

Community Happenings



During April, we enjoyed an array of musical entertainment, kicking off with a live performance on the patio by Sandwich Soul, the award-winning show choir from Sandwich High School.

Vocalist-guitarist Julie Charland made a return appearance, and Cape Cod’s Denya Levine entertained us with her vocals and unique ukulele stylings.

Our new activities area, located in the lower level of the addition, is receiving high marks from residents, visitors and staff alike. Dedicated exclusively to activities, the venue is a combination of movie theater, game room, gym, bingo parlor and concert hall. Most of these types of activities are now held in our the new space.

Though many activities are taking place downstairs in the new space, we still gather on the main floor of the house for some events. For instance, Lourana conducts “Name that Tune” contests at the piano in the new addition’s Sunroom. She plays samplings of songs from popular movies and musicals for residents to try and identify.

And coming in May, CNA Drew will resume his popular pre-dinner “Trivia with Drew,” a few afternoons a week, also in the main floor Sunroom.

— Mo Boyce, Activities Coordinator

Spotlight: Jane Martell and Harry the Cat, cont.

Jane’s spirit of adventure was influenced by her dad, who once found cross-country skiing ‘too boring,’ so took up more rigorous downhill skiing instead. Among fellow skiers, he was known as “the silver fox,” she says, with a grin.

Jane enjoys sailing, swimming, yoga, and brisk daily walks around town. “I enjoy any kind of activity, as long as I’m moving my body.”

As for Harry, he is a majestic-looking fellow described by Jane as her “personality cat.” “He gets me up in the morning, by 6 a.m., and then he showers with me,” she said. “He even talks, and carries on conversations.” Indeed, Harry does seem to converse with visitors, in a soft, meowing voice, head tilted, as if expecting a reply. His smoky gray coat will soon disappear though, when he undergoes his seasonal shearing in preparation for summer.

Whatever his hairdo, “Harry has a mind of his own, and wants things his way,” Jane said. “But he’s good company – especially in the pandemic.”

Welcome to Decatur House Jane and Harry!

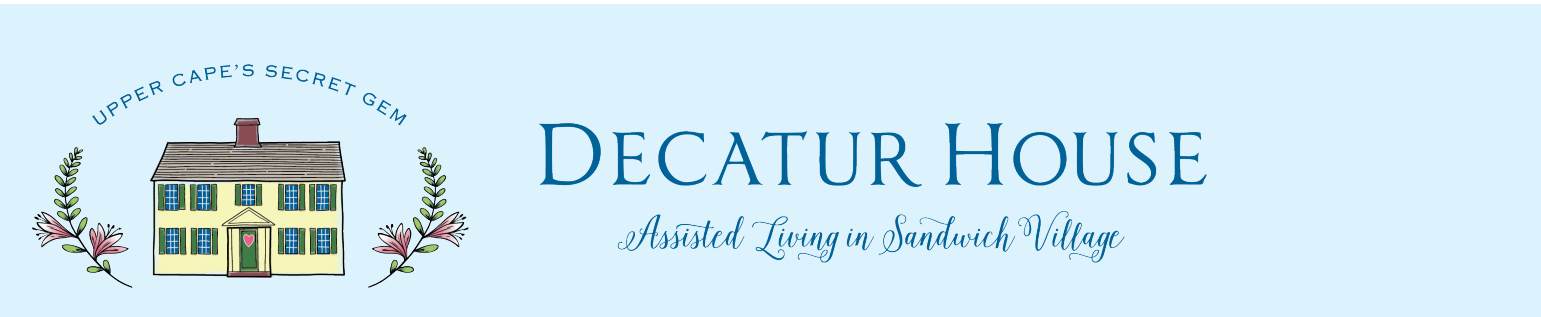
Covid Precautions update, cont.

The CDC recently announced that **fully vaccinated people** are no longer required to wear masks outdoors in small groups of members of same or not-same households as long as they can remain socially-distanced.

However, unvaccinated people are asked to continue to wear masks at all times both indoors and out.

Scheduled-only indoor and outdoor visits continue

Residents may welcome 1 to 2 visitors at a time in their apartments or on the patio. Visits are daily at 10am, 2pm, and 6pm and must be signed up for ahead of time on our website.



Around the House

MAY 2021

News

Setting our Sights Outdoors at Last!



Spring is in full force at Decatur House. Newly planted trees and old favorites about to burst with blooms have made our outdoor spaces both inviting and inspiring.

If you’ve ever experienced the turn of the season at Decatur House you know what to expect in the coming weeks: gorgeous peonies, hostas, hydrangeas, lilies, dogwoods and roses coming to life. If you’ve not before witnessed the annual transformation from winter grays and browns to the ultimate explosion of srpingtime color, pattern, and fragrance—get ready to be amazed!

