



## Ginny Ross's Art Work



## November 2022

# HUNTCLIFF HARBINGER



### Highlights of COMING EVENTS

Continue to check the monthly calendar, postings, and bulletins for activity announcements and updates.

**Baseball comes to Huntcliff** – Darrel Chaney, former major league baseball player (Reds & Braves) tell his story and motivational experiences throughout his 10 year MLB career. (only 10% of major league players achieve a 10 year career) – Tuesday, November 15th at 2:00 PM.

**Gillian Gussuck, Arts and Crafts Wizard** returns with an amazing “Maj Paj” program. You won’t want to miss this.

**Veterans’ Day Program** – Veterans’ Day was originally Armistice Day – The stories of WWI and WWII and all the heroes we need to remember and thank. Presented by Brandt Ross with music.

**Juliet**, Huntcliff women, and **HMC**, Huntcliff Men's' club will have separate luncheons in November.

**Book Club** welcomes new members and will be meeting on November 20. The November book to read and discuss is **Sisters in Law** by Linda R. Hirshman.

**Huntcliff Players** will schedule one performance in November.

**Iphone Photography** will be the second photography talk by Fred Ortyl.

**If your club or activity wants to make announcements, updates, or explanations in the Harbinger, please email Brandt Ross ([brandtross@bellsouth.net](mailto:brandtross@bellsouth.net)) or Fred Ortyl ([Fredortyl@gmail.com](mailto:Fredortyl@gmail.com)).**

## A Man for All Needs—Santiago Vasquez



Born and raised in Columbia South America, Santiago graduated from private high school and college. In 1998, the political problems in Columbia got worse, so Santiago emigrated to America at the age of 26. After various jobs, 9/11/2001 came, and he began and loved hotel maintenance. He is hands-on, self-taught, common-sense person, and will work at anything. He is interested in cycling, soccer and football. He visits Columbia yearly to see parents and a sister. He loves Huntcliff and all the people he meets. Santiago is a tremendous asset in our maintenance department. We are lucky to have a person with his excellent skill set, and who has a positive can do attitude.

## Message from Lisa (Huntcliff Executive Director)

After writing about Covid protocols in the previous editions, I wanted to switch gears a bit and focus on what this month of November is all about – GRATITUDE! This year especially, I am grateful for so many things. I am grateful for our hard-working team members who day in and day out strive to deliver the best service possible. I'm grateful for our activity programming coming back to pre-pandemic levels. I know Franki and Fatiha are thrilled to offer the opportunities for wonderful experiences both inside and outside of our Huntcliff community. I am grateful for all the celebrations we share, whether big or small. These are the things that warm my heart each day.

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, I would be remiss not to share one of the things I'm most grateful for this year – all of you. Thank you for your continued patience, understanding, support and partnership. I look forward to a happy and healthy holiday season!

Our long-awaited sidewalk project is scheduled to begin the week of November 14th! This project is expected to last approximately 5 days (weather permitting). During this time, sections of the sidewalk and walking path will be closed. For your safety, please observe the caution tape and stay clear of their work areas.

*Lisa*

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## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- November 3 Joan Ortyl, Charlie Snittjer, Moses Valdes
- November 7 Elizabeth Abrohams, Sara-Davis Merriman
- November 8 Mona Weissman
- November 9 Renee Werman
- November 13 Marie Robertson
- November 16 Catherine Walthers, Ginny Ross
- November 17 Marjorie Crump
- November 18 Rochelle Spandorfer, Barbara Lang, Julian Yudelson, Jean Bernstein
- November 23 Paul Elliott
- November 27 Imie Guilliams
- November 29 Susan Smith

### Anniversaries

- November 16 Joan & Fred Ortyl
- November 19 Joan & Frank Ziperson
- November 27 Jean & Stan Bernstein
- November 29 Claire & Bob D'Agostino

## Election Day



Several elections are planned to take place in the U.S. and the state of Georgia in 2022. The general election will be held on November 8, 2022, with runoffs to be held on December 6 for those races which are not yet decided by majority vote. All of Georgia's executive officers and legislative seats, as well as one seat on the Georgia Public Service Commission, will be up for election as well as one of Georgia's seats in the United States Senate and all of Georgia's seats in the United States House of Representatives.

