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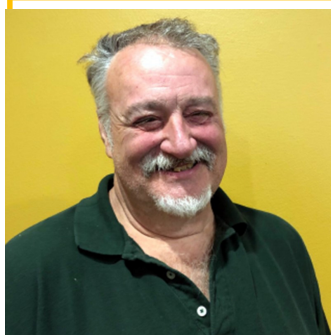
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ITS DUES TIME OF YEAR

In September, 2020, the Executive Board lowered the annual Iowa Club dues to zero for 2020-21. This was a result of the size of our treasury and there being only one 2020 rally (the Installation Rally in October). Now, however, activities have returned to a more normal level with four 2021 rallies and 2021 expenses have reduced the treasury balance. Treasurer Deb Ford stated that Headquarters has already accepted dues of \$10.00 on behalf of new Iowa Club members for the upcoming year and, rather than billing those members for any additional cost, she suggested at the September Rally in Colfax that we set the annual fee for 2021-22 at \$10.00, with the 2022-23 dues to be \$15.00. This action was approved by the members. Therefore, it is

now time to send your renewal check to our treasurer, Deb Ford. With the International annual dues remaining at \$75.00, this makes the total membership fee, for upcoming 2021-22, \$85.00. Make your check out in that amount, payable to the Iowa Club, WBCCI and mail it to Deb Ford, Treasurer, Iowa Club, WBCCI, 105 Rustic Lake Dr., Colona, IL 61241. **PLEASE, PLEASE**, do this as soon as possible so Deb won't have to remind you. She will then send the International portion to Headquarters in one check. Your check must be received by Deb in time to get the International portion to Headquarters no later than December 31st in order for you to be included in the 2022 International Directory. As usual, Life Members will only pay the \$10.00 Iowa amount. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

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PREZ SEZ

The crisp air of fall is here; cool in the mornings, warm during the day, and cool again in the evenings. It is hard to believe the end of this year is so near. Football, falling leaves and bonfires also brings to mind

I want to thank our hosts Norm and Pat Van Klompenburg and Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka for pulling off a fun and informative last-minute rally. The Airstreams were circled and we had great adventures, as well as opportunities for getting re-acquainted.

Hopefully many of you reading this will be able to attend our year-end rally in Pini-con Ridge Park. There should be ideal temperatures to enjoy a great campfire, smores, etc. Let's make it a fun finish to this year of trying to return to a new norm and put 2020 behind us. Our incoming president, Mike Rickert, has lots of plans for the 2022 season, so let's be at the Installation Rally to support him. As this is my last letter, I am looking forward to a fun-filled new season.

Thanks to all,
Tom

COME TO FINAL 2021 RALLY

Our fourth, and final, rally for 2021 will be on October 7-13 at Pinicon Ridge County Park at Central City, IA, about 23 miles NE of Cedar Rapids. This will be our Installation Rally, where our 2021-22 Iowa officers will be installed. In addition to this vital chore, there are many area places to visit and tour, so make it a point to join your friends for the weekend. Should be GREAT!!!

WHERE IS OUR TENT?

A question arose at the Colfax Rally concerning the where-abouts of a tent that the Iowa Club had purchased several years ago. No one seemed to know what had become of it. If you know where the club tent is located or what happened to it, would you please let our president know, as we may want to use it at a future rally? Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Also, we had occasion to try to find the box holding the extra badges and inserts. It's blue, about usual letter paper size and about 1½ or 2 inches deep. Doris Jean passed it on to someone but can't remember who.

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LAFRENTZ HEALTH

Joan Lafrenz recently had a knee replaced and that seems to be healing well and allows her to pretty much get around in a normal fashion. However, about three weeks ago she took a tumble and, in trying to catch herself, put her right arm out. In doing so, she damaged her wrist. At first, it was thought that she had broken it. However, X-rays showed it was just a bone crack. So, instead of wearing a heavy cast, she now sports a light-weight wrist brace, for which she is very thankful. Casts are no fun.

Dale, being a cancer recovery patient several years ago, was discovered to have a spot on the bottom of one of his kidneys. Although he is still undergoing tests and evaluations, it is thought that the spot is not cancerous. At any rate, keep both of them in your thoughts and prayers.

