

Calendar of Events

January 1-5

Christmas Tree Recycling Project, 9am-2pm, Jackson Park, Hendersonville. Drop off your Christmas tree to be chipped into mulch, or bring a box or bag to collect mulch.

January 9

Gayden Gauthier BIRTHDAY!

December 17

Jazz Concert Series with Michael Jefry Stevens, 7:30pm, Black Mountain Center for the Arts, Black Mountain

January 18-20

Big Band & Swing Dance Weekend, Grove Park Inn, Asheville

January 24-27

Fringe Arts Festival, BeBe Theatre, downtown Asheville, www.ashevillefringe.org

15th Annual Blowing Rock Winterfest

Blowing Rock, blowingrockwinterfest.com

January 26

Carol Fife BIRTHDAY!

5th Annual Be Active Day

11am-3pm, Blue Ridge Mall, includes info & demos about physical activities available in the area, sponsored by the Dept of Public Health

Winter Warmer Beer Festival

3pm-7pm, US Cellular Center, downtown Asheville, www.ashevillebeerfest.com

Friends and family celebrate holidays with festive brunch

Nearly 30 property owners, family, and friends gathered for a holiday brunch at the Clubhouse on Friday, December 28. Everyone brought a dish to share which made for a large and delicious feast.

Just some of the menu items included waffles, sausage & egg casserole, spinach & cheese quiche, ham, gluhwein (a German/Austrian holiday drink), summer sausage and cheese, and fruit tarts.

Attendees included Jim and Ceille Welch, who brought their Columbia, SC pastor Robin McMullen and her three children, twin daughters Kara and Erin, age 13, and son Benjamin, age eight; Mike



Ceille and Jim Welch came with pastor Robin McMullen (far right) and her children Kara (second from left), Benjamin, and Erin.



Visiting friends Lori and Stewart Silverberg (far left, left) meet Dan Hanlon (center), while Ed Graham (right) catches up with Donna Hanlon (far right).



Ceille Welch (right) meets Liberty McMillan (left), daughter of Ellen (center) and Mike McMillan (not pictured).

and Bev Spreng, who brought son Brian; Abe and Rosemarie Shor, Dan and Donna Hanlon, Andy and Kris Kinigson; Ed Graham and Mickey Pickler, who brought friends Stewart and Lori Silverberg of New Haven, Connecticut; George and Yvette Rash, Mike and Ellen McMillan and their daughter, Liberty; and Rod and Jean Patteson.



Andy Kinigson (left) met Mike McMillan for the first

A happy New Year! Grant that I
May bring no tear to any eye
When this New Year in time shall end
Let it be said I've played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here,
And made of it a happy year.

~ Edgar Guest



Ralph Johns stopped in briefly to say hi and take a quick photo with Ceille.

The history of Biltmore Estate

America's Largest Home

Building Biltmore was, at the time, one of the largest undertakings in the history of American residential architecture and the results were astounding. Over a six-year period, an entire community of craftsmen worked to build the country's premier home. The estate boasted its own brick factory, woodworking shop, and a three-mile railway spur for transporting materials to the site.

A New World Château

The celebrated architect Richard Morris Hunt modeled the house on three châteaux built in 16th-century France. It would feature 4 acres of floor space, 250 rooms, 34 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, and 65 fireplaces. The basement alone would house a swimming pool, gymnasium and changing rooms, bowling alley, servants' quarters, kitchens, and more.

An Environmental Wonder

The grounds of the 125,000-acre estate were designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the creator of New York's Central Park and the father of American landscape architecture. He not only developed acres of gardens and parkland, but in his efforts to protect the environment and reclaim over-farmed land, Olmsted established America's first managed forest.

A True Family Home

George Vanderbilt officially opened the home to friends and family on Christmas Eve in 1895. He had created a country retreat where he could pursue his passion for art, literature, and horticulture. After marrying the American Edith Stuyvesant Dresser (1873–1958) in Paris during the summer of 1898, George and his new bride came to live at the estate. Their only child, Cornelia (1900–1976), was born and grew up at Biltmore.

Source: www.biltmore.com

Visions of a Pinnacle Falls sunrise

Mother Nature didn't disappoint as 2012 came to an end. Below are just a few photos of the beautiful sunrise seen from the Rash property at the top of Pinnacle Falls on December 31.



Biltmore Ticket Prices

January 1

- Adult Regular: **\$69**
- Adult 7+ Days Before Visit: **\$59**
- Youth Regular (age 10-16): **\$34.50**
- Youth 7+ Days Before Visit (age 10-16): **\$29.50**

January 2-March 20

- Adult Regular: **\$45**
- Adult 7+ Days Before Visit: **\$35**
- Youth Regular (age 10-16): **Free w/paying adult**
- Youth 7+ Days Before Visit (age 10-16): **Free w/paying adult**

NOTE: Children age 9 and younger admitted **FREE** w/paying adult

Twelve-Month Season Passes are also available. Check www.biltmore.com for details.

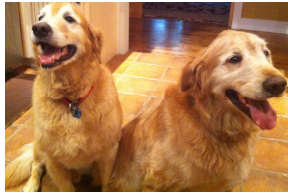
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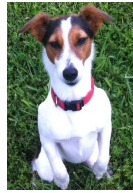
Full-Time & Part-Time Residents & Visiting Family



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Ron & Rhonda
Hertwig



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George & Yvette
Rash



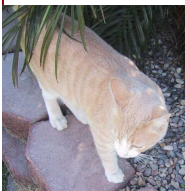
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Angeline & Buddy
Carol
Fife



Simba & Aby
Rod & Jean
Patteson



Tig & Carly
Jim, Shawn, & Delaney
Blackburn



Sandy & Danny
Renee
Kidwell



Mia & Abigail
Dennis & Linda
Mitchell



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Ralph & Sallie
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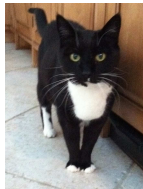
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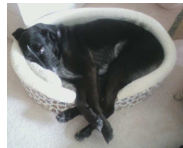
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Jim & Ceille
Welch



Bonnie & Clyde & Spats
Debbie
Hayden



Non-Visiting Pets



Roger & Trevor
Beverly & Mike
Spreng

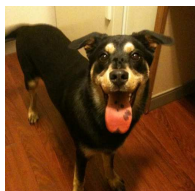


Oreo
Andy & Kris
Kinigson

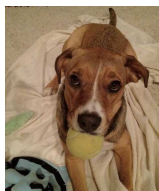


Mia
Terri & Steven
Schiffman

Neighborhood Pets Outside of Pinnacle Falls



Turbo & Radar
Chris Tesauro & Courtney
Jackson



Sophie & Tipper
Danny & Laura
Austin



Honey Bunny
Audrey Snyder
In Florida for the winter