



St. Mary's WOODS

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LET'S HEAR IT FOR DADS!

If you know the men of St. Mary's Woods, you know they like to joke, laugh, and eat. That's why our Father's Day breakfast was such a big hit—not only with our dads, but with their families, too. It was a great time to gather around the table with the men who have guided and inspired us. Later that week, a group of our guys continued their Father's Day celebrations at Ford's Garage in Short Pump. The loved the automotive décor and the great burgers and craft beer.



Our group on their way to Ford's Garage.



Above: Peter Kuester with his son, Karl. At left, Van Nobel and his family enjoy the day with love, laughs, and gifts.



Above, from left: Resident Bic Bickerstaff with his visiting cousin, Davis Durrett, and resident Stephen Ford. At right, Paul Caron smiles between his wife, Murielle, and daughter Paula Graham.



Barbara Thornton
and Mary Murphy
(in blue)
show off
their creations.

Artistic Inspirations

Opening Minds through Art—commonly called OMA—is one of several ways that we encourage creativity among our residents. OMA is an award-winning, intergenerational art program designed for seniors and was originally introduced to us by the amazing volunteers at Art for the Journey, whose motto is “Art Heals.” OMA connects residents and trained volunteers (primarily VCU and University of Richmond students and other adults connected to our community) to create one-of-a-kind works. Each abstract art project is designed and tested by the founding institution—Scripps Gerontology at Miami University of Ohio—prior to being used and is based on the work of famous artists such as Rothko, Kandinsky, and Pollock.

Our talented group continues to grow wonderful relationships through OMA while producing an array of masterpieces that are truly impressive. Our residents’ art has been featured in special exhibits hosted by the General Assembly and in other venues. Last year, our very own Barbara Thornton (photographed above) was recognized at a ceremony at the SPAN Center for her outstanding art and for being the longest tenured active OMA artist in the world—simply amazing!

To learn more about this wonderful program, contact the Life Enrichment team.

Volunteer Robin
with resident Mary
George Smith.

At left: Ruth Lucy
shows off her work
beside volunteer
Dianne Simons.
Above, volunteers
and residents chat
as they work
on new paintings.



Mary George Smith (left) and Lee Uhrig.



Ruth Combs and Elliot Ellentuck in their festive summer shades.

Life Enrichment Team members Curtis Sutphin, Mary Good, and Michelle Odom at our annual car show.



Summer Friendship Sightings

What's the point of having fun if you can't do it with your friends? From longtime pals to new neighbors, co-workers, and everything in between, we captured these fabulous groups having a blast at parties, eating ice cream, hanging out on the porch, outside adventures, and more.



Patricia Staub (left) and Valetta Lawton say "cheers!"



From left: Mary Murphy, Nancy Skelton, and Helen Zachwieja cool off with summertime treats.

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Did You Know?

A group of geese is called a gaggle, unless they're in flight. Then they are called a skein, team, or wedge.

DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE!

Have you noticed our miniature residents on the third-floor hallway? Genevieve and Gilbert can be seen at their home just outside of Marcie Gillespie's apartment. The delightful pair are typically dressed in seasonal outfits—many of which are handmade by Marcie. Be sure to look for them and see what festive frocks they're sporting this month!



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