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**THANK YOU** on behalf of our Employees!

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE OVCA PRESIDENT

November 16, 2021



Lee Schlafer

As we approach Thanksgiving, it seems appropriate to reflect on some of the things for which we, as a community, have reason to be grateful.

It will come as no surprise that leading that list is the vaccine. It has permitted us to return -- in small, careful steps -- to a lifestyle that enriches our lives. Everyone, even those who for whatever their reasons are not vaccinated, have benefited because the vaccine has allowed us to sit in this room tonight, attend a district holiday party or perhaps this week's karaoke evening. In the last year, it has changed our lives.

We are also immensely thankful that the golf course situation appears to be moving in the right direction and it is our hope that the concerns carried for many months can be put to rest. On this list of things to appreciate are the wonderful people who live and work at Oronoque Village. We have staff that we know and see daily who care about the

things important to us and do their work diligently to help residents have the best possible life here.

We have an amazing number of residents who spend amazing amounts of their time working on behalf of their fellow residents to make the Village an interesting, fun and happy place to be. It cannot be stressed enough that our community is like a small town, certainly not problem-free, but special because there are so many people, staff and residents alike who care. That is something worthy of thanks.

Speaking of appreciation, I want to mention two specific items. In advance of Veterans Day, Ed and Nan Genga approached Fred and me to ask if they could collect the names of veterans in the Village to honor them on Nov. 11.

They were given the OK with the result that they put together a beautiful tribute that I hope the Village will do every year. More than 60 names were collected and Nan wrote a lovely Veterans Day greeting. (This list of names appears on page 18 of this publication.)

With the help of Carol King, the tribute appeared on Channel 591 and went out as an eblast. Many of you, no doubt, saw Ed and Nan sitting near the tennis and pickleball courts by the banner and flag display they personally provided. I know this effort was appreciated, not just by the veterans it honored, but by many others in Oronoque Village. Thank you, Ed and Nan.

The second item is a reminder to all Villagers of the Employee Appreciation Fund. I hope you took the time to read The Villager article, prepared by Barbara Minoff, about the history of the fund and how meaningful it is to our staff. I echo the message it sent to all residents. This is the one time of the year we have to recognize our employees. Please participate. Whatever you are able to do will be valued and appreciated.

I had committed, more than a year ago, to having a presentation on the Preventative Maintenance Program prepared for the benefit of residents so they would have a better understanding of the process followed for the siding replacement and painting of our units. This was done and it was delivered by Fred and Mark at the Annual Meeting, held on Zoom in September. That presentation was a first step in a process to examine our procedures in-depth.

To that end, an Ad Hoc Committee has been established for the purpose of evaluating the current program and considering possible alternatives that could be implemented in both the long and short term. There was a preliminary meeting held in October and a full meeting held recently in November. The members of the committee, in addition to Fred and Mark, are Jim Manzolli, Norm Crosby, Roy Drexler and Arnold Gans, who is the chairperson. The work of the committee will result in recommendations that will be considered during the budget process this year and for future budgets. I anticipate that when the committee is



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# CALL FOR ART

## CALL FOR ART - JANUARY 4, 2022 AT THE SOUTH CLUBHOUSE

Hello Artists! The OV Arts Guild's winter art show will be installed on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022.

The theme of the show is "The Eyes Have It." Be as creative as you wish with the theme...we're flexible! A portrait would be perfect, but if you don't have one, how about a cockeyed painting or something in nature that looks like eyes (think peacock feathers). Name your artwork to make it fit...birdseye view, a sight for sore eyes or an eye-ful of something. You get the idea.

Bring one or two pieces of artwork to the SCB front card room on Jan. 4 between 10 and 11 a.m. Be sure your

work is securely wired across the back. This show is open to all mediums; there are pedestals available for three-dimensional artwork.

If you have questions or need a special arrangement for getting your artwork to SCB, contact Barbara Stewart at 203-612-1373 or barbsmt@yahoo.com.