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BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER

1 - Louise Mercer
3 - Kay Vaughn
14 - Dale Lafrentz
19 - Gary Urich
21 - Hobart Darbyshire
24 - Sandie Kiple

ANNIVERSARIES OCTOBER

13 - Kathy & Scott Allen
18 - Karen & Mark Kvidera
26 - Linda & Michael Allen

At the rally in Colfax, your newsletter team received a couple of requests for the recipe for the **Fruit Cocktail Cake** (you know, the moist one with the coconut topping). This recipe was included in a newsletter about 10 years ago, but, with some members having joined the club since then, by request, it is being repeated here.

2 large eggs	½ cup dark brown sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour	8 tbsp stick margarine
½ tsp. salt	10 oz. can evaporated milk
15 oz. can of fruit cocktail	1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 1/4 cups sugar	1 cup flaked coconut, sweetened
½ cup chopped pecans	2 tps baking soda

NOTE: Use both fruit and juice from the fruit cocktail can. Eggs are to be beaten before adding and the brown sugar is to be firmly packed. Eggs can be beaten with a fork in the fruit cocktail can after emptying. More pecans can be used and evaporated milk can be shorted a little or increased, as desired.

Pre-heat an oven to 325-350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9"x13" baking pan. Chop pecans, if not already chopped, mix with brown sugar and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, combine fruit cocktail and 1½ cups of sugar. Mix thoroughly. Add beaten eggs, soda, salt, and flour. Pour into prepared baking pan. Sprinkle the nut-brown sugar mixture uniformly over the top of the cake batter. Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until top springs back when touched. Remove from oven. In a separate pan, boil margarine, evaporated milk and remaining ¾ cup of sugar for 2 minutes. Add vanilla and coconut. Spread mixture evenly over the entire cake and cool. Cut as desired. When cut into 24 pieces (6 x 4), each piece contains 228 calories and 36 carbs.

Run down through this quiz. A few surprises are guaranteed. You require only four correct answers to pass. Answer on last page.

1. How long did the 100 Year War last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get catgut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7. What was King George's first name?
8. What color is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
10. What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

FLOWERS, ARTS & STARS

The weather co-operated and the 10 RV's (9 members and one buddy) attending the September Rally of the Iowa Airstream Club at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax, Iowa enjoyed a wonderful weekend together. Parking had been originally planned for the large open-space camping area, but, with the relatively small number planning to come, it was shifted to the grassy, tree-shaded area near



the air-conditioned building that was going to be the center of the rally activities. AND, everyone was still able to get 30 or 50-amp electric. Since the temperature reached 97 degrees on Saturday afternoon, being able to run AC's was appreciated. It was a shame that we didn't see any of our new members, though.

The rally started off on Thursday with the usual "bring your own sandwiches and salad or dessert to share" meal, followed by an evening of visiting and catching up on what had happened since our June rally at Lake Iowa. The outside temperature was quite comfortable that first evening and most of the group gathered at the small open shelter in the center of our parking area.

Following a Friday morning breakfast of oatmeal and ice cream (choice of either cherry nut or butter brickle), along with raisin bread toast, orange juice and coffee or tea, Norman and Pat Van Klompenburg led a caravan to Newton where they had made arrangements for several tours. The first stop was at the Newton Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. The gardens, covering 6 acres, are located in part of the Agnes Patterson Memorial Park; an 80-acre farm that was donated to the City of Newton by the Patterson family. In 1990, a local group called Project AWAKE started the arboretum. There are now more than 185 individual trees of 150 species, along with flowers in three annual beds, a mixed perennial bed, an ornamental grass bed, a rose bed, two woody shrub beds, a shade garden, a tulip bed, a butterfly garden, a water garden, some native prairie, and over 3,000 feet of paved walking trails. Following a brief welcome by a Project AWAKE member, everyone walked some of the paved walks and had an opportunity to enjoy many of the flowering plants.

After leaving the arboretum, the next stop was the Center for Art and Artists near downtown Newton. At that location, there are small studios for those with artistic abilities to practice and further develop their skills. Several artists were on hand to show, explain and answer questions about

their endeavors. Among those were rug hooking (fellows, ask your wives about this) and pigment painting with oils and pastels. Also seen was an area that was being built to accommodate artists who would be working with wood. There was also a nice gift shop where some of the results of the artists efforts could be purchased.

Following a "lunch on your own", the group visited the Jasper County Museum, where numerous items were on display. The museum was started in 1973, when Jasper County was one of only nine counties that did not have an organization charged with preserving it's history. It is now one of the premier local museums in Iowa. In addition to the museum tour, attendees were encouraged to follow a map that each were provided and tour Newton (by auto or on foot) to view the more-

than 120 various sculptures scattered around the city, but with the admonition to get back to the rally grounds by 4:00 pm for the club business meeting.



