



**Kathy Cayce –
Huntcliff's Stained
Glass Artist**



April 2023

HUNTCLIFF HARBINGER



HIGHLIGHTS of COMING EVENTS

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



- April 4th – Passover Model Seder – “all are welcome”
- April 5th – Passover
- April 7th – Good Friday
- April 8th – Easter “Eggstravaganza” – Easter Egg hunt and an outside picnic (weather permitting). Residents and families are invited to attend.
- April 12th - “The America We Love” - Andrew Jackson – hero or villain or both
- April 19th – Humor on the big screen with Rosemarie
- April 20th – Baseball program by Brandt Ross to recognize a new season of “America’s Pastime”
- April 25th – Guest speaker Mitch Garber of the National Transportation Safety Bureau will talk about the many plane, train, and ship accidents he has investigated.
- April 28th – Volunteer Appreciation Day – A special day to recognize the volunteers who labor to make Huntcliff Summit a special place for senior living (by invitation).

If your club or activity wants to make announcements or updates in the Harbinger, please email Brandt Ross (brandtross@gmail.com) or Fred Ortyl (Fredortyl@gmail.com)

Fatiha Lehkin - April's Highlighted Staff Member



Fatiha is one of Huntcliff's International team members. She arrived in the USA from Morocco at the age of 26 and came to Atlanta in 2003. After a time in the restaurant field, Fatiha joined Huntcliff in 2006. She started as a server, and then became a hostess. With Huntcliff's help, she attended Kennesaw State at night to take classes in Meetings and Event Management, and she then managed events at Huntcliff. In 2017 she became Assistant Activities Director. Fatiha was awarded the "Summit Joy in Service Award" in 2020. She was one of eighteen awarded this very rare honor out of 3600 employees world-wide. We all know her BIG smile, and she enjoys her interactions with everyone at Huntcliff. We are all glad she is here at Huntcliff.

Message from Lisa Schilling—Huntcliff Executive Director

April is Volunteer Recognition Month! I want to focus my article on the wonderful volunteers here at Huntcliff Summit and how each of you make this community what it is! This month, the entire team and I want to recognize and celebrate our selfless volunteers who give so much time and energy to help others, promote good causes, and enrich the lives of their fellow residents. The number of volunteers we have continues to grow each day! All of you do these generous acts without expecting compensation or appreciation for your efforts, and that is so inspiring. The Cambridge dictionary defines a volunteer as "a person who does something, especially helping others, willingly and without being forced or paid to do it." Each of you is a wonderful example of this! Our activity calendar is filled with creative, interesting, and fun events (not to mention all the things taking place that aren't on the calendar) all because of your tremendous acts of giving. In Sunrise, we believe in "Living with Purpose." Your volunteerism truly demonstrates the value of this! I want to extend a sincere THANK YOU for being the kind and caring people you are!

Did You Know?

Atlanta was originally called Terminus (1837) and later Marthasville (for Governor Wilson Lumpkin's daughter.) It got its current name, thought to be a shortened version of "Atlantica-Pacific," from railroad engineer J. Edgar Thompson.

Atlanta is the only city in North American destroyed in an act of war. General Sherman burnt it to the ground during the Civil War. Only 400 buildings survived.

One of the largest Hindu temples outside of India is in the Atlanta metro area.

Newsletter Development Members and Distribution Team

The Harbinger is researched, prepared, and written by residents. The articles are discussed and prepared independently by the Editorial Committee. We want to thank the Editorial Committee made up of Wilma Asrael, Stan Bernstein, Erma Davis, Marcia Ivers, Marvin Fellner, Rosemarie Hosbein, Carol Lewis, Elsie McLaughlin, Fred Ortyl, Brandt Ross, and Julian Yudelson for their time and energy in developing a first-class newsletter. Please contact any member of the Committee if you have any suggestions for new articles or to provide general or specific feedback on any aspect our Harbinger.

Additional contributions by Kathy and Charlie Cayce, Barbara Fellner, Margaret Johnson, Joan Ortyl, Art Schultz, and Marcia Swanson.