The reception for this show is on Sunday, Jan. 16, 4 p.m. at SCB.

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*Submitted by Barbara Stewart*

finished with its work, the results will be shared with the entire community.

This past month has been challenging in terms of rolling out the Frontsteps Portal. Unforeseen issues involving portal invitations being rejected by servers or being sent to Spam or Trash folders, have made the registration process very difficult. Walk-in-sessions have been organized and are taking place this week to help any resident who would like assistance with the registration process. This is an effort that will be ongoing and I urge anyone who is not yet registered to contact one of the Portal Pals listed on the OV website, Mary W. von Ziegesar or me. We are working on other issues involving the accuracy of the calendar and revising the reservation process to make it simpler. The Oronoque Village site

is working smoothly. Very favorable comments have been made about its clarity, the fun of using the Realtor.com link and the ability to see Villager ads for events with a simple click.

The OVCA Board passed a motion by a unanimous vote to allow one nonresident guest per unit to attend Village events. Guests are required to provide proof that they have been vaccinated at any events they attend.

As we will not meet in December, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the OVCA Board and the members of its standing committees as well as all Villagers and staff a festive and "feast-full" holiday season and please have a safe and happy new year.

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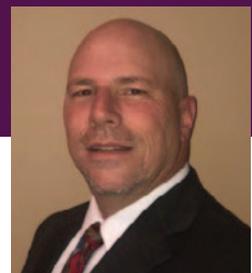
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STERLING HOUSE TOY DRIVE UNDERWAY

Oronoque Village residents are invited to support the Sterling House Community Center 2021 Toy Drive. The drive is on behalf of families in the low- to moderate income bracket. A collection box is located in the front foyer of the North Clubhouse. Toys will be collected through Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.

Gift cards and monetary donations are welcome. The most requested toy items are as follows:

Star Wars Yoda Toys  
DC/Marvel Super Heros  
Blume Doll  
OMH Doll  
"Pop Its" Fidget Toys  
Disney Toys/Games  
Board Games  
Arts & Crafts  
Books & Puzzles  
Baby Dolls

Trolls  
Minecraft Toys  
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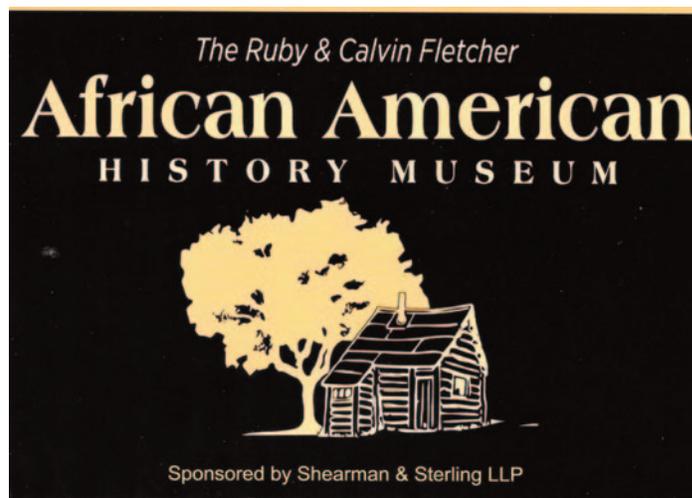
## VISIT THE RUBY & CALVIN FLETCHER AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM

In a creatively restored Colonial-era Stratford home on East Broadway, this new museum, on a small scale, provides a comparable experience to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D. C.

Created and curated by Jeffrey Fletcher, the museum takes a visitor from the West African slave ship passage experience to the United States, on through the Southern states' slave markets, to the cruel realities of plantation life.