The meeting was held, with the results of the 2021-22 officer election being tabulated and announced, along with other items of business that are covered in the meeting minutes included with this newsletter. Dinner was an "on-your-own" meal before everyone gathered to caravan to Ashton-Wildwood County Park (about 12 miles north) to enjoy an "Evening with the Stars". The centers of attraction were several very, very old celebrities. No, not Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, W.C. Fields, etc., but Saturn, Jupiter and friends. Rally co-host Norm Van Klompenburg is an avid astronomer and a member of the Des Moines Astrological Assoc. and, as such, was able to reserve the observatory at the park. With two domes and telescopes and the aid of a fellow astronomer (Greg Woolever from Ankeny, IA), everyone had the opportunity to view numerous bodies in the night sky. Of particular interest was the view of Saturn, with it's beautiful rings. Many rally attendees had never had the opportunity to view the sky through telescopes of the size at the

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Mural on side of observatory.



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observatory, so that made for a special evening.

Following a French toast and ham breakfast on Saturday morning, the attendees caravanned to the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, about 10 miles south of the rally grounds. The refuge covers about 13.5 square miles (a little over 8,500 acres) and it was established in 1990 with the purpose of re-constructing a small portion of the tall grass prairie that covered the Midwest before settlers arrived. They have accomplished that task and we were able to drive a paved road into the refuge, surrounded by millions and millions of yellow sunflowers and other plants. A ranger presented the history of the



refuge and answered questions, before the group moved to the auditorium, where they watched a short video about the refuge before walking through the exhibits. Although one was able to view, through a telescope, a portion of the 55-member bison herd, by the time we had driven to where they had been in the 600-acre pasture, they had moved on. Most, however, did get to see a lone bull bison cross the road right in front of the stopped vehicles, so the drive through the refuge was not a total loss.

Saturday evening's meal was furnished and included in the rally fee and it consisted of fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad and applesauce, as well as food left-over and brought by attendees from the Thursday evening meal, so no one went hungry. The evening program was card bingo, with several nice prizes when it came time to open winnings. Sunday morning's breakfast, consisting of various pastries, orange juice and coffee or tea, pretty well ended an enjoyable weekend. Although thank you's need to go out to all who attended, a particularly **BIG THANK YOU** goes to Norm and Pat Van Klompenburg for all they did in arranging the off-site activities, to Mike Donahue for providing fantastic apple fritters and to all those who helped in any manner, particularly in the rapid and complete cleanup on Sunday morning. Your hosts couldn't have asked for better help. Again, a big **THANK YOU** to all. **SEE YOU IN CENTRAL CITY!!**

HERRON'S CARAVAN IN MINNESOTA

A big **THANK YOU** to Shirley Herron for the following article and pictures pertaining to their trip to NE Minnesota. As you can tell, the article was written while heading back from the caravan, but that doesn't really matter.

Your President and First Lady are now on the homeward trail of what has been a delightful trip. We met up with our friends later than planned due to some unfortunate mowing issues. The replacement blades for our new tractor were nowhere in stock and special size means special order. We have three on order now. Then, after arranging to borrow a mower to use the following day, Mother Nature rained overnight forcing us to delay mowing. We did not leave for Winterset, IA until after 5:30. We were to go to a Mexican restaurant in Winterset at 6:00 pm with the group. We made a decision to stop at the restaurant before going on to Pammel State Park to set up camp. When we pulled in, we made Airstream #11 for the VAC Midwest Region Airstream Rolling Rally.

The next morning we hit the road in two groups, heading for the Blooming Prairie Brookside RV Park. There we be-

came a band of 12. Some names you might recognize traveling with us were Lee and Joyce Cantrell (Missouri-Kansas Club), Past Region President Mike and Cheryl Sisk (Nebraska Club), and from our own Iowa Club, Scott and Kathy Allen and John and Carol Heckman. Some toured the Austin, MN Spam Museum before setting up camp, where Happy Hour, a campfire and S'mores were enjoyed.

