

Huntcliff Harbinger

October 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 October Events

- Yizkor Service
- Trip to Animal Safari
- Vaccination days at Huntcliff
- "This is Your Life" with Bill and Shirley Abernathy
- Trip to Dahlonega
- A day of music—Atlanta Flute Orchestra and New Horizon Band

A Message from Lisa

I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to complete our survey. Sunrise emails surveys to our new move-in's (45 days after move-in) and on the anniversary date of your residency with us.
Your feedback is an important part of helping us understand what we are doing well and where we can improve. By taking a few minutes to complete the survey, you give us valuable insight into your experiences, needs, and expectations.
Every response matters! Your comments help us identify opportunities for improvement and to acknowledge those team members who are providing great service.
We are not perfect, but we certainly strive for excellence, and your feedback helps guide us towards that.
If your anniversary date is coming up, please be on the lookout for an email from me. If you have recently completed a survey, THANK YOU!

Lisa

Activity Summaries

Hal Parker Players: Our most recent show was September 30, and there will be an all-new show in October. If you are interested in joining us, please contact either Jill Sellers or Lynn McCoy. We hope to see you there.

Huntcliff Book Club: Huntcliff Book Club's selection for its October meeting is *Cannery Row* by the world-renowned novelist, playwright, essayist and short story writer, John Steinbeck, who was the recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1962 for his body of works. Published in 1945, *Cannery Row* is a tough yet charming portrait of people on the margin of society, dependent on one another for both physical and emotional survival. Drawing on his memories of the real inhabitants of Monterey, California, including longtime friend Ed Ricketts, Steinbeck interweaves the stories of his characters in this world where only the fittest survive, to create a novel that is one of his most humorous and heart-felt works. Join us on Thursday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Veranda. Don't miss this lively discussion of the lives of some ordinary people. Having read the book, although recommended, is not a requirement for attendance.

Huntcliff Singers: Our Fall production will begin rehearsals this month. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact our manager, Don Radman.

Opera: Curator Sarah Levy has selected "Turandot" by Giacomo Puccini as the Opera in the Evening for October. You are invited to join her at 5:30 p.m. in the Veranda Sunday October 18. Please verify the date by checking with the flyer in the elevator.

The opera is set in China and follows Prince Calaf, who is running from enemies and concealing his identity. Calaf falls in love with the cruel, cold hearted daughter of the Emperor, Princess Turandot. She has decreed that in order to win her hand in marriage a suitor must solve three riddles, with a wrong answer resulting in his execution. The Unknown Prince passes the test but Turandot refuses to marry him. He offers her a way out: if she is able to guess his name before dawn the next day, he will accept death. Turandot decrees that no one sleep in Peking until his name is discovered.

The next day, after Caleb kisses her in spite of her resistance, Turandot changes her mind and declares that his name is…Love! The crowd rejoices and sings to celebrate the two lovers.

The most famous aria: "Nessun Dorma" - Let no one sleep!" Act 3 Scene 1

Art Program: September videos for the Art Program featured Romare Bearden, Paul Klee, Tony Bennett and Marcel Marceau.

We look forward to seeing you for upcoming presentations in October. A series in Paris at the Louvre, and two new videos to be announced. Please check your calendars for more information

Knit and Stitch Club: The Knit and Stitch Club wishes to thank our co-chair, Pat, for her patience in teaching newcomers who join our group. Come be one of our newcomers. We meet every Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the lobby by the fireplace.

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. 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: Brandt is taking a breather this month. We look forward to his entertaining and informative programs resuming soon.

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. Come to the Library on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. to hear the newest selection.

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.

BOO!



Larry, Dixie and Janet, 4th floor "puzzlers", got an early start getting into the *spirit* of Halloween with the puzzle they worked so diligently to complete. Lots of ghosts and scary creatures. Be sure to look for it on October 31st.

J.U.L.I.E.T. CLUB—





On Tuesday September 15th, the club ladies ventured to Tucker, GA to eat at an old time popular barbecue restaurant. Their slogan is "Put Some South in your Mouth" at OLD HICKORY HOUSE. We sure put a lot of south in our mouth and enjoyed the hearty lunch and excursion.

October Birthdays

1	Natine Rosenzweig	18	Bunny Maron
1	Barbara Fease	19	Bob D'Agostino
5	Lynn McCoy	21	Adele Weinstein
6	Jane Bator	23	Arthur Budd
7	Jackie Pierce	24	George Bobinski
8	Leo Schor	25	Ron Kolze
11	Ruth Deason	27	Suzie Shewmaker
13	Mollie Patterson	28	Gale Nagao
14	Peter Caldwell	31	Hal Doshan
16	Kathy Cayce		

October Anniversaries

7	George and Carol Gill	23	Clinton and Mary Anne Thompson

October Service Anniversaries

3	Jeffery Roberts	Dietary Services	3 years
30	Twana Green	Housekeeping	30 years

Diner's Club Surprise!