Using artifacts, first-hand accounts and government records, the museum continues the visitor experience through the post-reconstruction era of "Jim Crow" laws that limited the rights of citizenship to the hundreds of thousands briefly emancipated slaves. The museum effectively captures the resilience and perseverance of African Americans as they withstand the onslaught of bigotry and hatred. An exhibit displaying the World War II military triumphs achieved by the Tuskegee Airmen and the 1960s Civil Rights movement heroes are two such examples. And, like the sun coming out from behind the clouds, the museum's last exhibit showcases the thousands of African Americans who have contributed to the betterment of U.S. society in the fields of government, aviation, science, education, business and entertainment.

The visitor -- first confronted by the horrors of slavery,



discriminatory laws and overwhelming barriers to equality -- is offered a hopeful vision that "we will overcome."

The museum is located at 952 E. Broadway. For more information and hours of operation, please visit [www.africanamericancollections.com](http://www.africanamericancollections.com) or call 203-843-3102.

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-- Submitted by Myrna Mills Albino and Mary Ellen Boyd

# MAINTENANCE MATTERS

## REMINDERS FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

When Daylight Savings ends and the clocks have been set back by an hour, it also is a good time to do upkeep on your smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors.

It is very important that batteries in these devices are changed annually so that they are in working order when you need them!

### TIPS AND CHECKLIST FOR WINTERIZING YOUR UNIT WHILE AWAY

- \_\_\_ 1. Turn off water main.
- \_\_\_ 2. Turn off outside faucets.
- \_\_\_ 3. Turn off thermostat on water heater, some have the vacation setting.
- \_\_\_ 4. Install a freeze alarm. It will indicate a low or no heat problem.
- \_\_\_ 5. Do not turn your thermostats lower than 55 degrees.
- \_\_\_ 6. Make sure your fireplace damper is closed.
- \_\_\_ 7. Make sure all windows and exterior doors are securely closed.
- \_\_\_ 8. Make sure all interior doors are left open to allow the heat to circulate through the unit.
- \_\_\_ 9. Remove several basement ceiling tiles near out-

side walls to allow some heat to get to the water pipes.

- \_\_\_ 10. If you have someone watching your unit during your absence, please inform the Business Office. It is important to give an emergency contact name and phone number to the Business Office and leave a key that will be kept in our safe.



- \_\_\_ 11. Leave an address and phone number where you will be staying and details about how long you will be away with the Business Office.

- \_\_\_ 12. Unplug electronics, such as televisions, VCR, DVD, computers etc.

- \_\_\_ 13. If you have a high-efficiency furnace, please alert the Business or Maintenance Office before you leave.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Unforeseen problems do occur. This list was created to help snowbirds minimize any damages to the unit and your personal property while you are away.



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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *To ensure accuracy, information submitted to The Villager must be sent via email, to Carol King at [cking@oronoquevillage.com](mailto:cking@oronoquevillage.com). (Submissions must be typed, in upper and lower case.) The deadline to be included in the next issue of The Villager, on Dec. 15 2021, is Dec. 2 at noon.*

## CORNHOLE

Cornhole is played on Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon, at SCB.

## CURRENT EVENTS

- The Current Events Discussion Group meets in SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on Wednesday Dec. 1.

## DOLLCRAFTERS

- Dollcrafters meets at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays in the NCB Library.

## DROP-IN BRIDGE

- Drop-in Bridge takes place on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the NCB Lounge. All levels of bridge players are encouraged to attend; no need to bring a partner. There is no fee to participate. For information, please contact Wendy Swain at 203-386-9125. Proof of vaccination required.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

- The Ladies Bible Study welcomes all resident women. Proof of vaccination is not required, but nonvaccinated ladies must wear masks. There are no fees to join. Purchasing study materials is optional. Meetings are on the second and fourth Fridays in the NCB Board Room from 10:30 to noon (excluding July and August.) Questions? Call Angie McKelvey (203-227-3222) or Tina Vermette (203-375-0291).

## LINE DANCING

- Line dancing classes are held on Wednesdays at NCB. Beginner classes are held at 9:30 a.m., followed by a class for all levels at 10 a.m. No masking is required for anyone who has received the booster or third shot. All others must wear masks.

