



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**SPRING 2025** 

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## MOTHER'S DAY ART FEATURES LOW COUNTRY SCENE

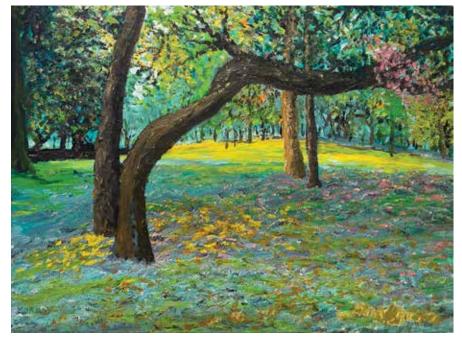
ach year, the Mother's Day Offering showcases artwork created by a resident from one of PCSC's six communities. The 2025 selection continues this tradition with a noteworthy distinction — Mr. Don Murray, a resident of the Columbia Community, becomes only the fourth gentleman artist featured since 2000 and the first since 2013.



A U.S. Navy veteran originally from Chicago, Don has called the Columbia Community home for nearly two years. His artistic journey began at age 14, flourishing alongside his engineering career maintaining Chicago's iconic skyscrapers. Visitors to Don's apartment are greeted by an impressive collection of oil paintings depicting scenes from his extensive travels across America and abroad.

Don's featured painting captures the historic Old Sheldon Church Ruins in Yemassee, SC. Rendered in oils and presented in classic impressionist style, the work exemplifies his remarkable ability to manipulate light to create vibrant, colorful landscapes. Bill McConnell, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations, remembers being invited to view Don's collection and being captivated by both the diversity of subjects and the exceptional technical skill evident throughout his work.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Don Murray for generously sharing his exquisite artwork in support of the 2025 Mother's Day Offering.





After a hearty meal, Bill McConnell (center) presented Don Murray (seated) with a framed copy of the Mother's Day Offering artwork. Don's daughter and son-in-law Susanne and Preston Pender attended the presentation.

## PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES OF SC: PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

We often say that Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina is in "the people business," meaning we are an organization dedicated to **people serving people** (PCSC team members serving the residents at each community).

It is also true that PCSC owns a lot of property. It takes many acres of land and hundreds of thousands of square feet of building space to provide places for folks to live, eat, fellowship, engage in activities, exercise, worship and do all the many other things that happen in our communities.

We are proud of our campuses; however, we think of ourselves first and foremost as a "people serving people" organization. We have more than 1000 employees – full-time, part-time and "as needed," who cover temporary vacancies and when regular staff are away.

But it's not the number of employees that makes the difference, it's their dedication and the variety of skills they bring to PCSC.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul wrote about the diversity of gifts within the Church, using the metaphor of the human body. He wrote, "Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many ... If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?" (1 Corinthians 12:14-20)

Paul's point is that the church needs a diversity of gifts and abilities to be healthy. Likewise, PCSC must have a diversity of gifts among staff to fulfill its mission.

The marketing and sales teams open the doors for new



residents at the communities. Housekeepers ensure buildings and homes are clean. Culinary teams prepare delicious and nutritious menus. Maintenance workers keep our campuses running smoothly. Accountants track monthly fees and pay expenses for a six-campus organization. Nurses, CNAs, Medication Technicians, Therapists, Wellness and Life Enrichment professionals minister to the physical, rehabilitative and cognitive needs of our residents. And there are so many more I could mention!

Praise God that we have a dedicated staff with so many different gifts and abilities that, when combined, make PCSC a fully functioning senior living organization and a place of blessing for those we serve.

Frankhi Fant

Reverend Dr. Franklin Fant President and CEO



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### **GROUND FROM WHICH TO FLOURISH**

A picture is worth a thousand words, and a succession of pictures is worth many thousands more. For years, PCSC has collected images, resident interviews, and footage to create videos highlighting PCSC's essential work, particularly charitable care assistance for long-term residents who, through no fault of their own, need financial assistance to continue calling Presbyterian Communities "home." Since this ministry began, PCSC has been committed to ensuring no resident must leave due to unavoidable financial need.

