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The Timelessness of Stained Glass **The Art of Lyn Cox**

By Charlotte Gentry

"People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within."

— Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

For centuries, the use of colored glass to bring beautiful light into a building was employed mainly as an architectural detail for cathedrals, castles and estates.

Over time, the heavy, utilitarian, geometric forms of stained glass windows evolved into an art form wherein glass artisans could "paint" scenes of fantastic detail and beauty for their wealthy clients.

It was during the 19th Century that artisans John La Farge and Louis Comfort Tiffany brought stained glass to a height of beauty and availability never before enjoyed by the "common folk." The jewel-like windows of La Farge and, moreover, the proliferation of common household items manufactured by Tiffany & Co. brought luminous beauty into millions of homes and public buildings. (The Tiffany name is still synonymous with stained glass lamps.)

Lyn Cox, artist and owner of *The Stained*

Glass Shoppe, creates pieces that could easily be at home in a Renaissance cathedral or in a mountain cabin. From elaborate geometric designs to inspirational one-of-a-kind windows, from huge entryway panels to custom whimsical lamps, Lyn has mastered the design and creation of stained glass that is truly her own.

Having been trained and employed by Marbury Sharpe Glass Designers in Birmingham, Alabama for ten years, Lyn started a studio of her own in Trussville in 1991. She now carries on with her elegant creations from her studio located in Licksillet, Alabama (on Lookout Mountain near Dogtown, just outside of Fort Payne).



been installed all over the state of Alabama, including The McWane Center in Birmingham,



Cullman Medical Center's birthing rooms, and many private homes, large and small.

In addition to pieces she has created for sale at shows and exhibits, Lyn offers clients the option to order a custom, stained-glass design where they may choose the subject matter, size, color scheme and other major elements of the desired piece, then leave it to Lyn to translate their wishes into a finished masterpiece of lasting beauty.

An exhibition of Lyn Cox's stained glass designs is now on display throughout the month of November at *Studio 117*, the upstairs gallery in the log cabin offices of Mentone Realty, downtown Mentone, Alabama, in front of the Wildflower Café. The exhibit is presented by the Mentone Area Arts Council (MAAC) and is open to the public during regular business hours or by special appointment.

Lyn's website is

www.thestainedglassshoppe.com, or you may contact her at 256-293-0767. For more information about MAAC, or to become a member, visit www.men-tonearts.org.

(Charlotte Gentry is a life-long glass collector, a freelance writer, and Broker/Owner of Mentone Realty)



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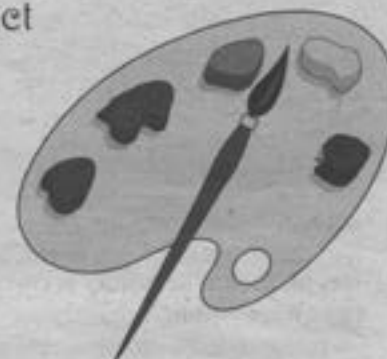
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For more information, contact
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Welcome To Mentone!!



Stop by our Log Cabin in front of the Wildflower Cafe, we always look forward to a visit from our neighbors and friends.

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LOTS and LAND
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HIKE TO DESOTO FALLS! 4.55-ac wooded, level lot covered in hardwoods located on beautiful E River Road in Mentone & offers privacy w/o having to be way out in the "boonies". Across the paved road is DeSoto St Park property w/hiking trail that will take you right to DeSoto Falls. Foundation already in place for a 4BR/2BA, 2,349 sq ft home w/attached 26x26 garage. Second driveway in place for add'l cabin. Now \$45,000. (20159)

9 ACRES W/FRONTAGE ON W FORK of Little River at Mentone! 3 lots, sold as one, offer lots of road frontage, plenty of woods, privacy, rock formations, native plants like mountain laurel & yellow root. Approx 230' water frontage; over 1000' road frontage. Picnic pavilion already on the property to use as your campsite getaway till you're ready to build! \$145,000 (20057)

62.32 ACRES WITH GREAT VIEWS of both valleys and Lookout Mtn from ridge top with great building sites on elevated, level ground. Own your own hunting preserve, secluded woodland retreat, or investment. \$249,900 (19492)

LEVEL, WOODED 2.03 ACRE LOT on scenic parkway north of downtown Mentone offers a place to build your dream cabin at a higher elevation than most anywhere in NE Alabama! Walking, bicycling or just relaxing at your mountain home...leave civilization behind, but not too far behind! Lightly restricted. Add'l land avail. \$31,900. (19224)

NEAR COMER SCOUT CAMP, SKI RESORT & DeSoto Falls. One-acre lot covered in mostly hardwoods w/small wet-weather stream. Just off the Scenic DeSoto Pkwy! Perfect place for a tiny little woodland cottage or cabin. \$20,000. (20129)