Morning #3 we lined up in two groups to rendezvous at Cabela's, near St. Paul, where we stretched and shopped before heading to Duluth. Buffalo Shores RV Park



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provided us with a nice secluded cul-de-sac where we had two more Airstreams join us temporarily. Duluth has so much to offer; canal, shops, food, ship rides along the lake shore and harbor, a Maritime Museum and a Railroad Museum. We did free-time exploring, sometimes as a couple or two, as well as a group excursion for the ship ride and the Buffalo Supper Club. What do you get when 30 hungry Airstreamers wait patiently for their food? Lots of loud talking and laughter. Thanks to the contained fire system of a fellow Airstreamer, most evenings consisted of a Happy Hour to share our daily excursions, compare notes and strengthen our friendships.

Duluth was our home base for four nights. On Wednesday night, we picked up our furthest traveled Airstream from Alabama, resulting in the largest count of 15 Airstreams in our cul-de-sac. On Friday, we lost three Airstreams who needed to continue their adventures in other directions.

After crossing into Wisconsin and back, Tom and I continued along the north shore of Lake Superior, stopping at the Split Rock Lighthouse, before catching up with everyone in Gran Marais. It is a beautiful town along the shore of Lake Superior, with a lovely city park along the shore within walking distance of the town shops and restaurants. This was to be home base for seven nights. We enjoyed the Gran Marais sights and the drive to Grand Portage, as well as hiking to the Tallest Falls (Pic on previous page.) and driving the Gunflint Trail. The popular "catch of the day" this week was herring, giving us a chance for yummy fish and chip platters, as well as chowders of either herring or white fish.

The fire risk was high, so no campfires were allowed until our final night when the ban was lifted and a campfire

was built. We were even treated to a guest Airstream owner (Mary) who was not a planned or partner of our caravan, but who sang, played guitar and told us stories.. During our Gran Marais stop, we lost four of our group. Some were heading to the Clear Lake Airstream Park to visit with friends, while others headed home for more adventures. The Alabama trailer stayed behind in Gran Marais as they were just starting their Upper States travels and were headed in another direction. This cut our rolling group down to three from Missouri-Kansas and three from Iowa. We hit the road for Ely, MN and the Falls Lake Campground.

The campsites were designed so that each site had a huge area for a table and cooking fire rings. There was none of this standing on your head or doing deep squats to try to cook. I was thoroughly delighted and wished Iowa had such spaces. Again, we had so much to pack into three days. Tickets for "Supper With The Wolves" were part of our arrival night. While there we learned a lot about wolves and watched two senior wolves and a four-month old pup interact. Ely offered multiple shops and restaurants. We toured the birthhome of a remarkable woman who made the Boundary Waters her home. She was a nurse, homesteader, canoe guide and went on to become an Honorary Ranger. She lived a long life and made a "mean root beer". We hiked to a



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GARY & CHERYL BURROWS UPDATE

The following email from Gary and Cheryl Burrows was received by your newsletter team on Monday, September 13th. Those who were at the September rally already know that Gary and Cheryl were about halfway to the rally when they encountered transmission problems in their motorhome. The vehicle was stranded near Knoxville for nearly 24 hours before being towed to a truck repair service in Des Moines. This is their report of what happened.

"Got a call this afternoon from Inland Truck Parts & Service in Des Moines. They got the motorhome in the shop this afternoon and found the problem; circuit board in the transmission (Allison) went bad. That is why it was bouncing between gears and went into Do Not Shift Mode. He was not sure that if I had followed instructions in the manual (even with the engine running) that it would have corrected itself. Surprise of surprises! They have the circuit

board in stock. Should be ready to pick up tomorrow afternoon. He said that it would be best if I wait until Wednesday morning to drive up. He will call me tomorrow afternoon to let me know for sure it is done. I will leave out the cost out. I will just say it is not cheap but what is these days? At least it can be repaired.

So sorry that we did not make it to the rally. We were looking forward to seeing everyone again. Been 4 long years since we have been to any rallies. Let us know what we owe the club for the catered meals and what the rally fee is. The club should not bear the cost just because we could not make it there. We committed to be there. Maybe next year will be better."

The Burrows were informed there would be no charges for them concerning the rally, since the food was not ordered until after receiving word of their mishap. Besides, the repair shop probably got pretty deep into Gary's wallet.

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beautiful waterfalls and drove 90 minutes to Vince Shultes American Bear Sanctuary. This stop was recommended by a couple from our flea market days, so, naturally, I booked us tickets and we made the trek. We so loved our evening with the bears. I know this will be on a re-visit trip for us. We had a local resident recommend a tour of the Soudan Mine, so we went and traveled 2,341 feet below the surface to experience the life of an iron ore miner. Our guide was nicknamed "Teach", as she is a local teacher who fell in love with the mine when she first visited it. She informed us that we were in the Cadillac of Mines, as Soudan was the best mine in it's day, producing high volume, quali-

ty ore with nice roomy work spaces and circulating fresh, dry air. It always had a long list of miners hoping to work there.

