Huntcliff Harbinger

February 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 February Events

- Valentine Social
- Mardi Gras Party
- Lecture "What is Western Art"
- Trip to Booth Museum
- Lecture on Chattahoochee River
- Trip to BucEes

A Message from Lisa

2026 Certainly has gotten off to a busy start! We are in the process of wrapping up the 3 + month balcony restoration project. I know this was an inconvenience in many ways, so thank you for enduring the noise, the taped off balconies, moving furniture, and the crowded parking lot. With progress, there is always some sacrifice. I hope the sacrifice was worth it.
We will also be wrapping up the repairs for the plumbing issue on the first floor that we experienced just as we entered the new year! I apologize for any inconvenience this project caused as well.
We will waste no time moving on to new projects. The first is the addition of an automatic door opener for the 1st floor lobby rear door. This will allow easier access for all, especially the dog owners! Please remember, we should use this exit/entry point each time you take your dog out for a walk.
We are in the process of upgrading the audio/visual equipment for the Essex Room, Dining Room, and Bar area. I know we will all enjoy better picture and sound for all our programs once this project is complete. Please note that some programming will be displaced at times during this project.
We will then begin replacing the 2-level roof on the pool. The pool will remain open during this time however parts of the lower patio may be blocked off at times. Please respect all taped off areas as this is for your safety.
As you can see, we are working hard to make improvements to hopefully make your lives a little better and more enjoyable.
Thank you for your patience and support! **Lisa**

Activity Summaries

Hal Parker Players: Finding the humor in our lives is something the Hal Parker Players do every month. Join them to learn how to make our sometimes-stressful lives more fun. The Players performances will resume in February.

Huntcliff Book Club: Book Clubs are the "In Thing" for 2026. How lucky Huntcliff Summit
residents are to have a book club almost at their front door. This month the club will meet on Thursday, February 12 at 2:30 p.m. in the Veranda. The book to be discussed is *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts. Join the group for a lively discussion. Plus, the book club isn't just about reading---it's about connection (with others who love reading). It's an adventure. Plan to attend. You will be glad you did!

Huntcliff Chorus Singers: The Huntcliff Singers welcome new singers to join our group. Rehearsals are most Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Essex Room. Our next shows are on Valentine's Day, Tuesday February 10 at 7:30 pm and on Saturday February 14 at 1:30 pm. We have a wonderful playlist of music that you are very familiar with and can sing along with, including Sunrise Sunset, Some Enchanted Evening, Lonesome Tonight, Catch A Falling Star, Fly Me To The Moon, Somewhere Over The Rainbow, and You'll Never Walk Alone.

We have a great new music director, Miss Hollie Shaver, who comes to us, not only as an experienced piano player, but as a chorus director who has led many local school programs and shows. Art and Ruth Shultz have turned over the chorus management to Ken Klein and Janice Liederman, who welcome your input and cooperation to make our singing experiences the best they can be.

Huntcliff Men, The Huntcliff Mens' Club continues with regular programs. In January we went to lunch at the Mill Restaurant in Roswell, and sponsored a return presentation by Tom Dworschak on "Apollo to Artemis: To the Moon and back." Future plans include trips to the Federal Reserve in Atlanta, and "Miles Through Time", an automotive museum in Clarksville. Contact Don Radman with any trip suggestions, and Larry Hunt for lunch spot ideas.

Blackjack: Blackjack continues every Monday evening in the Essex Room. Please note the the start time has been changed back to 7 PM. If you are not sure how to play, our experienced dealers and cashier will be happy to assist you. Hope to see you there.

Opera: Salome: as the curtain rises, Herod is hosting a feast for a group of rowdy Jews, Egyptians and Romans while the prophet Jokanaan is imprisoned in a cistern under the palace. Salome, bored and disgusted, leaves the repulsive gathering and has Jokanaan brought to her. She becomes infatuated with his physical features but he rejects her, urging her to seek out Christ and beg forgiveness. He is returned to his cistern prison and

continues to denounce the debauchery of the celebration. Herod promises Salome anything if she will return to the feast and dance for him. She agrees, and after her seductive dance claims her reward: Jokanaan's head on a silver platter, which she kisses. Herod finds this act monstrous and orders her death.

