



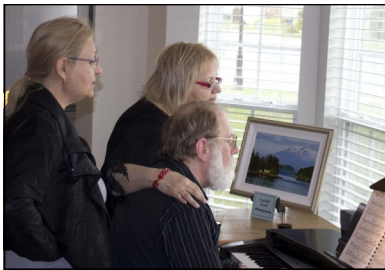
Second Spring Art Crawl
Friday, April 25



The Second Four Seasons Art Crawl began with a flood. Just precisely at 4pm, as artists **Joe and Arline Brennan, Sue Stover, and Terry Pratt** opened their doors to the community, a massive thunderstorm moved in and threatened to drown anyone brave enough to venture out.



Happily, the storm moved through in about 30 minutes, and the skies began to clear. **Joe Tucker** arrived at Terry's house to provide some piano styling and sing-along tunes to add to the art and photography delights on display. It turned into a fun afternoon and evening of art, music, food, drink, and good company.



New this year were works on display by photographers **Art and Barbara Pavelle** and **Dave Katz**, stained glass by **Frank Steele**, watercolors by **Toni Tucker**, and paintings by **Steve Birchell**.



Please watch your speed driving in Four Seasons, especially on Four Seasons Drive!

~ Meet your Neighbors ~

Fred and June's story began in Freeport, Illinois in 1966. As June relates the story, she had invited a friend from church to go to a newly organized Parents Without Partners meeting. There were about 16 people in attendance but only two men, and Fred was one of them. At the conclusion of the meeting they set up a picnic for the following Sunday for everyone to bring their children. They were also asked to share any plans they had for the summer and June said she was preparing for a two week camping trip to Colorado.

At the picnic the following week, one of the men sat with June during lunch. He told her he was from Colorado and they discussed her upcoming camping trip. After lunch, he got up to play ball with one of June's sons. Fred, arriving late, sat down next to June. As it turns out, he was also from Colorado! They talked all afternoon and Fred joined June at the band concert in the park that evening where June's daughters were performing.

June received a note from Fred a few days later saying how much he enjoyed her company and the concert. So June called Fred telling him that it was her birthday and what a wonderful surprise the note was. Fred invited June and her children over for a picnic, but June declined because her brother and family were visiting. But Fred was not to be deterred. Instead, he invited them to Rockford, IL (about 30 miles away) to see the Sound of Music.

Shelby, seeing romance in the works, offered to babysit the boys, so June accepted the invitation. June, accompanied by her other daughters, went on her first "official" date with Fred, accompanied by his son and daughter. From that point on, June says Fred went "all out" courting her. Coming over every night and weekend and helping her boys build a camp cupboard and a heavy box for the top of the car as they prepared for their camping trip to Colorado. The morning of their trip, Fred brought June a special lantern/light that his company had developed.

Fred sent June a telegram while they were in Denver, then proposed to her on the sidewalk outside her house the morning they returned. At first June didn't accept. She said since she was raising 3 daughters and 3 sons, she didn't feel this was the proper way to teach them. However, Fred persisted, coming over every night, going on walks, etc. He told June that she either knew, or she didn't, but he did! Come to find out, the main reason he wanted to expedite the wedding was he was scheduled for a sales/business trip to New York City, Canada, and Niagara Falls. So they were married Sept. 24, 1966, just 8 weeks after they met. June says "for a girl who had never been further than Chicago, the trip was fantastic!"

As it turns out, Fred had taught Sunday School to two of June's daughters, and they had been trying to get her to



Fred and June Drake

meet him. But June didn't want anything to do with another man to "train and raise" - being too busy already as a single mom with 6 children and working 3 jobs. (Her daughters were obviously right - wouldn't you say?). And Fred's son and daughter were very thrilled to join another family. On the whole, the two families were excited and happy about the merger. As June says, "it took a lot of work, but they made it".