These annual videos often serve as "Mother's Day as "Moments for Mission" in congregations, encouraging generosity through the Mother's Day Offering. Each video features scripture that captures the essence of PCSC's senior adult care.

As Psalm 92:12-14 tells us: "The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon; They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age, they still produce fruit."

PCSC thrives when residents are joyously growing and flourishing. We witness how they continue producing good fruits of love, joy, patience, and all qualities that create a pleasant, productive life.

Thank you for helping PCSC residents as they grow, build friendships, explore the world around them and flourish! Your generosity makes this possible. Thank you for your prayers, your trust and your support.

With gratitude,

William McConnell, CFRE Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations

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To watch this year's video, go to **prescommunities.org**, click on **Support Our Mission**, and then click **Mother's Day Offering**. We know you will be inspired.

Since 1954, the Mother's Day offering has helped provide charitable care for residents who, after an extended period of residence at PCSC and through no fault of their own, realize the need for financial assistance.

Last year's Mother's Day Offering garnered more than \$216,000.

Most congregations received the 2025 Mother's Day Offering recently, with results still pending. If you or your congregation have not yet contributed, there's still time. Without your support, this vital aspect of PCSC's ministry would not be possible.

Please scan the QR code or visit **giving.prescommunities.org** to make an online one-time or recurring gift by

credit card or check.



Bill McConnell,

Director of Foundation Services

and Church Relations

Thank you again for your incredible generosity.



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## AMBASSADORS GATHER TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

In late March and early April, nearly 70 Mother's Day Offering Ambassadors gathered at PCSC campuses in Columbia, Easley, Summerville and Florence to receive comprehensive updates on PCSC's 2024 achievements and future plans. During their visits, Ambassadors enjoyed each community's hospitality and delicious chef-prepared meals while hearing from Franklin Fant, PCSC President and CEO, who thanked them for their advocacy and support within their congregations. Franklin also gave a brief overview of expansion plans for the Foothills Community and described the Master Planning being done on each campus.

Bill McConnell, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations, provided a review of the Mother's Day Offering's impact in past years while

Ambassadors gather in Summerville



Ambassadors from the Foothills community. Above: Bob Smith, Joan Erdman and Kris Dixon. Below: Steve Lefevre, Julie Brice and Dr. Jim Brice.



outlining initiatives for the 2025 campaign. At the Columbia gathering, artist Don Murray, a resident of the Columbia Community, received accolades for his painting that was chosen as the 2025 Mother's Day Offering art and is featured on this publication's cover. As Bill noted, 2025 represents only the fourth Mother's Day since 2000 — and first since 2013 — showcasing the artistic talents of a gentleman.

After presentations from Franklin and Bill, residents of each community participated in a panel discussion titled, "Living Your Best Life at PCSC." Marketing and Sales Directors for each community posed questions to the residents that allowed them to share vignettes about their homes at PCSC and ways that those who might be considering a move into senior living could prepare for an exciting future.

Does your congregation have an Ambassador championing the Mother's Day Offering? This offering provides vital support for residents who, after years of residence at PCSC and through no fault of their own, require financial assistance to continue calling Presbyterian Communities "home." Please contact Cathy Jackson in the PCSC Foundation Office at (803) 461-7832 or Cathy.Jackson@prescomm.org for more information or to register your Ambassador's contact details.



During the Ambassador meeting in Lexington, Jean Anderson and Rick Wilson, residents of the Columbia Community discuss living their best lives at PCSC.

## FOOTHILLS VOLUNTEER RECEIVES LEADINGAGE SC RECOGNITION



Jean Smith, a dedicated volunteer at The Foothills Retirement Community, received LeadingAge South Carolina's 2024 Volunteer Service Award. The daughter of a former resident who passed in 2019, Jean has volunteered across all service levels — from Independent Living to Skilled and Memory Care — since then.

Executive Director Leslie Anzalone wrote in her nomination, "When I first joined Foothills, I thought Jean was a team member as she is at the community five and sometimes six days a week." Leslie highlighted Jean's commitment to residents and staff through both good and challenging times, quickly providing support during personal or health crises.