New Friends

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Marie Feldman came to Huntcliff Summit from Boca Raton, Florida. She was born, raised, and educated in France, and decided to come to the USA and settle in New York City, where she met her beloved husband. After many years in the cold north, they decided it was time to move to warmer weather and chose Florida. After her husband passed away, Marie wanted to move closer to her son and his family in Atlanta. Choosing Huntcliff Summit, she says that she is happy and enjoys living here and plans to join the many activities here.



Marilyn Fisher is from Philadelphia, Pa., and came to Huntcliff Summit from West Palm Beach, Fl. She has a family close by and was anxious to be near them after her husband passed away. She taught High School English in the Philadelphia suburbs after graduating from Temple University. Marilyn is a friendly person and wants to play Mah Jongg again after she takes a refresher course. After just a few weeks here, Marilyn is happy making new friends and is adjusting well to her new surroundings.



Larry Isaacson was born and educated in Atlanta but went off to MIT. He is an accomplished chemical engineer and successful businessman who loved his work. He and his wife Carol were married for 65 wonderful years before she passed away. Larry has two sons who live close by and one son who lives out of town. He has a large family and is proud of their accomplishments. Larry hopes to be playing golf again soon. He likes bridge and has joined the weekly group at Huntcliff.



Miriam Weimann came from the Hudson Valley in New York State. She has two daughters, one of whom lives close by, and sees her often. Miriam's apartment is filled with beautiful things that she has brought from the homes that she has owned from years gone by. Miriam has a warm smile, loves to read, and is quite impressed with our Huntcliff library. Miriam also loves to play pinochle.

Birthdays

Apr 1	Joan Schwartz, Emily Roman	Apr 13	Margaret Johnson
Apr 4	Edie Levine	Apr 15	Muriel Schindler
Apr 6	Judy Frank, Delores Markle	Apr 18	Robert Price, Ray Bowyer
Apr 7	Jobie Ponder, Julia McDonald	Apr 22	Jean Collette
Apr 8	Margaret Lancaster	Apr 23	Bob Combs, Charles Harper
Apr 9	Ira Levy, Evelyn Childers	Apr 25	Eileen Stone
Apr 12	Gladys Yokel, Joan Abram	Apr 30	Rhoda Fleischer

Anniversary

Apr 16 Ruth & Art Schultz

Jobie Ponder – Our Outstanding Volunteer

Have you ever used the resident picture books in the lobby? Well, you can thank Jobie for being the creator and administrator of the project.

Longtime Huntcliff resident, Jobie Ponder, acts when she sees a need. When Jobie arrived here in 2011, she knew no one. Jobie wanted to fix that situation for herself and for other residents. After getting the ok from management, Jobie began a project that lasted almost 11 years. She prepared a document to help residents and staff to learn and identify residents. She designed a resident information sheet containing interesting and helpful biographical information, distributed the sheet to each resident and took their photo. Jobie placed the sheets containing the biography and photograph in books in the lobby. Over the last 11 years, Jobie estimates that she completed about 1,000 forms with photographs. She feels good and gets positive feedback upon seeing people use the books, reflecting that all the hard work was worth it. About 2 years ago, Jobie donated a coffee machine for the staff in their break room. She maintains inventory of coffee and hot chocolate.



Jobie's son, Dan, writes little stories about many things, including their family, for several local Georgia newspapers. Often, she would share the stories at the bar during happy hour. After hearing about the family events, many residents requested copies of the "Ponderings", so she and her team distribute the family newsletter to interested residents. After all the years of her son's writings, Jobie says that she has no more secrets.

Here are some other facts you may not know about Jobie. Her family gave her the nickname, Jobie, and everyone continues to use it instead of her formal name Josephine. About 20 years ago, Jobie participated in a fund raiser for the Florida Arthritis Foundation by walking 26.2 miles in a marathon. Jobie likes her bourbon, and she and her husband were in the peanut business in Alabama. Most importantly, Jobie has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 7.5 great grandchildren.