This opera initially caused massive controversy and multiple bans, with critics denouncing its degeneracy and perverse content, although its musical brilliance ensured its eventual acceptance. It will be shown Sunday, February 15, at 5:30 in the Veranda room.

Art Club: A month filled with exciting and a new series. Music of the 20s and 30s; plus virtual tours of museums world wide. A special program What is really Western Art presented by Nancy Halliwell, including Sculptor Glenda Goodacre, the creator of the Women of Vietnam Nam war memorial. Please check your Calendar and fliers for dates and times.

A visit to the Booth Museum of Western Art is scheduled for February 27.

Knit and Stitch Club: The club has finished 60 squares, which will become three afghans! We are now working on baby blankets, shawls, and chemo hats for Northside Hospital.

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. Recent videos have been on The Age of Misinformation, Mount Everest, the Real Story of the Space Race, and the History of Jewish Delis. Future presentations will include Rosa Parks, Ernest Hemingway, American Railroads, and Christmas Movies: Classics, the Best, and the Worst. 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 PM in the Veranda Room, and each week's topic is posted in advance in the elevators and on the bulletin board.

Brandt Ross Programs: Program #1 - "THREE LADIES" – The amazing stories of Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, and Ida B. Wells; and their quest to resist and persist.

Program #2 – " THE GREATEST LAWMAN" – BASS REEVES – (The Black Federal Marshall who arrested more than 3,000 felons in the Oklahoma Indian Territory)

Bunny's Reading Group--The group has enjoyed listening to "*Theo at Golden"* by Allen Levi. This unique reading group accommodates residents who may be experiencing special issues or just enjoys having a book read to them. It's a great opportunity to socialize while discussing the novel currently being read. Come to the Library every Thursday at 1:00pm.

February Birthdays

1	Helene Camp	12	Ralph Dugan
1	Sue Maran	12	Marilyn Fisher
6	Janet Ryan	13	Martin Bloom
9	Marcia Ivers	14	Loretta Walker
9	Carol Chilton	17	Ruth Hewitt
11	Judy Taylor	20	Betty Taptich
11	Laura Schwartz	22	Janice Lorah

February Anniversary

Only one this month: Charles and Kathy Cayce, on February 8

February Service Anniversaries

5	Yvonne R. Thomas	Dietary Services	5 years
9	Jessica Tucker	Administration	17 years
13	Ahmed El Mizab	Maintenance	22 years

Mystery Pictures

Guess what these pictures are, and you win a free one-year subscription to Harbinger. If you can't guess, read the article about a field trip on page 7

HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS in FEBRUARY

Groundhog Day-- It's that time of the year….February 2nd…the annual celebration of this quirky event that takes place in Punxsutawney, PA. It is the oldest and largest celebration that takes place in the U.S. and Canada every year. It originated from a Penn-Dutch tradition and dates back to 1886. The big question is, will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? According to lore, if the groundhog emerges from his burrow and sees his shadow, there will be 6 more weeks of winter. If not, spring will come early. Phil saw his shadow in 2025. Over the past 10 years, NOAA has compared this weather forecast, and states Phil has been correct 30% of the time. Although this tradition is rooted in folklore, it remains a cherished tradition in many communities.

February 8 Super Bowl-- Held at Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, California, Home of the San Francisco 49ers. Ticket prices range from $6,000 to $50,000, with prices fluctuating as the game approaches.

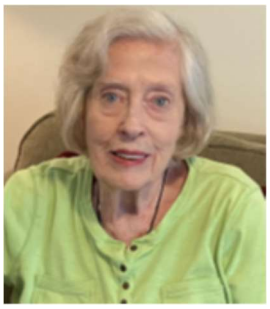
February 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday--Lincoln was an American lawyer, politician. and statesman, who served as the 16th president of the United States from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. Lincoln led the nation through the Civil War, defending the nation as a Constitutional union, abolishing slavery, expanding the power of the federal government and modernizing the U.S. economy.

