

# NEWSLETTER FROM SHIRLEY

**“I’m here to be a messenger of hope, God’s love,**

*See! The winter is past;  
the rains are over and  
gone.  
Flowers appear on the  
earth;  
the season of singing has  
come*

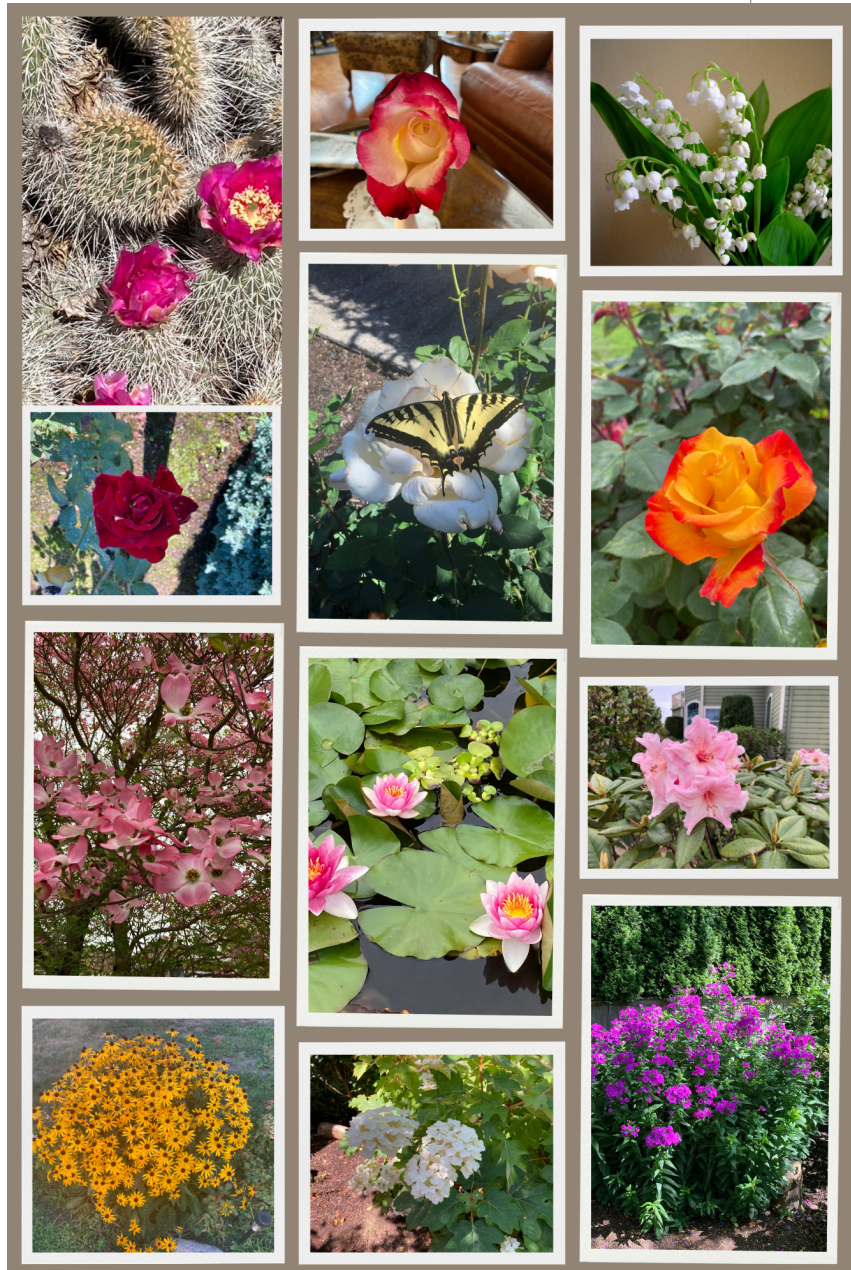
(Song of Solomon  
2:11-12a)

Ahhh, summer has come.

Enjoy with me the  
flowers of the season.

