



Huntcliff Harbinger

July 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 July Events

- Patriotic Singalong
- Trivia Contest
- Movie Double Feature
- Tour of Roswell
- Visit Fred Ortyl Exhibit
- Lecture on "How to Avoid a Scam".
- Lecture on third world countries

A Message from Lisa

It's hard to believe we are already approaching the middle of 2026!

This month will bring several projects, including a new HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) for the common areas of our community. I know the past weeks have been a bit challenging, so thank you for your patience while we procured all the necessary equipment to make this happen. I can assure you, cooler days are ahead!

We will also begin replacing the damaged areas of the pool ceiling. Unfortunately, this will require closing the pool while the work is completed. I apologize for the inconvenience as I know several of you enjoy exercising in the pool. We will do everything we can to minimize the downtime and get the pool open again.

We will continue to identify and complete projects throughout our community. It's a never-ending process. We want to continue to provide you with a community you are proud to call home.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these projects, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you a wonderful July!

Lisa

Activity Summaries

Hal Parker Players: We're taking a break in July and August to let our sides recover from all the laughter. Watch us come back in September funnier than ever.

Huntcliff Book Club: During the year 2026, Virtual and Silent book clubs, along with traditional book clubs, are exploding across the United States. Huntcliff is fortunate to have in place a book club that began several years ago, and following a break because of COVID, continues as a platform for residents' camaraderie and lively conversation grounded in a common love for books. Huntcliff residents Dawn Hamer and Kay Hunt took on the club as co-leaders in late 2021 with some twenty participants. Kay has since left Huntcliff to live near her daughter in Maine. However, Dawn continues to diligently lead the group and facilitate monthly discussions. At our July meeting, the group will focus on the New York Times best-seller, *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi. This is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder. Join us on Thursday, July 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the Veranda. Having read the book is not a requirement for attendance, although it is recommended.

Huntcliff Singers: Watch for further information.

Huntcliff Men: Watch for further information.

Blackjack: Blackjack continues every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Essex Room. 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: Curator Sarah Levy's Opera in the Evening happens the third Sunday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Veranda. Please consult the July Activities Calendar to confirm the date.

Sarah's choice for July is "La Sonnambula" (The Sleepwalker) by Vincenzo Bellini. This new Metropolitan Opera production is set in a contemporary rehearsal room where a traditional performance of the opera, set in a Swiss village, is being prepared.

Orphan Amina and wealthy farmer Elviro are lovers, and the population of the Swiss village serves as the chorus. The two lovers are planning to marry the next day when Amina, sleepwalking, innocently falls asleep in another man's room. Elviro, furious and jealous, calls the wedding off. With great difficulty he is finally persuaded of Amina's fidelity, and the entire village can celebrate.

Bellini's score is in the bel canto tradition with a floating, dance-like grace of melodic line.

The phrase "I did not believe you would fade so soon, oh flower" from Amina's final aria is inscribed on Bellini's tomb in the Catania Cathedral in Sicily

Art Program: The Art Program is taking a summer break for June, July, and August, but will be showing encore programs which have been shown over the past two years. Please check your calendars for dates and times. We so enjoyed your support and participation and plan to continue on a regular basis in the fall with new and exciting programs. Have a great summer.

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: Ernest Hemingway; The Rise and Fall of the British Empire; Ballet; Juneteenth; and The Epic Story of American Railroad. Future presentations will include: The Trial of Socrates: Fact, Fiction, Reality, Myth; The Last Days of the Dinosaurs; Oppenheimer and the Birth of the Atomic Age; and 12 Extraordinary Greek Gods and Goddesses. 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: Celebrating our 250th Anniversary and heroes of our Country's founding and building:

Part 1- The War of Independence and stories of some of the heroes of our Country as we fight for our Freedom. Some you know, some you may not know.

Part 2 – Women who went to war: fighting the only way they could and their stories are compelling.

Bunny's Reading Group:-- This unique reading group caters to residents with special needs who enjoy having a book read to them.

There is time to socialize while discussing the current selection. We are currently reading "*Buckeye*" by Patrick Ryan. Don't miss it!

Thursday, 1:00 p.m. at the Library.

