



The Great Mystery

by Bishop Robert Morneau

We are surrounded by mysteries: the mysteries of birth and death, of love and hate, of war and peace, of joy and sorrow. Our intellects and our emotions struggle to deal with the complexities of life. And, surely, one of the greatest mysteries is that of death, the loss of a loved one.

Some years ago I met a poet by the name of Jessica Powers (1905-1988). She shared with me a poem about death that captured an experience of her childhood.

Here are two reflections that came to mind as I pondered *"The Great Mystery."* Death is a mystery – great, grave, massive, solemn, high, deep. There is no solving it on this side of eternity. Our experience is too limited; our intelligence too finite; and, often, our faith too weak. Thus we turn to prophecy before the brutal fact of the death of a loved one. All we can do is surmise. Surely, surely, our anguish souls cry out that it must be light, the glory of God, which awaits us and not the darkness of nothingness.

Blessed are we to have relatives, be that aunts or uncles, grandmas and grandpas, who offer us Christian hope. Though we realize that there is often a great "discrepancy between faith and the facts" (Thornton Wilder), yet empiricism is only one avenue into the truth. God's revelation promises us that the keyhole through which we peer is radiant with the light of eternity.

Another author, this time a theologian and not a poet, is Pope Benedict XVI. In November of 2007, he wrote a powerful letter on hope called *Spe Salvi* ("On Christian Hope"). Two passages that struck me in this encyclical letter addressed the mystery of death. The first is the faith fact that we are created, known, loved, and awaited by God – we, all of us, are awaited by a God who is Love. If a person truly believes this, death does lose much of its sting. Indeed, some individuals, like St. Paul, longed to go back home, into the loving presence of God.

The other passage from Pope Benedict reads as follows: "The belief that love reaches into the afterlife, that reciprocal giving and receiving is possible, in which our affection for one another continues beyond the limits of death – this has been a fundamental conviction of Christianity throughout the ages and it remains a source of comfort today." Love has an eternal quality and death cannot end our mutual affection for one another. To be convinced of this reality is a grace far more precious than any pearl.

If death is a great mystery, so too is life. We honor those who have died by living life to the full. For this is the glory of God as St. Irenaeus reminds us: "The glory of God is the person fully alive." The death of loved ones must not paralyze us. Rather, by being agents of God's light, love, and life, we give evidence of our faith. In the end, nothing is lost. All truth, goodness, and beauty will pass through the gates of death into everlasting life. And as we pass through those gates, we too will have solved the great mystery. ❖

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My uncle had one sober comment for all deaths. Well, he (or she) has, he would say, solved the great mystery. I tried as child to pierce the dark unknown, straining to reach the keyhole of that door, massive and grave, through which one slips alone.

A little girl is mostly prophecy. And here, as there before, when fact arrests me at that solemn door, I reach and find the keyhole still too high, though now I can surmise that it will be, light (and not darkness) that will meet the eye.

Selected Poetry of Jessica Powers, ed. by Regina Siegfried, ASC and Robert F. Morneau (Washington, D.C.: ICS Publications, 1999), pp. 100.

You Won't Believe Me

by Connie Rodenbeck

A part of my job as a hospice Bereavement Coordinator is to call families after they have lost a loved one. When I simply ask how they are doing, I get a wide variety of answers. I give them the opportunity to talk because people need to share their stories. They need to talk about the person they have lost; it helps to hear the name and have someone respond to the stories they share about that person. Most of all they are afraid that what they are experiencing is not "normal." Grief makes us feel less than sane with its mood shifts and conflicting emotions. It is immensely reassuring to find that many others are on the same roller coaster ride.

Then there are my favorite stories. They always start out the same. "You won't believe me, but..." I chuckle softly and say, "Try me. You may be surprised; I have learned to question very little." With

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some encouragement, they share the experiences that might seem impossible.

"I got the call that Mother died about 3:30. I called all the family and made arrangements to fly out the next morning. Then, desperately needing to do something normal, I made a pot of coffee. Suddenly, I felt her hand on my cheek. I could smell her, that special mix of floral powder and paint from her art projects that were always with her. I remembered how whenever she visited we always had coffee on the back porch at this time in the afternoon. So I fixed my cup and took it out to the back porch. I just sat there, sipping coffee, and talking to Mom. I swear she was with me. Isn't that silly?"

