



St. Mary's WOODS

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Purely Painting

Anne Burnley's Creative Work on Display

For a very long time, resident Anne Burnley has desired to feature her creative works in her own show. This dream became reality in February, when her dual exhibits—"Purely Painting" and "Face It"—filled the St. Mary's Woods Gallery. The works are ones that she submitted when completing her Master's Thesis at Virginia Commonwealth University in 2009.

A special opening reception was held with friends and guests in our Community Room, while they enjoyed drinks, cookies, and time with the artist. Anne, who works in acrylic paint, Prismacolor pencils, mixed media, pen ink, and an emulsion-transfer method, was thrilled to unveil her exquisite works during the show. We were thrilled to have such talent and creativity on display, and we thank Anne for sharing her beautiful works with us!



Anne with her friend and fellow artist Scott Adams, whose artwork will also be on display in our gallery this season.



Anne Burnley alongside her art with Life Enrichment team members Michelle Odom and Curtis Sutphin in the St. Mary's Woods Community Room Gallery Opening.





Showstoppers!

The Woodsy Players have been back on the stage! *CLueLESS: A Not-So-Ordinary Dinner Party* was an exaggerated, murder-mystery comedy that had us in stitches. Spoiler alert! The quirky play put a twist on the typical “whodunnit” theme. The dead character was—surprise!—simply asleep. *Bed-and-Breakfast* was a relatable comedy/drama about a husband and wife who dive into the hospitality business after their son leaves for college. Both plays were a hit and we can’t wait to see what they come up with next!



John Hendricks and Judy Severson are having much fun at the performance.



Michelle Odom as “Mrs. Matthews” in *Bed-and-Breakfast*



Our seasoned actors—Marcie Gillespie, Judy Severson, Peter Kuester, and John Hendricks—were the stars of the shows. Behind the scenes, Life Enrichment Team members Michelle Odom, Mary Wood, and Evelyn Schulman (shown in top photo) helped it all come together.



The CSM Community Family

At right: The family of Paul and Murielle Caron. Below: Ruth Combs and her family.



Dietary team members Jacqueline Mack and Kelly Lawson.



St. Mary's Woods Board Member Louise Hartz beside resident Joe Borzelleca.

From left: residents Midge Main, Rita Hareza, and Sara Neblett also celebrated Rita's birthday and enjoyed time with Rita's son and daughter-in-law (standing).



Double the Fun
 What happens when Happy Hour and our family Spaghetti Dinner fall on the same night? You get lots of laughs, full stomachs, and a wonderful "night in." Thank you to everyone who joined us for "An Evening at St. Mary's Woods!"



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Growing Together

The concepts of “community” and “family” can look different for everyone. Sometimes it looks like parents and siblings gathered around the kitchen tables. It can also be the people you work with, day in and day out. Other times, it’s a hodgepodge of friends and neighbors, joined by proximity and love.

Our Garden Club showed how they honor their extended St. Mary’s Woods family by helping neighbors re-pot treasured plants. They treated each plant with gentle hands and tender care, including one that was over 50 years old! We are thankful for how they are nurture not just plants, but also connections and friends.

Elliot Ellentuck, Willo Newton, and Marcie Gillespie flex their green thumbs on planting day. (Below) Mary Mann holds her re-potted plant that was gifted to her by her mother-in-law over five decades ago.



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