



# Long Grove News November 2009

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## **Long Grove Holiday Festivities - Nov. 13 – Dec. 31**

The magic of the holiday season comes alive in Long Grove from mid-November until January with a full schedule of family friendly activities. Shop till you drop, enjoy an old-fashioned horse-drawn carriage ride, visit with Santa, enjoy strolling carolers, and share a delicious holiday meal with friends, family or business associates at one of Long Grove's signature restaurants.



**COLLECTIBLES BOX** – Add to your collection of Long Grove collectible boxes. This year the special holiday ceramic collectible is The Village Tavern – yours free for \$150 in receipts from Long Grove shops and restaurants.

Call the information center at (847) 634-0888 for more information.



## **Mangel Gifts now Carries Many Pine Cone Shop Holiday Items**

Long Grove is all decked out for the holidays with stunning ornaments, holiday decor and gift ideas in many shops throughout town. The Pine Cone Christmas Shop, beloved for many years for its seasonal ornaments and collector's pieces, is no longer open for business, but some of the popular lines once carried at Pine Cone can be found at nearby Mangel Gifts.

The Pine Cone Shop was damaged by a fire in 2007 which destroyed the entire contents of the store, including carefully selected inventory that had taken many years to acquire. The difficult and heartfelt decision was made by the Mangel family not to re-open the Pine Cone Shop. Now, many of The Pine Cone's most popular lines, including Dept. 56, Possible Dream Santas, and hand blown glass ornaments by Margaret Cobane are stocked at Mangel Gifts

At Mangel's, shoppers can also find Buyers Choice collectible ornaments, Christopher Radko ornaments made of European blown glass, and Mark Roberts fairies. Some items that arrived at Pine Cone Shop after the fire are now being sold well below cost at the Long Grove Confectionery Outlet Store in Buffalo Grove.

The Mangel family thanks the many loyal customers who came year after year, and value the friendships built over the years by everyone who included them in this most special time of the year.

Mangel Gifts is located at 421 Robert Parker Coffin Road near Long Grove's covered bridge. Telephone: (847) 634-3731.

### ***Irish Dance in Chicago – a History***

Come enjoy a lively discussion of Irish dance in Chicago. Paddy's on the Square in downtown Long Grove is proud to host author Kathleen M. Flanagan for a signing of her book, "Steps in Time: the History of Irish Dance in Chicago." The author will read from her book on Saturday, November 14 at 2 pm, and will be pleased to autograph copies.

In this detailed history of Chicago's Irish dance, Flanagan gives a fascinating account beginning with its appearance at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 to the emergence of world renowned Chicago performers/choreographers Michael Flatley and Mark Howard. She describes the teachers, schools and performances that contributed to making the city an international center of Irish dance.

Kathleen Flanagan is Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance at St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota. She is a native of the Chicago area and a registered Irish dance teacher with the Irish dancing commission in Dublin Ireland.

Paddy's on the Square is located at 228 Robert Parker Coffin Rd., in Fountain Square. For more information, phone (847) 634-0339.

While you're there, pick up a copy of Aoibhneas (pronounced eev-ness, the Gaelic word for bliss) a new CD combining Irish Harp, Whistle and more. Irish folk harpist Daphne Quigley-Freund and local folk singer Tom Bradfish, acoustic guitar, Irish whistles, Irish bouzouki, mandolin and bodhran, have put together a dynamic music CD that is not meant just to be heard, but also to be felt. Proceeds from the sale of this CD will go to help defray ongoing medical expenses of Daphne's son, Patrick, who was diagnosed with Leukemia.

## ***Bella Donna Boutique Opens in Long Grove***

Welcome to Bella Donna Boutique, Long Grove's newest shop, which opened October 1. This charming new boutique features European style clothing, suitable for work or casual. Come on in and browse – you'll find blouses, sweaters, dresses and slacks, as well as beautiful scarves, purses and gift ideas for moms, daughters or girlfriends. The new boutique also carries Pacifica candles, body lotions and perfumes.

Bella Donna Boutique is located at 420 Robert Parker Coffin Rd. (Building # 41) near Long Grove's covered bridge. Running a clothing boutique is a natural for owner Mira Pinscher, who also owns Cleo's Jewelry and Gifts, located in the same building. You can reach Bella Donna Boutique at (847) 478-9046.

