



Huntcliff Harbinger

May 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 May Events

- Cinco de Mayo celebrations
- Trip to World of CocaCola for National CocaCola Day
- “Concert on the Green” on our back patio
- Annual Health Fair

A Message from Lisa

Dear Huntcliff Summit Residents,

On May 27th, we celebrate National Senior Health and Fitness Day! Every day, our Huntcliff Team is committed to supporting you in living a longer, healthier, life!

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Curana Health, a national leader in value-based care for senior living residents, currently operating in 34 states. Curana is dedicated to improving health outcomes and reducing hospitalizations by providing convenient, on-site primary and specialty care services.

Their care model includes:

- **Proactive Care:** Focused on prevention through on-site services, helping reduce unnecessary ER visits and hospitalizations
- **Integrated Services:** A combination of primary care, behavioral health, and telehealth, offering 24/7 provider access
- **Specialized Care Teams:** Physician-led teams that manage chronic conditions with personalized care plans
- **Insurance Support:** Access to Medicare Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans

What this means for you:

- Improved health outcomes through increased preventative care
- Enhanced communication and support, including 24/7 coverage
- Greater access to on-site medical services tailored to senior living needs

Be sure to check the May Activity calendar for the dates and times Curana Health will be visiting our community to introduce their services and answer any questions. We encourage you to stop by the lobby to meet their team and learn more about how they can support you and a healthier lifestyle!

Wishing you a happy and healthy month!

Lisa

Activity Summaries

Hal Parker Players: Join us for lots of fun and laughter when the Hal Parker Players present a new show of comedy sketches on April 23 in the Essex Room. Hope to see you there.

Huntcliff Book Club: Research reveals that reading books has positive effects on the physical and mental health of older individuals and it provides a social outlet which has further positive effects. Reading one book a month is 12 books a year. According to research, that puts you ahead of most Americans. If you are not already a member of the Huntcliff Book Club, join and enrich your life. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Veranda. We will discuss the book, *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall, a passionate, brutal love story with the pulse of a thriller-impossible choices and devastating consequences. Join us.

Huntcliff Chorus Singers: Sunrise Singers Rehearse for Hoot-e-Nanny Shows. More than 40 Huntcliff Singers are rehearsing every Tuesday evening in April and May for several June shows. Performances will include 14 familiar folk songs honoring our Nannies. We're taking lessons from Peter, Paul, and Mary, Harry Belafonte, The Kingston Trio, Willie Nelson, Sonny & Cher, John Denver, and other great artists.

Our sing-a-longs, solos, and duets will be accompanied by Hollie Shaver on the Grand Piano and with banjo, guitar, tambourine and other campfire sounds and voices. Song words and artist videos will be projected on the big screen in the Essex Room. The Huntcliff Singers are managed and directed by Janice Liederman, Ken Klein, and Charlie Cayce.

Huntcliff Men: In March the Huntcliff Men's Club hosted a speaker, Tom Dworschak, who talked about the Hubbell Telescope and all of space. We also traveled to the "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 travelling to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to act as a mock jury for the training of Prosecutors. And finally going into May, on the 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. Hope to see you there.

Opera: Georges Bizet's "Carmen" is a tragic opera about a free-spirited Romani woman, Carmen, whose seduction of a naive soldier, Don Jose, leads to their mutual destruction. Set in Seville, Spain, Carmen lures Jose into abandoning his duty and his fiancé, Micaela, for a life of smuggling. When she leaves him for the bullfighter Escamillo, jealous Jose

kills her. "Carmen" was originally controversial due to its themes of immorality and the murder of the protagonist on stage. Critics were negative and the public indifferent. Sadly, Bizet died suddenly after the 33rd performance, unaware that his work would achieve international acclaim within the next decade. Now, "Carmen" is widely regarded as the bridge between the tradition of "opera comique" and the realism of late 19th-century Italian opera.

Art Club: During the month of May the Huntcliff Art program will present a tour of the Rodin museum in Paris, video of Swan Lake as choreographed by Andre Nureyev and two very special Encore Programs for all to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you all. Please check for any 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: Six Television Shows that Changed the Rules; Mount Rushmore: Fact, Fiction, Reality, Myth; Luxury on the Water: The History (and Future) of Cruising; and Courtroom Dramas: The Best Legal Movies and the Stories Behind Them. Future presentations will include: Ernest Hemingway; The Trial of Socrates: Fact, Fiction, Reality, Myth; The Rise and Fall of the British Empire; The Last Days of the Dinosaurs; and The Epic Story of American Railroad. 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 PM in the Veranda Room, and each week's topic is posted in advance in the elevators and on the bulletin board.

Brandt Ross Programs: Mother's Day tribute to exceptional "Moms" .
Memorial day and D-day—with the usual accompaniment.