Their early married life took them from Illinois to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where they lived and raised their family until 1970. That year, they moved to Nelson County, Virginia, purchased 35 acres, and built a home on the property (they also bought the Packing Shed Antique Mall that some of you may be familiar with).

Fred used his engineering skills and experience to start the F. R. Drake Company in 1979, manufacturing parts for the meat processing industry. He and June worked out of the 4,000 sq.ft. garage that Fred added to their house. In 1983, Fred was contacted by Peter Eckrich of the Eckrich Meat Company (now a part of Smithfield Foods). Peter knew of Fred's talents and abilities and wanted Fred to design and build a loading system for hot dogs. In 1984, Fred completed the design and development of the first Drake Loader. The machine offered superior technical features over other hotdog loading systems: it loaded 25% faster (up to 1,800 pieces/minute), required up to 50% less floor space, and used "first-in, first-out" handling to reduce bacteria and improve shelf life. And, like Fred, built to last!

There were some challenging early years, as with any new company, but F.R. Drake Company eventually became a huge success. The F. R. Drake Company has needed to expand several times, so the company now operates out of a 32,000 sq.ft. facility in Waynesboro. June's son, Gregg, is still involved with Drake as a senior controls engineer, having joined the firm in 1986. He is one of about 80 skilled engineers, machinists, assemblers, salespeople, and office personnel who are employed by the company. Drake Loaders are in operation in over 30 countries and the company commands a 97% global market share. F.R. Drake Company was purchased in 2011 by the Middleby Corporation, a company that posted sales of \$1.4 billion in 2013. Check out Drake's website to see what a remarkable neighbor we have - www.Drakeloader.com.

June is proud of Fred's many accomplishments, saying that even after Fred retired at 70 he decided to get his contractor's license and designed and built houses! But she is most proud of the results of their "merger" - 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren - and 46+ wonderful years together.

— story by Vera Reece and June Drake



~ Community News ~

Message from the Board President

Welcome Spring!

What a relief to see the birds flying, the flowers blooming and feel the temperature rise above 40 degrees. Our community mowing contractor has begun keeping our yards and common areas mowed; the green grass looks great.

As I walk in the mornings I am seeing people emerge from winter hibernation. So it is time for a few reminders. Yes, I am like that annoying teacher who kept bringing up old issues.

This community has Covenants, Rules and Regulations, and Design Guidelines which we try to live by. Some of those are:

Your dog must be on a leash. Please pick up after your dog and try to prevent them from urinating on your neighbor's lawn.

Section 10.21 of the Covenants prohibits the feeding of wildlife. This includes the geese, ducks, and chipmunks.

We are allowed one birdhouse or squirrel house each. (I have no idea why anyone would want a squirrel house)

Trash cans may be put at the curb at dusk the night before trash day and must be put back into the garage by dusk of the day of collection.

I encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the above. Get involved with something you like. Come to the gym, swim in the pool, or meet your neighbors at Happy Hour. We moved here to be engaged; come join us.

— from Sue Miller



They're back!

Yes, the *Three Amigos* are back and THEY BROUGHT FRIENDS! The word has spread throughout the "duck community" that Four Seasons Charlottesville is a great place to hang out!

These ducks love to sun and warm themselves on the pavement of the streets. So, if you see a couple of "bundle" type things laying in the road, please go around carefully. Also, check before you back out of your driveway.

— story by Dianne Wilson



~ May/June Social Calendar ~

**Memorial Day
Outdoor Block Party**

Monday, May 26,

6pm until ...

Corner of Four Seasons and
Stodghill

**Third Thirsty Thursday
Party**

Thursday, June 19, 7-9:30 pm

Music by the "Local Vocals".

Music and dancing; bring your own
food and drinks.

**July 4th
Indoor Block Party**

Friday, July 4, 5-8pm

In the Clubhouse Ballroom

Potluck

Bring your family and friends!