I assured her that it wasn't silly at all. She had just experienced what I refer to as "gifts." These are experiences that bring us comfort and assure us that our loved ones are not only safe and happy, but still connected to us. They come in many different forms. One woman whose father was a bird watcher went out to her screened-in porch surrounded by over fifty birds of different shapes and sizes. They sang to her beautifully as she sipped her morning tea and prepared for the day to come.

"I sit out here every morning," she told me, "and I've never seen so many birds and so many different kinds. I know that Dad was telling me that he was rejoicing and wanted to reassure me."

Naysayers, of course, explain these things away. "The imagination is an incredible thing," they say, or "You must have been dreaming." Even those who have the experience do not always recognize it as a gift they have been given. One elderly widow talked about the first time she attended a funeral after her husband's death. "It was hard to go to the funeral since Jack and I used to go places all the time with Bob and his wife. It brought back memories of Jack's funeral too. Then I got into the car to drive to the cemetery and it was such a coincidence! As soon as I turned the engine on, the radio started playing our song. I haven't heard that song on the radio for years! It was so comforting. Wasn't that a nice coincidence?"

I suggested that perhaps it was not mere chance that their song happened to play. I told her that such "coincidences" were not uncommon and that I believe the song was played deliberately to comfort her at a difficult time. She just smiled and shook her head.

It was too far away from what she believed. It was too far away from what my husband believed as well. He is supportive enough not to laugh at me when I would come home with my latest accounting, but he would smile and say, "That's nice." I knew what "nice" meant. It was right up there with my fondness for searching for four-leaf clovers. My husband does believe in miracles. He has no choice. He counsels troubled children and their families. It takes more than skill and luck combined to help many of these kids. However, he found many ways to explain away the experiences of my bereaved families. Until Jonas...

Jonas was an eight-year old boy with autism. While he is able to verbally communicate, he is seldom able to express any emotion other than anger. An extremely concrete thinker, he is not able to pretend or use imagination in any way. He does not dream the way most people do. He can see images, but dreams that tell a story are not within his capabilities. Bonding with others is rare for him, but



These gifts are brief moments, intended to bring us comfort, hope and healing. We are not meant to focus on them so that they block us from moving through our grief.

Jonas was more bonded with his grandmother than anyone. His mother was very ill his first six months of life and Grandma was his caregiver during that critical time.

Grandma had lived in their home during her last few months as she battled the last stages of a respiratory illness. A few days after her death, Jonas became enraged when he found his mother sorting through Grandma's desk. "Those things are Grandma's!" he shouted, pummeling his mother, "You can't touch them!" No amount of explaining could reach him. In his black and white view of the world, any moving of her possessions would be a violation.

The next morning Jonas ran into the kitchen where his parents were having breakfast. His mood of excitement shocked them. It was not within his normal scope of reactions. What happened next completely awed them.

"Grandma came to see me last night! She told me to tell you that she isn't sick anymore. And you know what? She wasn't wearing her oxygen! She didn't have to stop talking to breathe like she always did. She told me something else too. She said she didn't need her stuff now. She said that anything around the house that used to be hers belongs to all of us now. So it's okay for you to do stuff with it, Mom."

After delivering his message, Jonas returned to his normal, somewhat neutral expression and calmly ate his cereal.

His mother wept grateful tears as she told me what had happened. "If Mother had come to me I would have thought I'd had a dream," she confessed, "but Jonas doesn't dream. She came to him so that all of us would be comforted."

I wept along with her, and then after asking her permission, I called my husband to tell him the story. He was amazed and confirmed that a child with Jonas' extent of autism could not have imagined this encounter. Nor did he have the reasoning skills to understand that Grandma's possessions were acceptable to touch without divine intervention. He shared the story with the child psychiatrist in his office, who further validated his conclusions. He no longer doubts that such gifts occur.