Electronic Delivery

If you get Harbinger on paper, we would like you to get it electronically. It is available on the resident's web site, www.huntsumres.org. We also send it by email to everyone for whom we have an email address. Just send your email address to Ray Bowyer at raybowyer@earthlink.net, or put your address in cubby 420. You will get the next issue at the same time it goes to the printer.

July Birthdays

2	William Kratzenberg	17	Judy Brazeman
2	Randy Hampton	18	Melvina Johnson
4	Harriet Sternbach	18	Joan Ziperson
5	Norma Schor	18	Horst Schleicher
5	Larry Greenberg	20	Linda Everett
6	Sandra Bennett	21	Mary Cason
6	Fay Downes	22	Brenda Dorrien
6	Barbara Witte	26	Betty Durkin
8	Diane Green	28	Rosemarie Hosbein
9	Fred Ortyl	28	Evelyn Hahn
12	Nita Hagan	28	Erwin Barrington
12	Lila Nathanson	29	Clare Hoffman
16	Sharon Napshin	29	Betty Davis
17	Dawn Hamer		

July Anniversaries

13	Larry and Betty Hunt	27	Jim and Beverly Clark
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July Service Anniversaries

3	Nicole Freeman	Housekeeping	2 years
16	Mary Bethune	Administration	14 years

Today's Chuckle

July is big, bright, overheated, and behaving exactly like a month that thinks sunscreen is optional: July doesn't just arrive; it *erupts* into the calendar like a firecracker that got ideas above its station. It barges in wearing flip-flops, sunglasses, and the confidence of someone who grills year-round. The heat cranks up so fast your ice cubes file for early retirement. Every day feels like the sun is trying to win an arm-wrestling match with your willpower.

Neighborhoods turn into competitive fireworks leagues, with at least one guy launching rockets on July 2nd "just to test them." Mosquitoes hold their annual buffet, and somehow you're always the entrée. Barbecues multiply, humidity thickens into a personality, and even your shadow looks sweaty.

By mid-month, you're sunburned, overhydrated, and pretending you enjoy "summer vibes" while secretly Googling fall décor. July doesn't care. July is here to party, melt everything, and remind you that August is waiting in the wings with a heat advisory and a smirk.

Holidays and Special Days in July

July 4 250th Anniversary in 2026: Independence Day, commonly referred to as the Fourth of July, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 by the Second Continental Congress, declaring that the Thirteen Colonies were no longer subject to or subordinate to British rule. The colonies were free, united and independent states. Written primarily by Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration not only proclaimed America's independence from Great Britain, it also enshrined America's natural rights as the cornerstone of our republic. The first celebration of July 4 took place in 1777 and became an official holiday in 1870 when Congress declared it an unpaid federal holiday. It was changed in 1938 to a paid federal holiday. Across the country, communities and families honor the day with fireworks, patriotic displays, parades, concerts, fairs, picnics, barbecues, political speeches and ceremonies as well as other public and private events. Independence Day is not only a day of celebrations, it serves as a reminder of our country's struggles and triumphs over 250 years; it encourages reflection on the democratic principles and values that this nation embodies, and the sacrifices made by generations to assure their perpetuity; and it inspires citizens to make positive contributions to society. "My country, 'tis of thee...."

New Attraction

We are thrilled to announce the opening of ART À LA HUNTCLIFF! This art gallery is dedicated to sharing the remarkable artistic talents of our residents. We invite you to come and celebrate this opening and meet our first featured artist, Mary Wyman, and to join us for a Wine and Cheese Reception. ART À LA HUNTCLIFF Gallery is located on the first-floor lobby next to the bistro. This event will take place on July 7th so please check the July calendar and flyers in the elevators for more information. We are looking forward to sharing this fabulous event with you!

New Friends



Barbara Cochran moved here from Alpharetta, Georgia. She has one son. She was a State Farm agent. Her hobbies and interests are gardening. Her special memories are trips, especially a trip down the Colorado River.



Ed Appleson moved here from Atlanta. His occupation was selling initial public offering stocks. His hobby is golf. His special memories are being drafted by the Atlanta Braves, even though he didn't get selected for the team.

