001 and the next Board meeting August 17, 2000.

July 7, 2000

Leo Zipperer, Sevastapol Town Board Chairman
3850 Bay Shore Drive
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

RE: Shivering Sands Town Park

Dear Leo,

Per the agenda items at the last two Town Board Meetings, a plat survey is being made of an estimated two acre parcel on both sides of Shivering Sands Creek at the bridge where Glidden Drive crosses the creek. This land was shown as deeded to the town on an old map, and Herb Klein (then President of the Glidden Drive Association) addressed the Town Board at the May 15, 2000 meeting stating that the desires of the Association are to keep this land in its natural wild state.

At the July 1, 2000 annual meeting of the Glidden Drive Association, this matter was discussed (approximately 70 members were in attendance) and it was unanimously agreed that the parcel should be left in its natural wild condition and no unsightly signs should be posted. Any developmental action on the parcel would detract from the rustic road status Glidden Drive currently enjoys and would be contrary to the wishes of the townspeople who reside on the Drive.

Sincerely,



Tom Jung
President, Glidden Drive Association

cc: Town Supervisors
Property Owners in the area surrounding the bridge at Shivering Sands Creek
Doug LaFollette
Ron Fassbender, Department of Natural Resources
Mike Grimm & Guenevere A. Abernathy, The Nature Conservancy
Kay Miller, Door County Planning & Zoning

Treasurer's Report

June 1, 2000

Balance June 1, 1999 \$5899.30

Income:

Dues received	\$4410.00
Semi-annual dinner receipts ¹	3489.00
Glidden Drive history book receipts	324.50

TOTAL INCOME \$8223.50

Expenditures:

Postage	\$833.23
Printing & supplies	995.58
Memorials	150.00
Charitable contributions	550.00
Semi-annual dinner expenses ²	3437.10
Liability insurance	180.00
Annual corporation filing fee	10.00
P.O. box rental	44.00
Access lane signs (materials)	124.39
Semi-annual dinner refund	25.00
Annual & board meeting expenses	276.54
Combined Sevastopol Neighborhood Association Dues	25.00
Watch patrol decals	518.00
Glidden Drive history book printing ³	525.00
Home fire safety publications	74.95
Pine sheathing for bridge	132.50

TOTAL EXPENSES \$7901.29

Balance June 1, 2000 \$6221.51

Notes: 1,2: Although dinner expenses are shown, they are almost exactly offset by the dinner receipts

3: One copy of the history book was sent free to each of 15 living past-presidents



Ferns along Glidden Drive

A Neighbor You Should Know

by Tim Comeford

Look at the rosters of almost any Door County charity or civic organization, and you will probably find several Glidden Drive residents.

Dick Shappell is one of them. He and Dottie moved here in 1982 but Dick continued to commute here on weekends until he retired in 1987. Since then he has donated his time and energies to many worthy causes. When asked about it, he quickly points out that there are many persons like him and that it is not anything that extraordinary.

Let's let the reader decide.

Dick has been on the board of Door County Memorial Hospital and the Housing Authority. He has worked with the Boy Scouts and Habitat for Humanity. He delivers Meals on Wheels and served on the Methodist Church Council.

One of his major commitments has been to Feed My People—Clothe My People, which supply food and clothing to Door County residents who need help. He has been on the board since 1993 and its president for two years. Due to a lack of space the food and clothing operations were separated until recently. Because of gift from an estate, Feed My People was able to put a down payment on the old roller rink building at 204 N. 14th Street in Sturgeon Bay. Still, the building needs remodeling to accommodate donated clothing and food storage. Should any of our readers wish to help, donations can be sent to Feed My People at P. O. Box 741, Sturgeon Bay WI 54235.

Dick stated that several neighbors have already volunteered their time to Feed My People which is an example of the we can help attitude characteristic of our neighborhood.

Dick served as GDA VP in 1985-6 and President for the following three years. He was responsible for originating the Wednesday morning

"Men's Club" at the Hitching Post, where neighbors can gather to exchange the latest over coffee and donuts.

