

Four Seasons Artísts Active in Greene Art Guild and The Palette Art Gallery

The Art Guild of Greene is a very active local volunteer group that supports a wide variety of art-related activities in Greene County. For

instance, the Art Guild sponsors art classes, music events, book signings, and has provided most of the street banners that decorate the main street of Stanardsville. Two



Four Seasons residents serve on the governing Board of the Art Guild. **Sue Stover** has just taken over as President, and **Terry Pratt** is serving as Treasurer.

One of the central activities of the Art Guild is to sponsor the Palette Art Gallery, an artists' co-op which has recently moved from a tiny space on the main street of Stanardsville to a much larger storefront space between Sal's Pizza and the Great Valu grocery store at the



west end of Stanardsville.

Five Four Seasons artists have their work on display at the Palette. Sue and Terry are joined by **Toni Tucker**, **Dianne Ferrante**, and **Cory Ryan**. The new space also includes a large room for art classes. If you haven't visited the Palette recently, come take a look at the new

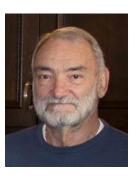
space, and while you are there, consider signing up for an art class!



The Art

Guild is an all-volunteer organization and welcomes new members. Dues are just \$25 a year. Contact Sue or Terry for membership information, or go to the Art Guild website at "artguildofgreene.org"

Letter from the President



Hello Neighbors:

I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank all the many Volunteers that have given their time and sometimes their own money to our community. So at the risk of overlooking someone, these great Volunteers and their groups are as follows:

- Budget & Finance Committee: Peggy Tennison, Ken Broker, Phil DePoy, Vince Donnelly and Gene Rabois.
- Building & Streets Committee: Terry Pratt, Spencer Crute, Brooke Frautschi, Bill Groening, Tim Meyer and Joe Reece.
- Communications Committee: Don Brady, Joanne Lattiak, Terry Pratt, Vera Reece, Arnold Silverman and Dianne Wilson.
- Covenants Committee: Arnold Silverman, Lon Bishop, Eleanor Busa, Sue Miller, Karen Orsini and Richard Pietrzak.
- Landscape & Grounds Committee: Dianne Wilson, Diane Bradshaw, Rhonda Meyer, Kim Pasini, Linda Pietrzak and Lil Russell-Nicolai.
- Modifications Committee: Brooke
 Frautschi, Regina Healey, Harold Robbins,
 Rauzelle Smith and Ron Sykes.
- Nominations & Elections Committee: CJ Besanson, Martine Monaghan, Daralyne Normand, Nancy Preston and Barbara Torrico.
- Social Committee: Martine Monaghan, CJ Besanson, Kim Pasini, Barbara Pavelle, and Barbara Torrico.
- Social Advisory Group: Kim Pasini, Nancy Clark, Mary Donnelly, Diane Horvath, JoAnn Peterson, Mimi Rabois, Lil Russell-

Nicolai, Cory Ryan, Lucille Smith, Hazel Sykes and Caroline Toms.

- Meet & Eat: Chris & Jack Sauter.
- Caring Hands: Chris Sauter, Sue Campbell, Ann Childs, Nancy Clark, Rosemary Dean, Sylvia DiPuma, Diane and John Horvath, Marilyn Kiehn, and Vera and Joe Reece.
- Gentlemen's Coffee Club: Larry Baker.
- Front Desk Volunteers: Larry Baker, Peter Bowles, Spencer Crute, Jack Howell, Dave Katz, Helen Lodgen, Rhonda Meyer, Daralyne Normand, Karen Orsini, Kim Pasini, JoAnn Peterson, Nancy Preston, Vera and Joe Reece, Cory Ryan, Coleen Sizer, Joanie and John Widomski, Dianne Wilson and Dick Yost.
- Monday Matinee: Sandy and Art Cohen.
- **Welcome to Four Seasons:** Larry Baker, and Vera and Joe Reece.
- The Ragged Ramblers: Joe Brennan, Sue Campbell, Doug Miller, Terry Pratt. Joe Tucker and Ron Wiggins.
- Board of Directors: Doug Miller, Larry Miller, Mary Ann Mongillo, John Normand and Jim Wilson
- Former Volunteers: Mike Avery, Jo Berry, Jerry Besanson, Kay Crute, Diane Denton, June Drake, Peggy DuVall, Betty Hefner, Sandi Lashbrook, Helen Lodgen, Hope Meehan, Betty Ray, Frank Steel, Tim Sizer, Janet Tumolo, and Vibe and Jerry Weber

In summary, the total number of volunteer positions above is 122. These positions are filled by 93 amazing, unselfish and dedicated individuals.