Besides her nearly full-time volunteering at Foothills, Jean serves as a Reading Buddy at Forest Acres Elementary School, a role she discovered while volunteering at the retirement community.



L-R: Donald Lilly, chair-elect, LeadingAge South Carolina; Cassie South, CEO, LeadingAge South Carolina; Jean Smith; Ailee Holton, Life Enrichment Director, The Foothills Retirement Community; and Leslie Anzalone, Executive Director, The Foothills Retirement Community

Leslie concluded, "Jean pours much of her time into our community as a Volunteer, but the greatest gift she gives is the gift of love. She is crafty, intuitive, personable, and is an example to us all through her display of love, encouragement, and support. Her spirit is contagious, benefiting residents and providing vital ministry to our team. We learn from her daily focus on what's really important." Thank you and congratulations, Jean!

### JENNY MOORE COMPLETES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

PCSC congratulates Jenny Moore,
Divisional Director of Culinary, on
completing the 2024 Vickie Moody
Leadership Academy. Sponsored by
LeadingAge SC, the professional association
for non-profit senior living providers in
South Carolina, the academy helps leaders
network, explore new ideas and strengthen
skills for their current roles and the senior
living industry. Three PCSC leaders —
Tamieka Hawkins (Clinton), Amy
Walker (Columbia), and Katie Gilmore
(Foothills) — have been selected
for the 2025 academy.



## PCSC OLYMPICS BRINGS COMMUNITIES TOGETHER IN SPIRITED COMPETITION

On Friday, April 25, excitement was palpable and energy soared as athletes, cheerleaders and staff members from all six communities converged on The Columbia Presbyterian Community for the annual PCSC Olympics. After the procession of the Olympic Torch, the Rev. Debby Marshall, Chaplain at the Clinton Community, offered an opening prayer and let the games begin!



Residents, staff, and volunteers brought their A-games, positive attitudes, beaming smiles and boundless enthusiasm to share in an extraordinary day together. Even the weather cooperated perfectly!

Ready to showcase their athletic prowess and skills, residents competed across various events including walking, miniature golf, bocce ball, cornhole, and Wii bowling. In this year's competition, the traditional spelling bee was replaced by a highly competitive timed puzzle contest. The results were impressive across all communities.

### **Division A (Columbia, Foothills and The Village at Summerville)**

Event	Medal	1st Participants	2nd Participants	
Wii Bowling	Gold Silver Bronze	Betty Salmond - Columbia Charlotte Grousso - Foothills Dolly Mitchell - Summerville	Curtis Davis - Foothills Jim Erixson - Summerville Gene Hopkins - Columbia	
Miniature Golf	Gold Silver Bronze	Pat Hollifield - Summerville Ginger Hull - Foothills Mary Coleman - Columbia	Ned Shows - Summerville Mace Coleman - Columbia Larry Broggi - Foothills	
Walking	Gold Silver Bronze	Barbara Biller - Summerville Joan Erdman - Foothills Kathy Brown - Columbia	Carey Brier - Summerville Tom Lollis - Columbia George Hull - Foothills	
Bocce Ball	Gold Silver Bronze	Bruce Krucke - Summerville Carol Curry - Foothills Mary Weaver - Columbia	Phil Clark - Foothills Vaughn Cover - Columbia Lewis Mitchell - Summerville	
Cornhole	Gold Silver Bronze	MaryAnne Stoeppler and Ed Veasey - Foothills Loren Hagen and Betsy Ross - Summerville Herbert Croxton and Ida McCaskill - Columbia		
Timed Puzzle	Gold Silver Bronze	Susan Cornehl and Allan Oliver - Summerville Julie Brice and Maril Robertson - Foothills Alice Poynor and Rick Wilson - Columbia		

The coveted Overall Trophy for highest point total was proudly and loudly claimed by The Village at Summerville!

Throughout the festivities, eagleeyed members of the Management Services Office, distinctively clad in vibrant tie-dye shirts, evaluated team spirit, cheers and sportsmanship to determine this year's Spirit Award winner. After careful deliberation, the Clinton "Flame" earned this prestigious honor.