~ Landscaping & Grounds Committee ~

The Landscaping & Grounds Committee would like to extend a big “THANK YOU” to those volunteers who showed up on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, to work on projects throughout the community!

Thank you to **Felicity Bowles, Sue Campbell, JoAnn Peterson, Jerry Besanson, Terry Pratt, Jerry Weber** and **Jim Wilson**. Thanks to the committee members who were there also—**Mary Donnelly, Mary Ann Mongillo, Helen Lodgen, Vibe Weber, Dianne Wilson** and **Lil Russell-Nicolai**. Several projects were completed, all with the goal of enhancing our community.



The Second Silent Auction sponsored by the Landscaping & Grounds Committee was held on April 17 in conjunction with the Third Thirsty Thursday dinner. The Committee members donated several very nice gifts as well as a couple of donations from the community. THANK YOU to all those who participated! Below are pictures of just a few of the items that were auctioned!

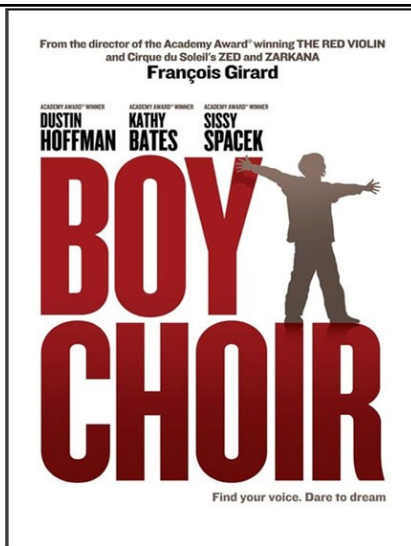


The roosters were auctioned! Not Lil!!



Betty Ray's Brother Appears in New Movie

Dr. James Litton, brother of **Betty Ray** and a frequent visitor to Four Seasons, has a cameo role in a new movie, ***Boychoir***, scheduled to premier this year, starring Dustin Hoffman, Kathy Bates, Sissy Spacek, and Debra Winger. Jim Litton is an internationally recognized organist and choral conductor, former Director of the American Boychoir, now Conductor of the Alumni Choir and Music Director Emeritus of the American Boychoir.



soar with this rare unearthly ability for only a few years of their young lives (4th through 8th grade), but what they experience in that brief time shapes them forever.”

Hoffman and Girard visited the American Boychoir campus to meet and work with the boy choristers and staff before the filming began in March. Betty said that her brother Jim enjoyed being on the film set, which was at Yale and also in New York City. He enjoyed meeting Dustin Hoffman and Francois Girard

The plot of the movie is about an angry eleven-year-old orphan from a small Texas town who ends up at a boy choir school (fashioned after the American Boychoir in Princeton, New Jersey) after the death of his single mom. Completely out of his element, he finds himself in a battle of wills with a demanding choir master who recognizes a unique talent in the young boy as he pushes him to discover his creative heart and soul in music. Dustin Hoffman is playing the Director of the American Boychoir.

and said they were delightful, and Dustin entertained the crew by playing the piano.

Below, from left, are Jim Litton, Francois Girard, Dustin Hoffman, and Fernando Malvar-Ruiz.

Francois Girard, the Academy Award Director of *The Red Violin* and Cirque du Soleil's *ZED* and *Zarkana*, is the director of ***Boychoir***. Serving as Music Director for this film is Jim Litton's successor, Fernando Malvar-Ruiz. All the music will be performed by the boys from the American Boychoir. Girard commented, “These boys' voices



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT consists of volunteers who have been trained to handle various emergencies by qualified health and disaster personnel. In Greene County, we are activated only by the Sheriff's Office, but can fill any role for which we are trained and where our assistance is needed.



Trained CERT members fill a vital role in the moments immediately following an emergency before first responders arrive on scene. Training involves basic disaster preparedness, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, triage and first

aid, disaster psychology and terrorism awareness. CERT members also support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community, both in spreading the word about preparedness and in assisting agencies during response operations.