Passover

Passover, or *Pesach* in Hebrew, is the first holiday observance that is mandated in the Bible. It commemorates the deliverance of the Israelites from over two centuries of Egyptian bondage and recalls their mass exodus from Egypt about 3300 years ago. This makes Passover the oldest holiday observed in the world. It lasts for one week and begins on the 15th day of the month of Nissan in the Hebrew calendar, usually occurring from the middle of March to the middle of April. Nissan is the first month of the Jewish year and marks the "birth" of the Israelites as a nation. This year Passover begins on April 6.

Passover is marked by two major laws given in the Bible. First, Jews are required to have a festive meal, called a *Seder*, on the first night of the holiday. At this meal, family and friends gather and the story of Passover is repeated for everyone. At the meal, a cup of wine is set aside for the prophet Elijah, whose arrival would herald the coming of the Messianic Age. Second, the eating of food that is *leavened* (that has risen) is forbidden during the holiday. This is because the Israelites left Egypt in such a hurry that their bread had no time to rise during the baking process. Therefore, they eat *matzoh*, or unleavened bread, and cannot eat any foods that can rise, or expand, during the cooking process, such as peas, rice, or corn.

Kathy Cayce

If you went to the store and purchased grozing pliers, a grinding machine, a cutting band saw, and solder, what would you be doing? Answer: You would be making stained-glass windows. We are proud to share Kathy Cayce's stained-glass window art on the back cover.

Where did all this interest in art begin? In the 1980's, Kathy made a religious retreat at Ignatius House. During the retreat, several activities took place in a small chapel that had magnificent stained-glass windows. Kathy said, "I can do that," and with that thought, the magic of making stained-glass windows began. Her initial training was at the Abernathy Art Center. Unfortunately, Kathy had to put her art passion on hold when she went to work for 25 years in the mortgage banking business. After retiring in 2004, she took a refresher course at the Spruill Art Center, and she was first commissioned to make two large stained-glass windows. The project was beautifully done and her career took off. She began making custom-designed panels for family, friends, and interested buyers. Her initial orders were for making crosses in all different colors, and she has so far made about 50 stained-glass crosses. Her business expanded only by Word-of-Mouth advertising, and buyers requesting custom windows of subjects such as pro golfers, Pittsburgh Penguins, New England Patriots, her friend's dog, a musical note with a piano, and abstract pieces of art. Overall, Kathy has made over 500 stained glass pieces. Her temporary studio is on her balcony but she hopes to move into a more permanent location soon. She is available to make special stained-glass pieces for residents and other interested buyers.

Easter

CHRIST is RISEN

bringing

LOVE.....JOY.....HOPE.... LIFE EVERLASTING

Church bells ring; Choirs sing. ALLELUIA !

Just as Nature awakes from its Winter sleep,
Just as the Spring sun begins to shine brightly,
Just as April showers bring flowers that bloom again,
Just as green leaves appear on barren trees,
Just as birds tweet and sing,
Just as tender sprouts force their way through the stubborn soil,
Spring blows a breath of freshness and new life.
So, in Christian beliefs, EASTER celebrates the
Risen Christ, our Lord and Savior,
Who brings new life, a new beginning.
His Resurrection is a constant reminder of His Love
and the promise of Life Everlasting.
REJOICE!!

Activity Updates

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

Huntcliff Players People are flocking to the Huntcliff Players shows, with very positive reviews. The April shows will feature some amazing skits and performances. So don't miss out.

Knitting Club The Huntcliff Knitting Club meets every Monday at 2:00 PM in the Veranda Room. We need knitters and crocheters to help us fill the requests from Northside Hospital. The hospital needs more baby hats, baby blankets, and chemo hats. If you are interested, please join us; we will be glad to teach the crafts to newcomers. Please call Lila (301-493-862) or Wilma (704-651-6816) for more knitting club information.