There are other neighbors you should know. With some feedback from our readers, we can make this a continuing segment of our newsletter. Let us know what you think.



Dick Shappell

GDA ARCHIVES

Sevastopol Town Watch

by Laddie Chapman

A special meeting to discuss the Land Use Committee's just-released report will be held on August 30 at 7:00PM in the multi-purpose room at Sevastopol schools, 4450 Highway 57, Institute, WI. The Committee plans to mail a brief summary to all residents in time for the meeting. The report can also be viewed on the Web at www.doorbell.net/ts/landuse.htm.

As authorized by the contract with the Town, Charter Cable collects a 5% tax on all cable charges, generating an estimated \$10,000 annually. These funds, though required to be earmarked for "educational" purposes, have been remitted to the Town but never used. A request by two local residents for refund of all amounts and discontinuation of the tax was considered by the Board of Supervisors, but rejected. The Board felt, that without too much trouble, they might be able to find some use for the funds in the future and reinstatement of a cancelled tax might take 4-6 months or more.

According to Chairman Zipperer, standing committees include Planning & Zoning, Parks & Recreation, Fire & Rescue and Policy & Procedures, although only Fire and Parks meet regularly.

Contracts for road maintenance have been awarded and some work has begun. For both price reasons and to allow future comparisons of work quality, it was decided to distribute the jobs to three companies, including the Door County Highway Department, instead of a single company as in the past.

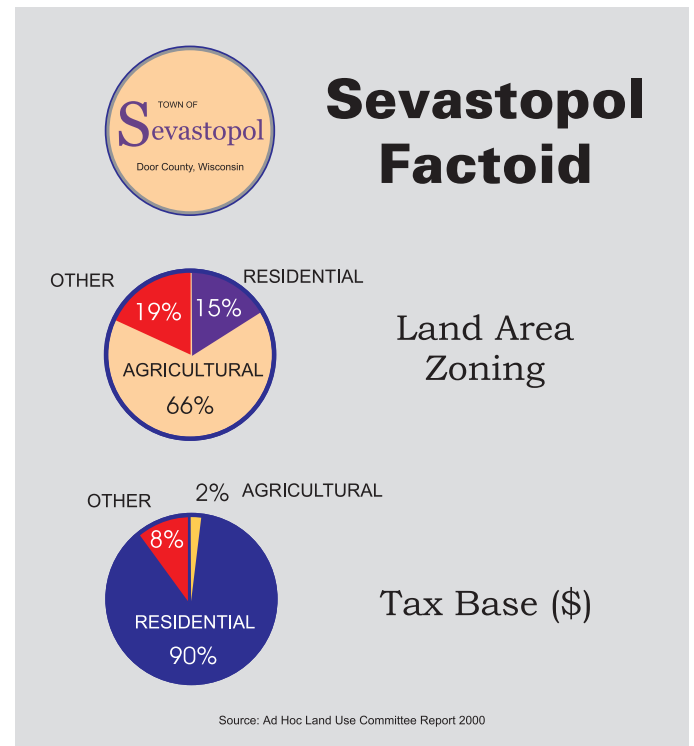
The new baseball lights have been installed and are in use. Requests have been coming in from organizations in and around Sevastopol for use of the field.

A survey by Baudhuin of the Shivering Sands park

area has been ordered and expected to be complete in August. This is the area marked "dedicated to the public for park purposes" on the 1936 Long Beach plat. It has been assumed that ownership of this 1.2-acre parcel passed to the Town of Sevastopol when the plat was accepted in 1937. Suggestions have been made to "improve" the park but no detailed plans have been made (see the letter on page 3).

The next regular Board meeting will be August 14 at 7:00PM.

Other Town documents (minutes, treasurer's reports, etc.) are posted on the Web at www.doorbell.net/ts as they become available to the public.



