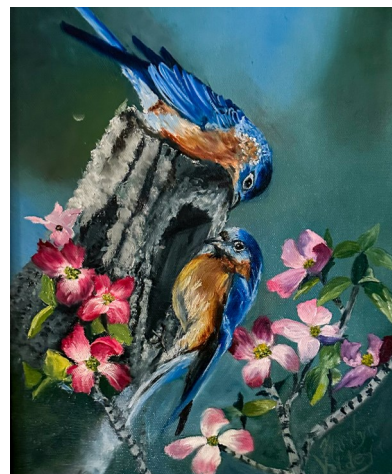
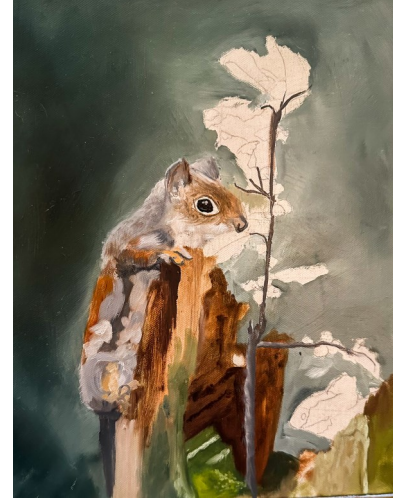




Marilyn Valdes - Huntcliff's Artist



May 2023

HUNTCLIFF HARBINGER



The mission of the Huntcliff Harbinger is to announce planned events and activities for residents and interested parties. Also included are photographs and stories of resident art-work, club reports, and staff and volunteer recognition. The HH is written and developed by the Harbinger Editorial Staff.

HIGHLIGHTS of COMING EVENTS

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



May 3 – Huntcliff Men's Club "The America We Love" presentation – "The Erie Canal – it Changed the World"

May 6 – "Mint Julep—Drink of the Day" – celebrate the Kentucky Derby

May 9 – Huntcliff Men's Club – trip to the Kia Plant

May 12 – Pre-Mother's Day modeled Fashion Show

May 13 – Mother's Day presentation

May 21 – "CATS" Broadway Show – theatre night

May 23 – Broadway Comes to Huntcliff

May 29 – Memorial Day presentation

May 31 – Senior Health and Fitness Day Walkathon

Car show coming in June!



Message from Lisa Schilling—Huntcliff Executive Director

May is a very special month to me! It's the month where we take time to honor some very special people. We recognize Memorial Day to honor all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we could enjoy the many freedoms we experience every day. It takes an incredibly special person to take on such heroic tasks and sacrifice their lives for us. I hope we can all take time to remember on May 29th, it's not about the BBQ, or the baseball games, but rather a day to truly honor those heroes.

This month we also recognize another type of hero, Mothers. My mom has always been an inspiration to me. She has always shown an incredible amount of strength, sacrifice, love, and wisdom. My mom had to put up with my many escapades and adventures throughout the years, but she always did it with grace and patience. We can't take for granted the way our moms shaped our lives! For those of you who are moms, grandmas, great grandmas, remember the important role you play in the lives of your family. You are wonderful teachers, healers, and storytellers. Happy Mother's Day to all of you!

Lisa

Cinco de Mayo



Cinco de Mayo is not Mexican Independence Day, a popular misconception. Instead, it commemorates a single battle. In 1861, Benito Juárez was elected president of Mexico. At the time, the country was in financial ruin, and the new president was forced to default on debt payments to European governments. All countries settled except France. Late in 1861, a well-armed French fleet stormed Veracruz, driving President Juárez and his government into retreat. French troops set out to attack Puebla de Los Angeles. Juárez rounded up a ragtag force of 2,000 loyal men and sent them to Puebla. The vastly outnumbered and poorly supplied Mexicans prepared for the French assault. The battle lasted from daybreak to early evening, and when the French finally retreated, they had lost nearly 500 soldiers. Fewer than 100 Mexicans had been killed in the clash. Although not a major strategic win in the overall war against the French, the success at the Battle of Puebla on May 5 represented a great symbolic victory for the Mexican government and bolstered the resistance movement. In 1867—France finally withdrew.

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New Friends - Shirley & Alvin Minsk



Both Shirley and Alvin grew up in the Atlanta area and moved to Huntcliff from Dunwoody. They have been married for 65 years. They have three sons, two live nearby and one lives in Hamburg, Germany where he has pursued a theatrical career. They also have two grandchildren. Shirley was a homemaker and teacher until the boys went to college. Thereafter she worked in Macy's book and jewelry departments as a buyer. Alvin spent his career as a CPA. Shirley is interested in Jewish Bible Study, reading, TV, politics and playing bridge. She would like to volunteer in the resident library.

Birthdays

May 1	Pat Turek	May 17	Ellen Freedman
May 4	Doreen Jacobs	May 18	Jan Gibeaut
May 8	Jack Balakirsky	May 19	Gloria Chesin
May 9	Kathleen Pringle	May 22	Sue Taylor
May 12	Dick Kretzmer	May 26	Gloria Dodson & Charlie Cayce
May 13	Lola Farber	May 27	Mildred Barth

Anniversaries

May 30	Diane & Norm Silverstein
May 31	Phoebe & Charlie Snittjer



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Humor



"The starting pay is \$40,000. Later it can go up to \$80,000." "Great. I'll start later."

Trust science. Studies show that if your parents didn't have children, there's a high probability you won't either.

Tip: Save business cards of people you don't like. If you ever hit a parked car accidentally, just write, "Sorry" on the back and leave it on the windshield.



Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868, to honor soldiers who had died in the Civil War. Many cities and people have claimed to be the first to observe it. However, in 2022, the National Cemetery Administration, a division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, credited Mary Ann Williams with originating the idea of strewing the graves of Civil War soldiers "Union and Confederate" with flowers. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

Two other days celebrate those who have served or are serving in the U.S. military: Armed Forces Day (which is earlier in May), an unofficial U.S. holiday for honoring those currently serving in the armed forces, and Veterans Day (on November 11), which honors all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.



The modern holiday was first celebrated in 1907, when Anna Jarvis held the first Mother's Day service of worship at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia.

This church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. She and another peace activist and suffragette, Julia Ward Howe had been urging for the creation of a "Mother's Day For Peace" where mothers would ask government that their husbands and sons would no longer be killed in wars. Forty years before it became an official holiday, Julia Ward Howe had made her Mother's Day Proclamation in 1870. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor this and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

Xanthe Johnson - Dining Room Server



"MS SMILE" - That is what everyone thinks when they see Xanthe Johnson. She just loves everyone and wants to do the best for them. Born in Brooklyn NY and raised in Florida, she graduated from Liberty College in Virginia with a degree in accounting. Xanthe works full time as an accountant as well as a dinner server here at Huntcliff. Xanthea, Xanthe's identical twin works in the nursing field. Xanthe has one son and five grandchildren. She loves to shop and to travel. She is very proud that she is a published author of her first novel (maybe another one day). Xanthe and Huntcliff residents are both happy she is here.

Marilyn Valdes – Huntcliff's Painter

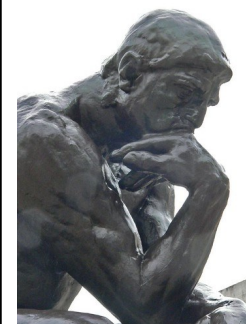
Marilyn Valdes is a prolific painter. She has tried watercolors and, acrylics, but prefers oils for her various works. "I can make changes easier." Born in Charlotte NC, she attended Wingate Jr. College and Appalachian State to earn a teaching degree. Marilyn and her husband Moses moved around the Southeast, he as a minister, she stayed home with their three children, two girls and a boy. Marilyn has been painting for more than 40 years, and has taken classes with renowned artists Barbara Dickson and Delhart Wynberg, who is the "Artist of Texas". She paints in all modes, landscape, animals, and still life, using both brushes and pallet knives. Marilyn paints for her own enjoyment, and keeps most of her work for herself and her family.

Gibbs Gardens Outing



WHY? Do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

BECAUSE: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.



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 After receiving rave reviews for our April shows, Huntcliff Players is scheduling only one show for May. This Super Show will have some favorites such as "Sleepless at the Summit" as well as Huntcliff Gossip. Our Gossip supplies information that can't be leaked. Even the (HIA) Huntcliff Intelligence Agency knows about it. There will also be a duet featuring the following songs, "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better" and "You're the Reason Our Kids are Ugly". Remember all we want to do is Have Some Fun. So come along and play with us. Hal Parker (561-324-0830).

Summit Singers On May 23, the Summit Singers will perform a selection of some of the works of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. Rodgers and Hammerstein were a theater-writing team who created a series of innovative and influential American musicals and have been called the greatest theater writing partnership of the 20th century.

Men's Club We will visit the Kia auto plant in La Grange on Tuesday, May 9, 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

Book Club Meeting on May 11, Thursday at 2:30 to discuss the book "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb.

Library The library received over 100 new books. They will be adding more shelves so that residents can enjoy the tremendous variety of available books. More details in June Harbinger.

Garden Club Garden beds: It is time to plant annuals in the garden beds. If you would like to plant flowers or veggies, please get in touch with Frankie and Julian. Hand tools and soil are available in the shed, key at front desk. It is too late to start seedling in the Green House but there is ample soil for potting. Wilma had a very successful potting session last month.

Knitting Club meets every Monday at 2:00 pm in the Veranda. Residents are making hats, scarfs, and blankets for patients at Northside Hospital. They are also teaching new residents the art of knitting.

Opera "Idomeneo" an opera by Mozart will be shown on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 5:30 in the Veranda.

Crafts Check out the monthly calendar for fun things to do in the Art Room.

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. 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.

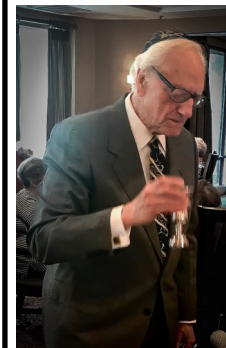
Card Shoppe The card shoppe is open for residents on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00am to noon. Cards for all occasions are available.

Huntcliff Summit Singers



The Summit Singers was formed in the summer of 2022, and after our presentation of Winter music in December, we began preparing for our Spring performance. On May 23 we will perform a selection of some of the works of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. Rodgers and Hammerstein was a theater-writing team who created a series of innovative and influential American musicals. They have been called the greatest theater writing partnership of the 20th century. Their productions initiated what is considered the golden age of musical theater. Together they produced nine Broadway shows and one television broadcast. None were a failure, and most still receive frequent revivals around the world. Their shows and film versions received 34 Tony Awards, 15 Academy Awards, two Pulitzer Prizes, and two Grammy Awards. In addition to the songs of this great team, our company will present three of our old favorites. The chorus currently consists of over 20 men and women; if you enjoy singing, please join our rehearsals every Monday from 12:45 to 2:00.

Model Seder



"The Huntcliff Model Seder was truly a super seder. What the Huntcliff dining room, kitchen and activities staff created was the best. A five star celebration!"

Bob Bahr



Huntcliff's Fashion Show—May 12



In partnership with Macy's, our activities department has arranged to have a Fashion Show in our Dining Room on May 12. Residents and family members will be participating in this fantastic event.

The Car Show is Coming in June !