Meanwhile, the Clinton culinary team, led by Executive Chef Mark Cox, triumphed in the Cookie Challenge with their decadently delicious Chocolate Whoopie Pie Cookie. All proceeds from the Cookie Challenge benefited the



Amy Laughlin energizes the crowd!

winning community's Employee Emergency Fund.

Director of Residential Life Amy Laughlin guided an intrepid team of Life Enrichment and Wellness Directors from all communities to create a day brimming with



The Cookie Challenge winner.

organized chaos, raucous laughter, vibrant energy and genuine connection. Each year's Olympics grows in anticipation, participation, enjoyment and inter-community bonds. Plans for the 2026 games are already underway, promising even more excitement to come.

#### **Division AA (Clinton, Florence and Laurel Crest)**

Event	Medal	1st Participants	2nd Part	icipants
Wii Bowling	Gold Silver Bronze	Barbara McKinnon - Laurel Crest Martha Simmons - Clinton Luanne Ussery - Florence	Rose Mary Stac Chuck Hull - C	cho - Laurel Crest ilinton
Miniature Golf	Gold Silver Bronze	Jimmy Campbell - Clinton Bruce Duffy - Laurel Crest Maymie Lou Spearman - Florence	Jim Foote - Cli George Cobb	
Walking	Gold Silver Bronze	Jimmy Campbell - Clinton Jane Mitcham - Laurel Crest Charles Stonerock - Florence	Steve Caddell Loren Taylor - George Hallma	
Bocce Ball	Gold Silver Bronze	Steve Caddell - Florence Doug Shealy - Clinton Betty Knoth - Laurel Crest	Henry Hawkins Betty Caddell Joe Lax - Clinto	
Cornhole	Gold Silver Bronze			
Timed Puzzle	Gold Silver Bronze	Betty Paffrath and Sammy Martin - F Nancy Braun and Don Rumer - Clin Karen Hellwig and Diane Mroczek -	iton	the 2025 PCSC Olympics on the following pages!



Torch Bearer Peggy Furr, resident of the Columbia Community



The Management Services Office cheerleaders are ready to support participants from ALL the communities!



Mascots for Clinton and Columbia

Right: Lois McLeod, a Laurel Crest volunteer, energizes the team.





The Columbia "Stars" show their team spirit.



The Florence "Mighty Ducks" really make a splash!



The Village at Summerville "Flowertown Enforcers" are looking sharp!



Summerville residents erupt with cheers upon earning the highest point totals!



The Foothills "Flamingos" are ready for the competition to begin.



The Laurel Crest "River Rats" gather for a pre-game photo.



The Clinton "Flame" cheers loudly upon receiving the Spirit Award.



Left: Christina and Mary Jane (Foothills)

Right: Foothills
Executive
Director Leslie
Anzalone
works a puzzle
blindfolded!





Jim Foote (Clinton) sinks a putt.



Chelsea Mozingo (Florence) and Spencer Cook (Summerville)



Steve Caddell (Florence) playing bocce ball.



"Cocky" and the Clemson Tiger get in on the action!



Never thought you'd read these words here. But you can just say "NO" to unnecessary taxes that could deplete the inheritance you've earmarked for loved ones. That sounds more like our usual message, doesn't it?

### Here's the issue ...

Naming individuals as beneficiaries of your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or other qualified plans could subject them to double taxation — as ordinary income and as part of your estate. Experts estimate this combined tax burden could reach an astonishing 60% in some cases! Nearly two-thirds of your intended gift could end up funding government programs instead of supporting your loved ones.

### Consider this alternative ...

Designating PCSC Foundation as your qualified plan beneficiary allows your full contribution to transfer without tax deductions. You can then increase family bequests through your will or trust, where they're less likely to trigger estate taxes.

## The process is refreshingly straightforward ...

Contact your investment advisor or account administrator to request and complete Beneficiary Designation forms naming PCSC Foundation as recipient of all or part of your accounts. After your passing, PCSC will honor your specified wishes for these funds, ensuring your legacy endures.