February 14 Valentine's Day--"Love is a many splendored thing." People in many counties around the world have adopted the tradition of declaring February 14 as Valentine's Day--- a celebration of love, often expressed with gifts of chocolates, flowers, cards, and jewelry. It first became a celebrated day of love during the Middle Ages when it was believed the date marked the beginning of the birds' mating season ("lovebirds "of early spring). *Roses and more Roses to the Lovebirds of Huntcliff Summit who have been married for fifty years or more. May your days continue to be filled with many splendid, wonderful things.*

February 16 President's Day--(A National Holiday) Celebrated on the third Monday of February.
It is often celebrated to honor all those who served as presidents of the United States, and since 1879, has been the federal holiday, honoring Founding Father George Washington, who served as the first president of the United States, from 1789 to 1797. Washington led Patriot forces to victory in the American Revolutionary War. He then served as president of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, which drafted the Constitution of the United States and established the American federal government.

African American History Month-- commonly referred to as Black History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in United States history. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson, and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other people of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February, to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities across the United States to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs, and host performances and lectures. President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans". Today, Black History Month is a time to recognize and honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and society---- from activists and civil rights pioneers, to leaders in science, politics, education, industry, culture and more.

New Friends

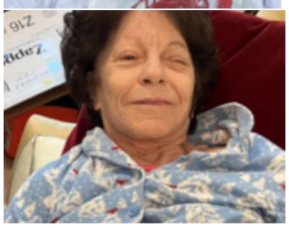


Ann Watson moved here from Roswell. She has two children and one grandchild. She worked in marketing, public relations, and communications. Her hobbies and interests are art, photography, gardening, reading, and writing. Her favorite things are beach and ocean swimming, animals, and horseback riding. Her special memories are birth of her children and grandchildren.

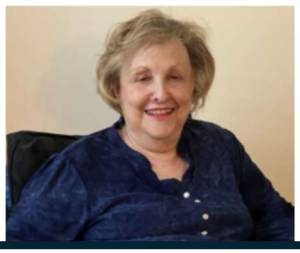
Mike and Betty Davis moved here from Sandy Springs. They have one child and two grandchildren. Mike was in the U. S. Coast Guard and was a truck driver. Betty was a Certified Nurse Assistant, a translator, and a dog walker. Their hobbies and interests are sorts, movies, music, and traveling.

Margaret DiBiase moved here from Palm Harbor, Florida. She was born and raised in Newfoundland. She has three children and five grandchildren. She worked as a special education teacher. Her hobbies and interests are reading and travel. Her special memories are traveling to France, Switzerland, and Germany.

Janice Liederman moved here from Johns Creek. Previously she lived in Boston. She has one son and one granddaughter. She worked as a temple administrator, sales at Chico, and as a bridal consultant. Her hobbies and interests are Mah Jong, Canasta, Rummy Q, and singing. Her favorite things are people and clothing. Her special memories are meeting Ken Klein and birth of her granddaughter.



Susan Rosenberg moved here from Marietta, Georgia. She has two children and four grandchildren. She worked as an interior designer. Her hobbies and interests are reading, gardening, games, puzzles, and theatre. Her favorite things are dogs, reading, and socializing.



Sheila Baum moved here from Southbury, Connecticut. She has two children and three grandchildren. She worked as a preschool teacher. Her hobbies and interests are singing, movies, and TV. Her favorite memories are traveling all over the United States.

Recent Activity

TELLUS SCIENCE MUSEUM On Friday, January 9th, a group of Huntcliffers traveled to the Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville, GA. Cartersville has earned the nickname of “Georgia’s Museum City” with over a dozen specialty museums located there. The grounds at the Tellus are spacious, with well-kept exhibit buildings, a display of solar panels, and an observatory with a 20” reflecting telescope.

