

THE
ENTERTAINING TALES
OF TABBY, PRissy & PEACHES®

You are invited to attend
the annual

PUMPKIN
FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 4
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Green Valley Orchards & Kitchen
Green Valley

Pumpkin Carving, Games, Hay Rides,
Food, Fun For All

A PEACHES TALE
FOR OCTOBER

Every year, after the harvest was in, Peaches & Rufus McPurr sponsored a Pumpkin Festival on the grounds of their apple orchards and pumpkin fields. They sold pumpkins and provided hay rides through the orchards & fields. They also invited all the charitable organizations in the area to have booths to raise money for their causes. The charities liked this be-

cause it gave them a focus for one time a year and they were guaranteed to have lot of people to purchase what they were selling. There were booths selling cider, cocoa, roasted sunflower seeds, roasted nuts, candy apples, apple fritters, pumpkin tarts, pumpkin bread, apple muffins, cookies in the shapes of pumpkins and apples and acorns, and more. There were also booths where you could purchase an autumn wreath, draw a Jack-O-Lantern face on an orange balloon or try for prizes in games of skill. And there were contests for the best carved Jack-O-Lantern and the best pumpkin pie, and the best new pumpkin or apple recipe.

The day dawned bright and sunny with just a slight autumn nip in the air. Everyone in Green Valley attended and took their turns at manning the

booths, strolling among the booths to play at the games or to eat their way through the day while visiting with their friends and neighbors. The hay rides were very popular as the rides took them through the acres of apple orchards and pumpkin fields. High school art students had made scarecrows to put in the pumpkin fields and everyone got to cast a vote for the best scarecrow at the end of their hay ride.

Everyone agreed that this was a grand way for the local charities to raise money. And Peaches & Rufus donated a percentage of the sale of all the pumpkins they sold on that day and all the money that was taken in from the hay rides. This money was split between all the participating charities. There was much talk of next year adding an evening event of square dancing.



GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #11

When you are in a crowd of people you should always be aware of the people around you.

No one wants to have someone bump into them and maybe knocking their glass of apple cider out of their hands or step on their foot or tail.

A PRISSY TALE

FOR OCTOBER

Prissy was chairwoman of the annual fund raising ball this year and had decided that it should be a masquerade ball. She had spent months working with her committees to get everything running smoothly. The decorations committee, after too much debate, was going to do a black, white and gold harlequin theme with their decorations. The refreshment committee went back and forth trying to decide whether to have a sit down

dinner, heavy hors d'oeuvres, or light hors d'oeuvres. They finally settled on heavy hors d'oeuvres which would be served throughout the evening. There would be hot and cold finger foods, desserts and various punches. Polly Poodle insisted they use her caterer as he was the finest in the city and would do a grand presentation of the food. All the members of all the committees were naturally present for the taste testing of what would be served. Chef Andre Fox was very good at handling groups of ladies who were trying to make food selections and he was able to make short work of the process and assure everyone that they had made the correct selections.

After all the plans were in motion all the ladies turned their attention to what historical couple they would select for themselves and their husbands. The men for the most part didn't care what character they were and let their wives pick. When the invitations were received the ladies made their trips to the costume company and spent much time deciding what to wear. After the decision were made they were all seen doing much shopping at Tiffurry's and Bloomingtails for jewelry and accessories.

The evening of the ball arrived and everyone looked splendid in their

A MASQUERADE BALL

to benefit the
Traveling Exhibit Fund of
New Oak City Museum
Saturday, October 25
8 p.m. to Midnight
Center Court

Please come dressed
as your favorite historical couple

Tickets \$1,000 per couple

costumes. Prissy and Thomas went as Guinevere & King Arthur. The guests were dressed as Robert & Elizabeth Browning, Romeo & Juliet, Napoleon & Josephine, Robin Hood & Maid Marion, and more. There was much fun had trying to guess who everyone was behind their masks. Antoinette Angora came dressed as Queen Victoria and it was not hard for everyone to guess who she was. Her friends all thought she made a huge presence in her costume. She said she appeared so large because her fur was so beautiful and fluffy. But her friends all thought it was because of all the cream she puts in her food. Her husband came as Prince Albert and was seen drinking often from the elderberry wine punch bowl.

There was much dancing, and partaking of the refreshments and enjoyment of seeing everyone's costumes. A grand evening was had by all and much money was raised to help refurbish the traveling exhibit gallery and to help bring the Vincent Van Goat traveling exhibit to the museum next year.



GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #12

When working with a committee of people, always make sure everyone feels like they have contributed. This may take a lot of patience on the part of the committee chair, but will make for a happy event.



*Coming up in the November issue of **Entertaining Tales**:
Grandfather Tobias and Grandmother Tabby host the entire Whiskers family at Thanksgiving dinner.*