



Tis the season to reach out to family and friends wishing all a blessed Christmas Season. And the season for remembering family and friends, especially those we have lost this year.

Mark and I stayed close to Prior Lake this year participating in two markets on Thursdays. Mark moved to the “Little Market that Could” Thursday afternoons here in Prior Lake. It was a change for our customers but they did find us, eventually. Laurel was back at Farmington also on Thursday afternoons. She also did a short stint in Shakopee on Sundays, but only for a few weeks due to a late start in the season.

What we were not sure about was our once a month open houses. After much discussions with customers and entertainers we decided to proceed. We kept the brewery building closed. Customers were kept outside and thanks to Deanna (our neighbor) we served drinks to our customers and kept the entertainers a safe distance from our customers. Even so, we juggled our entertainment schedule several times to deal with COVID consequences. People maintained safe distances, enjoyed the food, the outdoors, and some time away from home.

Hey did I mention Mark’s latest purchase. 20 cushioned stackable chairs. All to make sitting outside more comfortable. Made it more crowded and a bit harder to move around in the brewery. We have got to keep that man off the auction websites.

Highlights of the summer open houses: First, many thanks to our great customers and awesome and brave entertainers! Second, on August 23rd 100+ friends helped us celebrate 40 years of marriage at our anniversary open house. Mark looked at this open house as an easy way to remember to “do something” for our anniversary. On our last open house, on September 13th, the “Credit River Antique Tractor Club” from New Prague rode their tractors (at a speed of 11 mph & travel time of over an hour) to Glewwe Castle Brewery to hear the bluegrass band “Long Time Gone”. We had brats & hotdogs, chips, salads and cookies and let’s not forget the beverages. All in all it was a great time and for Laurel it was an easy way to celebrate Mark’s birthday.

Children: Diana and Malcom (dog) are in N. Chicago staying as safe as possible. Her job has her working from home and only going into work one day a week. Her way of staying sane was crocheting, painting pictures and tearing out and replacing the back deck on her house. Nothing like demolition to pass time during a pandemic! Erik, Lauren and Peanut (dog) are living and working in St. Paul. From what I understand their sanity was kept in check by gardening, gaming and Erik starting a batch or two of Mead.

Thanksgiving finds us at home eating a smoked turkey, watching movies and talking to our family via telephone. Christmas is still uncertain but we have our holiday decorations up both inside and out. Big Foot has a bright red bowtie with eight red bowties on penguins pulling Santa’s sleigh beside him. See picture below.

Once again, have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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