18.8 ACRES in the valley with over 400' Hwy 11 frontage and awesome views of Lookout Mountain! Level to rolling. \$70,200. (20428)

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PRIVATE SANCTUARY ON LITTLE RIVER. 1.5 story true log cabin on E fork of Little River w/approx 230' frontage on E Fork. Rustic mountain charm with great extras! Huge stone fireplace with interesting bits of antiques, dated bricks & other tidbits imbedded into stonework. Pine floors. Lots of windows on river side. Nice front porch, great deck on back. Fenced side yard for pets. Nestled in the trees; native flowering plants, wild blueberries & muscadines. Wood walkway down to river. \$225,000 (20575)



MOSSY ROCK AT MENTONE! Work is progressing on this one level, 2BR/2BA cabin w/vaulted ceiling in great room; WB Fpl; custom cabinetry; screened side porch off MABR; HW & tile floors; beamed ceilings & walk-in closets in both BRs. Claw-foot tub & sep shower in MABA. The perfect blend of rustic luxury & energy efficiency. Contract now and help select finishes & colors! \$175,000. (20416)



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN HOME situated on 3.5 acres. Inside this home features vaulted ceilings with recessed lighting, ceramic tile flooring, walk-in closets, stacked stone fireplace with gas logs. Outside you'll enjoy the above ground pool with plenty of deck space, small goldfish pond, and the covered front porch. \$139,000 (20561)



BEAUTIFUL LOT, UGLY HOUSE. Yep, we know it's got lotsa problems. Might even need to be torn down. But, shoot, the lot alone is worth the price! Where else are you gonna find a lot in the heart of Mentone, a block away from Brow Park, to build a sweet little cottage? Scratch beneath the sad surface & you may find there's still hope for Pap's Old Place. The price is pretty doggone good, too. Only \$32,000. (20469)



CORNER OF PLENTY! 40x100 metal building, erected in 2003 as a tire store, remodeled in 2010, has PLENTY of space, PLENTY of potential & PLENTY of uses! 2 levels of finished, heated & cooled area for retail or residential use. 4-bay shop for add'l retail/commercial use. Level lot w/PLENTY of parking on Hwy 117, frontage on Co Rd 641. Add'l lot avail. \$199,900. (20354)



BEAUTIFUL EAST BROW VIEWS! Cedar-shake-sided cabin w/views of the Shinnel Valley below you, woods & boulders around you! Just 9 miles from downtown Mentone, off the scenic mountain drive of Hwy 48 Cloudland. Very convenient to Atlanta, Rome, Summerville areas. 3BR/2BA, approx 2700 sq ft living area. Garage w/more than enough room for two vehicles, workshop & storage plus large bonus room upstairs to finish as your needs dictate. Beautifully-wooded & boulder-strewn yard (no mowing or lawn maintenance!); concrete drive. \$209,000 (19628)



HANDCRAFTED LOG CABIN on 1.52 wooded acres. Appalachian-style logs w/half-dovetail corners. Huge beams inside! A mountain cabin like no other. Wood-burning masonry Fpl, 2BR/2.5BA, open vaulted ceiling LR/DR/KI combination. _ wraparound porch; circle drive. Not just a cabin, but a work of art as well. \$234,500 (20275)



75+/- ACRES with Cabin and Creek on Lookout Mountain near DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon National Wildlife Preserve. Cabin features 2BR/1BA, balcony and large back deck. Property has well established trails for hiking or ATV riding. Endless possibilities for all your outdoor activities. \$289,000. (20584) Also available with less acreage \$149,900 (20438)



LITTLE RED COTTAGE IN THE MEADOW is a place to relax where it's nice & quiet. Fab screened porch w/hot tub; luxurious tile shower in bath; 2 good-sized BRs; CH/A & attic fan. Large detached garage/shop. Perfect for your private personal getaway or a rental cabin. Public water. On 2+ acres, mostly meadow, surrounded by woods. Mentone. \$97,000. (20511)



BOARD N BATTEN COTTAGE on the scenic parkway between DeSoto State Park & Mentone, near Comer Scout Camp & Cloudmont Ski Resort. Updated & remodeled 2BR/2BA one-level home in a picture-perfect setting in the trees. Beautiful native trees & flowering plants in the yard; screened porch; stone w/ Fpl; rustic beams; roomy kitchen; all new baths & CH/A. \$140,000 (19531)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Valley Head Woman's Club will have a bazaar of hand-crafted and other items on November 13, 2010, from 10 AM until all items are sold. It will be held at the Valley Head Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend with you. Proceeds will go to help provide a college scholarship to two Valley Head seniors.