The past few weeks have been busy ones. I like moving fast and getting things done and even relish the fast pace. It seems to be in my DNA, but in spite of that, I was weary of being so scheduled. I hit a bump. I wanted to just stop.

One June summer day, I toured an old house in Astoria, a port town at the mouth of the Columbia River. A famous house still stands from the 1880’s built by a river pilot, Captain George Flavel. The house and woodwork were out-of-this-world beautiful and so different from how houses are built and finished today. When the house was built by one of the first millionaires in Oregon, the family hired a full time gardener from Germany to landscape the property with berry bushes, vegetable gardens, and flower beds. (continue reading on page 2).

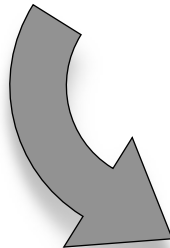






(From page 1). They were most likely beautiful in the moist sea town, but on this day, they were dried and weedy. What got my attention, however, were the beautiful lilies in the pond.

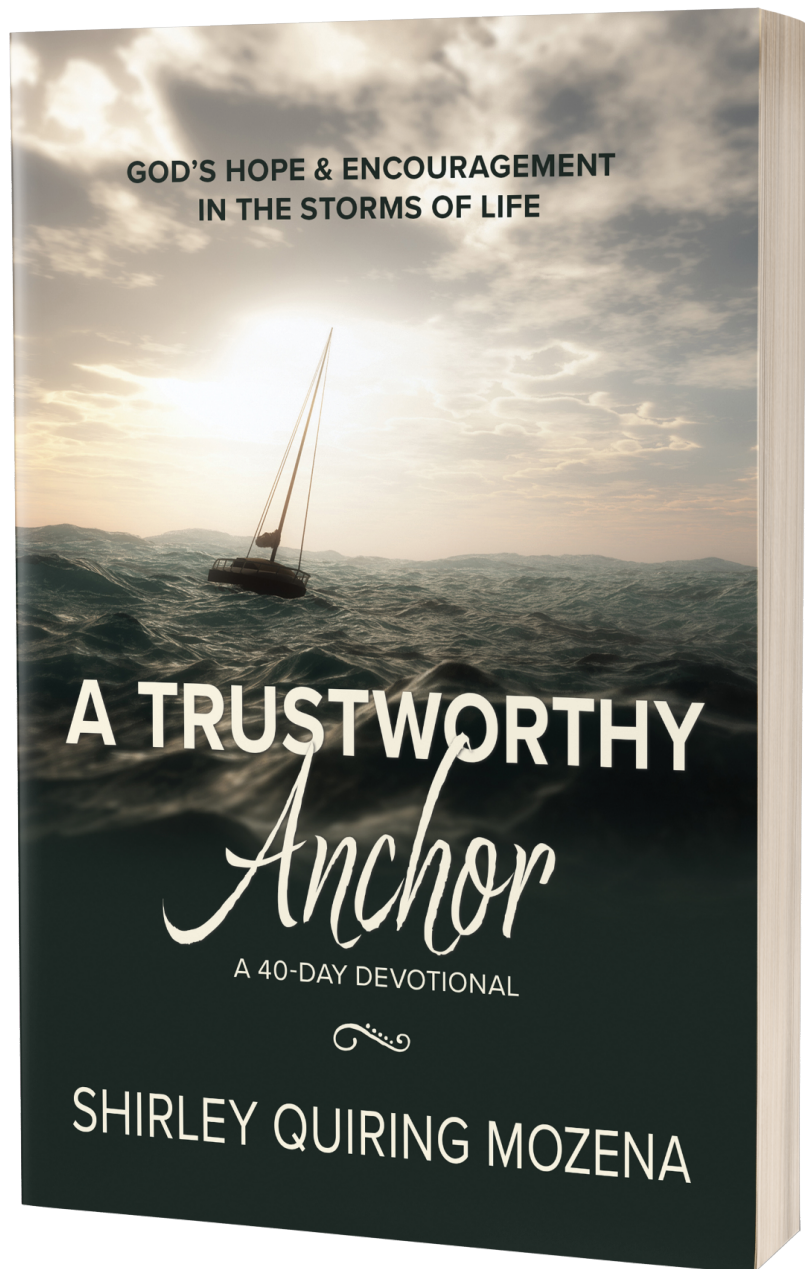
The pond water was scummy and cloudy, but the lilies floating atop the pond, beautiful. They seemed to say, “we’re the main event,” not the surrounding waters.



“Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are”(Luke 12:27 NLT).

I’m going to take a lesson from the lilies in that dingy pond. Be renewed. Relax. Be refreshed.

Perhaps you need to do the same!





### Who were they?

From [AmericanMinute.com](https://www.AmericanMinute.com) by William J. Federer, July 5

They both served in the Continental Congress. One was elected the second President and the other was elected the third. Once political enemies, they became close friends in later life. An awe swept America when they both died on the same day, **JULY 5**, 1826, exactly 50 years since they passed the Declaration of Independence. Their names were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. In his Second Annual Message to Congress, December 5, 1826, President John Quincy Adams referred to Jefferson and Adams, stating: "Since your last meeting at this place, the fiftieth anniversary of the day when our independence was declared...two of the principal actors in that solemn scene—the hand that penned the ever-memorable Declaration and the voice that sustained it in debate—were by one summons, at the distance of 700 miles from each other, called before the Judge of All to account for their deeds done upon the earth." President John Quincy Adams added in an Executive Order, July 11, 1826: "A coincidence...so wonderful gives confidence...that the patriotic efforts of these...men were Heaven directed, and furnishes a new...hope that the prosperity of these States is under the special protection of a kind Providence."

## CLEVER WAYS TO USE THIS FOR THAT

Save time and money by using what you already have

From Everyday Cheapskate /Mary Hunt

### Cooking Spray

Got a squeaky door or sticky drawer? Spritz a little cooking spray on the hinges or drawer slides, then work it back and forth to distribute the “lubricant.” Wipe away any drips with a paper towel.

### Baby Gate

Use an old baby gate as a drying rack for sweaters or other hand-washables that need to dry flat. Lay it flat side-to-side over the bathtub, adjusting the width of the gate as necessary. Now air circulates well, and that sweater will be dry in no time.

### Pickle Juice

Whenever eggs go on sale, buy extra and hard-cook them. Then peel and drop them into jars of leftover pickle juice, and keep them in the fridge. The pickled eggs are great shredded into potato salad or casseroles, atop green salad, for quick and tasty egg salad (shredded with mayonnaise), or even eaten whole as a snack.

### Eyeglass Case

Don't toss out that spare eyeglasses case. It can be used to protect your jewelry in your suitcase. Or how about that collection of crochet hooks rolling around in a drawer? They'll fit nicely into a case. Once can also make for a dandy manicure kit, or emergency first aid or sewing kit. Kinda makes you wish you had several cases, doesn't it?

## A GREAT SUMMER RECIPE USING SHRIMP

I have lots of dill in my garden so I'll use with this recipe...

### Swedish Shrimp Salad

This traditional Swedish shrimp salad takes only a few minutes to make. The combination of mayonnaise and creme fraiche makes it creamy, while chopped fresh herbs add delicious flavor and a pleasant pop of green.

Look for small shrimp for this recipe. You can often find them sold as salad shrimp, bay shrimp, or Oregon pink shrimp. If you can't find them, you can use a larger variety, but you'll have to dice them finely before mixing the salad. Additionally, if you can't find crème fraîche, you can substitute sour cream or Mexican-style cream. Serves 6

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup crème fraîche

1 medium shallot, minced

2 Tbs. Chopped fresh chives

1 1/2 pounds small cooked shrimp

Sea salt, as needed

Whisk together the mayonnaise, crème fraîche, shallot, dill, and chives. Fold in the shrimp until thoroughly coated in the dressing. Season with salt.

Serve over lettuce, or on dark bread or toast. Enjoy!