



Huntcliff Harbinger

September 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 September Events

- Presentation on Artificial Intelligence and Unmanned Vehicles
- Low Vision Club visit to Georgia Tech
- Trips to Pottery Museum, Farmers Market, and Panorama Apple Orchard
- Rosh Hoshana service and dinner
- Bea Schemer story of surviving the Holocaust
- Yizkor Service
- Grandparents Day
- Summit Singers
- Trip to Les Misérables presentation at Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center
- Hal Parker Players
- Summit Singers
- This is Your Life

A Message from Lisa

We had quite a busy summer this year and continue to work on various projects throughout the community. We were able to complete the replacement of 16 air conditioning units throughout the common areas in the building. We are well on our way to completing the ceiling project in the pool area and look forward to opening this space again soon. We had and will continue to have work completed by removing dead trees and pruning those in need of attention.

A lot of progress was made in the garden area thanks to a dedicated group of people who like to “play in the dirt”!

We also brought a new vehicle into service and hope to add another one soon.

We continue to work with our IT team to bring better wifi service to you.

As always, thank you for your patience as we work through these projects to continue to improve your home!

Lisa

Activity Summaries

Hal Parker Players: We are taking a break in July and August but will be back for a new show in this month. If you are interested in joining us, please contact either Jill Sellers or Lynn McCoy. We hope to see you there.

Huntcliff Book Club: As summer 2026 nears its end, wrap up your summer reading with the runaway New York Times bestseller, *The Wedding People*, by Alison Espach. It is the perfect book. Phoebe Stone arrives alone at a Newport, Rhode Island wedding venue and is mistakenly thought to be a wedding guest. This leads to an unexpected connection with the bride and the surprising people who help Phoebe start her life anew. A delightful, warmhearted novel about love, friendship, dysfunctional families and the unexpected paths that lead to happiness. Join us on Thursday, September 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Veranda for a lively discussion of this enjoyable read.

Huntcliff Singers: Our Fall production will begin rehearsals this month. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact our manager, Don Radman.

Opera: Curator Sarah Levy has chosen "Thais" by Jules Massenet as the Opera in the Evening selection this month. She will show it in the Veranda at 5:30, Sunday September 20.

This opera tells a story of the spiritual journey of intersecting souls and religious eroticism. It takes place in the 4th century AD in Alexandria and the Egyptian desert. The title character, Thais, is the famous priestess of Venus in Alexandria. Athanael, a pious monk, has visions that send him to Alexandria to convert her to Christianity and save her soul. Initially, Thais tries to seduce him, but he resists, and she resists his attempts to teach her the ways of God. Then, Athanael's words concerning the possibility of eternal life resonate with Thais. She meditates all night and, worn and repentant, eventually converts. Meanwhile, he finds himself vulnerable to her beauty.

They burn her home and possessions and begin a strenuous journey through the desert on foot to a convent. Thais arrives weak and in pain and after months of repentance and self denial falls gravely ill. Athanael, back in his monastery, continues his sexual longing for the former courtesan. He travels to the convent to find her dying, and collapses in despair.

One particular passage - the "Meditation" for solo violin - has become a staple for concert violinists over the past century

Art Program: Heavily influenced by music, Paul Klee and Romaine Bearden became outstanding painters and will be showcased the first two weeks of September. The second two weeks the programs will be Marcel Marceau and Tony Bennett. The remaining week five of September we will introduce a new series of lectures from

PARIS! We look forward to seeing old and new friends for an exciting beginning to our new programs. Please check with your calendars and the elevators for any changes

Knit and Stitch Club: Thanks to Lila Nathanson and her daughter for delivering our newly completed chemo hats, shawls, and blankets to Northside Hospital! Join us every Monday at 1:00 in the lobby. New knitters are welcome.

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. 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 p.m. in the Veranda Room, and each week's topic is posted in advance in the elevators and on the bulletin board.

Brandt Ross Programs: 1. The 25th Anniversary of "9/11" – We must never forget! On September 11, 2001, 2,977 people were killed in the deadliest terrorist attacks in American history. Why do young Americans hardly know about this tragedy?
2 "Remember the Alamo" – Why is it so important? The Siege: Lasted 13 days from February 23 to March 6, 1836. The Defenders: Roughly 180 Texians and Tejanos, including leaders William B. Travis, James Bowie, and Davy Crockett fought thousands in the Mexican Army. All the Texians were killed during the final assault on March 6, 1836. The Impact: The heavy loss fueled anger and motivated the Texian army to defeat Santa Anna just weeks later on April 21, 1836, securing Texas independence and ultimately the conquest of the West.

Bunny's Reading Group:- This unique reading group caters to residents with special needs who enjoy having a book read to them. There is time to socialize while discussing the current selection. They are now hearing all about "*Whistler*" by Ann Patchett.

