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The Weekly Weaver

ADVICE, IF YOU MUST



DEAR WEAVER,
My neighbor thinks I'm spying on her.
What am I to do?

— Love Is Patient

DEAR PATIENT,
Mind your own business, or invite her to
join in. Misery loves company.

— The Weaver

DEAR WEAVER,
My ex keeps returning after I throw him out.

— Foolish in Fox Row

DEAR FOOL,
Because even garbage sounds better than
whatever you're serving up.

— The Weaver

DEAR WEAVER,
Everyone at work is so annoying.

— Frazed on Ash Street

DEAR FRAZZLED,
Then stop talking to them.
Smile less. Do less. Remember: silence is
free, and stabbing is frowned upon.
For now.

— The Weaver

DEAR WEAVER,
How do I forgive someone who doesn't
deserve it?

— Trying to be Wise

DEAR UNWISE,
You don't. Forgiveness is for you, not for
them. Spite is cheaper and much more
satisfying.

— The Weaver

Write to The Weaver at
www.starlightgazette.com.
All letters are read.
Not all are answered.



LANTERN FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS ★ BEGIN ACROSS STARLIGHT ★

Lanterns, Music, and Moonlit Revelry Return Next Month

The first Lantern Festival
in three years is now
only weeks away, and
Starlight is already
beginning to glow.

From Market Square
to the river docks,
citizens have spent the
week stringing lanterns
between rooftops,
sweeping neglected
courtyards, rehearsing
music, and debating—with
surprising intensity—which
neighborhood produces
the finest lantern.



The City Watch has asked residents
to stop testing floating lanterns
indoors. No injuries have been
reported, though one ceiling remains
"emotionally singed."

Preparations began shortly before dawn
on Monday, when volunteers gathered
beneath the clock tower to unpack
several hundred lantern frames from
storage. By midday, the square was
filled with paper, ribbons, paint, wire,
and at least four people insisting they
understood how knots worked.

"It's more than a festival," the Mayor
told the Gazette. "It's a reminder that

even during the darkest nights, we
choose to light the way together."

Local musicians have begun rehearsals
at the Lyric Hall, while merchants
along Lantern Row are preparing
evening stalls featuring food,
handmade goods, painted masks,
and commemorative trinkets of
questionable necessity.

The Brush & Chisel Guild will
host public lantern-painting sessions
throughout the month. The guild
has requested that participants
refrain from painting prophetic
symbols unless they are prepared to
explain them.

★ Notices & Reminders ★

Library Notice
Please return borrowed
books. They've begun
talking about you.



The Gilded Bookshelf
politely reminds readers that
books enjoy being read, but
eventually prefer to come
home.



Lantern Festival
Volunteers Needed
Helping hands,
bright spirits,
and reasonable
knot-tying abilities
encouraged.



THE RAINBOW REVIEW

Entertainment & Events



The Silver Quill Society
Thursday, Aug. 28 • 7pm • The
Library
An evening of readings and tea.
Sponsored by The Surlil Tea Co.



Bardic Night at Rita's
Friday, Aug. 29 • 8pm
Songs, stories, & something strong.



The Brush & Chisel Guild
Paint & Sip: Moons & Myths
Friday Nights at 7pm
The Brush & Chisel Guild
on the Rainbow
All skill levels welcome.
(Even "never held a brush")



SpellBound Bindery
on Quill Lane
Open Workshop
Saturdays at 12pm
Stitch a journal by hand,
while the bindery works its magic.
(Welcoming curious hands and
wandering imaginations.)

* More events & notices on Page 4 *

MISSING & FOUND

MISSING:
Cedric Bramblethorn, beekeeper.
Last seen informing his wife that
the bees "needed to learn
respect." If found, please
notify Mrs. Bramblethorn
before him.



LOST: One pair of spectacles.
Last seen on a high shelf in
the library. Reward offered, but
owner cannot read the reward
notice without them.



MISSING: Motivation. If found, please return
it to the Gazette office with snacks.

The Brush & Chisel Guild
on the Rainbow
Where Creativity is Free.
Friday Nights at
7pm
Someone left their
paintbrush again.



STARLIGHT
POST
Please stop mailing frogs.



SPELLBOUND BINDERY
on Quill Lane
Handcrafted
magical journals
for magical people.
Some books know where
they belong.



The Cursed Curiosity
Curios, Oddities & Bad
Decisions.
Rare finds.
Questionable
histories.
No refunds
on hauntings.
Every object has a story.



The Surlil Tea Co.
Tea for Those Who See
More Than Others.
Today's Forecast:
You'll ignore perfectly good
advice.



Rita's
on the Riverwalk
The
Bartender
already
knows
your
order.



AROUND STARLIGHT

LOCAL NEWS • COMMUNITY • RUMORS

COMMUNITY NEWS

South Landing Dock

Restoration Complete

The South Landing dock repairs are finished ahead of schedule. Fisherfolk report the new planks "don't creak when the fish are biting," which is apparently the highest praise.

New Benches Dedicated at Merchant's Walk

Hand-carved benches installed along Merchant's Walk in honor of those who take the long way home just to enjoy the view. Please don't carve your initials in them.

