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LONG GROVE ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF SIX NEW BUSINESSES

Historical village thrive with new attractions as the holiday season approaches

LONG GROVE, IL (OCTOBER 2011) — The Village of Long Grove is delighted to add more glow to their community with SIX new business announcements and one store relocation. The Village boasts a wide selection of store attractions including antiques, apparel, fine arts, gifts, home furnishings, restaurants, cafes, and much more to further encourage local shopping and maintain Long Grove as a shopping destination. New business openings in Long Grove include:

- **Celine Custom Jewelers:** Custom design jewelry in platinum, gold and sterling silver garnished with exceptional gemstones and diamonds. All repairs done on premises. www.celinecustomjewelers.com
- **The Cedar Grill:** Contemporary American Cuisine simply prepared from quality ingredients in a rustic setting. The Cedar Grill offers both lunch and dinner as well as full bar service. Read more at www.cedargrill.org.
- **The Pear Tree Shoppe:** Featuring beautiful ornaments, nativities, garlands, gifts and more to create holiday memories. See more information at www.peartreeshoppe.com.
- **Rivellino School of Art:** The school offers classes throughout the year in a variety of media for children and adults. The gallery features the work of both their students and other local artists. Read more at <http://longgroveart.blogspot.com/>.
- **Harper's Hollow Halloween Shop:** Located on the Northeast corner of the crossroads, this Halloween shop will have you immediately drawn to the sights, sounds and smells of this great holiday!
- **The Peppermint Stick:** A happy place for people to go to with good food and reasonable prices, the inviting atmosphere makes you feel right at home. With penny candy for sale and the original marble counter still standing where one can enjoy breakfast, lunch and ice cream treats, this is a place you want to come back to over and over again. Visit www.thepeppermintstickoflonggrove.com for more details.

Additionally, the beloved **Dandy Things**, offering “indie” toys, clothing, art and more for children, teens and the young at heart, has moved to a larger location on Old McHenry Road. See more information at dandythingsshop.com.

In addition to these new store openings, Long Grove also is proud to be host to two art exhibits:

• **Howard Finster Exhibit:** Perhaps best known for his artwork gracing album covers such as R.E.M.'s Reckoning and Talking Heads' Little Creatures, Finster is the most prominent and famed member of the "outsider art" movement, with over 50,000 paintings in his collection. David Leonardis, Curator of the Howard Finster Vision House Museum, hosts the exhibit and lecture series, discussing his personal and professional relationship with Howard Finster, as well as an overview of the Museum's permanent collection in Summerville, Georgia. See hours and details at: <http://www.visitlonggrove.com/finster/howardfinster.html>.

• **Lyman Whitaker:** Take a walk through Long Grove and one will have a hard time *not* stopping to gaze at the newest installation of outdoor art, Wind Sculptures by Lyman Whitaker. Whitaker transported fifty of these billowing copper and steel sculptures from his studio in Utah to Long Grove, creating a Wind Forest of beauty. Read more at <http://thelonggroveblog.com/2011/09/01/lyman-whitaker-wind-sculptures/>.

About The Village of Long Grove

Originally settled as a German farming community, the Village of Long Grove's rich historical background gave way to a multitude of additional cultures such as French, Polish, Greek, Irish, Canadian, Scottish, British, Scandinavian, Italian, Native American and many more. Notoriously known as a 'must-see' destination in Lake County, the Village gives visitors a very unique feel unlike any other place. It is almost as if they are nestled in a hidden town in Europe.

Recognized as one of the nation's genuine historic villages, and famous for their annual festivals, the Village of Long Grove also serves as a Midwest destination, known for its one-of-a-kind, unique shopping experience that cannot be duplicated. Only in Long Grove can one experience a charming, historic village abundant with unspoiled natural beauty, and a diverse collection of shops, restaurants and events, all supported by a genuine hospitality rarely found in urban environments. A 35-mile jaunt from Chicago, the Village of Long Grove is an experience not to be missed.

Come visit, shop and dine in Long Grove... You'll love it. For more information about the Village of Long Grove please visit www.visitlonggrove.com or call 847-634-3114.

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