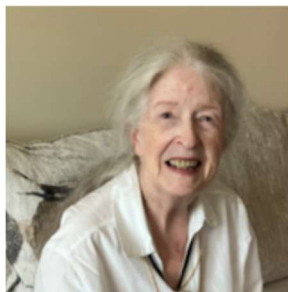


Floy Blustein moved here from Memphis, Tennessee. She has three children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She worked as a real estate appraiser. Her hobbies and interests are investment, exercise, bridge, and watching WNBA. Her special memories are world travel and helping people fix records.



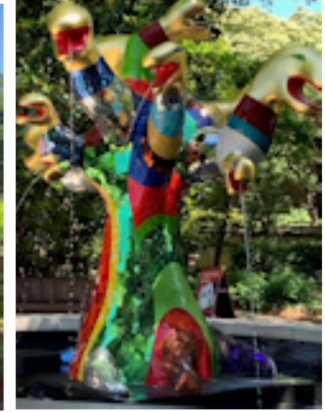
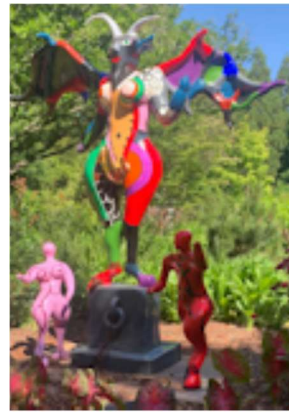
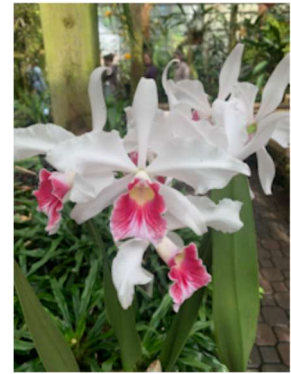
Tom and Martha Knight moved here from Roswell, Georgia. They have three children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Tom's occupation was telephone company management, at Southern Bell, BellSouth, and AT&T. Their hobbies and interests are woodworking, reading, travel, volunteering, and church activities. Martha helped create a book of the history of the Roswell United Methodist Church. Special memories are vacations at a lake and scouting.

James and Randy Hampton moved here from St. Augustine, Florida. James worked in sales, and Randy was a school teacher and realtor. Their favorite activities are antiques and gardening. Their special memories are family births and marriages.



Beverly Dayries moved here from Sandy Springs. She has two children and nine grandchildren. She worked as a secretary for Delta Airlines. Her hobbies and interests are listening to music, books, walking, dancing, and making friends. Her special memories are raising grandchildren and landing in Cuba because of an inflight emergency.

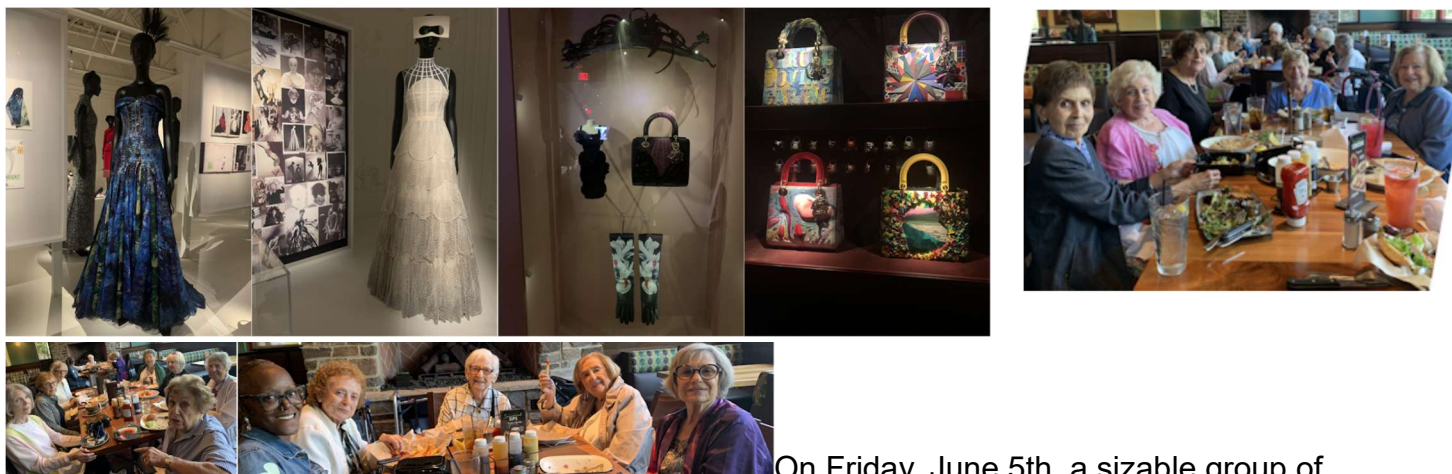
NIKI in the Garden--Atlanta Botanical Garden