LADDIE CHAPMAN

Tree Diseases Found in the Shivering Sands Area

by Karl Kuepper, Conservationist, Door County Soil and Water Conservation Department

Some trees in the area between Shivering Sands Creek and Lily Bay Creek have been infected with two different tree diseases that are common to stressed trees: Armillaria Root Rot and Sphaeropsis Blight.

Armillaria Root Rot (*Armillaria ostoyae*) is one of many microorganisms that naturally decays stumps and tree roots when trees die. Armillaria produces rootlike structures called rhizomorphs which grow out into the soil looking for more dead tree tissue to feed on. If these rhizomorphs find living roots that have been weakened by stress, they can infect the living tissue also. Too much shade, injury by mechanical equipment, soil compaction, insects, drought, air pollution or a myriad of other possibilities may cause tree stress.



Mycelial fan of Armillaria root rot

Armillaria then weakens the roots causing slowed growth and possibly death of the tree. Young trees are more susceptible since they have fewer roots; a small pine may die within two months while large hardwoods may survive several years before they fall in a windstorm from weakened roots.

Symptoms of Armillaria include off-color needles or leaves, premature dropping of needles or leaves and stunted growth. As the tree weakens, the needles or leaves will turn brown and the tree will soon die. To check your trees for Armillaria gently remove some bark near the ground in the root collar area. Look for a dense, white, mycelial fan or mat of fungal tissue growing between the bark and the



Armillaria Mushrooms growing from rhizomorphs

cambium, almost always present if Armillaria is responsible for the infection. Honey-colored Armillaria mushrooms that grow in autumn are also an indication of the Armillaria fungus.

Trees will usually produce excess resin to

fend off the disease, but no chemical treatments are available to control Armillaria because the fungus is so common in soil and has a broad range of hosts. The only action you can take is to remove as much of the infected dead stumps and roots as is practicable to prevent spreading to other trees nearby.

Sphaeropsis (*Sphaeropsis sapinea*) is a fungus that infects conifers, especially pine trees. Cones are infected by spores in their second year of development. Spreading of Sphaeropsis is promoted by wet weather since 12 hours of 100% humidity is needed for germination. Symptoms include resinous cankers on branches, misshapen tops, gray to black staining of sapwood, and death of low branches, cones, buds and shoots. Dying tissue turns yellow-green to straw yellow; damaged tissue will be dark reddish-brown and resin soaked, as conifers usually produce excess resin to fend off the disease. The tree will almost always have stunted yellow shoots with short needles soaked in resin. Fruit bodies, called pycnidia, appear as black spots and will break through dying needles, scales and bark.



Resin-coated needles



Shoot infected by Sphaeropsis

Because it is a common fungus spread by spores, Sphaeropsis has no chemical treatment remedy. As with Armillaria, stressed trees are most susceptible; healthy trees are able to ward off the pathogenic attack. The only action you can take is to remove the infected branches, twigs and cones on a dry autumn day to prevent the spread of this disease.

For more information see the book *Diseases of Trees and Shrubs* by Sinclair, Lyon and Johnson or call Linda Williams, DNR Forest Health Specialist in Green Bay at (920) 492-5872. Links to related Web sites are on the GDA Web page at www.doorbell.net/gda.

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Dune Thistle

by Ursula Petersen, *Endangered Species Specialist, Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture*

Have you checked your dunes lately? You might have a rare plant struggling to survive. Dune thistle (also called Pitcher's thistle) is a rare native thistle thought to have evolved in the Great Lakes region at the end of the Ice Age. On the federal list of endangered and threatened species, the plant's habitat is the undisturbed, sparsely vegetated dune community of Lake Michigan.

Although thistles are not usually regarded as something to preserve, this soft-spined, wooly plant with its amber to pink flowers is attractive and an important component of the native dune flora. It begins its life from a seed near the parent plant and for up to nine years it adds mass to its roots and annual shoots. Finally, large round buds give rise to the downy composite flowers which attract butterflies and other insects with their nectar and pollen.

In the years before flowering, many mishaps can occur to the plants, particularly from trampling, pulling, and chemical applications by beachfront owners who don't recognize this species. Lakeshore development is the main threat to the sustained existence of the Dune thistle.

