

# Community Happenings

We gladly bid adieu to January, which departed with a roar that left nearly two feet of snow in its wake after pummeling our town with near-hurricane force winds.

The blizzard had little impact inside Decatur House, however, where residents remained well-nourished, warm and safe.

January's milder days saw us paint with artist Sandy Taylor, sing along with Julie Charland and relax with massage and Reiki expert Susan Lee Nolan.

Kate directed several craft projects, notably the painting of miniature bud vases, plus creation of Christmas tree ornaments and valentine wreaths.



This month Kate is launching a unique audio book club, featuring a new title each week. Additionally, she has many new crafts and games planned which are sure to pique residents' interest.

If we need a sure sign that milder weather is approaching, the Red Sox have announced that Feb. 8 will be "Truck Day," when fans gather outside Fenway Park to cheer the caravan of big rigs that will haul equipment to South Florida in preparation of spring training, set to get underway Feb. 17.

—Maureen "Mo," DH Activities Coordinator

## Spotlight: Tom Chadie

Tom is well-traveled, owing to a career in financial sales that often brought him to Europe.

His most memorable trip was a family sojourn to Lebanon — complements of his two adult children, Jessica and Drew. Together, they visited ancestral hometowns of Tom's grandparents.

But it was a cheeky, strong-willed bundle of white fur that had a major — and totally unexpected — impact on Tom's life. "Our biggest fights as a married couple were over a dog," Janet said. "The kids and I wanted one, but he didn't."



When a family friend became ill, Jan agreed to adopt their well-trained, 5-year-old miniature poodle into the Chadies' North Falmouth household.

Ernie (named after Tom's dad) immediately bonded with Tom;

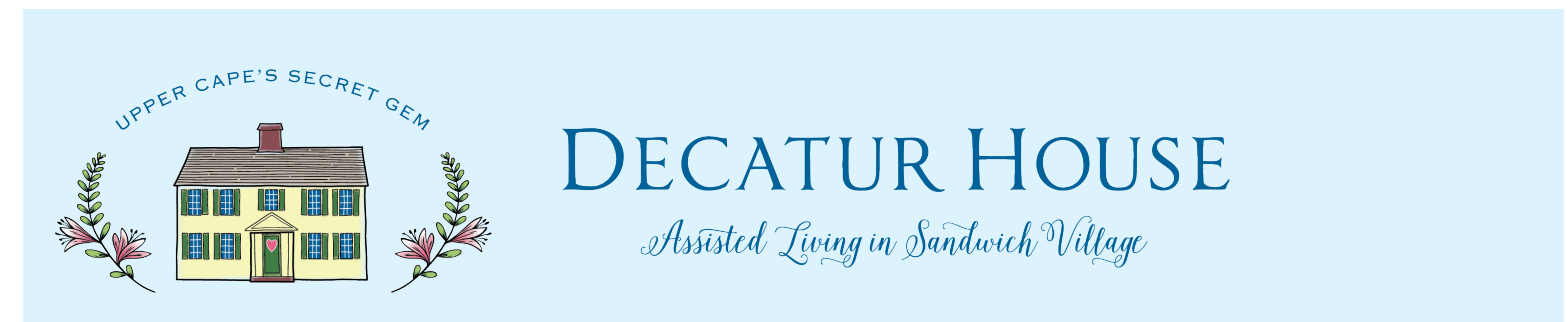
the two became inseparable.

Once entrenched in their home, the formerly obedient Ernie soon transformed into a rascally — albeit loveable — rebel. "We had a strict set of rules," Tom said, grinning. "But he'd just ignore them — he ran the household."

Tom enjoyed 11 ½ years with his beloved pal before losing Ernie to illness. "It was one of the worst days of my life," Tom recalled.

While there will never be another Ernie, Tom and Janet now look forward to welcoming another canine family member into their home.

In the meantime, while Tom has become a popular member of the Decatur House community, we all join in wishing him a speedy return home.



