

<u>April 2021</u>

Calling All Artists!



This April, Dirigo Pines has been invited to participate in a unique art creation and exchange opportunity entitled, "Going Postal." Art Education students from the University of Maine at Orono are facilitating this project between Dirigo Pines and Orono High School's Gifted and Talented art students. Interested residents would be paired (like pen pals) with OHS students. This project

would involve exchanges of small pieces of art, made of any type of media, between the high school students and Dirigo Pines residents on the theme of changes in their environments through the pandemic.

"Environment" will be defined by each participant. It could be in their Dirigo Neighborhood, Orono, their homes, or something else. The only restrictions to the project other than size are that all projects must be safe/non-toxic and stable. Dirigo Pines will provide basic art supplies for this project, but the sky is the limit for resident creativity and additions that can be made!

No direct, in-person contact between UMaine, OHS, or Dirigo Pines will occur. More information will be forthcoming for those interested! If you would like to participate, please contact Life Enrichment by Wednesday, April 7.

Welcome to the Family

Our story is yours. We grow older and wiser but are sure to never lose the spark that started it all. Grace Management Continues to evolve, and we're ever more dedicated to nurturing our company and our team to be healthy contributors to communities across the U.S. Delivering exceptional living experiences, we can focus on the big issues that concern the daily lives of our residents-from healthcare and finances to overall quality of life-while never losing sight of the details that matter most: the connections we make along the way.

New Leadership

Jenna Biehn | Sales Counselor Juliette Moon | Business Office Manager

March New Residents

Steve Hohenstein Frank Dubay

Monthly News

April showers bring May flowers! As we head into this typically rainy season that ushers in a season change here in Maine, you may also notice some changes around Dirigo Pines. We have some new faces, new event times, and new technology for the Concierge check in area. Preparation for growth and new beginnings is underway! Thank you for all of your suggestions in the suggestion boxes. Many of these have been incorporated right into this month's activity calendar. Keep your suggestions coming and we'll continue to incorporate your feedback. A few of the events of note this month are:

Saturday, April 3 | Egg Hunt

Colorful Easter eggs will be hidden both indoors and out and there will be eggs on every neighborhood for the residents there to find. Outdoors eggs are primarly intended for our cottage residents, but it's a good excuse to get out and stretch your legs in the fresh air. Happy hunting!

Wednesday, April 7 -| Virtual Maple Sugar Shack Tour & Social

Penobscot and Kenduskeag residents are invited to join us in the KGP at 1:00 PM for a virtual tour, of a Maine sugar shack, maple syrup discussion, and a maple treat! Meadowbrook residents are invited to the Meadowbrook Living Room at 3:00 PM for a virtual tour, trivia, and a maple treat. See you there!

Friday, April 9 | Special Movie: Gone with the Wind

We interrupt our Friday documentary with a special showing of Gone with the Wind! Join us in the KGP at 10:00 AM to watch the first part of the film. We will break for intermission over lunch time and will resume the second half at 1:00 PM Popcorn and refreshments will be served for both parts.

Friday, April 9 - Sunday, April 11 | Art with Agnes Artist Show

Check out the art work created by Dirigo Pines resident and associate participants from Art with Agnes! All artwork will be on display in the KGP Friday evening through Monday morning (8:00 AM).

Check your calendars, the TV's, and our bulletin boards for more fun throughout the month!

TIME CHANGE

Please note, there is a shift in most film showing times beginning on Monday, April 5. Most of the afternoon Movie Matinees have been moved to 7:00 PM. This change is twofold in reasoning. Firstly, it allows your Life Enrichment Team more flexibility in providing programs and activities for your participation. Secondly it offers an evening activity option to you the resident. All Theatre Thursday events will still be hosted at 1:00 PM on Thursdays due to their length.

Crafts with Suzy

- **April 4 -** Easter Coloring & Tea Party - PMR
 - Meadowbrook Coloring Club - MDR
- April 11 Kenduskeag & Penobscot Coloring Club - PMR
- April 18 Birdhouse Beauty MDR
- April 25 Agate Coasters PMR

Earth Day

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April Birthdays

4 - Elizabeth Calkins
5 - Mary Vesta Martins Scott
6 - Earline Leville
6 - Dick Webster
9 - Eliza Joan Hubbard
9 - Lynn Parsons
9 - Sam Sides
9 - Roberta Thomas
10 - Sarah Clark
12 - Merrill Milham
13 - Joyce Harris
16 - Evelyn Dow
16 - Rita Stimpson
17 - Angela Joyce
22 - Oral Applegate
22 - Anne Grucza
24 - Robert O'Keefe
25 - Kathleen Healy
27 - Ruby Fowler

27 - Eileen Troth



Spotlight Employee

When I [Elizabeth] think of this associate, I can only smile and think of the <u>Oliver!</u> song, "Consider Yourself," that willingness to invite those around her to sings (with gusto),

Consider yourself at home. Consider yourself one of the family. We've taken to you so strong, It's clear we're going to get along. Consider yourself well in. Consider yourself part of the furniture. There isn't a lot to spare. Who cares? What ever we've got we Molly King's ever present smile, gusto for making Dirigo Pines truly home, and settle in, to become part of the furniture and fabric of Dirigo Pines are just a few things that make her a stand out associate.

Molly has been part of the Dirigo Pines family for a little over 5 years and is a Server on the Dining Services team. She can usually be found crafting/creating in both her free time at work and at home.

Molly, you rock! Consider yourself one of the family!

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