

## News from Nan

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# TRIP TO MINNESOTA TO VISIT THE BLOMQUISTS, MAY 2023

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During the weekend May 18-22 we traveled to Shorewood, Minnesota, to see the Blomquists.



*Gillian and Dick at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (ARB)*

We almost always pay the ARB a visit when we're in Minnesota. Gillian is a member, and we also joined in support of both her and the organization.

The tulips were spectacular! Some were a little past their prime, but many beautiful late-bloomers had taken their place. Gillian said when they had visited on Mother's Day the crowds were so thick that it was almost impossible to see the flowers close up.



*Anna at the ARB*

Gillian has become an avid gardener herself. She always has flowers in the borders and in strategically placed pots. In recent years she has had a veggie garden, too, thanks to the boxes and fencing installed by Mike. We happily participated in the field trip to the nursery to get this year's seedlings.



*Gillian in the veggie garden*



*Mike trimming the trees to give the veggie garden more light*

Unfortunately we didn't take as many photos during the trip as usual. The only new one in this next set is the one of Glen, who went to the Junior-Senior Prom while we were there. He and his friends participated in an informal photo shoot at the Rose Garden (which was actually featuring lilacs; it was too early for roses).



*Glen (second from left) with his prom-going friends*

Glen and Archer are both juniors this year, and Helena is a freshman. The following pictures are of them on the first day of school last year, and their official school mug-shots.



*First day of school, fall 2022*



*Archer and Glen, high school juniors, and Helena, who is a freshman*

We were having a great time in Minnesota, when our fun was cut short: Dick came down with Covid, and before the visit was over, Anna and Gillian had also succumbed. More about that in the next post.

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