Blackjack:- Blackjack continues every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Essex Room. If you are not sure how to play, our experienced dealers and cashier will be happy to assist you. We hope to see you there.



Director of Engineering

Jermaine Stephens, Director of Engineering at Huntcliff, was born in Jamaica and came to the United States at the age of 15. He graduated from Miramar High School and later from Lincoln Technical Institute, both in Florida. Jermaine began his career in property management before moving into senior housing, and he has now been with Sunrise Senior Living for five years. A father of five, Jermaine is pleased to be part of the Huntcliff community.

September Birthdays

3	Paul Langevin	22	Vicki Mitchell
7	Maury Gerson	25	Eileen Riesenburger
16	Jerry Leeson	27	Jeanne Bump
16	Jean Lowry	27	Don Radman
17	Len Lipton	27	Howard Schwartz
17	Francine Sinkwich	29	Len Dorrien
18	Bob Weltlich		

Pam Reis' birthday was August 1. Harbinger regrets the omission.

September Anniversary

5	Lee Lovenheim and Dianne Green		
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September Service Anniversary

18	Kathryn Peterson	Administration	8 years
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Dawn Hamer's 90th Birthday



Dawn Hamer graciously and joyously celebrated her 90th Birthday with Huntcliffers in the bar. Hors d'oeuvres, music, and singing complimented the occasion.

Hadestown



The excursion "groupies" ended July with a surprise movie outing to see Anais Mitchell's Folk Opera musical, HADESTOWN on the 31st. Rachel Chavkin directed the original cast showing of this movie. It was a blend of American Folk and New Orleans Jazz to retell an Ancient Greek myth. What a great way to spend the morning. We joyfully ate lunch at Egg Harbor before returning home

Holidays September 2026

The only official US federal holiday in September is **Labor Day**, which falls on the first Monday of September. President Grover Cleveland signed the holiday into law on June 28, 1894, following widespread worker strikes and public unrest. This day honors the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the strength, prosperity and well-being of the United States. It acknowledges the hard-fought battles of the 19th century Industrial Revolution, where labor unions pushed for fair wages, safe workplaces and reasonable hours, which improved the quality of life for its workers. While there are no other federal holidays in September, the month features several recognized observances.

September 11: **Patriot Day** in honor and remembrance of those who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

September 11: **Rosh Hashanah** (begins at sundown) Jewish New Year

September 17: **Constitution Day** recognizing the adoption of the United States Constitution

September 20: **Yom Kippur begins** holiest day of the year in Judaism

September 22: First Day of Autumn

There are also many fun, quirky and unofficial holidays, such as

September 4 Eat an Extra Dessert Day

Sept. 12 Chocolate Milkshake Day

Sept. 13 Positive Thinking Day

Sept. 19 International Talk Like A Pirate Day

Sept. 26 Love Note Day

Sept 28 Ask a Stupid Question Day

Sept. 28 Good Neighbor Day

Cow Appreciation Lunch



A group of fun-loving Huntcliff ladies went to a mandatory cow hat-making class as a requisite to enjoy a *free* Cow Appreciation Lunch at Chick-fil-A on July 14th. The photos show our sportsmanship and the free lunch was definitely enjoyed by all. All age customers were dressed like cows and it was certainly a fun sight to see!

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New Friends



Gordon Frank moved here from Lake Arrowhead, Waleska, Georgia. He has six children, 22 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He worked in marketing at IBM. His hobby is motorcycle riding. His special memories are visiting all national parks and monuments by motorcycle.



Samuel and Lesha Greengus moved here from Cincinnati, Ohio. They have three children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Samuel was a professor of ancient languages and Bible, and Lesha was a high school teacher and medical trainer. Their hobbies and interests are music and reading. Their special memories are living in London for a year, watching the Nobel Prize ceremony, and celebrating family birthdays. Sam passed away July 4.



Bob and Dodie Weltlich moved here from Dunwoody, Georgia. They have three children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Bob worked in telephone sales, and Dodie taught primary school and worked in a nature center. Their hobbies and interests are barbecuing, reading, and going to the beach. Their special memories are family weddings and births, and trips to many countries.



George Bobinski moved here from Binghamton, New York. He has two children and two grandchildren. He worked as a librarian, professor, and dean. His hobbies and interests are reading, Youtube, and taking online courses. His special memory is his wife of 56 years.

Gail Clisby moved here from Chicago, and has lived in Oakland. She has one brother and one sister.



Herb and Margie Simonoff moved here from Sandy Springs. They have two children and five grandchildren. Herb's occupation was residential renovation, home design, and finance management. Margie's previous occupation was lawyer. Their hobbies and interests are reading, politics, writing, and investing. Their special memories are getting married on a ten-day pass, and the births and Bar Mitzvas of their children.