Town Map Updated

A new illustrated town map has been placed outside the Gazette office. Residents are invited to point out anything missing.

Stray Cat Chooses Bookstore

A tabby cat has taken up residence at The Guided Bookshelf. Management insists the position was never advertised.

THE SURIEL'S FORCAST: PREDICTIONS & UNSOLICITED TRUTHS



♈ Aries	Take the road less sensible.	♎ Libra	Balance is overrated.
♉ Taurus	Good food. Bad idea.	♏ Scorpio	Someone is watching.
♊ Gemini	A secret will find you.	♐ Sagittarius	Wander. Wonder. Repeat.
♋ Cancer	Trust the one who listens.	♑ Capricorn	Patience will profit.
♌ Leo	Applause is coming.	♒ Aquarius	Expect the unexpected.
♍ Virgo	Details today, rewards later.	♓ Pisces	Follow the feeling.

LUCKY OBJECT
A silver spoon
with a dent.

UNLUCKY OBJECT
Anything
borrowed.

**BEST DAY TO MAKE
BAD DECISIONS**
Thursday

THE SURIEL'S ACCURACY:
Predictions ignored: 11 • Still correct: 11 • Do the math.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Call For Musicians

The Moonlit Melodies Ensemble seeks a violinist, a cellist, and a person willing to play whatever that strange, whining instrument is. Rehearsals Wednesday evenings at the Lyric Hall.



Found: Stray Book

A small, leather-bound book was found near the fountain reading itself. Claims of ownership must describe its last sentence.



River Cleanup Day

Saturday, Aug. 30 • 8am
Meet at the South Landing. Gloves, snacks, and good company provided.



Need a Room?

Quiet attic room for rent near Wind Street. Ideal for writers, dreamers, and people who speak to their cats. Inquiries at 18 Wind Street.



SEAMSTRESS AVAILABLE

Alterations, mending, and "enchantment-friendly" repairs. References available. Ask for Mirelle.



Children's Story Hour

Every Sunday • 2pm
Rose & Quill Bookshop
Stories, hot cocoa, and acceptable levels of giggling.



Historical Society

Seeking old family recipes, letters, and photographs for the town archives. Originals returned.



Story Collectors Wanted

Have an interesting family tale or local legend? The Gazette would love to hear it.



CITY WATCH BLOTTER

Filed with admirable patience by Officer Alder.



Public Disturbance: A gentleman insisted the moon was following him. After investigation... it was.



Noise Complaint: The Bard's Guild has been reminded that dramatic entrances should conclude before midnight.



Property Damage: A goose successfully stole the Mayor's lunch. Witnesses described the attack as "efficient."



Lost Property: One enchanted broom returned home by itself. Its owner apologized. The broom did not.



Disorderly Conduct: Someone released thirty-seven paper lanterns before obtaining a permit. They were beautiful. Permits still required.



Suspicious Activity: Flowers continue to appear overnight in various locations. No threat detected. (Frankly, we're impressed.)



Missing: One beekeeper. If found, please let his wife know before telling him.

MYSTERIOUS GARDENER CONTINUES NIGHTTIME PLANTINGS

By the Gazette Staff

Residents across Starlight awoke Tuesday morning to discover another collection of flowers blooming where no one remembers planting them.

This week's appearances include lavender beside the South Landing, foxgloves along Lantern Row, and climbing roses now covering a previously abandoned stone wall behind the old apothecary.

City gardeners insist no work crews were scheduled. The City Watch has opened no investigation, noting only that "the flowers have committed no crimes."

When asked for comment, the Bloom & Briar proprietor Elayne simply smiled and remarked, "Some places just know what they need."

Witnesses continue reporting sightings of a hooded figure carrying a lantern and a basket of seedlings shortly before dawn. No one has successfully caught up with them.

By Sunrise...

The Flowers Are Already



The Marketplace

• SHOP LOCAL. SUPPORT STARLIGHT. •

SPELLBOUND BINDERY

Where every journal becomes a keepsake.

HAND-BOUND JOURNALS
CUSTOM ORDERS • HEIRLOOM QUALITY

*This month: Full moon journals
fresh from the bookpress.*

RITA'S ON THE RIVERWALK

Good company.
Cold Drinks.
Hot gossip.

Tonight:
Live music
&
questionable
life choices

FOOD • DRINKS • LIVE MUSIC

*Now serving breakfast
Saturday & Sunday!*

THE BRUSH & CHISEL GUILD

Where Creativity is Free.

CLASSES • WORKSHOPS • COMMUNITY
STUDIO ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

*The blue watercolor escaped into
the hallway. It's beautiful.*

SOUL SPACE

A sanctuary for healing and reflection.

ASTROLOGICAL COUNSELING • THERAPY •
HYPNOTHERAPY • SOUND HEALING

*You do not need to know the whole path.
You only need somewhere safe to begin.*

THE GILDED BOOKSHELF

BOOKS • COLLECTOR EDITIONS
PAINTED EDGES • BELOVED STORIES

Because your bookshelf has standards.

