



PROCEED WITH CAUTION:

A frightening display of **Alaska Glommers** may be seen (if you dare) at **ARTIC ROSE GALLERY, 420 L Street** **OCTOBER 16 - 31, 6-9 PM**



Crop Update
BERRIES, BERRIES, BERRIES! The loving labor of the Alaska Berry Fairies once again brings a fine harvest!

ALASKA GLOMMERS
Q & A

about the Glommers...

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What are Alaska Glommers? A species of disagreeable, reptile-like creatures distantly related to dragons, Glommers are ancient enemies of the Alaska berry fairies and their ayonattas. Are they mythical or real? The berry fairies have described them in vivid detail to their official shiltayen scribe, Teresa Ascone, who has depicted them in clay and paintings. Further evidence has been found in Potter's Marsh; a message, scratched upon a boulder, states:

"BEWARE, DEAR AND GENTLE FAIRIES,
OF THE EVIL WHICH
LURKS IN THE UNDERMINE."

How do they congregate? Twenty-five to thirty two creatures make up a full Grump, or gathering, of Alaska Glommers. The Grump, comprised of adult males, females and offspring of various ages, migrate from the damp caves of the Undermine in search of prey. They take up residence in rocky streams and under bridges, for months at a time. Characteristics? Their most potent weapon is noxious bad breath, which both weakens food prey, and casts a fog of confusion over berry fairies. Alaska Glommers are often mistaken for rocks. Skulls feature a deep depression, which they fill with various weeds, leaves, and on rare festive occasions, flowers—which wilt quickly with exposure to the stinky fumes of their breath. Large, bulbous eyes bestow the advantage of capturing more food; small-eyed Glommers must depend upon the (scarce) good will of their relatives. Noses are often adorned by hairy warts or freckles. Their huge mouths are clamped in nasty snarls which give their smelly breath a wheezing sound—a warning to vigilant berry fairies and insects. Females usually sport earrings on their prominent ears (male Glommer ears are invisible), wear makeup, and have an extra eye located in the back of the head.

What is their chief threat to berry fairies? They seem to gain life force from sapping berry fairy optimism.

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You are cordially invited to the **2009 Faybella Dyah Banquet** on the night of the full moon in October at **Queen Prasidea's banquet hall**. Bring your best berry concoction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted to the official Alaska berry fairy scribe at teresaascone@yahoo.com. They must include your name, and will be edited for space and taste. The editors do not promise to publish; however, your letter will be acknowledged. All submissions become the property of the Alaska Berry Fairy Gazette.

BERRY HARVEST CHAMPIONS:

A royal yippee and hooray for all hard-working harvesters of our sumptuous berry crop! My congratulations to all Glayin and Deeyin berry fairies for this prize-winning array of beautiful wild berries!

Yours in steadfast service,
Prasidea R

*Her Royal Highness, Prasidea Silverbirch
Queen of the Alaska Berry Fairies*

Dear Editor:
I would like to remind everyone that I have worked very hard for the Wazillian Award, and that I deserve it more than anyone else!
Thank you,
Lizzie Scarlet Thornhollow
Alaska Devil's Club Berry Fairy Clan



*By Authority of Her Royal Majesty
Queen Prasidea*

SHOON SPOTLIGHT
Harvest Ball Slippers



Continued from Page 1 - Unwary berry fairies are dragged down to the cold, cramped, dirty Glommer caves in the Undermine, where the evil creatures deposit them in pits to extract fairy joy and goodness. The berry fairy, in turn, weakens and grows depressed. Then what happens? The berry fairy must draw upon her deep well of strength and hope to break free of her imprisonment. She must somehow fly free of the dark Undermine and back to the safety and comfort of her clan.

Hunting Behavior? They feed mainly on flying insects and larvae; a favorite food is dragonfly larvae. Tadpole-like bodies fold under their large, misshapen heads while they lay in wait for prey. When preparing to strike, a Glommer body springs free with sharp claws at the ready. Its foul mouth yawns open into a cavernous maw ringed by jagged, sharp teeth—a terrifying sight to doomed victims. Wintertime finds them in fast moving streams that do not freeze, where they forage among the lichen and rocks for old fish egg caches and un-hatched larvae.

Dangerous to the shiltayen? Not usually. However, ankle nips and toe bites have been reported by shiltayen waders. These wounds, when accompanied by a foul stench, indicate that Alaska Glommers may be the culprits.

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