



Huntcliff Harbinger

April 2026

The Mission of the Huntcliff Harbinger is to announce planned events and activities for residents and interested parties. Also included are photographs and stories of resident artwork, club reports, and staff and volunteer recognition. It is written and developed by the editorial staff and its contributors.

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Highlights of April Events

- Atlanta Mandolin Players concert
- Picnic in the Park
- High Museum
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Dr. Doug Radman—climbing Mount Everest
- Concert by Roswell United Methodist Church
- Men participate in a mock trial
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- Volunteer Appreciation Recognition

A Message from Lisa

April is Volunteer Appreciation month! Huntcliff Summit would not be the community it is without all the **resident** volunteers. I continue to be amazed at the time and talent that is shared and fills our monthly activity calendar!

Volunteerism is one of the quiet forces that keeps this community strong. It's the residents who show up simply because they care, and the countless small acts that, together, make a lasting difference. When each of you volunteers, you don't just offer your time--you offer compassion, energy, and hope! Volunteerism builds connections, creates friendships, and fosters a sense of purpose.

Your volunteerism is truly the heart of our community. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to all of you for being an inspiration and filling our community with life and laughter!

Lisa

Activity Summaries

Hal Parker Players: The Hal Parker Players thanks those who attended our March show. You were a great audience, and we felt honored by your enthusiasm. Our March show was dedicated to Hal Parker, the Players' Founder and Director, in whose steps we hope to follow. The Players are currently working on our April show, with rehearsals beginning soon.

Huntcliff Book Club Who can you talk to about that mind-boggling plot twist, that gut-wrenching, unexpected ending or that love of unforgettable characters from beginning to end? The answer: Huntcliff Book Club. It offers just the opportunity for meaningful, insightful discussions as well as some lighthearted fun. CONNECT. Join us this month as we explore "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters. It is an intimate story about the destruction wreaked on a family when their youngest child goes missing. Meet us on Thursday, April 9th in the Veranda at 2:00 p.m. Having read the book is not a requirement for attendance,

Huntcliff Chorus Singers: The next production will honor our grandmas with Hoot-e-Nanny shows on Tuesday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 27, at 1:30 p.m. We also plan to take our show to Huntcliff Assisted Living on Tuesday, June 16. The performances will include folk songs honoring our nannies, from Peter, Paul and Mary, Harry Belafonte, Kingston Trio, Trini Lopez, Willie Nelson, The Animals, Frank Sinatra, Sonny & Cher, John Denver, and the US Military Band. We will be accompanied by banjos, guitars, piano, tambourines and other campfire instruments.

We rehearse in the Essex Room every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Address your suggestions to Janice Liederman.

Huntcliff Men In March the Huntcliff Men's Club hosted a speaker, Tom Dworschak, who talked about the Hubble Telescope and all of space. We also traveled to "Miles Through Time" automotive museum. On April 13th, we will be hosting Dr. Doug Radman, who will speak and answer questions about a trek up Mt. Everest that he made last year. On the 16th the men will have lunch at Ippolito's Restaurant. On the 30th we will be traveling to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to act as a mock jury for the training of prosecutors. On May 4th, we will be hosting Jane Ratliff, a scam victim, who is now on a mission to educate people on how to recognize and avoid being scammed. Other than the lunch, all programs are open to both men and women.

Blackjack Blackjack continues every Monday evening in the Essex Room. Please note the start time has been changed back to 7:00 p.m. If you are not sure how to play, our experienced dealers and cashier will be happy to assist you. We hope to see you there.

Opera: Curtain time is 5:30 in the Veranda, on the third Sunday of the month, for "La Forza Del Destino" (The Force of Destiny) by Guiseppi Verdi. Lovers Leonora and Don Alvaro are planning to elope, since her father, the Marquis of Calatrava, considers Alvaro

unworthy. The Marquis discovers their plan, and during the ensuing confrontation Alvaro's gun discharges accidentally. Leonora's father is killed, and the lovers are forced to separate and flee. Leonora's brother, Don Carlo, vows vengeance for his father's death. He pursues Alvaro for years across Spain and Italy, while Leonora dresses as a hermit and hides in a cave near a monastery. After many accidental encounters, the final confrontation results in Alvaro killing Carlos in a duel; Carlos killing his sister Leonora in his final moments; and Alvaro, having lost his love, facing a lonely life. In some versions of the story, Alvaro commits suicide.