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## LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS

- Low-impact exercise classes, taught by Renee Zinn, are held at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays at NCB. Bring weights and water. Proof of vaccination is required.

## PING PONG GROUP

- Players of all levels are invited to join this group on the second floor of the South Clubhouse Fridays at 10 a.m. and Mondays at 6 p.m. For information, email Wayne Cotter at [wcotter999@gmail.com](mailto:wcotter999@gmail.com). Proof of vaccination required.

## POOL SOCIAL GROUP

- Anyone who enjoys socializing in and around the pools during the summer is invited to attend a get-together from 4-6 p.m. at SCB on the second Thursday of each month. Come with your favorite appetizer and or beverage (or nothing) for reunions and conversations. Call Sonya at 203-377-1515 for more information.

## QUILTING GROUP

- Village quilters meet at the NCB Card Room on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon.

## TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

- Tea, Talk, and Crafts meets at 1 p.m. on Thursdays next to the kitchen at SCB. Annual dues are \$10. Questions? Call Irene Sanzone at 203-378-2010. Vaccinated members only. Please show proof.

## WRITER'S GROUP

- The Oronoque Village Writer's Group (OVWG) is a group of writers who enjoy the challenges of writing and of sharing their work in a trusted environment. Members commit to attending workshops twice a month in a respectful, supportive and professional environment with hopes of expanding their writing and publishing horizons. Our members include published authors and hobbyists. Our works include essays, memoirs, poems, short stories, treatises, humorous tales, heart-wrenching histories. The group meets on alternate Thursdays at 2 p.m. in the Card Room at SCB. For information about joining, contact Mary von Ziegesar at [MvonZ@optonline.net](mailto:MvonZ@optonline.net) or call 203-767-9760. Proof of vaccination required.



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## SAC NEW RESIDENTS COCKTAIL PARTY

During the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 7, NCB was buzzing with enthusiasm as SAC presented its New Residents Cocktail Party. There were 76 new residents and 44 existing residents in attendance, who mingled and got to know each other. Laughter and good cheer were abundant; it was a joyous occasion as residents finally were able to meet in-person and enjoy each other's company.

There were plenty of appetizers, wine and desserts for all to share. The afternoon gave our attendees an opportunity to share stories of how they all came to Oronoque Village. OV



Photo by Arline Walton

## FUNSEEKERS

The November Funseekers event was a lively affair with master of the mind David Lawrence hypnotizing a group of OV residents and entertaining the large audience.

Kudos to those brave souls who let themselves be subjected to the power of suggestion!

The evening provided attendees with a fun time and an opportunity to see and socialize with friends. OV

— Submitted by Marie Orlowe

## HOUSE AND GARDEN CLUB

The House and Garden event for Nov. 8 was a big success! Expert flower arranger Leona Lane from City Line Florist made three beautiful arrangements that were raffled off to benefit House and Garden Village projects. The turnout was large and everyone stayed for tea, coffee and treats and good conversation.

Pictured, below, (left to right) is our own centerpiece creator extraordinaire, Jackie Freeman, with raffle winners Renee Zinn, Arlene Block, Mary Ann Weaver and House and Garden Club President Ulla Adema. OV

— Text and photo submitted by Arline Walton





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# CALENDAR

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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing (beginners), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing (all levels), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Hadassah Hanukkah Party, NCB
- 5:00 p.m. – District 7 Holiday Gathering, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Book Club, NCB Library
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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 10:00 a.m. – Village Quilters, NCB

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – House Committee Mtg, NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Writer's Group, SCB, C/R
- 7:00 p.m. – Wine Club, NCB

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 10:00 a.m. – Ping Pong Club, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 5:00 p.m. – It's 5 O'clock Somewhere, NCB
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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 7:00 p.m. – Dance Party, SCB

