



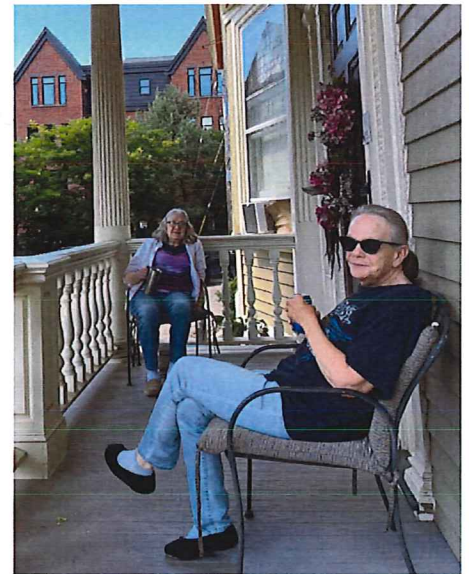
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Amy Johnson Residence

Summer 2025
July/August

Summertime! and the living is easy... Our vegetable garden has welcomed all this sun and rain. The tomatoes, basil, and parsley are thriving. The hydrangeas in the front and back of the house are in full bloom and give off a subtle pleasing fragrance. Our side entrance has a small veranda, which is a favorite spot where we like to sit in the shade and where we can watch the birds in the trees, the squirrels, turkeys, or bunnies on the lawn, folks out for a stroll or walking their dogs. A perfect place to enjoy one of summer's idyllic pleasures.

days with music and song. We also want to thank Duane Jagiello for coming to the house each month and offering us communion. We want to thank Mike Lynch for his generous donation of fishing poles, allowing more of us to take part in fishing adventures. Our thanks to Tony and Sandy Menke for the sweet treat cookies that they made and brought over to us- they were delicious! Thanks to Craig Bowron for being our fishing guide. A huge thank you to Judith and Jim Ritchart for their hospitality and graciously opening up their cabin to us in Ely, MN.



Thank You

We had two fun opportunities for music and singing this summer. In July, Duane Jagiello and his friends came to sing and play music for us, and then in August, we had music and singing with Jennie Theisen and Stephanie Bowron. How lucky we are to have such kind and talented friends, sharing their time and talents with us. Our love and thanks to them for brightening our

Activities and Outings

Our weekday routine still consists of a morning exercise dvd; we *Walk Away the Pounds* with Leslie Sansone. At 12:30 we're glued to the half hour soap opera, *The Bold and Beautiful*. Our house store opens up 1:00pm and we take a break with a can of soda or snack, taking our refreshments on the veranda or in the dining room. We have committed walkers getting their

exercise either inside the house or in this fine weather, around the neighborhood.



We have had many different adventures this summer. We've enjoyed fairs, getting out in nature, science museums, we've taken vicarious trips to Cuba and Hawaii, and discovered culinary delights with Peter.

We visited the newly restored state capitol and admired the grace and grandeur of the building. A side note, Cass Gilbert, the architect of the capitol is also the architect of our own Amy Johnson Residence.



We visited the science museum and saw a film at the Omni theater on Cuba. We learned so much about the country: a vibrant music scene, a world ballet capital, their secrets to maintaining their

colorful vintage cars, and that Cuba has the only coral reef in the Caribbean that is growing due to its organic farming.

We went to the Bell Museum to see a show in their planetarium entitled, *Our Expanding Universe*. We leaned back in our seats and travelled through space to see galaxies beyond our own Milky Way, supernovas, black holes, and learned that the space between fixed planets and stars is actually expanding.



Back on Earth, we had a picnic lunch at Lake Phalen. After we ate, some of us did some fishing, others enjoyed putting their toes in the water, or just sitting in the shade and admiring the scenery.





Our adventurous fishermen in the house, Yeng and Leng, got up very early and went on a fishing expedition with Peter and their fishing guide Craig. There was more fishing up in Ely at Jim and Judith's cabin where there was also a black bear cub sighting.



It wouldn't be summer without a trip to the fair. We got a head start on fair season by going to the Dakota County Fair in the beginning of August and capped off the month going to State Fair: fair food, the animals, the Midway- we enjoyed it all!