The Diner's Club went to Mashawi Mediterranean Restaurant on Tuesday night, August 25th. The group entered the facility and, lo and behold, our two tables were cheerfully decorated to indicate a *party* was going to take place. SURPRISE…it was a carefully planned milestone birthday celebration for Fatiha. It was a fun evening, with lots of food to share (family style service). Frankie brought the decorations and delicious birthday cake. We were not too full to enjoy the cake and sing a hearty Happy Birthday to Fatiha.

Holidays and Special Days--October 2026

Every day throughout the month of October, there are dozens of happenings worth celebrating and most of them are overlooked. The two most familiar are **Columbus Day** and **Halloween. Columbus Day** is a national holiday in many countries of the Americas and elsewhere, and a federal holiday in the United States. In the United States it officially celebrates the arrival of Columbus in the Americas on October 12, 1492. Columbus was looking for India and China, to establish a trade route; instead, he arrived in the Bahamas. The first Columbus Day celebration took place on October 12, 1792, in New York. Legislation to make Columbus Day a federal holiday was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on June 28, 1968, to be effective beginning in 1971.The celebration of Columbus Day began to decline at the end of the 20th century. Although many Americans continue to celebrate it, some states do not recognize it, and have replaced it with celebrations of **Indigenous Peoples' Day,** to honor Native Americans and their cultures. Other states celebrate both on the same day—October 12--or neither.

HALLOWEEN is a well-known holiday observed on October 30, but is not a federal holiday. One theory suggests that many Halloween traditions were influenced by the Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain. Popular activities during observance include trick-or-treating, costume parties, carving pumpkins into jack-0-lanterns, apple bobbing, and bonfires.

In addition , October has plenty of other observances, such as

October 1: Breast Cancer Awareness Day
October 10 : World Mental Health Day
October 17: Sweetest Day
October 26: Make A Difference Day
October 29: National Cat Day
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Understanding American Jewish Archives



On August 17th, Huntcliff resident Lesha Greengus invited Dana Herman, associate director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center, to explain how American Jewish history has been preserved over the past 80 years.

The Archives were founded in 1947 by Dr. Jacob Marcus, Professor of American Jewish History at the Hebrew Union College. The Archives contain extensive collections and original records documenting American Jewish life. Today, researchers from around the world visit the Archives to conduct original research. Marcus believed that a people's history "should be written from the bottom up rather than the top down". At Hebrew Union College, in Cincinnati, Ohio, there are 15,000 feet of unique documentation found nowhere else in the world. It was determined that "a people that is not conscious of its past has no assurance of a future". Ms. Herman's discussion was informative and engaging. We learned about the history of many prominent people. Herman also talked about notable events, achievements and tragedies involving the American Jewish community, documented in materials preserved in the Archives. Do visit their website

http://www.americanjewisharchives.org

New Friends



Patricia Grossman and Vicki Mitchell moved here from Arizona. They have two children and three grandchildren. Patricia worked as a teacher, parts manager, and office manager. Vicki was a medical social worker and director of hospital departments. Their hobbies and interests are music, reading, books, travel, photography, opera, and plays



Clinton and Mary Anne Thompson moved here from Duluth, Georgia. They have one son and three grandchildren. Clinton was an accountant with the Federal government, and Mary Anne was a secretary. Their hobbies and interests are volunteer work and office work. Their special memories are raising their son.



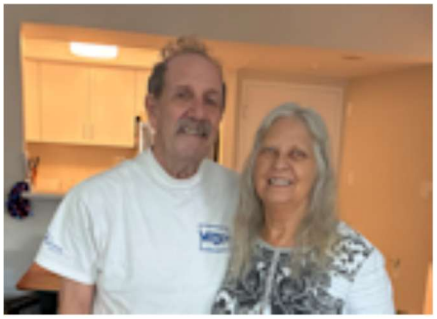
Robert and Marcy Nader moved here from Sandy Springs. They have two children and three grandchildren. Robert was a researcher and program manager for a county health department. Marcy was a librarian. Their hobbies and interests are reading, travel, and theatre. Their favorite memories are taking over 40 cruises, especially a cruise to New Zealand.



Mary Dunn moved here from Blackshear, Georgia. She has two children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She worked as a banker, then changed to being a hair stylist to get more flexible working hours. Her favorite things are shopping, shoes, and jewelry. Her favorite memories are beach vacations and cruising the Virgin Islands.



Joel and Nancy Isenberg moved here from Sandy Springs. They have three children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Joel was a residential realtor; Nancy was a teacher. Their hobbies and interests are movies, eating out, gin rummy, scrabble, and sports. Joel's special memory is having open heart surgery at the age of eight. Special memory for both is watching their family grow.



Mick and Vicki Cohen moved here from West Cobb County, Georgia. They have two children and three grandchildren, with a fourth grandchild on the way. Mick worked in flooring sales, and Vicki worked in retail sales. Their hobbies and interests are woodworking, attending estate sales, walking, watching TV, and working puzzles. Mick grew up in Ohio and Vicki in Long Island, New York, then moved with their families to Florida, where they met.