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5: No events scheduled**

## OV SNAPSHOTS

*A tribute to resident veterans, organized by Nan and Ed Genga, was set up outside of the OV tennis courts on Nov. 11, marking the Veterans Day holiday. A list of resident veterans, compiled by the Gengas, appears on page 18.*



*Thanks to Dina Glantz for submitting photos of Ping Pong Club members enjoying their time together.*

*The club meets on Mondays at 6 p.m. and on Fridays at 10 a.m. on the second floor of SCB.*

*Pictured at right (from left) are Dina, Tina Vezzani, Wayne Cotter and Bruce Pollock.*

*At far right, Wayne and Tina engage in a match.*



## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS

During the early morning and evening hours, when visibility is limited, it is imperative that drivers and walkers take precautionary measures while traveling through the Village to guarantee their safety.

### Safety Tips for Pedestrians

- Wear brightly colored clothing or reflective gear that is easily illuminated by a vehicle's headlights.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Face oncoming traffic while traveling.

### Safety Tips for Dog Owners

- To ensure your pet is visible, invest in reflective

dog clothing or dog collar or a reflective leash.

### Safety Tips for Motorists

- Check all vehicle lights to ensure they work properly. This includes headlights, parking lights, turn signals/emergency, flashers, brake lights, tail and marker lights and instrumentation lighting.
- Use the night setting on your rearview mirror to avoid glare from oncoming headlights.
- Drive cautiously. Be alert and watchful for bicyclists and pedestrians on the roads, as well as at crosswalks. They may not see or hear you coming.
- Come to a full stop at all stop signs.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 10:00 a.m. – Cornhole, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 5:00 p.m. – SAC Meeting, NCB, B/R
- 6:00 p.m. – Ping Pong Club, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bulls & Bears, SCB

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 2 Mtg, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing (beginners), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing (all levels), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 4 Mtg, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – District 8 Mtg, NCB

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 4:00 p.m. – Winter Pool Social Grp, SCB
- 5:30 p.m. – District 10 Mtg, NCB

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 10:00 a.m. – Ping Pong Club, SCB

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB, B/R
- 5:00 p.m. – District 6 Mtg, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie: *Queen Bees*, NCB

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11: No events scheduled

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 12:00 p.m. – District 3 Mtg, SCB

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – House & Garden Club Mtg, SCB
- 4:00 p.m. – Maintenance Committee Mtg, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Ping Pong Club, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 9:30 a.m. – Architectural Committee Mtg, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers, SCB

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing (beginners), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing (all levels), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *Queen Bees*, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH: CAROLE GUGLIELMINO

This month, visitors at NCB will enjoy the second showing of works by Carole Guglielmino.

A technology professional by trade, Carole, fortuitously discovered her inner artist during the 1990s.

"I was in-between jobs and decided to take a drawing class at the Art Student League in New York City," she explains. "It was wonderful. I really loved the feeling of creating images on canvas and I met great people."

She was delighted to tap into a previously unrealized talent. "The drawing class was the push I needed," she says. From there, she experimented with a variety of media and pursued painting classes voraciously. "I took watercolor classes, I worked in oil, which I love although it's a bit messy, and then I took a class in pastels, and am now hooked! It's such a rich medium."

She has studied at the Silvermine Guild in New Canaan and the Hillstead Museum in Farmington. Her tutors have included sought-after instructors Frank Bruckmann, Alain Picard, Peter Seltzer and Marla Baggetta.

Her renderings range from realistic still lifes and landscapes to abstract imagery. "I'm loose in my work and am now focusing on more impressionistic pieces," says Carole.

"I really enjoy taking classes and I have met some wonderful students and teachers," she adds. "In fact, at one time I organized a trip with artist friends where we took part in a barge trip in France while painting landscapes."

She also has a skill for sculpting and has created pieces in marble, alabaster and clay. "I have studied with Sara Al-douby, who teaches from her home in Trumbull. She is sensational."