Art Club: March ended with part two of Gershwin, Matisse in Nice and an introduction to an upcoming major exhibition coming to the High Museum. April will bring a two-part series on Frank Sinatra, A Free Woman featuring Niki De St Phalle: Sculptor, Fashion Designer, and Painter Extraordinaire. Note: there will be no program on April 1st. Please check your calendars and elevators for more information or possible changes to the schedule.

Knit and Stitch Club: If you know how to knit and purl or use a crochet hook, please join us on Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. by the fireplace in the first-floor lobby. If you want to learn, stop by and we will be happy to teach you!

CuriosityU Please join us as Huntcliff Summit continues to present CuriosityU, a wide variety of video lectures by college professors on hundreds of different topics. Recent videos have been on The Age of Misinformation, Mount Everest, the Real Story of the Space Race, and the History of Jewish Delis. Future presentations will include Rosa Parks, Ernest Hemingway, American Railroads, and Christmas Movies: Classics, the Best, and the Worst. Each presentation is about 50-60 minutes, followed by a discussion of the material, which lasts only as long as residents are interested in speaking about the topic. CuriosityU videos are presented on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Veranda Room, and each week's topic is posted in advance in the elevators and on the bulletin board.

Brandt Ross Programs: Baseball Stories – The Great Jackie Robinson and Moe Berg (Everyone knows Jackie; but who was Moe Berg?)

“The Sinking of the Titanic” - The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912 in the North Atlantic Ocean- 114 years ago this month. Why are we so consumed by this story and its aftermath?

Bunny's Reading Group-- The group completed Allen Levi's book and enjoyed the discussions about *Theo at Golden*. They are planning on starting *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan. This unique reading group accommodates residents with special needs and those who enjoy having a book read to them. Check it out on Thursday, 1 p.m. at the Library.

April Birthdays

2	Dan Pribilski	18	Robert Price
3	Nancy Arnett	18	Ray Bowyer
4	Bhagwanti Kachoria	20	Ken Klein
9	Evelyn Childers	23	Bob Combs
11	Arlene Coleman	23	Charles Harper
12	Joan Abram	25	Eileen Stone
13	Margaret Johnson	25	Harvey Rosenzweig
15	Muriel Shindler	26	Larry Hunt
16	James Shewmaker	27	Judilee Sterne
		30	Rhoda Fleischer

April Anniversaries

Just one this month: William and Joyce Kratzenberg, on April 13

April Service Anniversaries

1	Claudy Adolphe	Dining Services	29 years
5	Joi Harrison	Housekeeping	3 years
9	Gloria Bautista	Housekeeping	2 years
11	Fatiha Lehkim	Activities	20 years
25	Garisha Torres	Administration	10 years
27	Jalen Roper	Transportation	2 years

Pictures of Serial Killers (just kidding)



Holidays and Special Days in April

The month of April brings together some of the year's most meaningful observances along with fun "national days", far too numerous to be mentioned below.

April 1--April Fools' Day--A day of practical jokes, hoaxes, pranks and fun.

April 1--Passover – Among the most widely celebrated Jewish holidays. it commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Passover, or *Pesach* in Hebrew, is the first holiday observance that is mandated in the Bible. It commemorates the deliverance of the Israelites from over two centuries of Egyptian bondage and recalls their mass exodus from Egypt about 3300 years ago. This makes Passover the oldest holiday observed in the world. It lasts for one week and begins on the 15th day of the month of Nissan in the Hebrew calendar. Nissan is the first month of the Jewish year and marks the "birth" of the Israelites as a nation. This year, Passover begins on April 1. Passover is marked by two major laws in the Bible. First, Jews are required to have a festive meal, called a *Seder*, on the first night of the Holiday. At this meal, family and friends gather and the story of Passover is repeated for everyone. At the meal, a cup of wine is set aside for the prophet Elijah, whose arrival would herald the coming Messianic Age. Second, the eating of food that is leavened (that has risen) is forbidden during the Holiday. This is because the Israelites left Egypt in such a hurry that their bread had no time to rise during the baking process. Therefore, they eat *matzoh*, or unleavened bread, during the Holiday period.

April 3--Good Friday: A solemn day of reflection and prayer for Christians commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus.