Garden Club April is here, cold is gone. Now is the time to re-pot and bring all the plants from the Green House to your balcony. Contact maintenance if you need help. There is potting soil and compost for re-potting and adding a little spring tonic. It is also time to start veggies and annuals either for your balconies or the garden beds. Seeds and starter beds are on your own. There are several beds available for your use. Tools are available in the garden shed; the key is at the front desk. New residents, if you would like to work a 10 x 10 garden bed (or smaller) for growing anything from tomatoes to potatoes, now is the time to sign up. Contact Frankie for selection. .

Book Club April 13 is Book Club meeting to discuss the book **Dictionary of Lost Words**.

Men's Club We will visit the Kia auto plant in La Grange on Tuesday, May 8, and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth on Thursday, June 15, where we will be the jury in a Mock Trial. The Summit Singers meet every Monday at 1 PM to prepare for their Spring Concert, and Brandt Ross is continuing with his "The America We Love" series.

Crafts You are welcome to join the residents who like to try their hand at making crafts or art on Wednesdays in the Art Room at 10:30. Sandra, Evie, and Gillian will show you some techniques to help you make fun things to give your special "others". Watch the activities calendar for time and place.

Opera On April 26 will be a showing of "Faust" by Charles Gounod. Also in April will be the opera "Tales of Hoffmann" by Jacques Offenbach. Understanding Opera will be shown in the Veranda room. Check our program for dates and times.

Support Group The Huntcliff Residents' Support Group meets with professional facilitators. Confidentiality is emphasized. By sharing concerns and issues, the members help themselves and their loved ones. The group also prepares for difficult times ahead with guidance by facilitators. If you feel responsible for the care of a family member or friend, please consider joining. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 3:00pm in the game room. Contact Wilma Asrael for additional information at 704-651-6816.

Card Shoppe The card shoppe is open for residents on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 10:00am to noon. Cards for all occasions are available.

New York Club We meet on the 3rd Wednesday in the bar at 1PM. Contact Carol Lewis.

Huntcliff Summit Singers

The Huntcliff Summit Singers was originally going to be called the Huntcliff Mens Chorus but before it got started, we decided that any of the residents that loved to sing should be able to join, so it became the Huntcliff Singers. Found among our great residents was a star, Dawn Hamer, who had many years working with children's chorus' and agreed to be our Director. We also found a wonderful accompanist, June Cowan, so the Singers was formed in late August with the challenge of putting on a program for a Winter Festival.

The performance was in late December to a sold-out house with standees and was very well received by all. After that show, it was agreed that we will expand the group and number of shows. We have now scheduled a late May performance of our Best of Broadway tunes and are working feverishly to provide another excellent show.

The chorus currently consists of 5 men and about 18 women, all of whom are enjoying the Monday rehearsals with our new accompanist, Debbie Boyd. We're always looking for residents that love to sing. You don't have to have an operatic voice to join, just the love of music and singing.



Huntcliff's Library

Come visit our outstanding Library located on the first floor. There are about 3,800 books arranged by genre. 50 CD's are also available to borrow, all on the honor system. All book, movies, musicals, and listening music are donated by residents. Please contact Judy Boult (Chair) at 404-780-6292 for additional information.

Baseball opening day:

Baseball has been around for centuries, with the first recorded game taking place in England in 1749. However, the game truly began to take shape in the United States during the early 19th century. By the mid-1800s, amateurs and professionals were playing baseball all across the country.

The Civil War and the rise of organized labor led to a boom in professional baseball, and the first professional team, the Cincinnati Reds, was founded in 1869. The game continued to grow in popularity, with the first professional league, the National League, being founded in 1876.

The 20th century saw baseball become America's national pastime. The game reached new heights of popularity during the 1920s, when Babe Ruth, one of the greatest players in history, led the New York Yankees to multiple World Series titles. The game was further popularized by the introduction of television in the 1950s, which allowed fans to watch games from the comfort of their homes. Baseball has the longest season of any other sport, with the regular season consisting of 162 games. In 2023, baseball begins anew with a number of rule changes which should alter the performance of the players and enhance the viewing of the fans. In early April, the season begins with the cry of "play ball!". And we remember that baseball is the only game that has its own song..."Take me out to the ballgame...."