As always, consult your financial advisor or attorney before making changes in your estate plan. Bill McConnell, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations, is happy to provide additional information. Just contact him at William.McConnell@prescomm.org or (803) 365-0844.

We deeply appreciate your generosity and trust in our commitment to fulfilling your philanthropic vision.

### CLINTON RESIDENT RECEIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Clinton Community resident George "Sammy" Wham (right) was recognized for his 26 years of service to the Airport Commission at the dedication of the new Laurens County Airport terminal named in his honor. The official ribbon cutting for the new 3,000 square foot terminal was held in February, and Sammy was praised for his unwavering commitment and years of service as the Commission Chairman. City and county officials, aviation professionals, friends, family, and residents and staff of the Clinton Community filled the tarmac in support of



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Sammy. Representatives of the SC Aeronautics

Commission and the county's liaison for the airport spoke during the ribbon-cutting ceremony, sharing personal stories of Sammy's dedication and tireless work ethic. A commemorative plaque was also unveiled in honor of Sammy. Sammy retired from the Commission in 2019. He is a member of the National Guard and is a licensed pilot. We congratulate Sammy on this well-deserved recognition.

# REV. MIKE SEARS JOINS THE FLORENCE COMMUNITY

The Florence Presbyterian Community welcomes Rev. Mike Sears as their new chaplain, a familiar face within PCSC who will now serve Florence residents in a half-time capacity while continuing his ministry at the Laurel Crest community. His Florence chaplaincy began April 28.



Rev. Sears brings six years of dedicated ministry experience at Laurel Crest, complemented by his previous role as pastor at New Kirk Presbyterian Church in Blythewood, SC.

His pastoral background includes serving congregations in Valdese and Gastonia, NC, along with chaplaincy at Hospice of Laurens County in Clinton, SC.

A graduate of Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Charlotte with a Master of Divinity degree, Rev. Sears was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) in 2008. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from North Carolina State University and is a Minister Member of Trinity Presbytery. Mike remarks, "This journey of exploring new depths of faith is a joy. What a blessing to share it with two communities."

"We're thrilled that a chaplain with Mike's experience, compassion, and energy will be joining the Florence team," says Rhonda Sanders, Executive Director of the Florence Community. "The residents, their families and staff will be well-served by Mike's ministry among us."



Rhonda Sanders (right), Executive Director of the Florence Community, receives this beautiful creation from Rev. William Blackie (left).

# RESIDENT PRESENTS ART TO THE FLORENCE COMMUNITY

One of the Florence Community's newest residents, the Rev. William Blackie, recently presented the community with a handmade hook rug of the official seal of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Rev. Blackie, a retired minister of the PC(USA) and his spouse, the Rev. Jean Blackie, a retired minister of the United Methodist Church have been residents of the Florence Community since May 2024. The Blackies moved to Florence after having served long ministries in churches in Pennsylvania.

The seal of the Presbyterian Church (USA) contains numerous symbols representing the tenets of the church's faith. Symbols include the descending dove, representing the Holy Spirit, the Bible, the pulpit, the baptismal fount, the communion table, the flames of Pentecost, and an embedded triangle, representing the triune nature of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The hook rug occupies a place of honor in the community's Graham-Johnson-McCullough Chapel. The community is deeply appreciative of Rev. Blackie's gift and for the Blackies' presence among them.

## Clinton



Home is where the heart-shaped wreath is. Gwen Warner shows her finished wreath project during a craft class.



Loren and Eddie Taylor enjoy a wonderfully sweet Valentine's Day with chocolate covered strawberries and harp music during the Valentine Social.



Joan and Strut Murdoch are like two peas in a pod on Valentine's Day.



"Lucky me, I've got you," says Dianne and Don Cardell as they celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Below: Dot Daniel and Anne Pitts enjoy green vibes and good times during the St. Patrick's Day Social.





As a founder of the Presbyterian College student volunteer services, Jane Presseau (left) chats with students following a special afternoon of visits and fun games.



Left: Trudy White enjoys spring sunshine and a greenhouse glow during a plant sale outing at Clinton High School.