There are many things that Georgians will be voting for that are not actually on the ballot. However, this election is considered by many to be one of the most important in many decades. Inflation (cost of living has increased from 2% to 8.5% in the last two years); uncontrolled illegal immigration; international crises and our involvement; abortion; crime and funding/defunding of police; and climate change; are among the major issues involved. The positions of the political parties and candidates differ significantly. Whatever are your most important concerns, firstly, be sure to vote; and secondly, be sure to vote for the individuals/party who represent your attitude and beliefs. The outcome of this election will determine our country's destiny for many years.

## New Friends



Erma Davis moved to Huntcliff from Sandy Springs, GA, and previously lived in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. She had one child. Erma worked as an educational administrator and adjunct professor. Her hobbies and interests are bridge, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, art, mahjong, reading, music, and travel.



Kathy and Charlie Cayce moved here from Sandy Springs, GA. They have three children and six grandchildren. Kathy was a mortgage banker and Charlie was a mechanical contractor. They both enjoy golf and bridge. Kathy enjoys traveling, while Charlie enjoys flying a plane.



Diane and Norman Silverstein come to Huntcliff via Brooklyn, NY. Diane was a social worker, and Norman was a corporate executive. They have three children. Diane enjoys mahjong, discussion groups, and book club. Norman enjoys baseball, hockey, football, and classical music.

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Lorraine Seidel moved to Huntcliff from Sandy Springs, GA. She has two children, and one grandchild. Her hobbies and interests are reading, needle point, and watching HGTV.



## Nancy Halliwell, Huntcliff's Western Art Expert

When Nancy moved to New Mexico in 1978 she fell in love with the West and the art that depicted the West. Since original art was expensive, Nancy decided to establish a company which published limited edition prints of original art. Moving to Ft Collins, CO from New Mexico, Nancy opened an art gallery. Following many successful years in Colorado, Nancy moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico and became Director of Advertising and Public Relations for three art galleries. Moving to Boise, Idaho, Nancy became a consultant for those who wanted to buy and sell art. She also packaged trips for museum members to visit art studios, and to experience visits and dinners in famous galleries and museums. Since moving to Huntcliff about a year ago, Nancy has been leading a program at the Booth Western Art Museum for members to travel to the Dallas/Ft Worth area to visit studios and have dinners in museums and art galleries. Nancy has two children and six grandchildren. We are happy to have our own Western art expert here at Huntcliff.



## Our Featured Artist—Ginny Ross

Ginny Ross is a multi-faceted "artiste"....quilting, sewing, "maj-paj", knitting, etc. are all part of her interests and talents. Born in New Jersey, and married to Brandt in Chicago 63 years ago. Her career was as a Surgical Nurse in hospital operating rooms. They have 3 married children, 6 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild due in Spring. Ginny's art work is proudly displayed on the back cover.



## Thanksgiving



Falling on the fourth Thursday of every November, Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States when friends and family come together to give thanks and recognize the sacrifices and blessings of the past year.

Thanksgiving began in 1621 when the pilgrims invited the Native Americans for a feast to share their harvest. The origin of Thanksgiving dates back to 1620 when 102 people left England and arrived in North America in search of a place to freely practice their faith. After arriving, the pilgrims were helped by local Native Americans to grow and harvest food. It's said that a Native American man named Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to catch and produce local food, which led to the first successful corn harvest.

In November 1621, both the pilgrims and Native Americans came together for a feast to enjoy the food they had grown – and this marked the first ever Thanksgiving. The alliance between the two groups soured later, which in recent years has caused debates over the traditional narrative of Thanksgiving which critics claim paint a rose-tinted picture of US history.

- The fact is that the first Thanksgiving was shared between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians in 1621.
- The celebration was more of a harvest festival with sports, games, food, dancing, singing, and revelry.
- When it comes to the food they ate, the menu wasn't much like today. Instead, it consisted of venison, fowl, and other foods prepared by the pilgrims.

On December 26, 1941, Roosevelt signed a joint resolution of Congress changing the official national Thanksgiving Day to the fourth Thursday in November starting in 1942.

