



The ultimate goal of this blog is to talk about living at Stillwaters Estates and to share year-round insights into living in Lewis County. Throughout the almost six years of writing this blog I have yet to write about house colors. Well, color is the topic for this week.

One of the many benefits of living here is, like clockwork, having your house painted every ten years. Yes, it is true, the house gets washed and painted, whether it needs it or not! When you buy a home in Stillwaters you own the home and land it sits on and you are responsible for repairs and maintenance of the house. The exception to this is the cleaning and painting of the outside of the house. In addition to this painting event every 10 years the houses are washed and re-caulked every five years. This is great protection for such a big investment.

Gone are the days where you have to do all the prep work and then invest the many hours either in painting the house yourself (or save up the big bucks to pay someone else). Living at Stillwaters means the house painting is included in the monthly maintenance fee. The primary color of the house is managed by the neighborhood (so there is no choice by the homeowner) but the trim color is definitely changeable by the home owner.

It is really true that sometimes its the little things that make your whole week. I am getting my house painted this month and I couldn't be happier!

Poem of the Week:

I am sharing one of my favorite poems this week. Enjoy!

The Peace of Wild Things by poet Wendell Berry



When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's life may be.
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things

who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.

I come into the presence of still water.

And I feel above me the day-blind stars

waiting with their light. For a time

I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Happenings this Week:

Today and Tomorrow: American Association of University Women (AAUW) Book Sale. At the Lewis County Mall on NE Hampe Way. The hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. This is an annual fundraiser for local scholarships and programs for girls and women. Book donations are welcome. Call 736-8564 for more information.

Tomorrow and Sunday: The Lewis County Model Railroad Club and Lewis County Historical Museum will be having a Model Train Show & Shop Meet Saturday and Sunday at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds. Hours will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

Along with vendors, there are model railroad layouts. This year, all the train layouts will be small or miniature sets, highlighting what can be done in a small space. Two layouts will be on a 4-foot by 8-foot piece of plywood. Admission to the event is \$5, and children under 10 are free.

All proceeds from the train show will be directed toward the model railroad

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display at the museum and will also fund a specific project for the museum.

For more information, call Ted, (360) 748-0831 or (360) 985-7788. More information is available on Facebook or at www.lewiscountymuseum.org.

Saturday, April 9th: The **Borst House, Carriage House and One-Room School House** will be open to visitors on Saturday, April 9th from 1:30-3:30. The Borst Complex is open the 2nd Saturday of the month. At the Carriage House, there are many hands on things for the kids. The tours are free.

Weather:



Enjoy the sun! Rain is projected for Monday but the weekend looks like it will be gloriously sunny and after an early week rain storm we will be back to sun for the rest of the week. What a nice start to April!

Special Note: It is that time of year when swallows start trying to build nests in the most unwanted places. Covered porches are favorite spots! Residents should call the office (after hours leave a message) and we will have the maintenance crew remove before eggs get laid. Thanks for keeping this in mind.