You may join the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and other agencies to protect endangered and threatened species in two ways:

- Avoid trampling, pulling and spraying the dune thistle in its various life stages. Maintain the dune habitat the species requires as much as possible.

- Track the dune thistles on your property by counting the budding/flowering adults and the non-flowering immatures in late summer or fall each year.

To report your thistle count, please send to U.C. Petersen, DATCP-ARM, P.O. Box 8911 Madison WI 53708 or by email to ursula.petersen@datcp.state.wi.us (608/224-4538). For local expertise on this and other beach and dune species, call Jim Hale at (920) 743-1214 or the naturalist at Whitefish Dunes State Park (920) 823-2400. Your interest and cooperation are much appreciated.

More thistle pictures and informative links are on the GDA web site.



Immature Dune Thistle



Mature Dune Thistle

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Fast Internet Service Coming Soon, Maybe

by Laddie Chapman

Charter Pipeline, a division of Charter Communications, the video cable company that presently serves our area, intends to roll out fast "broadband" Internet service this fall, said a spokesman for the company who declined to give more of his name than just "Sam."

Internet access speeds can be expected at 500K bits (about 50K bytes) per second in the *download* direction and 128K bits (about 13K bytes) per second in the *upload* direction. Compared to dialup telephone connections in our area, which are limited by distance from Sturgeon Bay, this represents a substantial jump in effective throughput. Ameritech guarantees only 14K bits/sec., an obsolete specification, and in spite of the 56K modem that comes with a new computer today, a more typical speed is 24K. This means the Charter connection is likely to be 5 to 20 times faster, and the 20X will be in the most-useful direction, typically data coming *in* to your computer from web pages.

The projected cost per customer is about \$45 per month if you already subscribe to video cable and \$60 if you are not a subscriber. Included in the price is all the technical parts (an ordinary modem won't do, you need a cable "modem" and an ethernet card) and installation is free during the rollout period as long as you don't ask the installer to hang too much cable or drill through too many walls.

Also included in the monthly fee is 10MB of personal web space and up to 3 email addresses, pretty typical of most ISPs (Internet Service Providers). If you

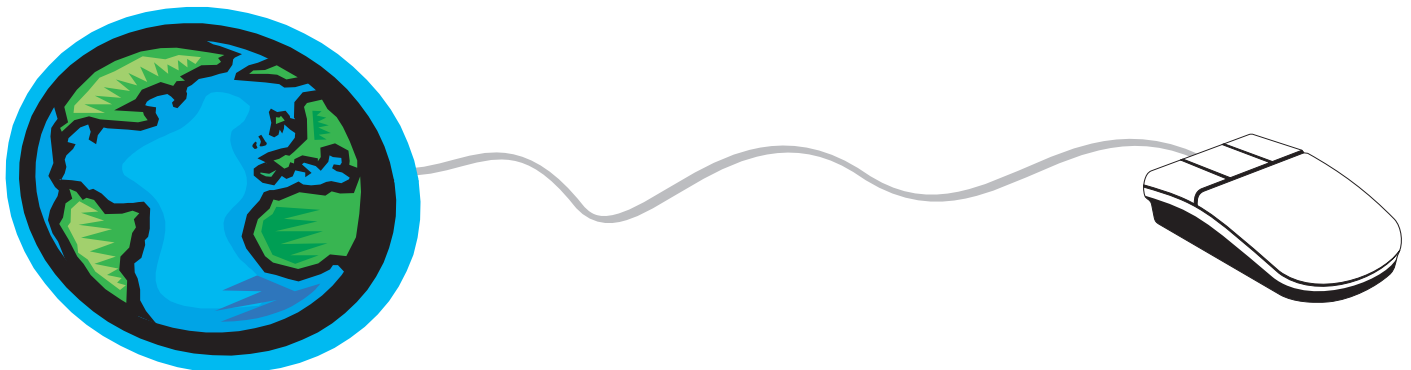
have an existing ISP account, you will probably discontinue it unless you need to dial in from some other part of the country. This means your email address may change, also.

