

Just so you know! April 24, 2017

. . . I've been told there is a very small village display at the *Fall Inn Tavern* in Homecroft (Duluth, MN). That's all I know about it. Should be able to take a look soon. It's only a couple of miles away and they serve food (I eat - frequently).

. . . Thinking about **music in the park** for next year's display. We have a bunch of musicians, singers, etc. We can put them in different locations in a park, each with a small audience. Maybe a food truck or two. Maybe better yet, with several smaller food carts. Stretching my imagination, we have over two dozen choices of musical groups. That means lots of possibilities. How about actual music in the background?

. . . Lottie Clinedinst: 'Treasure Hunt' - Dan Collander: '100 Display Tips and Tricks in 60 minutes' - Jan & Ridi Lauritzen: 'Personalize Your Village Through The Use Of Ornaments and Themes' - Nicholas & Scott McKeivitt: 'Through a Child's Eye Nicholas' - Brian McLaughlin: 'Painting Techniques and Supplies (without spray paint)' - Nichole Mitchell: 'Is that really made of Styrofoam?' - Mike Sanders: 'Lights, Camera, Action' - Ken Shirley: 'Building Glacier Bay Glacier Bay' - Ellen Somerville & Joe Meyers: 'What's Happening At Your Village Church?' - Brandon Taylor: 'Rehabbing a Village' - Kirk Wylie: 'Running Out of Room?' Above is the list of speakers and seminars scheduled for the *NCC Silver Rush – 25th Anniversary Gathering* – June 14-18, 2017.

. . . I'd never before seen a female Gnome. I discovered a "2-1/8" high hand-painted resin figure of a female gnome in a long blue skirt. . . . " on the ourminithings website. I may be looking for one for my Gnome display in our gardens. Linda won't allow the Gnomes in her Fairy garden. She claims they are mean to faires.



. . . My copy of the Spring 2017 Village D-Lights arrived April 15. It's the first one from my first/new subscription. I do miss one long-time regular column - just so you know!

. . . We used an image, actually several, as background(s) for our North Pole display. We took the pictures a couple years ago. Bentleyville is a free, Christmas light show in Bay Front Park in Duluth (MN). <http://www.bentleyvilleusa.org/> We think it looks pretty good.



. . . I'm pretty sure we are going to purchase the new Dept. 56 'Sitting in the North Pole.' It's a set of five sitting elves: two elves playing checkers (on a bench), a young girl elf with colorful packages and an elf napping on a bench. Note: we already have at least twenty-six sitting elves. Not sure we 'need' more, but

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