How do these events happen? Do loved ones actually appear in some fashion? I have no answers. I know that these gifts come from God, as do all good things. I cannot tell you if the souls themselves in some way visit us, or if angels are sent to be the messengers and wear the presence we long to feel. These gifts are brief moments, intended to bring us comfort, hope and healing. We are not meant to focus on them so that they block us from moving through our grief. They do not occur to every person and do not come with every loss.

I asked my dear friend who recently lost her husband if she had felt his presence in any way. She said she had not. Then we both shared a chuckle, agreeing that her husband knew her very practical nature and did not want to hit her over the head with the two-by-four it would take to make her recognize the experience.

I only know that these are gifts, means to be cherished. If you are or have been blessed to receive one, rejoice in it. Take the risk to share it with someone else who grieves. They may not believe you, but just maybe they will tell you about their own precious gift. Then you can share the joy and healing together. ❖



S U P P O R T

GENERATIONS HOPE FOR GRIEVING FAMILIES

Support for grieving families with children ages 6-18. Dinner followed by separate support groups for parents & children. Thurs. Mar. 11, Apr. 8, Apr. 14, 5:30 - 7:30 pm Unity Campus, 2366 Oak Ridge Circle, DePere. Call Lisa DeSieno to register 338-1111 or 800-990-9249.

S.O.S. (SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE)

For family and friends to cope with the loss of a loved one. Second Monday of every month 7-8:45pm, Bellin Mezzanine, 2020 S. Webster (former Lindy's Grocery); Meetings Mar. 8; Apr. 12; May 10. Call Ms. Jonna Bostedt 437-7527.

UNDERSTANDING GRIEF

Grief support offered at St. Vincent Hospital. This is a one time overview of grief. Thur. Mar. 18 from 6:30-8:00pm. Call Tom Bekkers 433-8575.

THE CARE COMMUNITY

Web site provided by In-Sight Books free of charge - www.thecarecommunity.com for Grief's Safe Place.

SHARE

For parents who have lost a baby through miscarriage, still birth or early death. Second Thurs. of every month 7pm-8:30pm. McKenna Library, Room 2838 at St. Vincent's; Mar 11, Apr. 8 & May 13. Please contact Lana Reinke or Theresa Shuck at 433-8634.

INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL SERVICE ST. MATTHEW PARISH

For information, please call Ann Froelich at St. Matthew Parish, 435-6811. ❖



B O O K R E V I E W

"Remembering With Love"

by Elizabeth Levang, Ph.D and Sherokee Ilse

Review by Joan Faltynski

How fitting it is that the subtitle of this work is - "Messages of Hope for the First Year of Grieving and Beyond!"

Have you ever experienced the joy and comfort of a friend who - by their very presence - brought peace to your anxious heart? "Remembering with Love" is just such a friend. It seems like every different ache the reader senses after losing a loved one is addressed by these authors.

The format is one which is very sensitive to the grieving reader who finds it so difficult to concentrate for long periods of time. It offers a single-page consideration consisting of: a personal experience of loss; a brief reflection; and an idea for you to use as a means for caring for yourself. Like a one-a-day vitamin, which supplements daily nutritional needs, these one-a-day reflections sustain and support the reader emotionally and spiritually as they walk the long, lonely road of grief.

So often we have heard the adage that begins, "Out of the mouths of babes..." In moments of grief, it is truly the words of these little ones that help us identify and voice the real pain we are feeling.



For example:

"After Mother died, we asked our six-year old daughter how she felt. She said, 'It feels like I have a flat tire in my stomach.'"

For each of us, the grief journey looks a little different and may last a different duration of time.

A few things, however, are certain:

- It is a process that can't be rushed or avoided.
- There are no simple shortcuts.
- It must be lived.

Having the support of family, dear friends and sensitive authors like these—ones who sense our aching hearts and who walk the journey with us—help us to "Remember with Love"...and they make all the difference in the world. ❖

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D I N N E R F O R O N E

Fettuccine with Shrimp & Snow Peas

- 1 cup cooked fettuccine or other pasta
- 3/4 tsp. olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 6 oz. medium shrimp, peeled, deveined, thawed if frozen
- 1 cup snow peas
- 1-1/2 Tbsp. chopped basil
- 1-1/2 tsp. grated Parmesan cheese

Cook fettuccine in boiling salted water. Drain pasta and keep warm. While pasta is cooking, heat oil in a heavy nonstick skillet over medium heat. Saute' garlic, shrimp and snowpeas 3-4 minutes stirring frequently, until shrimp are pink and cooked throughout. Stir in basil and salt and pepper to taste. Combine shrimp and snow peas mixture with pasta in a serving bowl. Serve with Parmesan cheese. ❖



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

"Shared tears and laughter are healing; trying to help others is a potent pain reliever."