Marjory Wiener moved here from Hartsdale, New York. She has two children and two grandchildren. She worked as a high school teacher, specializing in fine arts and technology. Her hobbies and interests are visual arts. Her special memories are producing 14 shows for a regional theatre.

Oddities Museum



A group of Huntcliff residents signed up for a “quirky” excursion. They visited *The Oddities Museum* in Chamblee, GA which featured natural and unnatural history. The museum’s mission is to preserve artifacts, entertain, educate, as well as to provide community outreach. It has been called a “creepy look and find”.

The store displayed all kinds of taxidermy, medical and scientific items, and circus and carnival items. The majority of animals on view were antique, vintage or a natural zoo death. The surgical, dental and psychology antique and vintage instruments were in showcases or physically displayed. Although there was a lot to see in the crowded and somewhat dimly lit aisles with wall hangings, physical equipment and apparatus, the day was a different experience yet enjoyed by all. There was also a fascinating gift shop on the premises with lots of memorabilia. Lunch was relaxing and tasty at the 57th Fighter Group Restaurant where we could watch planes of all sizes land and take off as we ate and conversed

Downtown Art Gallery



A full bus of eager “Cliffers” traveled to Cartersville, GA on a clear hot morning, July 17th. Fred Ortyl’s photography was on exhibit at the Downtown Art Gallery. It was also a treat to see one of Jean Goldstein’s paintings on display there. Fred presented the history of each of the photos and the various techniques utilized to create the effect he was trying to achieve in his finished project. Fred discussed his educational and business background, as well as his experience exhibiting and selling his photography up to the present day.

His work has been featured in several galleries in Georgia. If you want to enjoy his outstanding creativity, check www.instagram.com/fredortyl_photography/. The photos exhibited for this article clearly show Fred’s talent. Afterwards, we enjoyed Country Cooking at Doug’s Place for lunch. It’s family-owned and our large group was treated like family. As soon as we got on the bus to return to Sandy Springs rain started to come down. We traveled home in a heavy rainstorm. At one point, a bolt of lightning lit up in front of the bus followed by the loudest burst of thunder most of us had heard. In spite of all this, we arrived home safe and sound with the rain subsiding. It was outstanding learning about Fred and his creative efforts through the years and up to the present time. Sign up for excursions—so you don’t miss out on our adventures and see interesting sites.

Art a la Huntcliff

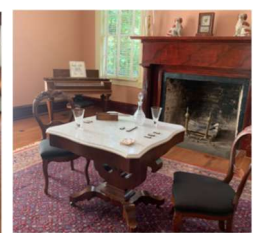


The artworks displayed on the wall in the front lobby during August were created by resident artist Nelly Vazquez. Neither paintings nor photographs, they were created using the subtractive art technique of scratchboarding, which she learned in the 1970's through correspondence courses.

Scratchboarding is a technique that uses sharp and abrasive tools (think x-acto knife) to scratch through a thin dark surface layer of a specially prepared art paper or board, revealing a white or colored layer beneath the surface. The resulting image has sharp details, fine and precise, and is highly textured. It requires an abundance of patience and intense concentration and focus on the part of the artist. Nelly's masterpieces testify to her remarkable level of expertise.

Nelly's father taught her to integrate art into her life when she was a child in Argentina. Over the years she explored many different media and styles, turning her skills and love of art into a graphic design, marketing and commercial advertising career.

STEP ON THE BUS TOUR OF ROSWELL



On Friday, July 10th, the excursion group boarded the Huntcliff bus to join Jim Howe's Roswell Tour. Plantations, Halls, and famous buildings were pointed out. On an interesting note, Jim explained that in 1828, gold was discovered in Darien, GA. In 1832, there was a land lottery and Roswell King, a founding member of Roswell, bought the land. He built a house over the gold mine and had a separate tunnel to obtain the gold. These famous edifices were distinguished by columns of imposing size and style. We viewed beaux art style of architecture, square columns, old southern style large columns, Doric columns that were fluted and rounded, and the Methodist Church with an imposing tall steeple. Jim drove by cemeteries with interesting histories. Roswell King, John Dunwoody, and Barrington King were laid to rest at Founder's Cemetery. Bulloch Hall, home of John Dunwoody, was our designated site to visit. President Theodore Roosevelt's mother grew up in this home and was married in the dining room. Of courses, cameras came out to capture the scene. Next, we drove by the Little White House, home of Mrs. Jimmy Carter's family. At nearby Founder's Park, a gazebo was constructed to commemorate President Theodore Roosevelt's speaking there. Jim showed us Primrose Hall, a building used for special events by parties willing to pay up to \$10,000. It is still surrounded by the original hand-carved spindle wood fence. After the tour, it was time for a leisurely but long lunch at Hugo's Oyster Bar. The group arrived home full of knowledge about Roswell, its founding members, historic homes, buildings, and interesting facts and information thanks to Jim Howe.