## ***The Gallery Next Door Opens in Long Grove***

Showcasing a collection of 100 years of distinguished fine art, **The Gallery Next Door** recently opened in historic downtown Long Grove. The works on display are from a private collection rich in history, and boast more than 600 selections compiled over a 25 year period. The majority of the collection documents the continuity of black subject matter in the visual arts tradition during the 20th Century. Additionally, the collection in its entirety offers a unique combination and compilation of works completed by African American, Haitian, European, American, African, Canadian, and Asian artists. The wide array of mediums include photography, paintings, sculpture, lithographs, etchings, maquettes and other works on paper. Many of the works have been exhibited at distinguished institutions and have appeared in critically acclaimed art shows.

The Gallery Next Door is located at 111 Old McHenry Road and is open Wednesday through Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and on Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Arrangements can also be made for private showings. Phone (847) 847-7023 for more information.

## ***French Pastry at “Sweet Whimsy” in Long Grove***

**Sweet Whimsy**, a contemporary pastry shop serving a variety of French-inspired treats, has opened in the lower level of the Mill Pond Shops in Long Grove. Owner and Pastry Chef extraordinaire, Josh Baudin, a 31-year-old Chicago native of French descent, is putting a delightful spin on more typical presentations of the country's tasty classics. Portions will be miniaturized – and so will the prices. Known as “petite pastry”, Sweet Whimsy's collection of cakes and tarts will carry a price tag of \$5. Lesser- priced items – éclairs, muffins, brioche, croissants, and cookies – complete the bill of fare.

In sharp contrast to other high-ticketed and “stuffy” French confectioners, Baudin's marketing genius encourages patrons of all ages to sample and share. Situated alongside a gentle stream with ducks paddling about, the shop is intended to serve as a year-round gathering place for Long Grove's residents and guests. Seating is available indoors and out. Once inside its cozy walls, patrons will soon learn of the passion that Baudin carries for his French heritage and the respect he extends to his customers.

Many other individual and superlative selections dot the menu, and there is coffee and other French inspired beverages that pair nicely with Sweet Whimsy's original, tasty treats.

Café seating, including countertops – and carry-out service – add to the informality that Baudin wishes to extend to his customers.

Open six days a week, Sweet Whimsy can cater to cravings all day long. The bakery is located at 251 Robert Parker Coffin Rd. in the Mill Pond Shops. Hours are 9:30 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday; 9:30 to 6 pm on Saturday, and 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Special classes, birthday parties, and catering services are available. For more information or to place an order phone (847) 821-2021, or visit the Website at <http://www.sweetwhimsypastry.com>

### ***European Flower & Gift Market Opens in Long Grove***

A flower market with a European flair is the newest shop in Long Grove's charming historic village. The **European Flower & Gift Market** is located at 144 Old McHenry Rd. in the historic Hotel Building. Formerly known as the Fairy Garden, the new shop specializes in flowers for all occasions, including weddings and funerals. European Flower & Gift Market also carries a selection of beautiful one-of-a-kind giftware, hand-painted vases, blown glass, and specialty items from all over Europe. Owners Barb and Anthony Eppolito bring lots of new ideas and enthusiasm to the full service floral business.

Much like an old world flower shop, the floor is filled with galvanized buckets holding a variety of fresh flowers. Customers can browse and select the blooms, the colors, and the scents they want in a bouquet. With more than 20 years of experience creating one-of-a-kind floral arrangements, Barb will create special pieces for any occasion. She is also an expert in exotic and tropical floral designs.

Delivery is available within a 25 mile range, including Long Grove, Kildeer, Hawthorn Woods, Buffalo Grove, and Barrington. This fall they will offer special homecoming corsage and boutonniere packages. European Flower & Gift Market is open seven days a week, from 10 am to 4 pm Monday through Wednesday, and from 10 am to 5 pm Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Phone (847) 478-1244.

### ***Little Portraits Opens Studio in Long Grove***

**Little Portraits Children's Photography & Boutique** has opened a new studio at 126 Old McHenry Rd. in Long Grove's historic district. Little Portraits studio will create beautiful portraits for a wide variety of occasions, including newborn announcements, birthdays, Christenings, First Communion, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, and family get-togethers. Owner and photographer Kristen Oliver specializes in babies and young children, and provides a wardrobe of clothing for "dress-up" shots that will capture your child's personality. She also provides a full line of additional services including family portraits, outdoor setting portraits, photobooks,

photo calendars, mugs and more. Portrait packages and memberships are available. Phone (224) 548-7005 for information or to schedule an appointment.

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For more information about events and offerings, contact the Long Grove Visitor's Center at (847) 634-0888.