Anna Hull dresses too cute to pinch during the St. Patrick's Day Social.



Easter bunnies Brittany Griffin, Jennifer Harris and Keisha Whitener of the Life Enrichment Department gear up for the community's annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Somebunny had a great hunt! Shanna Jones and Laura Ashley show off a prize egg during the Easter Egg Hunt.



Martha Simmons is hopping into Spring with smiles and sunshine during the annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Anne Pitts helps plant flowers in the raised beds near the mini-golf course.



Jane Presseau adds some extra beauty to the campus during an Earth Day project.



Joan Murdoch helps sow seeds of joy during an Earth Day project.



Shasha Jones (left) and Jennifer Harris (right) present Keisha Whitener, Healthcare Lifestyle Coordinator, with the Employee of the Month Award.





Therapy staff member Megan Adkins assists resident Mary Creighton (above left) while Director of Therapy Nick Vickers works with resident Jane Crawford (above right) during the Clinton Community Fitness Fair. This special event is hosted by the Therapy Department and helps residents discover their overall fitness level and develop a personalized fitness plan.

## Columbia



Rabbi Erik Uriate, Imam Omar Shaheed and Pastor Ellen Skidmore have produced more than 37 episodes of their interfaith podcast, Abraham's Table. Columbia Community residents loved hearing from them about what makes us different – and more importantly <u>not</u> so different – in honor of World Religion Day.



Residents enjoyed learning about West African drumming to celebrate Black History Month.



Residents stay flexible and manage stress in Chair Yoga class.



Local award winning poet Ann Chadwell Humphries (sponsored by SC Humanities) shared a moving and interesting program about how her adult onset blindness has impacted her life and art.



Residents from the Columbia Community and Laurel Crest enjoyed a day trip to Summerville to find the bird sculptures in downtown Summerville.



Columbia staff members enjoy snow day treats: You're SNOW important to us!



Karen Wilson spreads Easter cheer.

A group of residents enjoyed an outing to see Snow White in the movie theater and to try custom popsicles at Morelia Gourmet Paletas, a new shop in Forest Acres.



Carol McDonald and Doris Carver



Linda Brigman



Resident Butch Barnhill selects flowers at a local garden center. He loves to create beautiful garden spaces for the whole community to enjoy.



David Kelley at the movies.



Jeanette Harrison and Nancy Wilson at the movies.



Mary Weaver throws a bocce ball.



Residents and staff cheer at the PCSC Olympics.

## Florence



Maymie Lou Spearman has fun playing the "Human Slot Machine" during Casino Night.



Lu Ussery and Neal Patterson try their hands at blackjack.



Left: Spring is in the air, and Peggy Singletary takes the opportunity to plant some flowers in the garden.

Right:
Ann Drose and
Mary Altman bring
a little springtime
indoors during a
flower arranging
class.



The Great Egg Escape was played as a team-building exercise among the various departments at the Florence Community. Each team had to explore "Farmer Pickle's Field," "The Chicken Coop," Down the Rabbit Hole," and "Mama's Tulip Garden" to gather clues and figure out lock codes to make it to the finish line. Congratulations to the Therapy department for their outstanding teamwork that led them to victory!



Members of the Therapy Department show off their prizes.



Life Enrichment team members Donna George, Chris Hobson and Chelsey Mozingo at the South Carolina Activity Professional Association conference. The team enjoyed the conference's 50s theme while learning new skills and networking with other activity professionals from around the state.

Administrative Assistant Shannon Watts does a craft with residents every month. The "Florence Fancies" have been very creative over the last several months, from decorating flower pots to framing pressed flowers!







Shannon Watts and Jean Blackie



One of the finished products!



Sammy Martin







Residents enjoy playing Penny Pitch – a fun and simple game. Toss a penny onto the marked mat and if your penny lands in a square you claim that prize. Lillian Smith (left) tosses a penny.

Clara Alexander (above) shows off her prizes





Dot Majors and Mary Altman string colorful beads for bracelets in a jewelry making class.



Helen Brown and Dot Johnson play their own version of Scrabble.

## Foothills





Above: Participants in the Bunny Hop 5K.