FERNBANK MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY



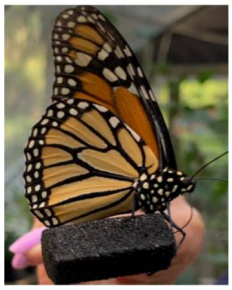




Adventurous Huntcliffers traveled to the Fernbank Museum on August 14th. It is located on 75 acres of protected urban forest. The exhibit featured T-Rex and massive dinosaur skeletons. On display were the actual fossil bones of these creatures. They were quite enormous. One video exhibit portrayed a simulated battle between two dinosaurs. Another video simulated how a baby ball of fluff dinosaur grew to adulthood. “Call of the Dolphins” was shown in the theater. It was pointed out that people have had an affinity and curiosity for these mammals for a long time. Two famous movies, Jurassic World and Fantasia, incorrectly showed the T-Rex with its tail down. It was explained that this was not possible because the tail has to be up in order to support the weight of its head and body. This was a most interesting and fascinating exhibit. Afterwards, hearty pizzas were enjoyed at Athens Greek House in Decatur.

CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER






Nature enthusiasts eagerly boarded the bus to go to the Chattahoochee Nature Center. It was a special occasion because they were celebrating their 50th year anniversary. The group was fortunate to have Sue Waite from Huntcliff as our guide. She has been a volunteer at the center for many years. We walked on the trail to the Butterfly Encounter Tent which is only open from June to August. Everyone who enters the tent is provided a sugar-flavored sponge stick to attract the butterflies. The butterfly’s wing colors were unique in colors and designs and quite beautiful. The Nature trail had enclosed housing of Georgia’s native birds of prey. It was interesting to see the different species of owls, hawks, and eagles. In a fenced area, a gigantic Eagle glided to a tree and spread its wings. It was majestic and breathtaking to see. At the “to explore your interests” area, we learned how native animals made their home. There were turtles, owls, snakes, beaver and fish to observe. Sue showed us preserved feet, skulls, and mouths which helped us understand how the differences in the body parts helped them to survive. You could hear birds calling and there was a map showing the different native birds and the unique calls they make. We also saw native shrubbery and trees outside. Lunch was at The Diner, which everyone enjoyed. On August 28th, the day ended on a very satisfying note.

ART À LA HUNTCLIFF!

Meet Erwin Barrington – Our Featured Artist



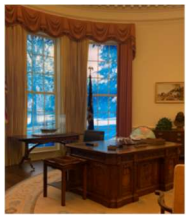


Erwin's interest in photography began while he was a dentist because of the need to take pictures to document cases. These were slides that were used during lectures at the University and at dental groups and meetings.

He retired from dentistry in 2000 and was lucky enough to win a raffle to a workshop from a photographic company called *Nature Workshops*. When he started, he was using film and it was fun exploring all the ways film could be used in nature photography..In 2005, he had his first encounter with digital photography at a workshop in Mexico and a whole new world opened up for him! Over the years, he went to about 20 more workshops from *Nature Workshops,* which included, six trips to Alaska and two trips to Iceland and others to many National Parks! Since another interest of Erwin's was gardening, especially roses, he did a lot of flower and rose photography. Wanting to get better at improving the looks of his photos, he took three to four courses in California with a Photoshop expert, George Lepp. Thus began his love of Photoshop, which allows him to optimize and enhance his photos. This love has continued to this day. The addition of AI to Photoshop's repertoire of tools has made it even more fun!

JIMMY CARTER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM













The Jimmy Carter Museum is located on 35 acres of elegant landscaped grounds over-looking downtown Atlanta. There is a Japanese Garden, Rosalynn Carter Rose Garden, reflecting pool and 2 lakes that provide tranquil and scenic views of the downtown Atlanta skyline. The building features permanent and temporary exhibits and traces the life, Presidency and post -White House world of Jimmy Carter. He "went from a small town in rural GA to improving the lives of millions of people around the world". It certainly celebrated the life, presidency and global humanitarian legacy of the 39th U.S. President. The exhibit traced his roots from childhood to death and displayed historic artifacts. On view were the intricate and beautifully crafted gifts from world leaders. It was fascinating to step into the full scale replica of the Oval Office. His favorite desk sign, *The Buck Stops Here,* was on view. Can you imagine 600,000 photographs, 1,500 video recordings, 27 million documents, and 3,700 audio recordings and documents related to Carter's term of office being contained here? It is the only Presidential Library in the Southeast. There was a sentimental display dedicated to his 77 year marriage to the late Rosalynn Carter and features their wedding attire. Later in life, he took up painting and woodworking. His bench and paintings were on exhibit. A most compelling display for history buffs was the Camp David Reproduction. The Camp David Accords in 1978 video explained the high stakes negotiations between President Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The Carters global legacy was immense: massive global health initiatives, worldwide democracy efforts and advocacy for human rights. His well-deserved Nobel Peace Prize was also on display.

After exploring many of the exhibits and videos, the group ate a leisurely lunch at Kitchen at Copenhill, the on-site cafe. On the way out, we perused the Museum Gift Shop which featured books written by President Carter. As a treat afterwards, we joyfully went to Witt's for cooling custard. We headed home with the late President Carter's message, "*How will YOU change the world"* as our food for thought on August 21.