—Erin Diehl, who lost her husband of 43 years to cancer.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

For parents, siblings and grandparents grieving the loss of a child.

Door County – Door County Hospital, Conference Room #3; Second Thursday of each month at 7pm. Meetings Mar. 11; Apr. 8; May 13 at 6:30pm at United Methodist in Sturgeon Bay. Call Dawn Sandusky, 920-854-9801 or 1-800-589-2669.

Green Bay – Meetings 3rd Thursday of month: Mar. 18; Apr. 15; May 20; 7pm at First United Methodist Church, 501 Howe St. Contact Jeanne Davis 496-0629 or 562-7483.

GRIEF SHARE PROGRAM

Celebration Church-Green Bay

3475 Humboldt Rd. Meetings every other Tuesday at 7-8 pm on Mar. 2, 16, 30; Apr. 13, 27; May 11, 25. Contact: 468-1122.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church-Green Bay; 1731 St. Agnes Dr. Videos and discussions to find comfort and healing from grieving the death of someone close. Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. Start anytime. Upcoming sessions: Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 11, 18, 25. Call 965-2233 to register.

Central Assembly of God-831 Schoen St., From Mourning to Hope, call for upcoming sessions. Meetings, Thurs. Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20, 7:00 pm. Childcare available. Call 737-2790 to register.

LIFE GOES ON

Faith Lutheran Church, Allouez: Meetings first Tuesday of month at 6:30 p.m. Group is also suited for long-term care givers. Call 435-5524.

NAVIGATING THE WATERS OF GRIEF

Unity Hospice's Adult Bereavement Support:
Green Bay Area: Unity Office, 2366 Oak Ridge Cr., De Pere.; Tues. Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30; Apr. 6 from 6:00-7:30pm. Registration required, call 338-1111 or 1-800-900-9249.

ECUMENICAL GRIEF SUPPORT

Manitowoc – St. Francis of Assisi Afternoon sessions: 1:30 – 3 pm; Evening sessions: 5-7 pm; Mar. 23, 30; Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27; May 25. Contact Sally Halstrom at 920-684-3255. Drop-in share group the first Monday of each month from 6-7:30pm. Registration is appreciated. Sessions held at the Grand Ave. site in the rectory.

Two Rivers – St. Peter The Fisherman, 3218 Tannery Rd. – (S.O.S.) Survivors of Suicide Support Group for family and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide. Sessions 2nd Wed. of month from 7-8:30pm. Sessions Mar. 8, Apr 12 & May 10. Minimum age of attendees is 14. Contact Sr. Patricia 920-794-7454 or Betty Meyer 920-794-1572.

NEW HOPE BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Ecumenical grief support group open to anyone who has lost a loved one through death. Meetings held on Tue. From 1:30-3:00 pm in the Quad-Parish Office, 1420 Division St. (Use Kellogg St. entrance nearest church, marked #2) Sessions: Apr. 13, 20, 17, May 4 & 11. Call Sr. Pat 496-2160.

LIVING WITH LOSS

Green Bay, Shawano & Peshtigo - Heartland Hospice Support Group: 5 week sessions throughout the year. For dates, locations and to register call 336-6455 or 1-866-631-3149.

Appleton – Affinity Visiting Nurses Hospice, meetings every 1st Tuesday at 2:30 and 6:30 pm, Thompson Community Center, 820 W. College Ave., Deb Kosmer 920-727-2013. Separate Grief Support Group for Men Only. 6:00 pm at 816 W. Winneconne Ave., Neenah. Call Deb 1-866-236-8500.