The spokesman was unable to assure us that the Glidden Drive area was on the same schedule as Sturgeon Bay city. Since we are on different cable feeds from in town, there might be a delay in the rollout, too – we'll have to wait and see.

If your Internet use is heavily into web browsing, this fast service is just the ticket to avoid falling asleep during complex page loading. But if you do little more than exchange text email, it might not be worth the extra cost over a standard dialup line.

The video cable connection is "always on," that is, you do not have to dial or connect each time you want to access the Internet; as long as your computer is on, your connection is constant. While this is a minor convenience for some, it opens up a potential security hole for all. Unlike a dialup account, where you are assigned a dynamic IP number that varies from connection to connection, you will have a static, rarely-changing number. This means that crackers (malicious hackers) wanting to break into your computer can take their time probing and testing without having to worry that you might disconnect at any time. Cable companies have acquired a reputation for not informing customers about this problem and not providing "firewall" software to protect against it. Time will tell how Charter will handle this.

More info is available on Charter's web site at www.chartercom.com or call (877) 531-7845.



Art Happenings

by Chris Vuco

Drive residents **Cal Bonnavier, Beverly Hart Branson, Mickey Fellows, Kathryn Little, Margaret Madel** and **Christopher Vuco** were among 125 women whose work was shown at the Door County Women Artists Open Invitation Exhibit at the Miller Art Museum from June 10 through August 1. Each piece was restricted to a 20 by 20-inch dimension.

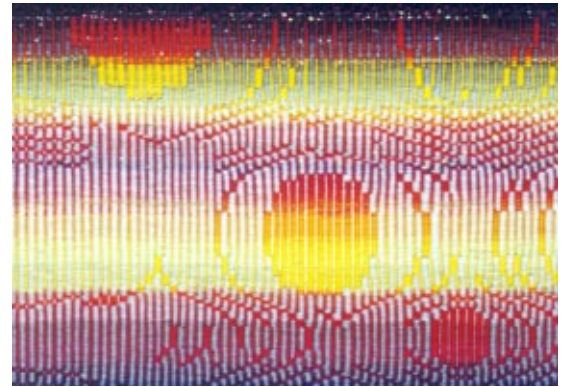
Now through August 14 at the Whitefish Bay Farm Gallery is former Drive resident and Association President **Dave Currie's** photographic exhibit *Light Meditations: Form & Spirit*. Whitefish Bay Farm Gallery is at 3831 Clark Lake Road.

Cal Bonnavier's mixed-media exhibit of paintings will be held from August 1 to 31 at the Stone Harbor Resort in downtown Sturgeon Bay.

Works from many of these artists are also on display at various galleries and exhibits around the county.



David G. Currie: "New Leaf, Florida 1999"



Margaret Madel: Pick up REP weave – "Serenade for Sunsets"



Beverly Hart Branson: Watercolor and ink – "Renaissance Solemnization"



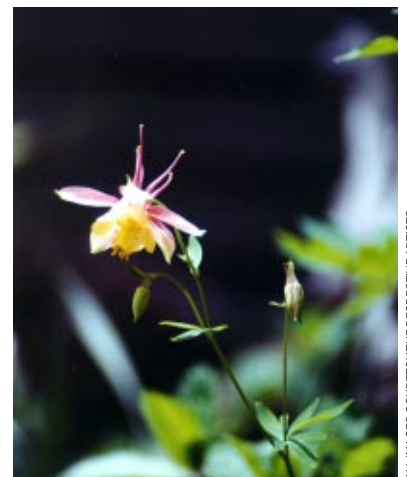
Mickey Fellows: Knitting – Child's Sweater



Cal Bonnavier: Oil – "Quilt is Best of Show" – A friend, quilter and fellow Drive resident Chris Kinka



Christopher Vuco: Plain weave – "1/3 the size" Miniature rag rugs



Kathryn Little: Photograph – "Columbine"

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Pix From The Past



GDA ARCHIVES: CAROL WESTER

The "Fish House," ca. 1970. The gravel loader is no longer on the beach.