## Activity Updates

Please, Continually check your monthly calendar, elevator postings, cubbies, and other posted announcements to increase your awareness and participation in our events.

**Huntcliff Players** What has Quickies, Soap Operas, Operetta, Acapella, Music, Comedy and more? The Huntcliff Players do. All we want to do is have some FUN!!! If you would like to become a member please contact Hal Parker at 561-324-0830.

**Art Class** Come and learn how to paint with acrylics. Join the class with Sandra each Wednesday at 10:30 in the Art & Crafts Room on level A.

**Aquanauts** Come join the Huntcliff Aquanauts every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30 am in the pool. Our instructor, Louise, makes the exercise fun and healthful.

**The Men's Club** The Huntcliff Men's Club (HMC) was reinstated in August and held its first forum on September 28. Over 70 residents came to hear Sandy Springs' Mayor, Rusty Paul, discuss our history and future plans.

In October the HMC had an outing to Lockheed Marietta, coordinated by Stan Bernstein, where we had a guided tour of 14 different types of aircraft made at that plant since WW2.

Looking forward, Marvin Fellner will be organizing lunch at Vintage Pizzeria in Dunwoody in **November**. In **December**, the HMC will be producing a Holiday Review show with the Summit Singers here at Huntcliff. Dawn Hamer, Gail Long, June Cowan, and Norty Schneps are coordinating this activity. In **January**, a tax expert explains the new tax laws and how it affects retirees. In **February**, the Sandy Springs Chief of Police will speak to us. In **March**, a trip to the Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Atlanta. In **May**, another sing along show with the Summit Singers. In **June** a trip to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center where we will be jurors in a mock trial for newly trained Georgia Prosecutors. No need to join HMC, but we do need volunteers to be Organizers. Contact Art Schultz at 770-855-3321 for volunteer needs.

**Garden Club** Early frost is here already. Here are several tips to keep your patio plants healthy throughout the winter. First, move your plants on the patio to a location where they receive light (preferably indirect sunlight). Second, place the plants on a saucer with gravel. Third, water them well and let them drain. Lastly, approximately every two weeks check the top two inches of the pot's soil for dryness, and water if the soil is dry. Wait until Spring if they need to be re-plotted. If you have any plant questions or concerns, contact Wilma Asrael at 704-651-6816 or Julian Yudelson at 585-255-0172. We will have some advice in the spring as to how to get your individual garden sections prepared for the growing season.

**Club Updates.** Contact Brandt Ross (brandtross@bellsouth.net) or Fred Ortyl (fredortyl@gmail.com) if you would like to submit items for this section about your club's activities.



## Staff Appreciation Contributions

The box shown in the photograph, located in the mail box area on the shelf below the pictures of new residents, has two uses. The use that is obvious is to submit suggestions for action by your residents association. The use that is not so obvious is as a receptacle for contributions to the employee appreciation fund. You're probably aware that there is a very strict rule in Huntcliff Summit that residents are not allowed to tip. In lieu of

tipping, the association established a way to show our appreciation to team members of their hard work on our behalf all year long. Residents can make their contributions weekly, monthly, or once per year. The earlier you make your contribution, the easier it is for your residents association officers to do the necessary staff monetary determinations. The final deadline for the contribution to be used this year is December 8. Contributions can be made by cash or check. If you choose to pay by check, the check should be made out to "Huntcliff Summit Residents Association," or its abbreviation "HSRA". We do not have the ability to accept payments by credit card. The suggested contribution is \$1.00 per person per day. Our annual goal is for all residents to donate at least the suggested amount, which is \$70,000 this year. At this writing, donations are \$24,188.50, which is 35% of the goal. You might be interested in some of the comments team members have made in previous years:

**If we did not have this money, my family would not have a Christmas.**

**I donate this money to my relatives back home, and it makes a tremendous difference in their lives.**



Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 2 a.m. clocks are turned backward 1 hour to 1 a.m. local standard time. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 6, 2022 than the day before. .



Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank! This proved for once and for all that you cannot have your kayak and heat it too!

Two boll weevils grew up in Georgia. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally became known as "the lesser of two weevils".