

## Garden Updates

### Store/Arbor:

At the Gallery, as mentioned last month, we continue to build our Hydrangea hedges (re-using plants used in the Church at Easter). It is beginning to be quite a show.



Hydrangea hedge at Gallery

### St. Clare Walk:

St. Clare Walk remains lovely this month, with its sea of ferns welcoming the visitors as they start their tour through these magnificent stand of plants.



Fern in St. Clare Walk

The Cloister:

This month's feature in the Cloister is the wonderful Daylily Bed. They are almost past their first peak this week, but have been a show-stopper for June.



Daylilies in the Cloister





Cloister Grasses



Hydrangeas in Cloister

The Orchard:

The “Orchard Crew” has continued to mulch and pull weeds as the summer goes on. The new gate makes our work much easier but we need to move one of the wire support braces

to allow easier gator access to the garden. We can envision where we want to go but getting there is another story. We have been putting cardboard with a layer or two of newspaper beneath the mulch to discourage weeds. There still is plenty of ground to cover so we will be busy for a while.

The blackberries did well but now appear to be past their peak. George sneaked some tomatoes into the “orchard” they look very good and should be ripening in a week or two. There are some mystery critters that have been sampling the tomatoes but for the most part they look very good.

Howard

Dottie's note: The following photos will show you that the hard work of the Orchard Crew is paying off. The Brothers have enjoyed blackberries all of June. The blueberries are young but are fruiting and the tomatoes are proving to be a bonus crop this year!



Blackberries





Blueberries



Tomatoes

#### Luce Garden:

Russ continues to be THE FORCE at the Luce Garden. He comes several times a week and has kept everything in working order. The good news is that Craig and Nelson are due to return the middle of this month. We are looking forward to having the Crew complete again. The feature at Luce this month is the daisies in bloom.



Daisies in Luce Garden

#### Columbarium:

Happily the repair of the steps at the Columbarium has been completed, as well as replacement of Sweet Grass and other plant materials.

The Sculptures at the Entry of the Columbarium have been under restoration this month. The Sculpture stops by ever so often to keep them in top shape.





Sculpture on right at Entry to Columbarium

St Benedict:

The Coneflower at St. Benedict is glorious again. Doris continues to keep everything in great shape and happily so, as the Columbarium Office at St. Benedict has been busy with sales.



Coneflower at St. Benedict

St Bernard:

As you are aware, St. Bernard formerly housed Retreatants. With the new Retreat Center, a renovation has been done. The new uses, which we shared before, were to have a place for the Monks to meet Visitors, a new sewing room and two rooms for other uses. Brother John pointed out they were now finished and I should see them. Here they are:





Redone exterior



Visiting room for Monks



Another view



Another view

Odds and Ends:

St. Anthony:

St Anthony's instant rehab is a good example of the loyalty and dedication of our Volunteers. Picture this: grasses as tall as the steps; debris from the removal of St. John, lawn not mowed and looking forlorn in general. We had our work for the day, but Bob, Richard A and Roy took over! And I mean took over! Three hours later it was cleaned up, mowed, weed-eated, and sprayed. I hiked over to the Greenhouse

and made four pots out of what was there—2 Sego Palms and 2 with Grasses, begonia and ivy—to say welcome! Those men even placed the pots just perfectly! Thank you, thank you for making an Instant Rehab happen.



St. Anthony after Rehab

Another reason to Celebrate! We have two new Volunteers:



Laurie





Elaine

Welcome, welcome to these ladies. They have already been a great help to our program.

My thanks to Howard for The Orchard Garden Report, to Brother Anthony Maria and Fran for the photos, and my thanks to Langhorne for editing. Keep cool! Dottie

P.S. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, Ursula and I celebrated being chairs of the Garden Program for three years. We are still laughing and having a good time.