So in closing, I just have to say: **Is this a great place to live or what?**

Once again, thank you all again for your time and your service, and if I missed anyone, I apologize,

John Normand

Colors of Courage

The Clubhouse ballroom was filled on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 18. Over 80 Four Seasons residents and guests attended a special program put on by Lucille Smith and Hazel Sykes as part of Black History month.

Hazel (right) used her own poetry and personal experiences of growing up in Dumfries, Virginia in the 50s and 60s to capture the feeling of the times, and Lucille (left) recounted her early years in Arkansas during the stormy times as school segregation was being contested. Lucille also showed a





powerful

video that included many shots of black schools in Central Virginia during the time of segregated schools. Some of the stirring speeches made by Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders added context to the history of the times.

Thanks Lucille and Hazel! It was a special evening for Four Seasons residents and guests and your hard work in putting it all together is much appreciated.

Guess Who???

Couldn't figure out who this cute little girl is? It's none other than Nancy Preston!





Okay—here's your third chance at playing this game. Can you guess who this is??



Send your guesses to Joanne Lattiak (<u>lattiakj@gmail.com</u>).

Thank You To Four Seasons Residents

We sponsored a family of six children this year. We were able to purchase a coat, hat, scarf, mittens and boots plus three outfits for each child. Of course they needed pajamas, slippers, a stuffed animal and a book for nighttime relaxation. They received all of their wish list items except for the dollhouse.

The parents asked for educational toys. A Leap Frog system was purchased with reading, science and history for the age groups being our focus. A Food Lion and a Walmart gift card were donated. They could use this to purchase either a turkey or ham for their holiday dinner. We supplemented a box of food, which included a large bag of Cuties and small apples, ingredients to make green bean casserole, mac and cheese and stuffing mix. Small candy canes were also purchased. The parents said they could use a set of pots and pans and we were able to add that to their wish list. An envelope with gift receipts and \$122 of Kohl's cash was given to the family to purchase whatever they needed.

John Normand, president of our HOA, helped deliver all these items to the American Legion Hall. When we brought in all of the boxes, we were given our own table. We were thanked profusely by the director. We have been asked numerous times by the residents why we do not sponsor two families. We felt it was more important to give G.R.A.C.E. any leftover cash to use for children who only received one gift from their sponsor. It is the thought of sponsorship and giving even if you can only afford one item. We who can afford more can supplement. We gave them \$173.00

Again, thank you for your generosity.

Craft Group Shows a Little Love

This picture, from the February craft group, shows the three-dimensional heart strings made by club participants. So sweet!



Sue Stover will be conducting the Craft Day project on March 7th at the Clubhouse from 1:00 to 4:00. The project will be a St. Patrick's Day centerpiece and will cost \$4.00. Sue asks that anyone interested please rsvp to her at susanjstover@comcast.net so that she can purchase the proper amount of supplies.

Adventures on the Trail

By Joe Brennan

After hiking along the trail, which was formed by the construction of the water supply for Scottsville, VA, we came across a dinosaur, which frightened us greatly.

Luckily, the brave knight, Sir John Widomski, was with us! After a fearsome struggle, during which Sir Knight was forced to use all the trickery and strength he had garnered in Knight College, he was able to subdue the firebreathing creature.

Here he is photographed holding the beast.



Immediately after, Sir John replaced the velociraptor on the stump where he was found, hoping that the child who had left him in the woods behind the house would find him and enjoy another hour of play.

Welcome New Residents Mark & Nancy Chabot!

Introducing the newest residents of Four Seasons, Mark and Nancy Chabot! They recently moved into 87 Mistland Trail, moving here from Forest Lakes.



Mark and Nancy have been married 20 years and have no children. Mark hails from St. Albans, Vermont, and Nancy was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mark is a pharmacist at UVa, and Nancy was a pharmacy technician at UVa.