Left: MaryAnne Stoeppler paints the face of a young particpant.

Right: Children pose with the Easter bunny, while another young hunter enjoys the Easter egg hunt!

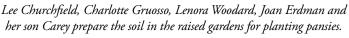


Betsy Hays and the Easter bunny strike a pose.











Nancy and David Kearns are delighted by a shower of colorful bubbles on a sunny Spring day.



Phil Clark and Janet Forbes enjoy the art gallery exhibit.



Resident Kris Dixon with two of her paintings, displayed at the new Foothills Art Gallery.



Residents make their best guess at identifying other resident couples in vintage photographs.



Fifteen Foothills couples shared photos of themselves as sweethearts or newlyweds during the Valentine Day celebration. The challenge: Identify each couple!



Toni Reynolds, Annette Bailine, Mary Coronato and Carol Floriani enjoy the St. Patrick's Day celebration.



Betty Howe



Nancy Gibson dons boxing gloves to build strength and improve mobility during a therapy session.

# Laurel Crest

February is a month about celebrating love and relationships. The annual Friendship Luncheon is a time where we come together to celebrate and honor the friends and neighbors that enrich our lives.



Robin Dean, Mildred Branton, Judy Long and Katherine Hallman at the annual Friendship Luncheon.



Community Life Services Director Chelsea Goodnight with Bruce Duffy.



Ann McConnell celebrating Valentine's Day with a delicious meal.







Residents love when pets come to visit! Honey the golden retriever loved visiting her friends – Barbara Berkowitz, Pat Kohler and Mary Nichols!



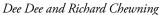
Left: Resident Ann McConnell picking out her treat during a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny and his helper!

Right: Residents Lynne Kirkley and Pat Kohler enjoy their lunch outside on the patio.



Laissez les bons temps rouler! We let the good times roll as well as the dice at the Mardi Gras themed "Betting on the Bayou" Casino Night! Residents enjoyed classic New Orleans cuisine while they played a variety of casino games.







Betty Knoth and her family



Bruce and Diane Duffy



Fred Clas and John Spurgeon bring their good luck to the craps table for casino night.



Dot Rogers showcasing her creativity with spring wreath decorating.



Karen Hellwig is ready for spring with her new door wreaths.







Residents were bursting with joy while they celebrated National Balloon Animal Day with a demonstration and class taught by a professional balloon artist! Lynne Kirkley, Emma Lou Easley and Tommy Gue loved showing off their balloon creations!



### REVAMPED VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Village at Summerville has recently revamped the Volunteer Program, enabling Lifestyle Coordinator team members to offer more activities for residents in all levels of service. We have welcomed volunteers who come multiple times a week and community member groups who come throughout the month to visit residents. Volunteers have assisted in everything from celebrating holidays to calling bingo. It has been wonderful watching relationships form between volunteers and residents.



Charles Barans taking a break from sprucing up the community garden.



Tommie Moessner whips up some deviled cream cheese strawberries in the new cooking club.



### CROQUET COURT

The Village at Summerville is excited about the construction of the official croquet court, which will begin this June! Residents have established a large group of croquet players and continue to welcome anyone who is interested in learning how to play the game or just to simply watch! This game has brought camaraderie amongst both residents and staff, all while adding an opportunity for movement and fun.



Above left: Mary Oliver and Barbara Biller watch as Loren Hagen lines up for the perfect shot.

Above: Ruth Belk in action on the croquet court.



Hazel Berry, Barbara Stroud and Bruce Krucke pose with the Easter Bunny (Kenzie Taylor, Human Resources Director).



Eunice Longsine is all smiles posing with the Easter Bunny!



Susan van Bavel strikes a pose with her rose at the Valentine's Day Lunch.



Leigh Wrenn, Malinda Murchinson and Wilma Bateman were spreading the love of cookies and candy on Valentine's Day to all residents and visitors.



Marjorie Taylor and Susan van Bavel pose together during the International Women's Day Tea.



Kristen Cusack, Lifestyle Coordinator, and resident Christel Platt share a special moment during Christel's birthday celebration.



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