- November 13, Moon Lake Harvest Festival 5-8pm
- November 11, Veterans Day Student Holiday
- November 25, Thanksgiving Student Holidays November 24, 25, 26
- December 25, Christmas Student Holidays December 20 - January 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2010** meeting dates for the **Valley Head Water Works Board**, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL will be as follows:

NOVEMBER 8, 2010
DECEMBER 13, 2010

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00PM in the Valley Head Water Works office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works Building. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works Building prior to the meeting date and time. The location of the meeting will also be posted.

The **2010** quarterly meeting dates for the **Mentone Planning Commission**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the **3rd Thursday** of the following months:

All meetings will be held beginning at 5:00PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

The **2010** meeting dates for the **Mentone Waterworks Board**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, on the 4th Thursday as follows:

NOVEMBER 22
DECEMBER 22

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00PM in the Mentone WaterWorks office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board of the Mentone Town Hall, adjacent to the water office. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

The **2010** meeting dates for the **Mentone Town Council**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM, as follows:

NOVEMBER 8
DECEMBER 13

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 - Sonny Gilbreath
- 5 - Andy Akes
- 6 - Cathy Howard
- 8 - Debbie Guffey
- 9 - Richard Green, Carol Hazell
- 10 - Toby Manifold
- 11 - Shelly Sutton, Mike Houghland
- 12 - Ovie Blalock
- 14 - Brian (Bud) Jones
- 17 - Randy Green, Lorelei Lauro, Leilani Dillenbeck, Wesley Griffith, Stephanie Moore
- 21 - Yvonne Blalock
- 22 - Jamie Mayhew
- 23 - Henry Akes, Teresa Brown
- 24 - Pam Baggett, Max Cash, Tammy Green, Sarah Bone
- 25 - Susan Hume
- 27 - Carrie Ruth Kirby, Wayne Wooten, Leslie Blalock, Bill Schwarz
- 28 - Janet Spahr

- 29 - Rod Hildreth, Carolyn Hendon

Anniversaries

- 5 - Margaret & Haywood Baker
- 9 - Mary Ellen & Bud Fielder
- 10 - Mark & Robin Hester
- 14 - Marris & LuJean Pierce
- 21 - John & Michele Kincer
- 24 - Paula & Jim Leftwich
- 26 - Butch & Elizabeth Wheatly Jones
- 29 - Jimmy & Barbie Hester, David & Dorothy Bridges



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The Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM; Women on Mission meet at 1PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-1001.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at 9AM.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. All are invited to attend! Sabbath School and Song service: 9:30-10:45 AM, Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor- Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnel.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church located on County Road 239 invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM and worship at 11AM. Sunday evening service is at 5PM. Thursday evening service is at 5:30PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 10AM each Sunday-English; 1PM-Spanish; 6PM-English; Tuesday 6PM-English; Wednesday 4:30PM-Spanish; Thursday 6:30AM-English; Friday 9AM-English.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM Sunday. Bible class or Lent/Advent services every Wednesday at 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. Everyone welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway

11 North of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

The Fort Payne Christian Center and Pastors Ken and Elaine Hollman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10 AM, Wednesday evening at 6PM. God Bless you.

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA), 5760 Gault Ave., NE, Fort Payne, AL Rev. Billy Dempsey, Pastor, Sunday School 9:45AM; Sunday Worship - 10:55AM.

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10- and 11AM services and evening services are at 7-and-9PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, GA, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM. Sunday evening at 6PM, and Wednesday evening at 7PM.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10AM, Worship at 11AM. Wednesday Bible study at 6PM.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) has regular services 10AM each Sunday. You are invited to attend these services or visit the church at other times. Casual dress is always acceptable.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church - a place of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration.

Come by any time to pray and give thanks. Open 24 hours every day. Sunday service is at 10:30AM.

Mentone United Methodist Church, 415 Cutler Avenue, Mentone, Alabama invites you to come and worship with us. Each Sunday, our worship service is at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Bill Parker of Glencoe, Alabama is the pastor. He and his wife, Nancy, reside in the parsonage on weekends. The service of Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month, the second Sunday is Youth Sunday and Fifth Sunday is a service of music and potluck lunch. Visitors are welcome and members are expected to attend.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lords Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. Rev. Terry Turner is the pastor at Moon Lake.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and everyone to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time; Sunday School 10AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Marlin Starnes, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 9AM (10AM GA time); Church Services 10AM (11AM GA time); and Sunday night services 5PM (6PM GA time).

Summit Church of God invites you to be in service. Sunday morning 10:45 a.m., Sunday night 5:00 p.m., Wed. Bible study 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lance Kincer invites everyone. Summit Church of God will be renting spaces for Worlds Longest Yard Sale in Aug. \$10.00 a day. For info, call 265-634-4418

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with worship at 11AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 on Sunday and 6 on Wednesday. Rev. Dean Clair invites everyone to attend.