April 5--Easter: An important religious observance in the Christian world, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C H R I S T I S R I S E N

Bringing LOVE.....JOY.....HOPE.....LIFE EVERLASTING
Church bells ring; Choirs sing. ALLELUIA!
Just as Nature awakes from its Winter sleep,
Just as the Spring sun begins to shine brightly,
Just as April showers bring flowers that bloom again,
Just as green leaves appear on barren tree branches,
Just as birds tweet and sing,
Just as tender sprouts force their way up through the stubborn soil,
Spring blows a breath of freshness and new life.
So, in Christian beliefs, EASTER celebrates the
Risen Christ, our Lord and Savior,
Who brings new life, a new beginning.
His Resurrection is a constant reminder of His Love
and the promise of Life Everlasting.

REJOICE !!

April 22--Earth Day – An annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

April 24--Arbor Day--Encourage people to plant trees based on the fact that trees support our health and the health of our world.

New Friends



Linda Lieberman moved here from Dunwoody, Georgia. She has three children and seven grandchildren. She worked as a certified public accountant. Her hobbies and interests are dogs, flowers, and painting. Her special memories are her marriages, watching her grandchildren grow, and traveling all over the world.



Lynn Ross' occupation is social worker. Her hobbies and interests are quilting, crafts, cooking, and art. Her special memory is getting her Master's degree in Social Work at Valdosta State University.



Pam Ross moved here from Dothan, Alabama. She worked as an insurance underwriter—especially marine and inland transit. Her interests are her cat, bridge, and art. Her special memories are her children and her career.



Jerome and Carole Rose moved here from Birmingham, Alabama. They have three children and two grandchildren. Jerome worked as an attorney, and Carole as a teacher. Their hobbies and interests are reading, interacting with people, and football.



Ruth Rubin moved here from Pembroke Pines, Florida. She has two children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She worked as an administrative assistant in an accounting firm.



Hal Doshan moved here from Connecticut. He has two children and four grandchildren. He worked as a clinical pharmacologist. His hobbies and interests are tennis and photography. His special memories are being involved in politics, science, and travel.

BOOTH WESTERN ART MUSEUM



The excursion group traveled back to Cartersville, city of museums, on Friday, February 7th. We went to the Booth Western Art Museum, which has galleries displaying incredible sculpture, contemporary and historic paintings, as well as artifacts and objects representing Native American and Cowboy culture.

The Booth Museum is the 2nd largest art museum in Georgia and houses the largest permanent exhibit space for Western art in the world. The paintings of the Western plains were so realistic that you felt as if you could step into the landscape and be part of it. The photos from the exhibit display the uniqueness and diversity of Western art. (Photos)

The group enjoyed a leisurely lunch at the Mellow Mushroom. Afterward, we walked over to the Downtown Gallery, across from the Railroad Station. We were delighted to see our own resident, Fred Ortyl's, photography exhibit. One photo showed a large airplane landing alongside a line-up of Blue Angels, and the other photo was of a long-tailed skipper butterfly on a zinnia flower.

Ice Hockey

On March 11, for the fourth year, 12 intrepid residents, along with Franki and Fatiha, traveled to the Gas South Arena in Gwinnett County to see the Atlanta Gladiators take the ice against the Florida Everblades. We were accompanied by approximately 8,000 middle school students from the surrounding area on Education Day. The exciting game ended with a 4-1 win for the home Gladiators, leaving them in third place in the ECHL conference standings.

PULLMAN YARDS....SERIAL KILLER EXHIBIT

A group of adventurous ladies went to a unique and unusual exhibit at the Pullman Yards on Friday the 13th called, "*Serial Killer*", *The Original Exhibition World Tour*. It was an immersive, psychological and educational experience with over 2000 real artifacts and profiles of real monsters and most famous-forever criminals. There were 40 rooms or areas to explore evidence, cases and artifacts of 140 plus killers. The crime scenes showed where "chilling clues were uncovered to show the truth behind the murders". You could explore the scientific truths of how real criminal's minds work and learn about the FBI methods for identifying and analyzing the over 2000 artifacts. Exhibits in some of the interactive rooms provided scientific, historical and educational perspectives of the information. Information regarding the psychological profiles of the most famous killers was displayed. There was so much to process with all the information displayed on posters and photos on the walls, as well as the very descriptive exhibits. A lot of time is needed to fully explore the exhibit, but we certainly saw enough. To relax, we had a cozy and casual lunch at Brick & Mortar at the Pullman Yards. Join us for Friday excursions. So much to see and do in Atlanta, AND, we have a good time sharing the experience. See pictures on page 4.