## Around the House

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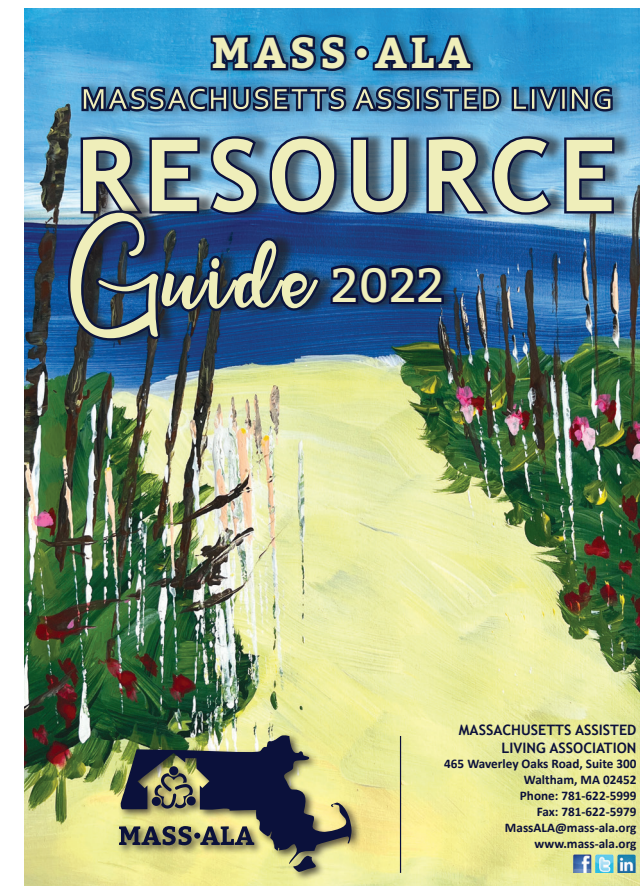
### The Finished Product!

Last month's newsletter featured the announcement that resident Jane Martell's acrylic piece, titled *Unfinished*, was chosen for the cover of MassALA's 2022 Assisted Living Resource Guide.

This month, we bring you the finished product—which we think is pretty awesome.

Jane created the winning entry in a painting class led by Decatur House favorite, artist Wendi C. Smith.

Thank you Wendi and congratulations again to the award-winning artist, Jane!



## COMMUNITY SPOT LIGHT

### Tom Chadie



Not the typical assisted living resident, Tom Chadie is only with us while undergoing intensive therapy following a near-fatal car crash 13 months ago.

Daily visits by Janet -- his wife of 44 years (pictured with Tom, above) -- and many longtime friends help make his grueling therapy regimen a bit more palatable.

An avid reader, Tom is a serious student of history, but also enjoys biographies and crime novels.

A red Sox fan since age 5 — and season ticket-holder since 1986 — Tom recalls going to Fenway Park as a young boy. "I'd ask my mother for 50 cents, then take the Green Line [streetcar] to Fenway — it was a nickel each way," he said. "And there were no cell phones then, so they couldn't call and tell me to come home."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:30 DrumFIT 11:00 High Roller Dice Game  2:00 BINGO 4:00 Pre-Dinner Social <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY CYNTHIA!</b>  Chinese New Year	2 -- Hair Salon Day --  2:00 & 3:00 Scenic Drives 2:00 BINGO 3:15 Crafts with Kate Concierge Service  Groundhog Day	3 10:30 Let's St-re-t-t -t-ch! 11:00 Banagrams  2:00 BINGO  4:00 Afternoon Social Hour	4 10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 Ring Toss  2:00 MUSIC BINGO  4:00 Afternoon Social Hour	5 10:00 "The Rosary" (TV-138)  2:00 Audio Book Club 3:30 "Game Time"
6 9:00 <i>Sunday Morning</i> (CBS TV-channel 4) 10:00 Catholic Mass (TV-138) 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Activity with Kate <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOTTIE!</b>	7 10:30 BINGO  2:00 Monday Movie Matinee 4:00 Afternoon Social Hour	8 10:30 DrumFIT 11:00 High Roller Dice Game  2:00 BINGO  4:00 Afternoon Social Hour	9 -- Hair Salon Day -- 2:00 & 3:00 Scenic Drives 2:00 BINGO 3:15 Crafts with Kate Concierge Service	10 10:30 Let's St-re-t-t -t-ch! 11:00 Banagrams  2:00 BINGO  4:00 Sing-along Social	11 <b>11:00 Matt Browne Sings!</b> 2:00 BINGO 3:30 Root Beer Float Social 4:00 Words-in-a-Word	12 10:00 "The Rosary" (TV-138)  2:00 Audio Book Club 3:30 "Game Time"
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