Mentone Community Church, 90

Summerville Rd., Mentone, AL 35984
Sunday Services: 9 am and 10:30 am
Adult Sunday School: Sundays @ 9:30 am
Teen and Adult Sunday School: Sundays @ 5:30
Tuesday Night Prayer Service: 6:30 pm
Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 pm: Children's Pioneer Clubs & Youth Group

Cloudland Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to come join us for services, with Pastor Roger Kvam. Bible Study Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (e.s.t.) and Worship at 10:00 a.m. (e.s.t.)

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DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

Every time we listen to news on the television or read the headlines in the newspaper, we are appalled at the horrible things resulting from domestic violence, child abuse, or spousal abuse or death by a family member. It is difficult to believe that hatred can abide in family relationships. It leaves us with an empty feeling. To try to find a suitable program on TV is almost impossible. So many of them depict satanic characters from the depths of hell, demons, and darkness.

In times like these, we can find a great deal of comfort by reading Romans 8:37-39 (KJV): "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Let us lean heavily on God's word, pray more fervently, and rejoice in the hope that better things are to come. Live life to its fullest and tell others about the wonderful love of our Savior!



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RUSTIC CABIN on wooded lot near DeSoto State Park 3 Bedroom, 2 Full Baths, 2 Half Baths, Living Room w/ Wood Burning FP, Formal Dining and Eat-in Kitchen. \$185,000 (20564)



A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY is found in this log cabin. 2BR/1BA on main floor, L-shaped living/dining/kitchen combo. Upstairs offers 2 sleeping areas and bath. Cozy front and back porches. \$229,000 (18871)



LOOKING FOR A MOUNTAIN GET-AWAY? 3BR/1BA, completely remodeled and is move-in ready. New appliances, updated wiring, new CH&A, fresh interior paint and rock fireplace. \$79,900 (17931)



ENJOY LIFE UNINTERRUPTED in this custom built log get-away on 4 secluded acres. Loft BR and 1BA with wood floors offering a cozy atmosphere and a front rocking chair porch complete the picture. Hurry before someone buys the cabin of your dreams for only \$125,000 (20551)



IN-TOWN PRIVACY! Sit on the screened porch of this 3BR/2BA cottage and enjoy the peaceful quiet of mother nature. Just a short walking distance to downtown Mentone. \$104,500 (19082)



BREATHTAKING VIEWS from all around this 3BR/2.5BA home that was recently completed at Lake on the Brow. 2-car garage, access to a private 14-acre lake and so much more. \$489,000 (20031)



WEEKEND RETREAT or PERMANENT RESIDENCE - 2BR/2BA cabin located off DeSoto Pkwy. Kitchen/Dining combo, eat-in bar and all appliances. Wrap-around deck and walk-out balcony. \$159,900 (19835)



BREATHTAKING VIEW! You can enjoy the view year round from this one-level brick home on the brow. 3BR/2BA, living/dining combo, sunroom, large deck and much more. \$450,000 (17082)



LOFTY CONTEMPORARY! 3-levels of spectacular views. 3/4BR, 3BA, detached 2-car garage with a 1BR/1BA apt overhead. Courtyard, pond w/fountain, swing, hammock, seasonal landscape and more. \$439,000 (20654)



NORTH BROW - Unique log structure that was moved from Georgia. 1BR/1BA, open living space and lots of room for entertaining. 8.3 acres +/- \$279,900 (18256)



BRICK HOME w/lots of native mountain foliage. 3BR/2BA overlooking the West Fork of Little River. Large yard, screened porch, 2 storage sheds and a 2-car garage. \$199,000 (16371)



LIVE & PLAY on the water...200' of frontage on the East Fork of Little River. 3BR/2BA, all appliances, wood burning fireplace, storage building and more. \$347,900 (18278)



CUSTOM BUILT LOG CABIN... situated on 2 lots in Laurel Creek. 2 LARGE BR/2BA, spacious great room with cathedral ceilings, hickory floors, 2-car garage, and fishing dock. \$229,000 (18898)



WINDWOOD FARMS... Established restaurant located on Hwy. 117 in Mentone! Approx. 1350 +/- SF with several dining rooms, kitchen, prep area, & room for expansion on this 1.36+ ac. lot. Call for more details. \$175,000 (20377)



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CUSTOM BUILT, 2 BR/2BA Log Cabin situated on shaded, woodland acres. Two stone fireplaces, luxurious loft, 3 season sleeping porch, detached storage, additional small cabin, lily pond, kitchen with 5 Star six burner gas range. Ambiance/quality/privacy/dramatic flair. \$299,500 (20272)



A PLACE FOR YOUR OWN CANOE! Border the West Fork of Little River. Large kitchen with pantry, breakfast bar, and sitting area adjacent to indoor and outdoor dining rooms. 6BR/3.5BA, 2 living areas, laundry, sleeping porches, outside shower, mtn stone FP and more. A MUST SEE! \$799,000 (16467)