Carole, who previously lived in Seymour, arrived at Oronoque Village in 2018 following the passing of her husband, Phil Hunt.

"I fell in love with the community," she says. "There is such a wonderful richness of activity ... there are clubs, creative opportunities, tennis, golf ... and the people are amazing!"

She quickly became involved with the OV Arts Guild and has participated in several of the shows at Galerie OV. "I am so impressed by the talent and creativity that make up the Galerie OV exhibits," she says. "It is so nice to be part of a community that boasts wonderful writers, artists and musicians."

Carole's day-to-day activities include working from home as an Agile coach for Anthem Insurance. However, she is able to pepper her work week by taking time out in her studio.

"My work life and creative endeavors allow me to use both sides of my brain," she says, laughing. "I am able to do the logical/technical applications of bits and bytes, while also focusing on a hobby that I truly enjoy. It gives me a nice sense of balance."

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## BEYOND THE VILLAGE: HOLIDAY PRODUCTIONS

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" opens on Dec. 3 at Center Stage Theatre Company in Shelton.

Singers Bob Wallace and Phil Davis join sister act Betty and Judy Haynes to perform a Christmas show in rural Vermont. There, they run into General Waverly, the boys' commander in World War II, who is having financial difficulties as his quaint country inn is failing. So what's the foursome to do but plan a fun-filled musical extravaganza that's sure to put Waverly and his business in the black!

Show dates are Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 18 at 8 p.m.; Sundays through Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. The theater is located at 54 Grove St. For information, visit [www.centerstageshelton.org](http://www.centerstageshelton.org) or call 203-225-6079.

Script in Hand reading of "Merry Little Christmas Carol" at the Westport Country Playhouse will offered on Dec. 13.

Based on the timeless tale by Charles Dickens, "A Merry Little Christmas Carol" will transport you back in time before social media, before TV and the movies, when we asked our imaginations to give spirits corporal form. It's a tale perfect for the radio, and through its magic, we bring to life the greatest miser of all time, Ebenezer Scrooge; the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future; and along the way we find the true spirit of Christmas.

To order tickets, visit [westportplayhouse.org](http://westportplayhouse.org), email [boxoffice@westportplayhouse.org](mailto:boxoffice@westportplayhouse.org) or call 203-227-4177.

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## DISTRICT HOLIDAY EVENTS\*

**District 3** Holiday Gathering will take place Sunday, Dec. 12, from noon to 2 p.m., in the South Clubhouse.

**District 4** will hold its Winter Holiday Party on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 6-8 p.m. at SCB. This event is open to all District 4 residents, who may also bring a guest from the Village to enjoy the festivities.

The buffet dinner will consist of three hot entrees, garden salad, potato, vegetable, rolls, coffee/tea and dessert. BYOB. Price is \$22 per person. Payment must be in the District 4 mailbox at SCB by Dec. 4.

*\* Please see the calendar on pages 12 and 13 for additional listings of district holiday events.*



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# FEATURES

## ARTS GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Story by Lee Schlafer ~ Photo by Ray Vermette

On the evening of Nov. 10, the OV Arts Guild (OVAG) Annual Meeting convened at the South Clubhouse, the first such meeting in more than two years.

During the many months of this pandemic, OVAG has valiantly worked to keep the arts alive in the Village, offering art shows on OVTV Channel 591 and YouTube, providing links to interesting exhibits available online and holding two quarterly shows -- in June and September -- at Galerie OV in the South Clubhouse.

Meeting, once again, in-person was a very "feel good" return to business as usual.

The meeting began with a welcome from OVAG President Ray Vermette and an explanation of the agenda items to be covered. In quick order, members voted to retain the \$15 annual membership fee and elected four officers. With unanimity, Barbara Stewart was elected president and Ray Vermette, vice president; Mary Haynes, secretary and Sonya DeBiase, treasurer. The OVAG charter was revised to merge the Planning Committee and Arts Guild Board into one



group, a change recognizing that their combined efforts are the key to the success of the organization.