PULASKI GRIEF SUPPORT

Open to all faiths and ages. Third Wed. of month at 6:30 pm. at Assumption B.V.M., St. Clare Room in church basement. Enter at the southwest door. Questions 822-3223.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

Nativity of Our Lord Parish. Sessions are offered several times throughout the year. Pre-registration required. Next sessions, May 20, 27 from 7-9pm. Call Kathy Baumann at 499-5156 for more information or to register.

HEALING YOUR GRIEVING HEART

Grief support at Resurrection Church, 333 Hilltop Dr.; Thur. Apr. 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Ecumenical grief support sponsored by Resurrection and St. Matthew parishes. Contact Sheila DeLuca at 336-7768 or Ann Froelich at 435-6811. ❖

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www.meyertheatre.org
Weidner Center, 465-2217,
www.uwgb.edu/tickets
St. Norbert College, 403-3950,
www.snc.edu/performingarts/tickets
Fox Valley PAC, 730-3760,
www.foxcitiespac.com
**Green Bay Visitors & Convention
Bureau**, 494-9507, 24 hour service
call 494-1111.
Wisconsin Travel Information,
800-373-2737.
The Clearing; Classes in Nature,
Arts, & Humanities; 920-854-4088.
www.theclearing.org.
Over 50's Luncheon; 3rd Wed. of
every month; Preble Park
Presbyterian Church; 11:30am;
Call 468-7125 for locations.
Bay Beach Exhibit: Habitat House
2/3-scale house demonstrating how
wildlife gains access to homes; 8am-
7:30pm. 391-3671.
Neville Public Museum Exhibits:
Spiders! (thru 5/23/10); *What
Happened to...Operation Area Arts*
(thru 4/5/10); *The Photography of
Robert J. Ellison: Vietnam and the
Civil Rights Movement* (3/30/10 thru
5/23/10); *Here Comes The Bride:*
Weddings in America (4/24/10 thru
8/29/10)
Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Monthly Fish Fry. Mar. 12, Apr. 9,
May 14, doors open at 4:45 pm,
serving in gym from 5-7 pm.
**Salvation Army: Social Group
Women's**, Tuesdays at 6 pm; **Men's**,
Tuesdays at 6 pm, 626 Union Ct.

M A R C H

Thur.-Fri. Mar. 4-5 *Summer of '69*;
musical comedy; 8pm Meyer
Theatre; \$33. 433-3343.

Fri. Mar. 5 *Shidara*;
Japanese Taiko-
drumming group;
7:30pm Fox Valley



PAC, Appleton. 920-730-3760.

Fri.-Sat. Mar. 5-6 *Ikebana Show*;
Japanese floral arranging; 9-4pm;
Botanical Garden; \$7. 490-9457.

Fri.-Sun. Mar. 5-7 *Peter Pan &
Wendy*; Evergreen Children's Theatre;
St. Norbert College, Webb Theatre;
Fri.-7pm; Sat. 1pm & 3pm; Sun.
1pm; \$5-\$9. 403-3950.

Fri.-Sun. Mar. 5-7 *Beja Shrine Circus*;
Brown County Arena. 494-3401.
Sat. Mar. 6 *ARTgarage Concert-Jeff
Pockat*. 448-6800.

Sat. Mar. 6 *Vic Ferrari Symphony on
the Rocks*; 8pm; Meyer Theatre; \$25
advance tickets; 433-3343.

Wed. Mar. 10 *Ballet Folklorica de
Mexico*; 7:30pm Fox Valley PAC,
Appleton. 920-730-3760.

Thur. Mar. 11 *Danu*; Irish music;
high-energy concert; 7:30pm;
Weidner Center; \$14-\$31. 465-2217.

Fri. Mar. 12 & Mar. 26 *Soup With
Substance*; 5:30-8pm; Botanical
Gardens; \$7. 490-9457.

Sat. Mar. 13 *Fox Valley Symphony All
Mozart Concert*; 7:30pm Fox Valley
PAC, Appleton. 920-730-3760.

Sun. Mar. 14 *Gaelic Storm*; Celtic
music; 8pm Meyer Theatre; \$25.
433-3343.

Mon. Mar. 15 *Allouez Village Band
Concert*; 7pm Meyer Theatre, Free.

Thur. Mar. 18 *Gallery Night*; various
art galleries from 5-8pm, Green Bay
448-6800.