MENTONE - Over 200' of breathtaking brow view of mountains and valley located within walking distance to Historic Mentone. Partially finished cabin with 2 rock fireplaces and a 2-car carport. \$275,000 (18270)

3 +/- ACRES on the E. Fork of Little River. \$150,000 (17568)

LAND and LAKE! 40 +/- ac with a 5 +/- ac lake with Brush Creek running through it. \$225,000 (18869)

2 LOTS on the middle fork of Little River near Lake Lahusage. \$69,900 Each (18627)

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GREAT BUILDING LOT situated inside

the city limits of Mentone. Property has an existing storage building and split rail fence. \$79,900 (19860)

BROKEN DAM @ LAHUSAGE! Located atop Lookout Mountain on Little River - River tracts offering fantastic year round mountain water, swimming, canoe to Little River Canyon. Private, gated and restricted. (17327)

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WILLIAM BRADFORD (1590-1657)

by: John S. Whitaker

William Bradford was born in Yorkshire, England, March 19, 1590. His parents were William and Alice Hanson Bradford. His father died when William was one year old. His mother reared him until age four when she re-married and sent William to live with his grandfather. But two years later, the grandfather died and he returned to live with his mother and step-father. However, a year later his mother died and he was sent to live with his two uncles: Thomas and Robert Bradford.

At the age of 12 William became acquainted with Rev. Richard Clyfton, a Puritan minister. There was a strong feeling among many in England that the Church of England needed to be reformed and cleared of all vestiges of the Catholic Church. William continued to attend the services of Rev. Clyfton. He soon met William Brewster. Brewster became a second father to William, and William often borrowed some of his books, which he read voraciously. Two groups of anti-Church of England began to develop: the Puritan branch and the Separatists. Clyfton and Brewster became a part of the Separatist group, and so did young William as well.

This group of Separatists (later called Pilgrims) decided to leave England and live in Holland, where there was religious freedom. The group left secretly by ship for Holland but was betrayed by the English sea captain, who had first promised to take them to Holland, but then turned them over to the English authorities. Some, including William, were imprisoned for a short time (about one month). After their release, the group left in small groups and by 1608 were in Holland. William was 18.

Pilgrim theology is based on Puritan theology. Puritans adopted the teaching of John Calvin, one of the great leaders in the Protestant Reformation. Calvin's teachings can be summed in the "Tulip Confession" as follows:

T—total depravity of the human race. Man is incapable of devising any means of redeeming himself.

U— unconditional election. Before creation, God selected those persons, the elect, for salvation.

L— limited atonement. Jesus died only for the elect.

I— irresistible grace. If a person is one of the elect, he cannot resist the saving grace of God.

P—perseverance of the saints. The elect cannot lose their salvation but will persevere till the end of their earthly lives.

Pilgrim theology is then a branch of Calvinism. They chose to break completely with the Church of England, and thus, in Holland they could worship in the ways they deemed best for them.

In addition, Pilgrims accepted the following tenants of their faith:

1) Every individual has direct access to God. (Luther called it the priesthood of all believers.)

2) Freedom of religion and without persecution.

3) Churches were free of statues and elaborate ceremonies, crosses, stained glass windows, etc.

4) All members of the clergy are of the same and equal rank.

5) Only two sacraments existed: the Lord's Supper and water baptism, which included infant baptism as a seal of God's covenant with Christians.

6) Holy days were the Sabbath days only. They did not celebrate Christmas and Easter.

7) Marriage was a civil affair and therefore was handled by civil magistrates.

8) The Bible was the sole authority for worship. Puritans used the Geneva translation of the Bible. They also adhered to the Apostles Creed. They rejected the Book of Common Prayer. Other books they accepted were: Expositions on the Ten Commandments by John Dod, Observations Divine and Moral by John Robinson, Ainsworth Psalter, Ravenscroft Psalter, Sternhold and Hopkins Psalter

9) Church officers were 1) pastor, who acted as spiritual shepherd of the church; 2) teacher, a minister who instructed the people; 3) elder, a minister who was responsible for church government; 4) deacon who collected offerings and attended the poor and needy; 5) deaconess, who attended the sick and poor, and sometimes acted as midwife.

All these, along with the laity, welded together to make a strong local church.

Worship services were simple. The apex of each service was the pastor's sermon. To keep the congregation awake, the ushers brushed the woman awake by rubbing a fox tail across their faces; men received a whack of a stout stick to keep them alert. (Note: Some Pilgrim congregations did not use musical instruments to accompany the singing in worship services.

In 1613 Bradford was married to Dorothy May. A son, John, was born in 1615.

The little group grew dissatisfied with their living in Holland. They didn't want their children to grow up in the Dutch culture. So a bold step was taken; they would move to the New World, where they would have plenty of room to worship, and the children would continue to use their English brogue.