After concluding business matters, Barbara Stewart introduced the evening's speaker, OV's very own Joyce Saltman. It was so appropriate that Joyce chose to speak about the timely topic of surviving the pandemic and taking steps to return to living normally, once again. As is her imitable style, Joyce delivered her inspirational thoughts with a combination of wit and insight, which the audience readily absorbed.

This lovely evening concluded with a wealth of refreshments and mingling, the perfect end to another outstanding OVAG event.

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**The OV Arts Guild's Fall Exhibit,  
"Transitions — From Autumn to Winter and Beyond,"  
is on view at SCB through December 31.**

## ORONOQUE VILLAGE LIBRARY: CHECK US OUT!

By Judy Waldeyer

The leaves are falling, windows are closed, frost is setting in, and fireplaces are starting to burn! It's time to curl up and tackle a new book!

The Oronoque Library staff has been working diligently since the COVID 19 restrictions have been lifted. Library coordinator Judy Waldeyer — along with staff Veda Barrett, Pat Carton, Mary Haynes, Terri Kelso and Pat Kilton — have sorted through every book. With help from the Maintenance Department and David Bingham, boxes and boxes of outdated books were packed in cars and delivered to the Pequot Library in Fairfield.

We have added two new sets of shelving, with room for more as the needs arise.

The new fiction shelves to the left are books published from 2018 to present. Around the corner is fiction from

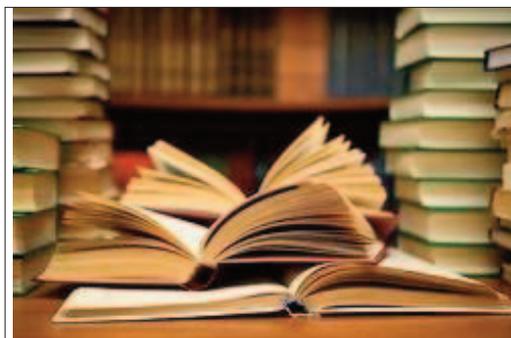
2010 to 2018. Labels on the shelves indicate Travel, Religion, Paperbacks, Romance, Sports, Gardening, Historical books and Autobiographies. We are working to add more cookbooks for those who want to try out a new recipe.

Our library boasts over 200 audiobooks along with puzzles and reference books.

There is a table to the left of the entrance for donated books that our staff will stamp and shelf. It is expedient that no one donates

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Paul McCollan, U.S. Army, 1966-1996

**DISTRICT 2**

Joseph A. Hayducky, U.S. Army, 1957-1963  
John Kuchta, U.S. Army, 1956-1967

**DISTRICT 3**

John L. D'Ausilio, U.S. Navy, 1950-1954  
Kenneth E. Block, U.S. Air Force, 1960-1966  
Jerald Debrosky, U.S. Army, 1966-1968  
Nicholas Harding, U.S. Army, 1966-1975  
Richard T. Knopf, U.S. Navy, 1965-1969  
Anthony Palumbo, U.S. Air Force, 1965-1968  
William Spigener, U.S. Navy, 1968-1971  
Darcy Upton, U.S. Army Medical Specialist Corps, 1971-1974  
Gwynne Wales, U.S. Navy, 1954-1958

**DISTRICT 4**

Duane E. Anderson, U.S. Air Force, 1952-1960  
Joseph Bales, U.S. Air Force 1956-1960  
John Courtney, U.S. Marine Corps, 1967-1969  
Thomas J. Linton, U.S. Army, 1965-1968  
Joseph Seid, U.S. Marine Corps, 1951-1953  
John Stadtmueller, U.S. Army, 1957-1965

**DISTRICT 5**

Harold "Jerry" Ashton, U.S. Navy, 1955-1959  
William Collins, U.S. Army, 1966-1968  
Daniel Correia, U.S. Army, 1964-1966