THE PAPER MOON

Little wonders for
every occasion.

STICKERS • EPHEMERA • BOOKPLATES
BOOKMARKS • STATIONARY

*A sticker escaped the display again.
We decided it had chosen its book.*

SURIEL TEA CO.

TEA FOR THOSE WHO
SEEK MORE THAN ANSWERS.

FINE TEAS • RARE ORIGINS • QUIET MAGIC

*Today's Forecast:
The tea already knows.*

THE BLOOM & BRIAR

Flowers appear where
they are needed most.

FLOWERS • PLANTS • BOTANICAL CURIOSITIES

*3 new flower beds appeared near Market
Square overnight. No one claims them.*

THE CURSED CURIOSITY

ODDITIES FOR THE
DISCERNINGLY BRAVE.

RARE FINDS • STRANGE & UNUSUAL
RELICS • CABINET WONDERS

The curiosity denies responsibility.

HOUSE OF WIND BOOK CLUB

*This Month's Read:
ZODIAC ACADEMY
by Caroline Peckham
& Susanne Valenti*

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 12 • 7 PM
Tea and coffee
will be served.

New readers always welcome.

THE MERCHANT'S LEDGER

SpellBound
completed 3
custom journals
this month.

The Gilded
Bookshelf
gilds a new
Romantasy
book

The Paper
Moon's
sticker drawer
is mysteriously
empty again

Rita's cocktail
of the month:
The Moonlight
Mirth

The Bloom &
Briar has planted
something new.
Again.

Starlight Post
delivers 3
unaddressed
letters to new
pen pals.

The Curiosity
acquired
something odd. It
refuses to discuss.

WHERE EVERY DOOR OPENS TO ANOTHER STORY.



THE RAINBOW REVIEW



EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & HAPPENINGS IN LYRAVALE

GATHERINGS & WORKSHOPS

Cora's Coffee



Coffee Tastings
Every Saturday • 10:00 AM
Explore seasonal roasts, discover coffee's journey from blossom to cup, and learn why every harvest has its own personality.



Conversations with Coffee

First Thursday of Each Month • 3pm

A gentle introduction to caring for coffee plants.

Learn how to prune, nurture, encourage... and—if Cora has her way—properly introduce yourself.

Talk to the plants.
She must teach up commuting with the plant talk.

Surriel Tea Co.



Tea Leaf Readings
Every Thursday Evening
No appointment required.
Answers not guaranteed.



Bloom & Briar

Gathered by Hand
Saturday • 12pm

Create a bouquet inspired by what's blooming naturally this week.

Every bouquet is different, just as the garden intended.



ARTS & LETTERS

Brush & Chisel Guild



OPEN STUDIO
Daily 12-9pm
Bring your ideas.
We provide the rest.
Everyone welcome.

Where creativity is free.

Figure Drawing Night

Wednesday • 7:00 PM

This month's volunteer model has once again agreed to hold a heroic pose.

Artists are reminded that excessive giggling is distracting.

Community Reminder:

Polaroid cameras are not permitted during Figure Drawing Night. We are still apologizing to last month's model.



SpellBound Bindery

Bookbinding Demonstration
Saturday • 2:00 PM

Watch a handcrafted journal come to life.

Questions encouraged.
Wonder expected.



House of Wind Book Club



This Month's Read
Zodiac Academy
by Caroline Peckham
& Susanne Valenti
Tea and coffee will be served.

★ AROUND THE TOWN

The Astrarium

House of the Heavens



Meteor Watch

Saturday • Sunset

Join the Astrarium Society beneath the great dome for telescope viewing, ancient star maps, and celestial storytelling.



Clockmaker's Tour

Discover the workings of The Starkeeper's Clock, the centuries-old astronomical masterpiece at the heart of The Astrarium.



Ancient Star Maps

A rotating exhibition of hand-drawn celestial charts from generations past.



MARKET SQUARE

Saturday Market

- Fresh flowers
- Local honey
- Handmade goods
- Seasonal produce

Come early for the best selection!



🎵 EVENINGS

Rita's on the Riverwalk



Live Music

Friday & Saturday

*Leave your worries at the riverside.
We'll take care of the rest.*



The Paper Moon

How Not to Crinkle Paper
Yes, there's a right way.
Saturday • 11am

Celebrate the craftsmanship and care behind beautiful paper.

*Every crease tells a story.
Choose yours after purchase.*

AROUND TOWN



Mysterious flowers planted. No one claims them.

The scent of fresh bread drifts down Saffron Street. Productivity is expected to decline accordingly.



The Riverwalk has acquired another musician. No one knows how the piano got there.



A community mural is taking shape along the Rainbow.



Starlight Post reminds residents that "Grandma's House by the River" is not technically a complete address.



PRESENTS:
ADDRESSING A LETTER RIGHT
Every Saturday 10am

Because even magic needs a little direction.



LOOK AHEAD...



Autumn Meteor Watch to return to The Astrarium.



Harvest Wreath Workshops this fall at Bloom & Briar.



Starlight Post to introduce the lost art of pen pals.



The Paper Moon to host workshop on the safety of wax seal melting.