On September 16, 1620, a total of 102 people sailed for Virginia (in the New World) aboard a ship named the Mayflower. After a rough voyage across the Atlantic Ocean of 65 days, the ship dropped anchor in what is now Provincetown on November 21, 1620, on the tip of Cape Cod. A search party, which included Bradford, began to search along the coast

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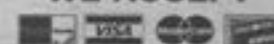
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Due to the many activities which happen in the month of October, the members of the

Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Community Library met a little earlier in the month. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on October 13, 2010 by president, Jan Wilkinson. The minutes and the treasurer's report were approved for filing.

Dianne Kuehl reported that she had ordered 220 calendars. The calendar material was mailed to the printer in late September. She stated that several of the ads have not been paid for and she would send statements again. Linda Brown stated that the volunteers are wonderful to work with. The calendar for October has been especially hard to organize due to the many trips being taken before the really bad weather. There are at least two people who are interested in being trained. Sue Schwarz reported that she has bought some books for the library and more books and DVD's will be purchased later.

The clean-up day, Saturday, November 6 beginning at 9:00 a.m. was confirmed. All volunteers and FRIENDS are welcome to come and help. We will clean all surface tops, shelve and straighten books, put books in the right order, dust all shelves, and do many other cleaning jobs. A professional steam-cleaning of the carpet has been scheduled for Monday, December 20.

Plans were made for the Moon Lake Community Library holiday open house and the setting up of the snow village and train. More about this later.

Beverly Ashley, Librarian, asked about using teens to help during the open hours of the library. The Board approved this with some special instructions which were given to Beverly.

A motion was made and passed to buy a cartridge for the library printer if the school decides to keep it. If a new printer is required we will help with the cost.

The members had previously agreed to defray one half of the cost to update the computer system in the library. This payment was made.

At the request of Linda Brown, who is tutoring for the school on Thursday, the Board agreed to hold the November meeting on Wednesday, November 17 at 3 p.m. in the Moon Lake Community Library. All are welcome to attend our meetings. We would like to have any comments or suggestions as to what you would like to have happen in the library. We are a little worn out on new ideas. To be placed on the agenda for a meeting, call Jan Wilkinson. Write to us at: Moon Lake Community Library, Post Office Box 481, Mentone, Alabama 35984.

OBITUARY

FRANCES ROSARIO BLIX

Seneca, SC — — Frances Elizabeth Rosario Blix, 86, of 1228 Stillwater Drive, Seneca, SC, died Wednesday, September 29, 2010, at the Cottingham Hospice House. She was married twice, first to the late Angelo Rosario, Jr., and second to the late Victor Emmanuel Blix.

A native of Greene County, NC, Mrs. Blix was the daughter of the late James E. and Nellie Reynolds Jones. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Blix is Survived by daughters: Mimi Preiss and husband Les of Seneca, SC, Nonnie Warren and husband Aubrey of Kemersville, NC, Angie Lowe and husband Bobby of New Smyrna Beach, FL, and Vicki Duncan of Gainesville, FL; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, October 2, 2010 at the Chapel of Davenport Funeral Home. Burial was in Valley Head Cemetery in Valley Head, AL.

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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Linda Brown, Secretary

Ten members and three visitors attended the meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club on October 12, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President, Dianne Kuehl. She also presented the inspirational minute and the pledge to the flag of the United States of America was led by Jill Whitten. Refreshments were served by Beverly Ashley and Peggy Roark.

Dianne introduced Mr. Lowell Tilley of Baton Rouge, LA. Mr. Tilley has roots in this area.

He lived on Sand Mountain during his younger years and has many kinsfolk in this area. One of them, A.C. Ellis, came with him and helped with the program. Mr. Tilley's wife also attended. The subject of his program was, Bonsai. Bonsai is the art of growing ornamental, artificially dwarfed varieties of trees and shrubs. The word, bonsai, means tray planting in Japanese. Bonsai originated in China and later became popular in Japan.

Mr. Tilley explained the method of producing a bonsai as he demonstrated planting and caring for one. The first thing is to select a rather small specimen of tree or shrub at a nursery or one that you find growing on a rock or elsewhere in the wild. Then you find a bonsai planter or use a tray-like container about 8 by 6 inches and 3 inches deep. Fill this with finely shredded pine bark mulch and calcite gravel. Trim the branches and the roots of the plant to equal each other. Spread roots shallow and wide and place in the pot. Tap and water to remove air bubbles and to set the plant.

Sizes of bonsai specimen range from 4 inches to 4 feet. The object is to make a small plant look exactly like a full size tree. As the plant starts to grow, you start to cut and shape it to look like a tree. Junipers are good for bonsai plants as they stay green and accept the abuse that the owner must give them. A deciduous tree, such as a winged elm, can be used. It's leaves will change color and fall just as a large tree. Azaleas and other flowering shrubs will flower in season. The leaves will be smaller on a bonsai specimen but the flowers and fruit will not. Wiring can be done to train limbs to grow in the wanted position. Evergreens store food in their roots, but deciduous trees do not. You need to water every day, keep the plant outside out of the wind and sun, and fertilize with less than the recommended amount but more often.