We ran into several locations on this trip where the lack of work staff was noticeable. Food servers were overwhelmed by the number of tables they were responsible for. Kitchens were slow due to understaffed numbers of cooks. However, that was the only down side we noticed during the entire trip. Rumors are circulating of a east side of Lake Superior Rolling Rally. I know we will be watching for that opportunity. This type of caravan is one of the many advantages of Airstream International, Local and Subclub memberships.

Iowa Airstream Club Saturday, September 11, 2021 Jasper County Fairgrounds, Colfax, Iowa

President Tom Herron called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken absent officers were Kathy Allen Director and John Heckman Past President. All other officers were present. Motion Made by Chuck Cabalka that minutes be accepted as published in August news letter for June and August minutes from previous meetings. Mike Rickert 2nd on motion. Motion passed.

Deb Ford gave the treasurer report As of Aug. 31, the balance was \$3,691.29. Revenues were \$930.92 and expenses were \$2,363.69 so far this year.

Motion made by Chuck Helle that proposed bylaws and constitution as emailed to members be approved and submitted for IBT approval. Motion 2nd Mike Rickert poll taken passed full approval.

Motion made by Deb Ford that due fees for 2022 to be paid by December 31, 2021 be \$10.00 and increase to \$15.00 for 2023 to be paid by December 31, 2022. 2nd by Norm Van Klompenberg. Poll taken passed

Further discussion regarding New Members info being published. Objection to proposal on publishing Shirley Herron due to occasional response for no communication by New members. Motion made that putting address and contact info will only be by response of new member approval.

Revisited approval to pay October Group site camping \$300 / weekend with reimbursement to club in rally fees and for meeting room rental \$220 reimbursed to Herrons of receipts mailed to Treasurer Deb Ford

Chuck Cabalka requested reimbursement of \$475 for building this weekend, advised that food receipts totaled 126.49 camp fees are \$15.00 per nite. Mike Rickert proposed that \$15.00 per trailer cover the building fee with the remaining \$375 covered by club treasury. Further discussion fee per trailer for building increased to \$25. leaving club to cover \$225. Norm Van Klompenberg 2nd poll taken 17 to 1. Mike Donahue preferring \$39. per trailer requiring club to have no expense.

DorisJean Cabalka presented postage receipts to be paid. Motion by Norm Van Klompenberg that receipts be paid second by Deb Blaha. Poll taken passed. Receipts presented by Donella Watkinson for reimbursement for cards and postage of birthday cards created, sent by mail. Poll taken passed.

Pat Dellamuth requested October to be an additional Buddy Rally, 2nd by Deb Ford. Poll taken passed.

Ballots received were reviewed by president appointed committee of Chuck Helle and Arden Taube, report made of all ballots received the proposed officers approved unanimous. Move to accept report Donella Watkinson poll taken approved.

Motion to adjourn Doug Ford 2nd Deb Blaha

President Tom Herron adjourned meeting
5:14 pm.

CARAVAN TO SWISS FESTIVAL RALLY

On the beautiful, mild afternoon of Tuesday, September 21st, four Iowa Club Airstreams gathered at Westlake County Park on the west side of Davenport, IA to prepare for their 600-mile trip to Sugarcreek, OH to attend the 58th Swiss Festival Rally. After a rather cool night (temperature down to 49 degrees), everyone awoke to clear skies and a light north



breeze. Leaving the Westlake campground at 8:30 AM, the day's route ran south to Peoria, IL, then east to arrive at the Earl Park, IN city park about 3:00 PM. By the time the caravan had reached Peoria, however, the wind came up and we drove with 10-20 mph winds from the north and clouds for the rest of the day. After arriving at the Earl Park campground and having supper, we looked out to see the western sky clearing and were treated to a beautiful sunset. Quite a day!

Day 2 of the caravan dawned with beautiful clear skies and the drive to the Airstream Terraport in Jackson Center was made with no problems. Leaving the Earl Park City Campground a little later than normal, the caravan did not get to Jackson Center during the noon hour as has been the case in the past. However, with no factory tours, the arrival time wasn't really important. The lunch stop was at the city park in El Paso, IL. Upon arriving in Jackson Center (after passing by the new Airstream factory) the terraport was found to be less than one-half full, which was quite a surprise, since previous caravans have had to search a little for spots in the three circles. The Helle's were even able to park beside the repaired Beu trailer. There was an opportunity for caravan members to visit the Airstream store to purchase items they needed.



