

The Woodcrest Villager

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The Merry Month of May

It seems fitting that the spring is coming very slowly, but surely. Not just because that is how it comes every year, but this year, it's slow, steady progress reminds us of the pandemic predicament we have been in for such a long while. We are seeing signs of opening up and feeling the first warm rays of sun. We have had to be patient with the pace of things and grateful for the mounting improvements. Little by little life is reemerging both literally and fig-



uratively. Woodcrest has been buzzing with the activity of long awaited visits and outings. The robins are feathering their nests in our eaves and the bulbs planted last year are blooming. There are exciting plans being made for a

brand new garden space which will delight all of the senses. Residents have been able to be together in groups that have for so long been distanced. We collaborated all last month to bring to life a vision of springtime and vitality and color in our diorama. The results are a joyful expression and a reward for the patience it took to get us here. Looking back, last May had quite a different tone to it. We are so happy for the warming landscape of this ever changing situation!

Save the Date



May will be warming up and so will our calendars! Here are some highlights to keep an eye out for this month!

5/1– Kentucky Derby Game with Mint Julips

5/2– Easter Chicks come for a visit

5/3– Foot Clinic

5/3– Making May Baskets

5/6 “New London: Then and Now” Exhibit Opens

5/9– Chris Ekblom Mother’s Day Concert

5/18–Grace Rapetti Concert

5/20– Art Appreciation “Fierce Females” by Jane O’neal

5/25–Women’s Tea

5/27– A.I.L.



Mothers Day Brunch and Concert

May brings lots of nice things, warmer weather, flowers, and Mother’s day! To celebrate this year, we are going to have a lovely brunch! We’ll have a nice, light “continental” breakfast to start the day, then we’ll have a



feast at 11:00! The menu will have something for everyone and feature blintzes, mini quiches, lox and bagel, mini lobster rolls, fresh fruit salad and an assortment of pastries! How about something to toast our mothers with? Why not? We’ll have a tasty bellini to

wash it all down. Later on, there’ll be a virtual concert by Chris Ekblom, which will feature songs about mothers and how much we love them! We love our mothers everyday, but let’s make THIS day special!

“New London: Then and Now”-A Photo Exhibit

We so enjoyed all the creative outpourings from the local school kids on our wall last month. “Art Through the Ages was a complete success, but we are changing things up this month! We will look into the past and rediscover our town with a new perspective! The New London Archives has generously loaned us a



Top: Whipple House circa 1910

Below: Present Day Woodcrest Village

collection of photos of “old” New London juxtaposed with the same buildings in the present day. Familiar landmarks will reveal their past forms as the long history of our little New England town is explored. Please join us for this glance back to yesterday. There will be an opening celebration on May 6th in the Community room at 3:30.

Jane O’neal brings Art Appreciation



Art educator Jane O’neal has been to Woodcrest several times. She always brings her immense knowledge and stimulating conversation. She and her company, Culturally Curious, seek to engage audiences in meaningful and interesting discussion about great art and the artists behind it.



This time around, she’ll be featuring “Fierce Females.” This talk highlights the work of incredible women who have broken the mold and the art that they created. Don’t miss this fascinating talk on the big screen on May 20th!

A Few Little Notes

*A Very Happy
Birthday to;*

*Anne McNamara
5/12*

*Polly Roos
5/13*

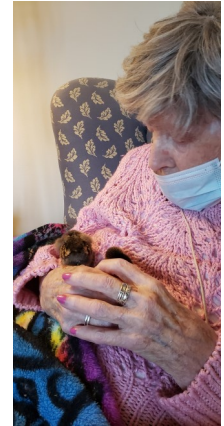
*Dorothy Sweeney
5/25*

*Paula Ritter
5/25*

*Mary Teach
5/28*



Last month, at Easter, we were visited by a little clutch of spring chicks and it was delightful! This month, the little ones will be back for a visit! Come see how much they've grown right after chapel, in the Community Room on Sunday, May 2nd!



Also...

May's calendar contains the debut of an all new activity. "Delicious Demonstrations" will showcase an elaborate recipe demonstrated cooking show style. Come join us, and enjoy sitting back with a cup of tea, and see what delectable dish is demonstrated. The tasty creations will be ready just in time to be sampled at the noon meal!