GDA ARCHIVES: CAROL WESTER

Ted Wester with German Brown Trout, 1960's

For decades, the place to go for fish was Wester's Fish House, a family business at the south end of Glidden Drive. Started by John Wester in the early 1900's, it was continued by his sons, Ed and Ted, into the 70's, although the catch declined and they were forced into the gravel, sawmill and caretaking business. The Fish House, an early version of a 7-11, carried other items such as staples and drinks. Writes Mary Clarke and Joanne Conkin, "The real attraction [in the back room] was the slot machine, in which many a coin disappeared, and a few reappeared."



COURTESY JIM HUNTA

Ed Wester's caretaking sign

Thanks

The Glidden Drive Association wants to express its sincere appreciation to:

Herb Klein, for willingly serving for two years as President, building and painting our lane signs, and being an all-around nature booster and Glidden Drive supporter;

George Wentz, for serving as Vice-President and for editing and publishing the newsletter for two years, not to mention mailing and membership duties;

Bob Geyer, for lending us his talents by serving on the Association Board;

Tom Watson, for his eagle-eyed proofreading of the GDA Directory data;

Boyd Fellows, for taking great pictures of the 1999-2000 Board

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how fast they are happening. Others don't mind the change at all. I moved here because Glidden Drive was unique. In the past 14 years since I've been here I have seen many changes.

What bothers me most is the face of the Drive itself. Once it was very rustic. Today it seems a lot like the urban community I left – maybe not all that bad but must we make it look like that? Are we still trying to say "Look, mine's better and bigger than yours"? For some of us it won't make any difference; it's what we want. For the rest of us, let's keep it the way we found it.

Complaints. Call me. Write me. Email me. (That's probably the newest change.) I might just tell you what you can do with your complaints! To be serious, I want to know about your ideas. I will attempt to find a solution for your problems and I hope we all can work together to make Glidden Drive a community we all can be happy with.

SOUND OFF!

Light Pollution: Not A Pretty Sight

by Patric Johnstone

Door County's tourism hinges on being a getaway from overbuilt communities and their pollution. It would be economic suicide to duplicate that here, which is one reason we have strict environmental regulations.

Laws forbidding pouring pollutants on the wayside promote wildflowers to see and clean air to breathe, but if a visitor wants to see a starry night sky – not anymore. Not within miles of Sturgeon Bay, anyway, thanks to poorly designed “renovation” street lighting, overlit gas stations and car lots.



COURTESY PATRIC JOHNSTONE

BAD – A typical farm fixture wastes light by not concentrating it where needed

When car dealerships in Tucson, Arizona were made to turn off their bright display lighting after 11PM (leaving on a few security lights), they found it not only didn't hurt sales, but they were able to pass the savings in electricity on to their customers, and the stars were visible again. Everyone wins.

It wasn't voluntary at first, though. It took a city ordinance similar to what Sevastopol Town passed more than a year ago to get folks to “see the light.”

Sevastopol ordinance 98-06 forbids a property owner's bright light from “trespassing” onto another's property (and into their windows). Most don't realize that this ordinance makes most of the “farm” lights leased from Wisconsin Public Service illegal unless they are equipped with a “Skycap” to control their light trespass.

The safest bet is to use only the amount of light necessary, when and where you need it. The average 60-watt porch light is rarely an offender, but avoid high-intensity lighting if at all possible. Quartz, mercury, sodium or metal halide are overkill for our rustic setting.

With so much at stake, isn't it time we addressed Door County's most ignored pollution problem?