Covid-Precautions Update

Some restrictions lifted for those fully-vaccinated

Face coverings are still required inside the house during visits, when we’re doing activities together, or traveling throughout the halls. The good news is masks are no longer required when dining and residents are allowed to sit with their friends at meals once again.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Jane Martell and Harry the Cat



Among the welcome additions to Decatur House are resident Jane Martell and her 12-year-old cat, Harry.

A retired teacher with an irrepressible sense of wanderlust, Jane has visited every state in the union, and has trekked many miles on her numerous European walking tours. “An advantage of being a school teacher is you have summers off!” says Jane.

“My first [walking tour] was in Scotland, which I love,” she said. But Nova Scotia (which is, ironically, Latin for ‘New Scotland’) is Jane’s favorite destination because “It’s a fabulous place—like the old Cape Cod.”

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>May 2021</div>						<div>1</div> <div>10:00 The Rosary on Channel 183</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Dean Martin's Celebrity Roasts</div> <div>May Day</div>
<div>2</div> <div>10:00 Catholic Mass (TV - Channel 183)</div> <div>2:30 Sunday Matinee: <i>Breakfast at Tiffany's</i> (Starring Audrey Hepburn)</div>	<div>3</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit</div> <div>11:15 Cards & Word Games</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Words-in-a-Word</div> <div>5:00 Trivia w/Drew</div>	<div>4</div> <div>10:15 Learn Portuguese with Maria!</div> <div>11:00 Toning with Bands</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Bananagrams</div> <div>5:00 Trivia w/Drew</div>	<div>5</div> <div>MANICURES by MIKAELA</div> <div>  Hair Salon Day </div> <div>2:00 & 3:00 Scenic Drives</div> <div>5:00 Trivia w/Drew</div> <div>Concierge Services</div> <div>Cinco de Mayo</div>	<div>6</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit</div> <div>11:15 Remember these ...? (Trivia)</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Card & Word Games</div>	<div>7</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit</div> <div>11:00 BINGO</div> <div>2:30 JULIE CHARLAND A Live Music Performance</div> <div>3:30 Classic Hangman</div> <div>4:30 Friday Social & Trivia</div>	<div>8</div> <div>10:00 The Rosary on Channel 183</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Classic TV Comedy <i>I Love Lucy</i></div>
<div>9</div> <div>10:00 Catholic Mass (TV - Ch. 183)</div> <div>2:30 Movie: <i>Baby Boom</i> (Diane Keaton, Sam Shepard)</div> <div>HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOAN!</div> <div>Mother's Day</div>	<div>10</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit</div> <div>11:15 Cards & Word Games</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Words-in-a-Word</div> <div>5:00 Trivia w/Drew</div> <div>HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALEX!</div>	<div>11</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit</div> <div>11:15 Classic Hangman</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Bananagrams</div> <div>5:00 Trivia w/Drew</div>	<div>12</div> <div>  Hair Salon Day </div> <div>2:00 & 3:00 Scenic Drives</div> <div>5:00 Trivia w/Drew</div> <div>Concierge Services</div>	<div>13</div> <div>10:15 Sit & Be Fit</div> <div>11:00 POKENO</div> <div>3:00 Denya Levine A Live Music Performance</div> <div>4:15 Card & Word Games</div>	<div>14</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit</div> <div>11:15 Ring Toss</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Words-in-a-Word</div> <div>4:30 Friday Social & Trivia</div>	<div>15</div> <div>10:00 The Rosary Channel 183</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Dean Martin's Celebrity Roasts</div> <div>Armed Forces Day</div>
<div>16</div> <div>10:00 Catholic Mass (TV - Channel 183)</div> <div>1:10 Red Sox vs. L.A. Angels</div> <div>2:30 Sunday Matinee: <i>Betty White: 1st Lady of TV</i></div>	<div>17</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit</div> <div>11:15 Cards & Word Games</div> <div>2:00 Scenic Drive</div> <div>3:00 BINGO</div> <div>5:00 Trivia w/Drew</div>	<div>18</div> <div>10:15 Learn Portuguese with Maria!</div> <div>11:00 What's In Your Stars?</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Bananagrams</div> <div>5:00 Trivia w/Drew</div> <div>HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN!</div>	<div>19</div> <div>  Hair Salon Day </div> <div>2:00 Paint with Wend!</div> <div>2:00 & 3:00 Scenic Drives</div> <div>5:00 Trivia w/Drew</div>	<div>20</div> <div>10:30 Sit & Be Fit</div> <div>11:15 Ring Toss</div> <div>2:00 POKENO</div> <div>3:00 Card & Word Games</div>	<div>21</div> <div>10:00 Painting with Lourana!</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Words-in-a-Word</div> <div>4:30 Friday Social & Trivia</div>	<div>22</div> <div>10:00 The Rosary on Channel 183</div> <div>2:00 BINGO</div> <div>3:00 Classic TV Comedy <i>I Love Lucy</i></div>
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