On the third, and final, morning of the caravan, Chuck arose a little early and made the 20-mile drive to Sydney, OH to the nearest Walmart bakery, where he purchased a couple dozen assorted rolls. Upon returning to Jackson Center, everyone "hooked up", dumped and made the short drive to WBCCI headquarters where the caravan members enjoyed rolls and coffee with the headquarters staff. About 9:30 AM, the caravan rolled out of Jackson Center and headed out on the final 153 miles to the rally site. Norm and Linda Beu had planned to join the caravan at Jackson Center, but, due to losing a crown on one of his teeth, Norm had to visit his dentist to get repairs made, so he and Linda were a day behind the caravan. The Friday lunch stop was in the parking lot of a furniture store in Mt. Vernon, OH, before driving on to Winklepleck Grove Park, just outside Sugarcreek, OH, the site of the 58th Swiss Festival Rally. Arriving about 2:00 PM, the caravan was parked immediately and all were ready to enjoy the week at the rally.

Advice for the day: Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home.

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If you got less than four correct, don't feel bad. Ask some of your brilliant friends these questions.

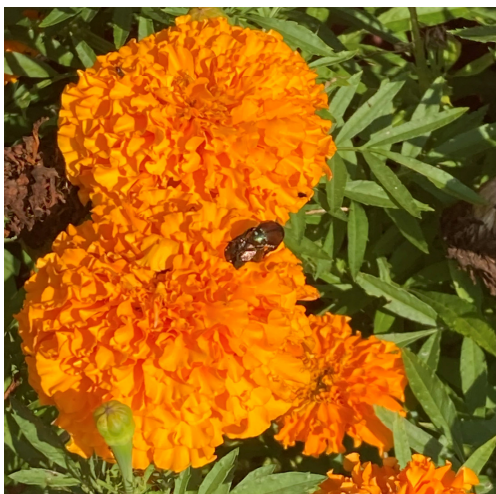
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| 1. 116 years | 6. Dogs |
| 2. Ecuador | 7. Albert |
| 3. Sheep and horses | 8. Crimson |
| 4. November | 9. New Zealand |
| 5. Squirrel fur | 10. Orange, of course |

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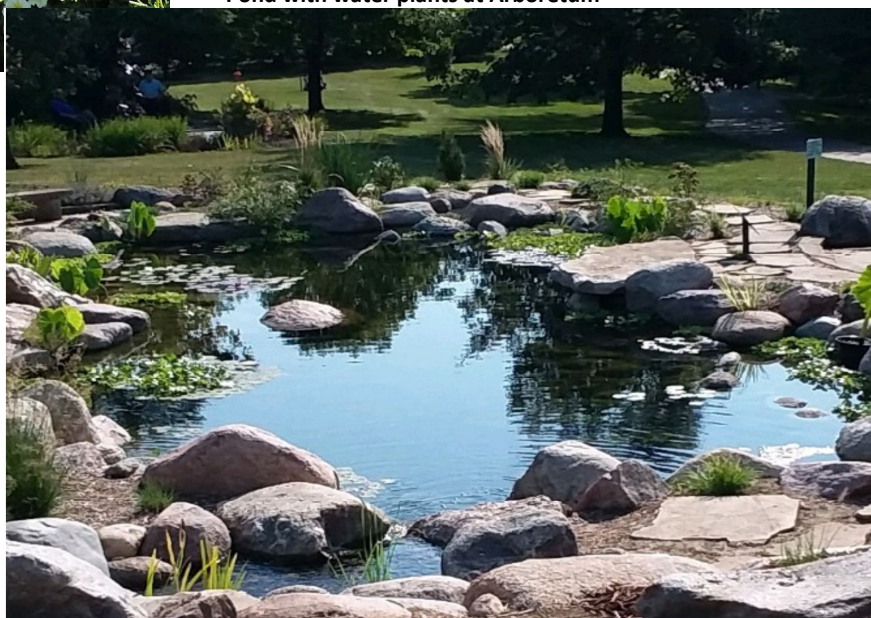


Marigolds

Watering Plants Sculpture



Sailing ships on Lake Superior



Pond with water plants at Arboretum



Prairie Learning Center Guide holding little snake!