**DISTRICT 6**

Dennis Caffrey, U.S. Marine Corps, 1962-1968  
Thomas Carew, U. S. Marine Corps, 1965-1967  
James Faris, U.S. Army, 1966-1968  
Eddie E. Genga, U.S. Navy, 1969-1972  
Sanford Lunt, U.S. Army, 1952-1954

**DISTRICT 7**

Richard E. Botta, U.S. Army, 1961-1966  
Jan O. Larsen, U.S. Army, 1968-1970  
Peter Penny, U.S. Navy, 1956-1959

**DISTRICT 7 cont.**

Eugene Plotnick, U.S. Army, 1950-1952  
William Simpson, U.S. Air Force, 1972-1979  
Benson Snaider, U.S. Army, 1962-1966  
George J. Zamary, Jr., U.S. Army, 1942-1944

**DISTRICT 8**

David Bears, U.S. Navy, 1968-1971  
Angelo D'Onofrio, U.S. Army, 1945-1947  
Melvin Holson, U.S. Army Air Corps, 1943-1945  
John Kamenitsky, U.S. Air Force, 1953-1955  
Bernard Pasierb, U.S. Army, 1968-1977  
Stephen L. Sanetti, U.S. Army, 1975-1978  
Gerard Siccardi, U.S. Army, 1942-1945

**DISTRICT 9**

Herbert J. Dreyer, U.S. Marine Corps, 1957-1960  
Daniel J. Libertino, U.S. Air Force, 1951-1954  
Jim Thompson, U.S. Army, 1956-1958  
Barry Wells, U.S. Army, 1966-1968

**DISTRICT 10**

David Bingham, U.S. Army, 1971-1973  
Fred Brideschge, U.S. Air Force, 1981-1991  
Peter Deluca, U.S. Air Force, 1969-1973  
Sharon Deluca, U.S. Navy, 1960-1963  
John McKay, U.S. Army, 1965-1967  
Richard A. Nelson, U.S. Army, 1967-1969  
William A. Sennello, U.S. Army Air Corps, 1945  
Albert Williams, U. S. Army, 1969-1972

**DISTRICT 11**

Alexander Delelle, U.S. Army, 1965-1971  
Stephen Gadomski, U.S. Navy, 1972-1974  
Robert Romatzick, U.S. Navy Reserve, 1967-1973  
Peter Ulisse, U.S. Army, 1968-1970

**ORONOQUE VILLAGE STAFF**

Mark Rhatigan, Director Maintenance Ops.,  
U.S. Army, 2001-2006 & 2009-2010

**IN MEMORIAM**

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**Suzanne**



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**Bob**



Bob played with many different bands including The Basics, Blues Food, Groove Authority, Soul Casters, Hipsocket, Southern Revelation, Slo' Burn, and the Boston Soul Revue 'Urban Renewal.' He played 10 years for all concerts with the Doo Wop Hall of Fame of America and has backed up many famous musicians.

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Join us for Karaoke on Friday, Dec. 17 in the South Clubhouse Auditorium from 6:30-9pm.

Come sing or just listen to your friends and neighbors showing off their talents.

A good time is guaranteed for all.

Proof of vaccination is required if you have not already provided at a previous Dance/Karaoke event.

Only vaccinated residents will be admitted.

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**The OV Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the NCB Library.**

The book for Dec. 1 is *A Door in the Earth* by Amy Waldman.

There is no meeting in January 2022.

The book for Feb. 5 is *The Great Unexpected*, by Dan Moony, a poignant tale of two elderly gentleman seeing out their days in a retirement home. The book is filled with colorful characters, sparkling humor and deep emotion, it is the story of friendship, finding oneself later in life and experiencing newfound joy in the most unexpected places. The book illustrates the impact one person can have over a community and how one positive attitude can change the lives of others.



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