

**A Very
Happy
Birthday!**



Jean Knowlton, 1/20



Kent Woodger, 1/28



Gordon Marshall,
1/30

The Woodcrest Villager

A NEWSLETTER FOR WOODCREST VILLAGE
RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

JANUARY 2024

It's 2024 Happy New Year!

Residents gathered at Waldo's Pub to ring in the New Year with great friends, great food, and great times. There were many toasts to a happy and healthy new year ending in a group sing-a-long of Auld Lang Syne.

*"Here's to a bright New Year and a fond farewell to the old;
here's to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories
that we hold."—Anonymous*



JANUARY Activities & Events

Start off 2024 resolving to participate in more of the many activities offered here at Woodcrest Village.

- ♦ Morning Exercises Weekdays at 10:00am
- ♦ Men's Group Wednesdays at 9:00am
- ♦ Knitting Group Thursdays at 1:30pm
- ♦ Flower Arranging Fridays at 10:00am

1/5- National Bird Day. Check out the Cornell Live Bird Cam in the Activity Room

1/8- Sing-A-Long with Cindy Benson

1/9- Chapel with Pastor Lynn Hubley from Bradford Community Church

1/9- Live Music in the Pub- Gordon Terwilliger plays guitar and sings

1/10- Archie Richards- Classical Piano

1/11- The Art of Storytelling. Visit from Kearsarge Regional High School

1/11- National Hot Toddy Day at Waldo's

1/12- National Hot Tea Day

1/12- Live Music with the Fondtones. Music from the 50s and 60s

1/16- Resident Council Meeting

1/17- East Bay Jazz Band Performs

1/17- Wine and Cheese Wednesday at Waldo's

1/18- Food Committee Meeting

1/19- Easy to Learn Zentangle

1/23- NH Primary

1/24- Storytelling with Rebecca Rule

1/25- The Art of Storytelling- Visit with Kearsarge High School Students

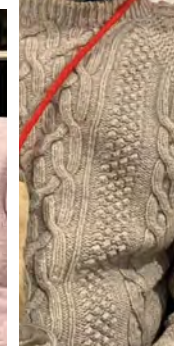
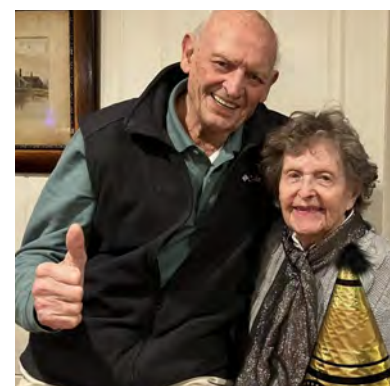
1/25- Music with Frank Kelecyc

1/26- Snowflake Scavenger Hunt

1/30- Memorial Gathering

1/30- Live Comedy Hour with special guest Jody Sloane

Ring in 2024!





One Stitch at a Time: The Community Knitting Circle at Woodcrest Village

Woodcrest Village is more than just a place to live. It's a vibrant community where residents come together to share laughter, companionship, and a love for crafting. Among the many activities offered at Woodcrest, the community knitting circle has emerged as a beacon of connection and creativity.

Every Thursday afternoon, the front of the house at Woodcrest Village transforms into a haven for knitters of all skill levels. Residents of the greater New London community join residents of Woodcrest to share stories, offer assistance, lend a friendly ear, and knit hats for our neighbors who need them. Each project reflects the unique personality and skill of its creator.

The circle welcomes everyone, regardless of experience. Those new to the craft find support and guidance from seasoned knitters, who patiently share their knowledge and expertise. Whether it's mastering the basic knit stitch or tackling a complex pattern, the circle fosters a sense of accomplishment and joy in learning.

But the benefits of the knitting circle extend far beyond the realm of yarn and needles. It provides a valuable opportunity for residents to socialize, build friendships, and combat loneliness. For many, it's a chance to reminisce about past projects, share crafting tips, and simply enjoy the company of like-minded individuals.

The circle also serves as a platform for giving back. Knitters donate their creations to the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Food Pantry, bringing warmth and comfort to those in need. This act of kindness strengthens the bond between the residents and the wider community, fostering a sense of purpose and belonging.

"We have covered hundreds of heads with our 'Woodcrest Hats' and in the process, we have warmed many hearts, thoroughly enjoyed each other, and learned together as a community of crafters," says New London resident and longtime knitting circle member Gwen Dunn.

Woodcrest Village's knitting circle is a testament to the power of shared creativity and community. It's a reminder that regardless of age or ability, everyone has the potential to learn, grow, and connect with others. As the needles continue to click and the yarn transforms into beautiful creations, the circle weaves a tapestry of friendship and joy, enriching the lives of residents and inspiring others along the way.

The knitting circle at Woodcrest Village is a shining example of how a simple activity can have a profound impact on individuals and communities. It's a reminder that the human spirit thrives on connection, purpose, and the joy of creating something beautiful, one stitch at a time.

—Sean Gillery, Director of Community Relations

December Merriment!

December brought festive cheer and community spirit to a beautifully decorated Woodcrest Village with a delightful lineup of holiday events. Talented young musicians from Suzuki Strings filled the halls with the joyful sounds of the season. The New London Barn Players brought laughter and spirit with their captivating performance. And a special visit from Santa Claus spread holiday magic and warmed the hearts of all residents. These events fostered a sense of seasonal spirit and togetherness, making December a truly special month for everyone at Woodcrest.



Woodcrest Team

