

View from the Porch

News from Friends Home in Kennett Summer 2011



Artists in Residence

There is no shortage of talent among Friends Home in Kennett residents. Below are the stories of a few residents who have shared their artistic interests. Many remain active in their creative pursuits, and have even tried new arts and crafts here at Friends Home in Kennett.

Shirley Austin enjoys showing her many watercolor paintings. "My daughter has the best ones at her house," she smiles. Shirley has taken many art classes, the first of which was at the senior center in Eden, North Carolina, where she once lived. She enjoys experimenting with subjects, color and trying new approaches.



Lewis Hawk's painting of his mother hangs in his Friends Home apartment. "I painted it from a photograph of her. She told me she was wearing a beaver hat in the portrait." Lewis took up oil painting while in college, and is known for his photography here at Friends



Home. Although he no longer paints with oils, he has tried his hand at watercolor painting. "There was an art teacher who came here to teach us and I gave it a try."

Marge Kaskey is a needlewoman who has practiced the craft of needlepoint "for years and years." With two beautiful floral projects currently underway, her talent for color matching and fine needlework are evident. "I started by doing bargello, which uses longer stitches and is a bit easier to learn." Marge just ordered three new kits and is looking forward to the challenge of the projects.



Anna Roberts has been a resident since May 2010 and an artist and writer for many years. She is a member of the Diamond State Chapter of the National League of American Pen Women and has had pieces published in *Chesapeake Magazine*. "I studied



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Welcome New Staff

Linden Hall Administrator

Lisa Hildenbrand joined the Friends Home in Kennett Family in January as Linden Hall's administrator. As a Nursing Home Administrator (NHA), Lisa has many years of experience working in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for-profit and non-profit nursing homes. Lisa holds a Bachelor's Degree in gerontology and a Master's Degree in Health Care Administration. She is getting to know residents and their families and has a commitment to ensuring high quality care for all residents.



Lisa (r. first row) talks with staff members. Back row: Dietitian Renee Traini, and CNA Ann Marie Hamilton, front row: CNA Arnez Spencer.

Friends Home Activities Director

In late June, Friends Home in Kennett welcomed Jacqueline Waechter, ADC, as its new personal care Activities Director. For the past ten years Jackie has worked in activities. She uses her interests in painting, gardening and animals to engage residents in meaningful activities, and even brings her small dog, Tinkerbell, along to the Home regularly. "When she is here residents seem to be a bit more eager to attend activities!" Jackie looks forward to getting to know all Friends Home residents and reaching out to the community.



Jackie leads residents in daily exercise sessions.

2010 Grants to Friends Home in Kennett

March 2010

\$8,000 from the Sara Bowers Fund of Kennett Monthly Meeting for new gutters and downspouts

April 2010

\$1,000 from The Mushroom Festival for respite room furniture and linens

May 2010

\$1,000 from the Episcopal Church of the Advent Outreach Commission for the Activities Program

June 2010

\$12,000 from the Anna T. and Joseph Jeanes Granting Group for Marshall Wing bathroom renovations

November 2010

\$10,000 from the Scholler Foundation for Marshall Wing bathroom renovations and a portable education station

December 2010

\$54,000 from the Crystal Trust for Marshall Wing bathroom renovations

\$11,500 from the Anna T. and Joseph Jeanes Granting Group for fire safety system upgrades

\$25,000 from the Marshall-Reynolds Foundation for Marshall Wing bathroom renovations. This is the first disbursement of a 2-year, \$50,000 grant.

\$4,000 from the Hoxie Harrison Smith Foundation for fire safety system upgrades



One example of grant funding benefitting residents: A Respite Room was redecorated with furnishings provided by a grant from The Mushroom Festival. Many of the Home's current residents first came to us for short-term respite stays.

Many thanks to the grant funders listed for your generous support of Friends Home in Kennett

Memorial and Honor Gifts

This is a list of memorial and honor gifts made to Friends Home in Kennett between December 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. Names of honorees are in bold type with names of donors listed under them. We strive for accuracy but sometimes make errors. If you notice a mistake or omission, please contact Brenda Riehl at (610) 444-2577 or briehl@fhkennett.org.

Memorials

Mary Brown

Helen Menges

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Jennifer and Aron Gawne

Anonymous

Ozzilene Harmon

Georgia Delaney

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Clark Huntington

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Alan and Heather Lauder

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Edd Williams Family

Alice Beltz

Martha Lomax

Alice Beltz

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Jim, Pat and Lori Buchanan

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June Pratt

Mary T. Pratt

Mary Ann T. Armstrong

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Memorials, continued

Sarah Swan

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Gary Walton

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Shirley Annand

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Memorial and honor gifts may be made to Friends Home in Kennett at any time. An attractive card is sent to notify the honoree of your generosity.

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art, learned techniques, and then I went my own way with my painting," she says. "I've always enjoyed trying new things in my painting." Several of Anna's paintings hang in her Friends Home apartment, and one of her large floral paintings hangs in a common area for all to enjoy.

Helen Warfel's Friends Home apartment is full of her paintings. Subjects range from landscapes to still lifes. "Most of these I painted back in the 1970's." Helen's fellow residents have enjoyed seeing and hearing about her art, which she has displayed during activities programs.

Helen has also enjoyed the water color sessions offered in the craft room.



Watch future issues for more stories about the variety of talent housed at Friends Home in Kennett!

Correction

Many apologies to Carol Pratt, long-time donor and daughter of former resident, Harriet Eastburn, for our omission of her name on the Holiday Auction Donor list that appeared in the last issue of *View From the Porch*. Thanks so much for your generous donation!

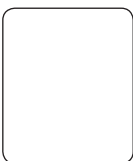
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Even the best laid plans...

During a routine computer upgrade in early March, a portion of our donor database was lost. An undetected glitch left this database's backup inoperable. We have made every effort to re-enter data. If your mailing address or other information seems to be incorrect, please contact Brenda Riehl at (610) 444-2577, ext. 219 or briehl@fhkennett.org so we can update our database.

Coming soon...

Friends Home in Kennett will be launching a new website later this Summer. Highlights of the new site include additional pictures, updated text and a few new sections. Our web addresses remain:

www.friendshomeinkennett.org and www.fhkennett.org.

The screenshot shows the website header with the logo and tagline "Senior Living Among Friends Since 1898". A navigation menu on the left includes: Home, Independent Living, Personal Care, Skilled Nursing Care, Testimonials, About Us, Volunteer, Employment, News and Links, Directions, and Donate Now. The main content area features the question "With so many options out there, why choose Friends Home in Kennett?" followed by three testimonials from Helen, Alma, and Joe. A quote at the bottom reads: "Because it's not just where you live, but how you live." A footer note states: "Friends Home in Kennett welcomes residents regardless of religious affiliation, race or ethnic background."



Mission Statement

The Friends Home in Kennett is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality care in a homelike atmosphere for older men and women of modest means.

We encourage independence and we respect the individuality and dignity of all in keeping with the values of the Religious Society of Friends.