GOOD – This “Skycap” cover prevents light from spilling out or up



LADDIE CHAPMAN

The bridge as seen from Shivering Sands Creek

Help Keep Glidden Drive Rustic

by Henry Scheig

We live in a wonderful part of nature on Glidden Drive. The drive's natural and unique environment have earned the designation of “Rustic Road.” It is important to maintain that designation. Therefore we should try to abide by Rustic Road requirements. **WE SHOULD AVOID EXCESSIVE MOWING AND PLANTING OF NON-NATIVE VEGETATION ALONG THE ROADSIDE.** The *Wisconsin Administrative Code – Rules of Department of Transportation Rustic Roads Board* covers qualifications and maintenance. Pertinent sections are:

Trans-RR 10.4 Qualifications for rustic road designation. (1) a rustic road has outstanding *natural features* along its borders such as rugged natural terrain, native wildlife and *native vegetation*...

Trans-RR 1.11 Vegetation maintenance. (3) Mowing shall be performed only as necessary for health, safety and ecological reasons with the aim of encouraging, where appropriate, the growth of prairie flora adjacent to the road.

Trans-RR 1.15 land use protection. (1) Local authorities are encouraged to preserve the natural and scenic characteristics of land along rustic roads...

Trans-RR 1.19 Withdrawal of rustic road designation. [s.83.42(4), Stats.] (2) The board may wish to withdraw rustic road designation for a particular road if the road no longer possesses the rustic character originally qualifying it for designation due to overdevelopment...



Fire Protection Update

by Tom Jung

A year ago last June a resident's home burned to the ground, bringing to a total of three homes consumed by fire along the Drive in the last forty years. In all cases firefighters were delayed by the distance from Sturgeon Bay and hampered by lack of a nearby, easily-obtainable water source. Many people have wondered if there might be a better way, especially with a large lake so close by.

At first it seems obvious that a hose could easily be dropped into the lake and used for an unlimited source of water. However, all available firefighting equipment is designed to connect to a pressurized city hydrant and can only lift water from a 10 to 15 foot height at a dock. Just getting a pumper truck to the edge of the water is a severe problem, too – suitable docks or roads to the shore exist only at the extreme ends of Glidden Drive.

Several months ago the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department attempted to draft water from the cove at the Chapel property, yet could not because the driveway was too high above the water.

Sevastopol Town has set aside \$10,000 for study of this problem, and if any funds are left over after the study, they could possibly be used for part of the solution.

Some suggested solutions are:

■ **Build a road** for faster fire department response time and public use by extending Haberlie Road east to the approximate center of the Drive. This was rejected by the GDA Board and many of the residents for environmental reasons, cost considerations, and the worry of "opening up" Glidden Drive to access by non-residents. It also would not save that much response time for the fire department.

■ **Install a dry well** somewhere near the middle of the Drive. A dry well is a large underground pipe leading from open lake water to a convenient location near the road. This approach could be costly to build if through rock, and difficult to keep clear of sand, zebra mussels, freezing ice in the winter, and other debris at the inlet.

■ **Use the pool** – Glidden Lodge Beach Resort's Board has made an offer to let the fire department use the water in their 14,700-gallon swimming pool and in-

deed, the pool was originally built with this idea in mind. But a recent Fire Department test found the piping from the pool was originally installed in such a way that it could not be used even for the Resort's own fire protection. Plumbing plans are now being sought since it might be possible to reroute the internal pipe connections in a more useful manner.

■ **Bury a cistern** – somewhere at mid-Drive that would be kept filled at all times; according to the fire department, this is the best solution. Possible cistern sites include one of the lanes owned by the Association, though none are big and Pebble Lane, the largest, suffers from a seasonal high water table problem. **Is there a property owner along the Drive who is willing to donate land or an easement to it for a cistern?** Not only would that property have the best chance of surviving a fire, but there might be some tax advantage too. If you are that charitable person, please contact the Association.

These ideas and suggested solutions will be brought to the Sevastopol Town Fire and Safety Committee the next time it meets.

“ Between all the stops there was time to explore the farm roads of the interior, windows open, fresh air blowing. Time to appreciate the sunsets and the songbirds. Time to talk with artists and time to watch them create their art. Time, with a camera, to attempt to make a little ourselves. Time to do absolutely nothing. The good news: Door County – if you go there – is still Door County. Paradise is still Paradise. And with better restaurants. ”

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