BUNNY'S READING GROUP:--This unique reading group accommodates residents with special needs and those who enjoy having a book read to them. After a session, there is time to participate in discussions. They are finally hearing *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan. Check it out on Thursday, 1:00 p.m. at the library.

May Birthdays

2	Linda Lieberman	21	Barbara Cochran
4	Doreen Jacobs	22	Sue Taylor
7	Bea Schemer	24	Angie Kempson
11	Merryl Lampert	26	Judy Kleinhaus
15	Ed Appleson	26	Charlie Cayce
16	Candy Croft	26	Gloria Dotson
18	Jan Gibeaut	28	Nancy Schrage
19	Lynn Ross	29	Nelly Vazquez
19	Judy Lebow	30	Ed Murphy
19	Bill Abernathy		

May Anniversaries

24	Jim and Nancy Arnett	29	Sam and Ellen Banov
27	Jim and Linda Boswell		

May Service Anniversaries

1	Melissa Wiest	Administration	3 years
5	Angie Harrell	Housekeeping	3 years
10	Linda Robertson	Housekeeping	2 years
10	Kendra Raffington	Administration	4 years
11	Fedilina Giambrone	Administration	11 years
17	Lisa Schilling	Administration	27 years
23	Leshell Lowery	Security	25 years
29	Marcelo Oakley	Dietary Services	2 years

Error Last Month

Harbinger neglected to report the anniversary of Art and Ruth Schultz on April 16.
Harbinger regrets the error.

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Holidays and Special Days in May

May 10 Mother's Day: In the United States, the modern version of Mother's Day began in the early 20th century at the initiative of Anna Jarvis. She envisioned an intimate day of observance and encouraged the wearing of a white carnation. The custom later changed to wearing a red rose to represent a living mother or a white carnation for a mother who was deceased. Although Jarvis was successful in founding the celebration, she soon became disillusioned because of the commercialization of the holiday. Greeting card companies, florists, and gift shops transformed it into a profit-making venture that Anna Jarvis resented. She filed several lawsuits against entities that used the name "Mother's Day" and even lobbied the government to remove it from the calendar. Her efforts were unsuccessful. Her death in 1948 in no way reduced the popularity or commercialization of the holiday. Mothers' Day continues to be a cherished holiday that honors the extraordinary women--biological mothers, stepmothers, adoptive mothers, grandmothers and other maternal figures--for their sacrifice and unwavering love.

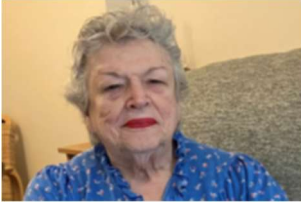
May 16 - Armed Forces Day: Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third day in May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' Armed Forces in times of war and peace. The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950. The theme for the day was "Teamed for Defense," which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government department. Parades, receptions, open houses and air shows were held at the inaugural Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide today and is part of Armed Forces Week.

May 25 – Memorial Day: Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868 to honor soldiers who had died in the Civil War. Many cities and people have claimed to be the first to observe it. In 2022, the National Cemetery Administration, a division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, credited Mary Ann Williams with originating the idea of strewing the graves of Civil War soldiers-- Union and Confederate --with flowers. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

Today's Chuckle

May behaves like a month that just discovered caffeine. It bursts in shouting about sunshine, then immediately forgets what it promised and throws a thunderstorm like a toddler tossing toys. Allergies hold their annual reunion tour, pollen drifts around like it's campaigning for office, and every lawn grows fast enough to qualify as a hostile takeover. Students pretend finals don't exist, adults pretend vacations *do*, and by the end, even the calendar wants a long weekend.

New Friends



Marsha Harris moved here from Greenville, South Carolina. She has two children and two grandchildren. She did office work. Her hobbies and interests are reading, bridge, movies, and theatre. Her special memories are her children, vacation trips, and eleven years in Europe.



Naomi Gerson moved here from Macon, Georgia. She has two children. She worked as a Delta reservationist (when it was a manual process). Her hobbies and interests are flower arranging, Bible study, dogs, and football. Her special memory is designing the house in which she lived for many years.



Margaret Grizio moved here from Hiawasee, Georgia. She has three children and four grandchildren. She was a district manager of World Book. Her hobbies and interests are gardening, reading, meditation, church, walking, and swimming. Her special memories are the birth of her children.



Arch Kennedy moved here from Sandy Springs. He has three children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He worked as a pilot for Delta Airlines. His hobby is keeping up with the news. His favorite thing is his dog. His special memories are meeting his wife and getting certified as a Navy flyer.



Mollie Patterson moved here from Galesburg, Illinois. She has one daughter. Her occupation was teaching registered nurses. Her hobby is creating miniature houses and furniture. Her favorite things are conversing with people and reading.



James and Beverly Clark moved here from Dunwoody. They have two children and four grandchildren. James' occupation was Lutheran pastor, and Beverly's occupation was litigation paralegal. Their hobbies and interests are gardening, birding, woodshop, reading, music, Canasta, fitness, and crafts.