Thur.-Sun. Mar. 18-21 *WBAY Home
& Garden Show*; Brown County Arena
& Shopko Hall; \$7-\$8. 494-3401.

Fri.-Sat. Mar. 19-20 *Gift & Craft
Show*; East Town Mall.

Fri.-Sat. Mar. 19-20, and 26-27;
Knights on Broadway; Dinner and
Show 6pm; Bemis Center; St. Norbert
College; \$45; 403-3950.

Fri.-Sun. Mar. 19-21 *The Wizard of
Oz*; St. Norbert College-Walter
Theatre; Fri. 7pm; Sat. 2pm & 7pm;
Sun. 2pm; \$8-\$11; 403-3950.

Sat. Mar. 20 *Johnny and Buddy*; best
of Johnny Cash & Buddy Holly;
7:30pm at Meyer Theatre; \$27-\$29.

Sat. Mar. 20 *Playhouse Disney Live!
On Tour*; 12:30pm, Time Warner
Cable Theatre at the Resch Center;
\$15-\$46. 494-3401.

Sat.-Sun. Mar. 20-21 *DePere Antique
Show*; Schuldes Sports Center, St.
Norbert College.

**Tues.-Sun. Mar. 23-
28** *Little House on the
Prairie Musical*; Fox
Valley PAC,



Appleton; Tue.-Fri. & Sun. 7:30pm;
Sat. 2pm & 7:30pm 920-730-3760.

Wed. Mar. 24 *Party For The Animals*;
10am at Bay Beach Wildlife
Sanctuary; \$2-\$3. 391-3671.

Thur. Mar. 25 *Food Fight-A Musical
Comedy for Waist Watchers*; 7pm at
Meyer Theatre; \$30. 433-3343.

Fri.-Sun. Mar. 26-28 *WBAY Pet Expo*;
Brown Co. Arena; \$6-7. 494-3401.

Sat. Mar. 27 *Kansas with the Green
Bay Symphony*; 7:30pm, Meyer
Theatre; \$43-\$48. 433-3343.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"Time, they say, heals all wounds...

But time works its magic only when it's used well." — Carol Luebering

Sat. Mar. 27 *Martina McBride and Trace Adkins*; 7:30pm, Resch Center; \$20-\$67. 494-3401.

Sun. Mar. 28 *The Seven Last Words of Christ*; Dudley Birder Chorale; St. Norbert Abbey; 2pm & 7pm. \$12.

Mon.-Thur. Mar. 29-Apr. 1; *Senior Art Show – Part I*; Bush Art Center; St. Norbert College; 9am; Free.

Mon. Mar. 29 *St. Norbert Band Concert*; 7:30pm Walter Theatre, St. Norbert College. \$6. ♦

A P R I L

Sat. Apr. 3 *Zoo EggStravaganza*; 9am-2pm, NEW Zoo; \$2-\$3. 434-7841.

Apr. 8-10; 14-18 *Return Engagements*; Green Bay Community Theater; \$8-\$16. 435-6300.

Fri.-Sat. Apr. 9-10

All-Star ARC Rodeo Challenge; 7:30pm, Resch Center; \$7-\$37. 494-3401.



Sat. Apr. 10 *The American Bluegrass Masters Tour*; 7:30pm Fox Valley PAC, Appleton. 920-730-3760.

Sat. Apr. 10 *Green Bay Symphony Orchestra-Mozart's Jupiter*; 7:30pm, Weidner Center; \$12-\$43. 465-2217.

Sat. Apr. 10 *Big Event for Little Kids*; 9am-4pm, Shopko Hall; \$6 Adults-& \$1 Child-advance. 469-1236.

Fri.-Tue. Apr. 12-16 *Senior Art Show – Part II*; 9am Bush Art Center – Baer Gallery, St. Norbert College.

Apr. 14-17, 22-24, 29-May 1 *C is for Country*; Meyer Theatre; \$33.

Fri.-Sun. Apr. 16-18 & 22-24 *Book of Days Play*; Webb Theatre, St. Norbert College; 16-17-22-23-24 at 7:30pm; 18th- 2pm. \$5-\$12. 403-3950.