Several of us explored the exhibits at the Space Building with the story of the journey to space along with NASA artifacts. We learned how life is possible in the unforgiving vacuum of space. It was a fascinating, as well as educational exhibit. There was a covered area that we entered that involved the room actually revolving around us as we held on to the rail. The audio explained what was entailed in space traveling.

We walked over to the next building, which housed exciting exhibits related to rocks, gems and minerals, fossils, prehistoric life, history of electronic development, transportation like motorcycles, early autos, and a 1903 Wright helicopter. It was a wonderous collection considering the history of the displayed artifacts. The dinosaurs were tremendous in size. The Planetarium show discussed several planets in our solar system.

For a touch of nostalgia, the group had lunch at The Red Lobster. The trip was worth the travel time to visit there. Be sure to sign up for Huntcliff excursions. We experienced a most enjoyable day.

See two pictures on page 4.

SANDRA BENNETT…..an artistically talented new resident

Meet Sandra Bennett, a native of California. Her first taste for “art” came when she was 4 years old and traveling by train with her family. Before boarding, she was gifted a large box of Crayola crayons and thus began her journey knowing she would “be an artist always”.

She studied design and composition at the California Institute of Art. In 1963, she married Richard, an advertising executive and also a fellow artist, and they made their home in New York. During this time she founded fund-raising projects that utilized her artistic talents, doing illustrations and pottery. For 6 1/2 years, she did art classes and exhibits at a studio at DeKalb Airport. For 20 years she worked at the North Arts Center. While raising her family, she gave art classes in her home and at schools. She also developed traveling art exhibits for the Mid America Art Alliance. During her lifetime, she had many

mentors who were prolific artists in their fields, which expanded and enhanced her appetite for art. Additionally, she studied at the Chouinard Art Institute, California Institute of the Arts and the University of California, Los Angeles. Since moving to Atlanta in 1978, she studied at DeKalb College and took private classes. Rendering the human figure in pencil and charcoal and exploring color, space in acrylic and mixed media form the core of her current work.

Her apartment proudly exhibits art items, such as 3-dimensional pottery, a cardboard fireplace with faux flames, sketches of the human figure including her late husband, a bowl filled with flowering seeds, a ceramic chair urn made for her late beloved dog, an advertising wall hanging stating, “Ceramics is my happy place”, a mirrored door opening to an outside garden (from her home to hide an unsightly area), and a statue of an immigrant farmer

The creations displayed in her apartment provide a variety of mediums: ceramic, pottery, sketches. They are quite interesting, serious, and fun and show off her enormous talent. The objects displayed in the photos certainly reflect the “happy place in her mind and heart”!

New Executive Chef

Originally, Peter Frazzano wanted to be an accountant or work in global finance, like his father, but was inspired by his younger brother, who went to Culinary School. Ironically, this brother did not stay in the food industry and went on to other endeavors. In 1998, Peter attended the Art Institute of Atlanta’s School of Culinary Art. Then, he spent one year at the Italian Culinary Institute for Foreigners (ICIF) in Piemonte, Italy. Mediterranean and Eastern European foods are his favorite taste preferences, and he can whip up a good cheesecake.

As Executive Chef, his responsibility is to run the “back of the house”. He is the face of the kitchen; 60% of his time is cooking, 40% is administration. It’s necessary “to do change correctly and learn from everybody”. While he is busy with managing and training staff, food production, sanitation, menu development, ordering and receiving products he also finds time to cook. Chef Peter hails from South Florida and has 27 years in the culinary field.

It’s not a surprise that his hobbies include mechanics and carpentry, because he enjoys working with this hands. His favorite culinary experience was working at the Pragelato Resort in Torino (Turin), Italy during the 2005-2006 Winter Olympics. The resort was the site of the Women’s Cross Country Ski events. Chef Peter is most personable.

Have a chat with him when he’s not busy overseeing the kitchen. The residents at Huntcliff welcome our new chef and wish him a successful tenure here. We look forward to his new direction, ideas and culinary expertise.