Nancy enjoys reading and doing picture puzzles and Mark likes to ski and hike.

Welcome, Mark and Nancy!

Madison's Mountain Heritage:

An Open House at Graves Chapel

Join The Piedmont Environmental Council on Saturday, April 16th for a trip back in time to learn about the mountain culture of Virginia's Blue Ridge. On the land of Graves Chapel, which was organized in 1885, this event will include tours of the Chapel building, family photo displays, memorabilia, oral histories, and a historical overview of the Graves Mill area.

Members of the *Graves*, *Aylor*, *Berry*, *Creel*, *Estes*, *Fitzhugh*, *Hawkins*, *Kendall*, *Kite*, *Knighting*, *Lillard*, *McDaniel*, *McMullen*, *Melone*, *Slaughter*, *Shotwell*, *Sims*, *Smith*, and many other families will be present to discuss their memories of the mountain life in Madison. Archival materials, including early film footage of the area and historic maps, will also be on display.

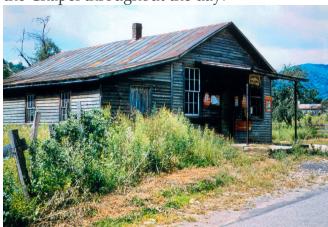


Graves Mill families in front of Graves Chapel, circa 1905-1907. Photo courtesy of Doug Graves.

MORE EVENT DETAILS: Want to visit home sites of some of your descendants or just interested in looking at the remains of homesteads in the Park? Graves Chapel is not far from some of the area's best hiking trails,

many of which pass by historic features that are partially hidden in the forest. With a little closer look, you can often see old home sites, rock walls, garden terraces, and cemeteries – particularly before the plants begin to bloom. PEC is in the process of securing shuttles to the nearby trailheads to access these sites. If you are interested, please contact Kristie Kendall at 540-347-2334, X7061 or kkendall@pecva.org.

The DnA Band will share their musical talents. Enjoy light refreshments and conversation at the Chapel throughout the day.



The Elmo Utz store once stood just down the road from Graves Chapel. Photo Ca. 1950.

The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Elderly or disabled visitors can be dropped off at the church. Check in with parking staff upon arrival,

Take a moment to check out the webpage for Graves Chapel at gravesmillchapel.com. Donations to Graves Chapel are appreciated.

Thanks to Larry Miller for sharing news of this event with us!

Bye Bye Winter! Hello Spring!

Thanks to Dave Katz for these beautiful winter photos, reminding us of those snowy days we've hopefully left behind!!





"Say, what is your favorite time?

"Why, Leap Year of course!"

Adult Care Centers

The Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA) offers two Adult Care Centers located in Albemarle and Louisa Counties. JABA's Shining Star Preschools are located next to each ACC providing a full day of fun, a caring staff and intergenerational activities and outings. Transportation to and from an ACC may be arranged through outside sources such as JAUNT.

The ACC's specialize in person–centered care plans and Alzheimer's and dementia care. If your loved one needs a safe place that will provide assistance with activities of daily living such as eating and bathing, call one of the centers for a tour and complimentary lunch.

JABA's ACC specializes in caring for the aged population but also welcomes the disabled ages 18 years and older. JABA's free Health Services are offered at each center. JABA takes time to care for caregivers as well. Each center offers free caregiver support groups, including respite care during the sessions.

The Charlottesville / Albemarle center is location at the JABA Main office, 674 Hillside Drive, Suite 9 in Charlottesville. It is open 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Physician services and key activities of daily living are available on-site. Call 434-817-5235.

The Louisa County center is located in the Betty J. Queen Intergenerational Center, 522 Industrial Drive in Louisa. It is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 540-967-4432.

Procedure for applying to attend the Adult Care Centers can be found at www.jabacares.org/support-resources/adult-care-centers?go=.



The posted speed limit throughout Four Seasons is 25mph. Please remember to slow down when driving through our community and remind your guests to do

PHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER!

Club House 434-990-2012

Emergency 911

Greene County Sheriff's Office: 434-985-2222

Identity Theft Hotline 877-438-4338

National Do Not Call Registry 888-382-1222

Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia 804-648-0016

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