There are three ages considered in the art of bonsai. The actual age of the plant, how long has it been trained as a bonsai, and how old does it look. A perfect bonsai is small enough to hold in your hand but look to be a very old tree with perfectly shaped branches and a large trunk. This takes a very long time and bonsai enthusiasts say that perseverance teaches patience.

Mr. Tilley gave the plant he was working on to the club, but no one was will-

ing to try to keep it alive through the winter. He carried it with him and said that it was still ours and he would care for it and bring it back next spring. He was given a round of applause and many audible thank yous for a wonderful program.

Dianne reconvened the meeting and the usual reports and announcements were given. The meeting was adjourned with two door prizes being awarded to Barbara Blalock and Linda Brown.

The next meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2010, the program will be, A Man Named Pearl:

His Topiary Garden & Developing. We are always pleased to have visitors.

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RAMBLIN: WHY, OH WHY?

By Bill Crane

Why does Alabama's Ingram get to score the touchdowns and not Richardson? It seems to me that every time Alabama gets close to the end zone they give the ball to Ingram so he can score a touchdown. What has Richardson done in the meantime? Just ate up the yardage to put the Tide in scoring position so Ingram can score. The Florida game is a good example. Ingram had 33 yards rushing and 2 touchdowns. Richardson had more than twice the yards Ingram had and 0 touchdowns. Ingram's touchdowns came when Alabama was close to the end zone while all of Richardson's yardage and no touchdowns came between the 10 yard lines, not to mention the yardage he gained on punt returns. If he had been given the ball as Ingram, he would have scored 2 touchdowns too, I think. The South Carolina game was a flop for both players, but such will happen.

All right, lambaste me, jump on me with both feet for my even thinking about the favoritism towards Ingram, much less mentioning it. But it is so obvious to me that in all fairness I have to mention it. I think Alabama has two great running backs and they are about equal in ability and performance.

Alabama, regardless of the slip up at South Carolina, and Auburn are still headed for the "college super bowl" on November 26. The new coach and enthusiasm at Auburn has turned out to be the right prescription for that team, and is a pleasant surprise. At the beginning of the season, it would have been difficult to believe that Auburn would be so successful and ranked higher than Alabama in October. Remember, they beat South

Carolina, remember, even if it was in their home field.

The two major league baseball leagues have chosen their division winners and wild card teams and by now they have decided which teams will play in the World Series. I only picked two of the four playoff teams, New York Yankees and Atlanta. My other two selections, Boston and Los Angeles, flopped in the last month. I still think the Yankees will be in the world series even though they qualified for the playoffs as a wild card team. With the highest payroll in the majors they have the batting and pitching power to win it all. I was glad that Bobby Cox, the Atlanta Braves legendary manager, led his team into the playoffs in his swan song year as manager, but disappointed that he lost the opening series. His technique and managerial know how really showed up in his managing the Braves the last two months of the season as he lost his two best hitters and pitchers to injury. Enjoy your retirement Bobby!

The comments about Tiger Woods in my last article were right on the money. He was chosen to play in the Ryder Cup matches, but he and Phil Mickelson and several youngsters lost to the European golfers. America's golf is at the lowest level I have ever known it. The November selection will probably see Tiger replaced as the number 1 golfer in the world by Les Westward, an Englishman.

Pro basketball is now underway, and it is going to be interesting to see if the Miami Heat with their three super stars will roll over all the opposition. College basketball is underway also, but it is going to be a dog fight to see who are the best teams there.

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The scholarships are available to Mentone and Valley Head residents who are pursuing a college degree or a professional certification. The scholarships will be awarded in time to help with winter semester expenses. The applications will be available November 1, 2010 and the deadline to return the application is December 1, 2010. To request an application package, you may contact the scholarship committee at PO Box 107, Mentone AL 35984. Information will also be available at merf.mentone@gmail.com or on the MERF Facebook page.

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Travels close to home Adairsville, Georgia - Barnsley Gardens

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Although it's an easy drive from our area, I wasn't familiar with Barnsley Gardens but it was well worth the trip to Adairsville. To view the gardens, you can choose a self-guided walking tour following the excellent map with the information provided that gives you a good idea of what you're seeing. We chose to pay a little extra to have a guided tour. We were fortunate to have the head gardener as our guide. She knew all the plants on a "first name basis" and could tell us about their planting and the care needed to keep them beautiful. Nobody posed a question that she couldn't answer.