Friday, May 15th was a glorious day to visit the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. A “reunion 20 years in the making” featured over 30 of Niki de Saint Phalle’s vibrant sculptures displayed throughout the gardens. This exhibition showcased the Garden’s 50th Anniversary. The Garden had featured the largest exhibit of her work in 2006. The artist built sculptures “that critiqued the roles women were expected to hold in the 20th century”. In 1986 Niki “realized that there was nothing more shocking than joy”. Her art was never quiet. She used bold color, raw emotion and “fearless scale to push back against a minimalist art world that had little room for joy or for woman”. Niki died in 2006 believing that connecting with the natural world was essential to the human spirit.

The Huntcliff ladies enjoyed the beautiful weather, perfect for exploring the outdoors and walking to view the greenery and various gardens on display: Japanese, Rose, Orchid, Rock, Perennial, Edible, etc. and the exciting sculptures along the way. Everyone regrouped and met for lunch at the Greenleaf Restaurant on the premises. It was evident that everyone enjoyed this excursion. Be sure to sign up for the next trip!

DIOR...CRAFTING FASHION at SCAD



On Friday, June 5th, a sizable group of adventurous Huntcliffers went to see DIOR...Crafting Fashion at SCAD, the Museum of Fashion & Film in Atlanta.

Dior was born in Normandy in 1905 and always had an unconditional passion for art. After his family moved to Paris he became fascinated by the avant-garde movement. His silhouettes celebrated the sense of joie de vivre after war weariness. "He revolutionized the codes of elegance and femininity". Dior had dreamed of becoming an architect before running an art gallery, illustrating and becoming a couturier. His visionary work combined memory and creation. More than 100 of historic pieces were presented, several for the first time at SCAD. It was meant to bring into focus the creative vision that celebrated Dior, the Houses's founding designer. "The House of Dior compiled ideas and was a vibrant conversation that is always in the making".

Various designers had headed the House of Dior through the years. So it was interesting to see the collaborative fashion examples on the models. Today the accessorizing process plays an important role. Dior wanted to offer women a complete Dior look. Women who shopped at his boutique were expected to be dressed from top to toe. His unique visions are still evident and widespread today. The couturier realizes what suits the woman. "The garment is not created in the absolute; it must correspond to a desire, an expectation".

The exhibit also provided a contemporary light on the house of Dior's heritage. There were over seven thematic sections offering a different view on how his perspective was formed, passed on and transformed while maintaining his original visions. The models displayed showed how "style and spectacle" meet. The silhouettes worn by the models embodied their looks and became characters in their own right. The Dior Lady Art were handbags designed by 30 emerging young artists influenced by Dior. The couturier clothing, from day time suits to gowns, and fully accessorized head to toe, definitely show Dior's influence on designers.

Famous actors, Rita Hayworth, Ingrid Bergman, Marlene Dietrich, Lauren Bacall wore Dior. Some even demanded he design their costumes as a condition of starring in a film. His creations were seen in over one hundred films by renowned directors. More recently, stars like Natalie Portman, Halle Berry, Lady Gaga, and Jody Foster have appeared on the red carpet wearing his creations.

What a lovely day! After viewing this exquisite and elaborate display of fashion the group headed to lunch. We were warmly greeted by staff at The Lazy Dog Restaurant and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Mark your calendars so you don't miss a Huntcliff excursion.