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**A student newsletter for Groner alumni, current scholars,
and genuinely interested folks!**

Grace's Cottage Ready For Guests!



Grace's Cottage is currently housing its first guests. Donations have been made in the form of materials and services such as landscape architecture, labor and even a full house of furniture!

The Cottage is currently occupied by two very lucky female, senior Groner Scholars. The selection process for next year's residents is bound to be difficult as all Groner Scholars are outstanding individuals and students.

Students given the opportunity to live in the Cottage will be considered guests of Grace and the Cottage



will also serve as a home for all Groner Scholars to meet and reminisce.

-by Erin McGinley

Photos of Grace Groner and her cottage were submitted by Bill Marlatt before the renovations. See inside for the "after" pictures!



Photo by Erin McGinley

Grace Awarded posthumous honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters

On a cool May morning, a great distinction was awarded to a wonderful woman. On May 8, 2010, Grace's kindness was repaid to her with an honorary

doctorate. Her amazing gift helped the College, but even more so, will benefit the students whose lives will be forever changed.

President Schutt gave an account of Grace's life and gift, and gasps of amazement could be heard from the audience. Long-time friend and advisor, Bill Marlatt, cordially stood by for the account and accepted the degree on Grace's behalf to thunderous applause and a standing ovation.

The first two Grace Groner Scholars walked across the

stage at Ravinia that morning as members of the newly minted Class of 2010. Rob Erickson and Kedryn Samson collected their degrees on the same day their benefactor received hers. Congratulations go out to all of them.

- Story by Brian McGinley

Grace's spirit is already paying it forward...



Grace's story has generated \$7,000 in alumni donations according to the College Facebook page, which was created in her honor. In the same spirit there have been many other generous donations of time, service and supplies. William Elliott, an Illinois registered Landscape Architect, donated drawings. The plantings in the front yard were donated and installed by Architectural Gardens, whose owner Margaret Morrissette was extremely gracious and personally oversaw the installa-

tion. In addition, Mariani Landscape donated a substantial amount of plants that now adorn the backyard and look lovely!



A Special Thank You!

Grace's spirit has sparked a tidal wave of interest in completing the renovations to the Cottage, which is face of the Grace Groner Program at the College. The list of contributors is ever growing, but we would like to acknowledge the generosity of everyone who has played an important role thus far:

Bill and Kay Marlatt: countless hours of work... and still going

strong!

Kate Ceislak

William Elliott: all landscape design plans

Margaret Morrissette: owner

Architectural Gardens

(Lake Forest, IL)

Carrie Meade: Mariani Landscape

(Lake Bluff, IL)

Brian McGinley: electrical permit

Gail Cave: Greenfront Furniture

all interior furnishings

(Farmville, VA)

Mike Brabshaw: Ferguson's

Appliance-kitchen and bath fixtures

(Charlottesville, VA)

Kevin Udelhofen: Land's End

bed and bath linens

Claudio Vivagno: Classic Tile

kitchen and bath tilework

(Highwood, IL)

Fall Kick-Off BBQ!

Grace's Cottage was ready for the fall move-in on August 23, 2010. Jennifer Lindblom and Erin McGinley, both seniors this year, are the first student residents at the Cottage. Both maintain internships under Rich Bartolozzi in the College's Development and Alumni Relations Office. Their primary role is to promote the Groner Scholarship Program on campus and within the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff community.