Sat. Apr. 17 *Birthday Party For The Animals*; 9am-4pm, NEW Zoo; \$2-\$3. 434-7841.

Sun. Apr. 18 *Green Bay Civic Symphony Concert*; 3pm, Meyer Theatre; \$5-\$15. 432-4676.

Mon. Apr. 19 *Allouez Village Band Concerts*; 7pm Meyer Theatre, Free.

Tue.-Sun. Apr. 20-25 *Legally Blonde*; Fox Valley PAC, Appleton; Tue.-Fri. 7:30pm; Sat. 2pm & 7:30pm; Sun. 1pm & 6:30pm. 920-730-3760.

Apr. 22-24 & 28-May 1 *The Memorandum*; 7:30pm, Weidner Center; \$12-\$15. 465-2217.

Sat. Apr. 24 *Party For The Planet*; 10-4pm, NEW Zoo; \$2-\$3. 434-7841.

Sat. Apr. 24 *Mark Twain Revisited*; 7:30pm Weidner; \$20. 465-2217.

Sat.-Sun. Apr. 24-25 *Titletown Train Show*, Shopko Hall. 494-3401.

Mon.-Fri. Apr. 26-30 *Senior Art Show – Part III*; 9am, Bush Art Center-Baer Gallery, St. Norbert College. ♦

M A Y

Sat. May 1 *Fox Valley Symphony and The Red Violin*; 7:30pm, Fox Valley PAC, Appleton. 920-730-3760.

Sat. May 1 *Cocoa Bean Mulch & Potting Soil Sale*; 8am-12pm; Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

Sun. May 2 *Heritage Hill Spring Celebration*; 10am-4:30pm; 448-5150.

Mon.-Fri. May 3-7 *Senior Art Show – Part IV*; 9am Bush Art Center-Baer Center, St. Norbert College.

Thur. May 6 *The Velveteen Rabbit*; ODC/Dance San Francisco; 7pm, Fox Valley PAC, Appleton. 920-730-3760.

Fri.-Sun. May 7-9 *Deathtrap*; Webb Theatre, St. Norbert College; Fri.-Sat. 7:30pm; Sun. 2pm. \$10-\$17.

Sat. May 8 *ArtWalk*; NWTC, 498-5400.

Sat. May 8 *Spring's Wings Birding and Art Festival*; 6am-4pm; Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. 391-3671.

Sat. May 8 *Knights on Broadway – Special Performance*; 7:30pm, Sensenbrenner Memorial Student Union, St. Norbert College. \$10.

Sun. May 9 *Mother's Day at Heritage Hill*. 448-5150.

Sun. May 9 *Mother's Day Open House*; 9am-5pm; Botanical Garden.

Sun. May 9 *Mother's Day at the Zoo*; 9am-6pm; NEW Zoo. 434-7841.

Tue.-Sun. May 11-16 *Fiddler on the Roof*; Fox Valley PAC, Appleton;

Tue.-Fri. 7:30pm; Sat.-Sun. 2pm & 7:30pm; 730-3760.



Thur.-Sat. May 13-15 *Deathtrap*; Evergreen Theatre; Webb Theatre, St. Norbert College 7:30pm. \$10-\$17.

Fri.-Sat. May 14-15 *America Sings 2010*; Dudley Birder Chorale; Walter Theatre, St. Norbert College; 7:30pm.

Sat. May 15 & 21-22 *Astor Neighborhood Walking Tours*; 9:30am; Hazelwood Historic House. 437-1840.

Mon. May 17 *Allouez Village Band Concerts*; 7pm Meyer Theatre, Free.

Thur. May 20 *Taste Bud*; 5:30-9pm; Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

Thur.-Sat. May 20-22 *Knights on Broadway*; Bemis Center, St. Norbert College; 6pm; \$45. 403-3950.

Sat.-Mon. May 29-31 *Celebrate DePere*; Voyageur Park.

Mon. May 31 *Memorial Day-A Soldier's Remembrance*; 10am-4:30pm, Heritage Hill. 448-5150.

Mon. May 31 *Memorial Day Open House at the Gardens*; 9am-5pm; Botanical Garden. 490-9457. ♦

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