A new training class is being prepared to start in May. If you are interested in joining this small but important group, please contact **Sue Stover** for details at [434-985-4995](tel:434-985-4995).

~ *March and April Community Social Events* ~



**April Third Thirsty Thursday
50's Dinner and Dance**

Catered Italian dinner; music provided by DJ Derek Tobler
(son-in-law of **Ed and Hope Meehan**).
Good music, dancing, and good food made for a fine April evening's
entertainment!



**March Third Thirsty Thursday
St. Patrick's Day Party**

Over 100 attendees made this the largest turnout ever for a Club-
house social event. Dinner was catered by the Bavarian Chef; music
provided by the Ragged Ramblers.



Thanks to the Social Committee and SAG for organizing these fun events!

~ Can you guess who this is? ~



Her name and current picture will be revealed in the next issue of the newsletter!!

Hint: She still has the bangs and will be celebrating her 80th in June.

~ Dates to Remember ~



**Sunday
May 11**

**Saturday
May 17**



Thanking Those Who Serve



**Monday
May 26**

**Sunday
June 15**



~ Summertime in Downtown E-ville ~

Two Weekly Special Events
**City Market
and Fridays-After-Five**



Charlottesville's City Market is open for the season! It is located at Water Street and First Street, just a block off the downtown mall. The hours are 7am to noon on Saturday mornings.

Lots of fresh fruits and vegetables are available, as well as fresh flowers, baked goods, herbs, cheeses, crafts, doughnuts made on the spot, live music, and much more. You can find some of the best homemade tacos in the Charlottesville area, made right there at the market! And try the extraordinary "best key lime pie in the world" — Wow!

City Market runs every Saturday morning all through the summer. There is parking in the Water St. parking garage and on the streets nearby. Definitely worth a trip!

Fridays After Five is a wonderful weekly summer music event on the Charlottesville downtown mall. Every Friday during the summer season, from 5:30-



8:30pm, the Charlottesville Pavilion, located at the East end of the downtown mall, hosts a FREE concert showcasing local and regional talent. Over 65,000 people attend Fridays After Five per season, making it a signature event of downtown Charlottesville. The 2014 season kicked off on April 18th. The line-up consists of central Virginia's favorite local bands performing in a wide variety of musical genres. The events are all free and a portion of the proceeds from the concession sales go to benefit various local non-profit organizations.

Beer and wine and a variety of foods are available at the concert, but leave room to stroll down the downtown mall after the concert and check out any of the dozens of great restaurants on or near the mall.

For more information or directions to either of these events, contact long-time local **Terry Pratt** (434-990-0533 or twpratt@aol.com).

~ Classified Ads ~

This section is for residents only and features any thing or service that you might want to sell or give away to other residents. Ads will be run for one issue of the newsletter and then removed. If you would like your ad to be run again, contact someone on the Communications Team.

Experienced Seamstress. Simple alterations, pants and skirt hems. Outstanding workmanship. Call **Betty Ray**—434-985-8593; 23 John Rucker Drive. (Betty owned her own dressmaking business for many years.)

Small Electrical Services. Call **Harold Robbins**, 434-985-7202.

Free Notary Service. One day advance notice will be helpful. Email atrjs4p@virginia.edu or call **Rauzelle Smith** at 434-985-3395.

Hand-drawn Portraits of a family member or beloved pet make great gifts! Experienced portrait artist; reasonable prices. Contact **Terry Pratt** at 434-990-0533 or email twpratt@aol.com.

Wanted - News articles for the Four Seasons of Charlottesville newsletter! Send information to blueridgebreeze@gmail.com

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Many thanks to those people who have submitted articles for the newsletter. If you do not see your article in this edition, we will try to include it in a later issue!

The Communications Committee reserves the right to edit any article for length or clarity.

**The deadline for the 2014 July/August issue is
June 26**

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