GIBBS GARDENS



Gibbs Gardens in Ball Ground, Georgia features *Seasons of Color* on their 376 acre estate garden. 250 plus acres are artistically landscaped gardens. Throughout the year, 24 garden venues include: six feature gardens, daffodils, manor house gardens, Monet Water Lily garden, Japanese garden and “Le Jardin” color garden.

It was refreshing to see spring fed streams, ponds and lakes. “There is harmony and nature” throughout Gibbs Gardens. On Friday, March 29th, a small Huntcliff group traveled here to walk and hike the paths and hills to view the daffodils, tulips, roses, cherry blossoms, hydrangea, etc. The annuals and perennials displayed exhibited vibrant colors. We relaxed and enjoyed lunch outdoors at the Garden’s Arbor Cafe. The weather was wonderful and complimented the Spring experience. Their gift store features a lovely assortment of gift and souvenir items. If you enjoy the outdoors, enjoy seeing exquisite seasonal flowers, and if walking isn’t an issue, don’t miss the next season’s visit to Gibbs Gardens,

MILES THROUGH TIME AUTO MUSEUM



On Thursday, March 26th, The Men’s Club traveled with a small group of Huntcliff residents to Clarksville, Georgia, to see Miles Through Time Automotive Museum. It featured over 100 years of automotive history on display, including memorabilia, art and unique historical exhibits. It’s the perfect place to visit for car enthusiasts. On view, for example, was a 1967 Mustang FT 500, full size wooden car, 1959 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, BMW’s, Ford model A and T, Dodge, Ferrari, Nash, Chrysler, the Mary Kay Pink Cadillac and many more. Placards on a stand were placed in front of each displayed car explaining its history and what made it memorable. All exhibits were donated or belong to those supporting the museum and its historical preservation mission. There was also a collection of hot wheels and match box cars. The museum is considered a cooperative collection of dozens of supporters.

The group reveled in seeing all the “old” cars. We had lunch at Copper Pot, a local restaurant, and reminisced about our memories and experiences with these cars. The long trip was worth it. The Automotive Museum was housed inside the Vintage Garage Antiques Market, so there was a lot to see. This museum is “Where the Pedal Meets the Road”. The Men’s Group feature excursions open to all Huntcliff residents a few times a year. Check your calendars and don’t miss one of their worthwhile adventures.

PASSOVER MODEL SEDER

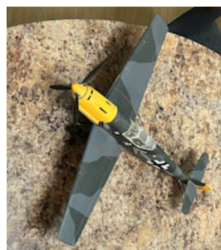
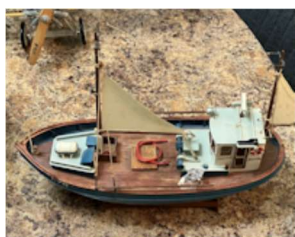


A sincere and appreciative thank you to Huntcliff staff, and Chef Peter and staff, for their extraordinary assistance in making the Passover Model Seder so memorable and delicious. It was held on Tuesday, March 31st when 125 residents filled 24 holiday decorated tables. Bob Bahr very ably conducted the Seder service using an abbreviated version of the Haggadah. Brandt Ross and Jerry Leeson provided musical enhancement.

Each table had a Seder plate adorned with 6 special foods: roasted lamb bone, matzo, parsley, harosis, maror, and an egg. Parsley represents Spring and hope. An egg is a symbol of new life and new beginnings. It is similar to what we are experiencing now at Huntcliff. On the day prior to the luncheon, Monday, March 30th, the ingredients for the holiday dishes were compiled by hard-working and dedicated committee volunteers. They cored and chopped a lot of apples and walnuts, added wine and cinnamon to make the harosis. Haroset symbolizes the mortar that the Jewish people used when they were forced to build brick cities for the Egyptians. Its sweet taste reminds us that even in bitter times, there is good and hope--an important thought to keep in mind these days. Another group beat eggs, another group added dry ingredients to make a batter for another group to roll into 200 matzo balls for the soup. It was exhausting, fun and gave everyone special time together.

When our wine glasses are lifted for holiday blessings we often exclaim, l'chaim "to life"! Here's wishing a good life for all Huntcliffers this year.

LEO SCHOR



Leo has been interested in model airplanes since the age of 5, having been influenced by his older brother. But life happens, as we all know, like working and raising a family with wife Norma (married 71 years!). It wasn't until after retirement that he had time and space available to answer the call of "the smell of the wood".

Early projects included paneling their house and fencing their yard. He created more special-occasion gifts for children, grandchildren and others to count. His beautiful models are painstakingly detailed and technically accurate. Most have been given away due to downsizing, but those favorites that remain include different types of airplanes (even a helicopter), a variety of boats, and a remarkable stagecoach that is displayed on their ledge.

Leo's prolific creative output has been and still is his family's source of connection.