I have toured several botanical gardens where you were on carefully planned paths and you were cautioned not to "stray", not to smell the beautiful flowers and certainly not to touch them. This was completely different to any experience that I'd ever had. We strayed, we smelled and we touched. If a plant particularly intrigued us, we were even



given seed along with instructions about how to plant them. A friend who went there on a business trip said they were even given small seedlings to take with them. We even ate



some of the muscadines and the two varieties of figs that were ripe without feeling guilty because we were encouraged to do so.

Some of you may not be familiar with Barnsley Gardens. It began as a castle with surrounding gardens for Godfrey Barnsley, a transplanted Englishman who amassed a huge fortune in Savannah in cotton. Because of the dreadful heat in the lowlands and Yellow Fever, he transplanted his family to cooler climate of North Georgia in 1819 and began buying up land. He eventually amassed 8,000 acres and began building a fabulous home and gardens. Although built in the mid-1800s, Barnsley Mansion featured modern plumbing with running hot and cold water and many other fixtures far ahead of its time.

Although the mansion survived the Civil War unscathed, it could not survive the tornado of 1906 that took the roof off. The house began a gradual decline and was sold at auction in 1942 when the last Barnsley survivor passed away.

The last 1154 acres were purchased by a European investor, Prince Hubertus Fugger. Since the 1950s, Barnsley Historian Clent Coker had been collecting and preserving the Barnsley heirlooms and stories. He met with Prince Fugger and pled for its restoration. The Prince soon became caught up in the charm of

Barnsley Gardens. Coker and a small crew of workers began cleaning and renovating the historic grounds and buildings. In 1990 a horticulturist was hired to begin restoration of the overgrown gardens. In 1999, Barnsley Gardens Resort was officially opened to the public.

The resort has a number of cottages that are available for rent for family reunions, business meetings or just a luxury get-away. They consist of from one to seven rooms many with fireplaces. Resort amenities include a 18-hole golf course, golf cart rentals, a swimming pool, a full service spa, bike-riding, horse-back riding, two paint ball fields, a town hall that has a multi-purpose meeting room, Bocce Ball, tennis courts and two full service restaurants and a seasonal Beer Garden.

The self-guided walking tour begins with the Meditation Garden and Osage Row. It was here that we enjoyed the figs, one of which was as large as an apple and the muscadines. There was a bamboo forest nearby. Osage Row was planted in the mid-1800s as a fence to protect the formal garden. Over the years, the trees have grown to about 40-feet tall. The heirloom roses are nearby. The main bloom time is in early May but there were still a lot of blooms in late September.

There is a cherry tree canopy that is best viewed in early spring. Planted among the cherry trees are heirloom daffodil bulbs, wood hyacinths and columbines.

The stagecoach house and outbuildings are past the cherry tree canopy. It was home to three generations of estate overseers. There is a rose bank between the manor house and stagecoach house. It has over 30 different heirloom roses. One special rose is the "Seven Sister Rose" dating back to 1817 which has seven different colored blooms at one time.

There are rock formations on either side of the main entrance of the manor house. The rock is clastic limestone that was brought over from Wolf Cave Mountain which overlooks the gardens to the east. A Boxwood Parterre near



the house dates from 1841 when Barnsley first laid out the grounds. The English boxwoods that were planted almost 160 years ago were over 10-feet tall when restoration on the gardens began.

There is a fountain in the midst of the parterre. The fountain basin is original and the fountain is a replica of the original.

A China Fir is located directly in front of the manor house. It is the largest specimen in the United States. When it was originally brought from the Philippines in 1859, it was over 20 feet tall with a root ball the size of a VW Beetle. It was transported on two wagons tied together.

The manor house even in ruins is still an imposing structure. When the 1906 tornado took the roof off, the family moved to the left wing cottage and the right wing



kitchen house where they remained until 1942. The kitchen wing is now a museum with photographs, letters and personal treasures from the family.

The lower gardens consist of an azalea walk planted with native azaleas and a lotus garden with a water cascade and bog garden that were original features. The force of the water coming off the cascade would start the movement and water would be pumped 80 feet up the hill to the manor house.

Other parts of the lower garden are the fernery, an iris bed, redbud hill, conifer hill, the cemetery where several members of the family are buried, an amphitheater, silver bell hill, a shade garden and The Rice House which was built in 1854. It was located in Rome, GA before being moved to its current site in 1995. It is now the site of a fine dining restaurant which features a menu of classic southern recipes.

We dined at The Woodlands Grill at Barnsley Gardens. It serves three meals daily. The menu is varied with everything from a light salad to a tempting burger. Our group chose a variety of menu items. Nobody complained and nobody went away hungry.

Barnsley Gardens is the sort of place that should be visited at least three times a year so that you can enjoy all the growing and blooming seasons but then again a stay in one of those luxurious cottages with a wood burning fireplace and a visit to the full-service spa in mid-winter sounds pretty good too.