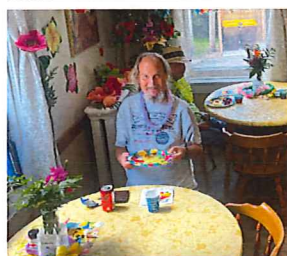
Fair Food!

We took a break from the heat and humidity at the movies seeing a summer blockbuster, *The Fantastic Four*. We took advantage of Woodbury's \$5.00 Wednesdays and indulged in some summer escapism.

We celebrated Hawaii's entry in the union on August 21 with a luau at the house. We learned about Hawaiian customs, the different islands, its history, and enjoyed some Hawaiian music and treats such as pineapple, tropical punch, and macadamia nuts.



On the Midway



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We celebrated birthdays at the house and at restaurants for lunch, visiting old favorites such as: The Great Moon, The Golden Corral, Culvers, and a pizza party at Carbone's. We took a coffee break at Dunn Brothers on Grand Avenue and cooled off with an ice cream treat at Dairy Queen. We made our monthly trek to the library and checked out all kinds of media.



Visiting with friends



Enjoying cooking adventures with Peter

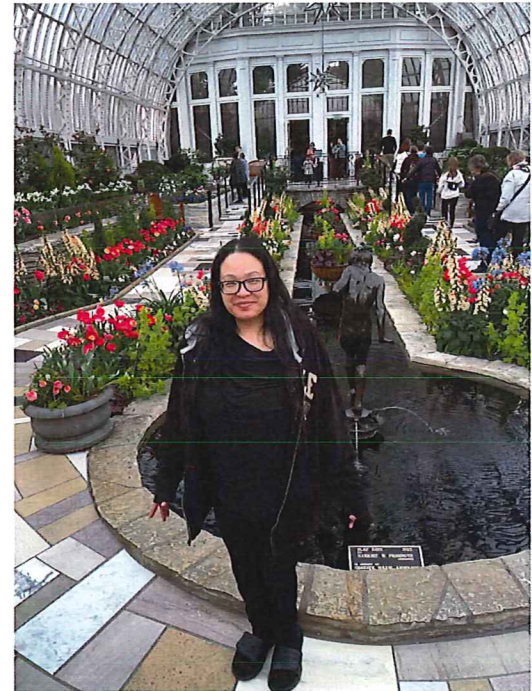


Refueling at Dunn Brothers

Happy Birthday



Dan Jagiello July 2



Kowire Lee August 23

Roving Reporter

What's Your Favorite Thing About the Minnesota State Fair?

Kathleen: The Miracle Birth Center.

Susan: The animals, horses.

Gary: I'm not so interested in the fair.

Marilyn: Pronto pups.

Leng: I used to work in the Grandstand so I got to hear all the music.

Joan: The food and the games.

Dan Z: Pronto pups.

Cheryl: The Grandstand shows.

Lucille: The people, the food, mini-donuts.

Mike R.: The Midway.

Courtney: The animals.

Yeng: Fried green tomatoes and corn fritters.

Steve: The flowers.

Dan J.: Cotton candy.

Lee: Too many people.

Carla: The animals.

Michael S.: The food that I got- a mole burrito.

Rick: Nothing.

Luanne: The art building. And the animals, the piglets and horses.

Honduras

We emptied our piggy bank to send its contents to our friends in Honduras. We received a nice letter and some photographs from them.



Our letter from Honduras:

God bless you, hoping you are fine. I hope you saw the e-mails and photos that I sent recently. As Children's Day is approaching, we are asking for your help with this activity. We are preparing for it. We always appreciate your tremendous support for the children of this community.

I will travel to Tegucigalpa as soon as possible to buy some products for Children's Day such as candies, food, cookies, and toys. They are cheaper there than in Choloteuca. I am grateful for your support. Here in Honduras, we are facing many economic problems due to unemployment.

A huge hug,

Deicy Elisabet Blanco Rivera



Environmental Tip

Choose rechargeable batteries, then recycle them when they die. You'd have to use hundreds of single-use batteries to equal the energy you'd get out of one rechargeable battery. Be sure to recycle all batteries to keep harmful metals from entering the environment.

Inspirational Thought

Change starts with us as individuals. If one individual becomes more compassionate it will influence others and so we will change the world.

- His Holiness the Dalai Lama



Dakota County Fair casualty

Closing Credits



Cooking up a storm



Departing for the State Fair



Until next summer...