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Farley: An Appreciation



When it was suggested that I write my article this month about Farley Massey, I thought how will I ever do her justice? Farley was such an integral part of the SVWC community and the greater Frederick County-Winchester community her entire life. To learn more

about Farley, visit the Handley Library and spend time exploring the Ruth Farley Massey Collection. It is a fascinating collection of local history and personal items shared by Farley.

Farley moved into SVWC on September 22, 1995. No stranger to the community, she was deeply involved in the early planning stages for SVWC as a member of Christ Episcopal Church and was one of the initial trustees who signed the Articles of Incorporation on May 5, 1982.

Farley was also instrumental in the formation of our current Mother's Nature Team. She absolutely loved nature (and this campus) and encouraged everyone to spend time outdoors. Farley served as Chair of the Landscaping Committee years before she moved into the community. She was the first to approach me about a croquet court many years ago. Residents had been playing croquet in a cottage resident's side yard and she felt it was time we had an official regulation-size court. I was not going to argue with her and before long SVWC had a croquet court with a beautiful gazebo for residents to enjoy.

Farley also loved butterflies and was instrumental in establishing the community as a cer-

tified Monarch waystation in 2019. She came up with the idea of May Day Play Day to once again get residents outside. SVWC has continued to partner with First Bank each year for this event (either in the spring or fall).

Farley also had an artistic side. She could often be found in the Art Studio creating sculptures of beloved pets or acting in one of the murder mystery events to benefit the Fellowship Fund. Her passion for the Fellowship Fund was unwavering. An article in Volume 1 of The History of SVWC recognizes Farley for honoring her sister Helen by donating half of Helen's estate to the Fellowship Fund in 1993. It was under Farley's leadership that the first history of SVWC was published.

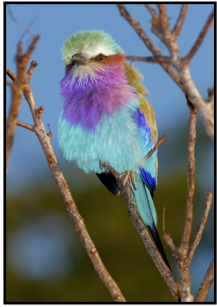
Farley was excited to share a few words with those in attendance at our 35th gala celebration this May. She was so excited that she delivered it twice that day to everyone's delight. She wanted me to tell everyone at the event that she was 99. She then corrected me and told me to tell everyone she was 99 and a half years old! I happily obliged and she had the brightest smile on her face.

Farley was always thinking about ways to improve life at SVWC. I cannot count the number of times she came to my doorway and simply said "I have been thinking." I would just smile and say, "let's talk."

I once told Farley "We may not always agree on everything, but we will always be friends," to which she agreed. So not only has SVWC lost a true champion, but I have also lost a dear friend. Thank you, Farley, for 23 years of wonderful memories that I will always cherish. Your passion and unwavering commitment to SVWC will be greatly missed but thank you deeply for the legacy you left behind.

Jeannie Shiley

Our Fabulous Feathered Friends



Lilac Breasted
Roller

That is the title of Lawrence Gallery's coming exhibit featuring a collection of colorful and artistic photographs of birds. Judi Booker, through her status as a board member of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Audubon Society, has provided access to the collected works of renowned photographers Wil Hersberger and the team of Rob and Ann Simpson. The

Peter Bullough Foundation for the Arts sponsored these outstanding photos of both familiar and more exotic species of birds. The exhibit will be on display from September 12 to November 4.

In keeping with the theme, the glass cases in the gallery will display bird figurines loaned by residents and staff of SVWC.



Mountain Quail

Jim Anderson has produced another of his informative slide presentations to be shown at the reception to be held on Friday, September 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Green Jay

Loretta Johnston

September's Bistro Concert

Many residents know Eugene B. Smith as a watercolor artist. His paintings are owned by many of you. His works decorate some of our common areas. His gallery on the Old Town Mall is a landmark.

Eugene is also an excellent musician. He discovered the classical guitar in his early teens and began a journey of finger-style playing and classical techniques. Growing up in the 60s and 70s, Eugene was influenced by classical players such as Andre Segovia, Charlie Byrd, and Christopher Parkening.



His Bistro Concert program on Friday, September 16, will explore his longstanding passion for improvisational jazz and Latin rhythms. This style allows Eugene to interpret where the music wants to take him much like his paintings forming before his eyes. We'll hear bossa nova and samba magic. Call it soft Latin jazz.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Once again, this concert is for residents only and those on the futures list who present their vaccination documentation at the Front Desk.

Bob Sherwood

Thursday Night Programs

September 15. **The Winchester Pipe and Drums** will perform in the courtyard at 6:30 p.m.

September 22. **Gary McGraw** from the Berryville Institute of Machine Learning will discuss machine learning security. Machine learning is a subfield of artificial intelligence, which is broadly defined as the capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human behavior. Program starts on Ch. 970 at 7:30 p.m.

September 29. **Susan Schearer** will speak about "The Trojan War Visualized in Art and Painting." Ch. 970 at 7:30 p.m.

Marjorie Prochaska



Photo by Peggy Jackson

Humming Along

Abundant Harvest in the Residents' Garden



Pat Strati found 18 tomatoes one morning.



Photo by Bill Young

Charlie Wakeley planted two seeds and harvested 60 cucumbers.

Photos by
Bill Cook



Marjorie Prochaska loves fresh flowers and loves to give them away.



Linda Mast harvests her ripening tomatoes.



Dennis McFaden's gigantic squash was first cultivated by the Cherokee Nation.

New Medical Appointments

Photo by Susie Nail



Karen Shank NP and Paige Patterson MD

Dr. Paige Patterson is SVWC's newly employed physician. While she has provided medical services to SVWC for some time, she became SVWC's first employed physician in August. She also serves as the community's medical director.

Dr. Patterson is a board-certified family practice physician. She received her undergraduate training at Wake Forest University and obtained her medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine. She was previously employed at Selma Medical Associates.

Dr. Patterson and her husband Richard have three sons. They have traveled to all 50 states and 33 national parks. She loves to hike and garden.

Additionally, Karen Shank has joined SVWC as a part-time geriatric Nurse Practitioner. She has been in the nursing profession for almost 20 years. She attended both Shepherd University and Liberty University to complete her undergraduate registered nursing degree. In 2021, she completed her master's degree as an advanced practice nurse at Spring Arbor University, specializing as an Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner.

Karen and her husband have one son. They are active in their local church music ministry, nursing home ministry, and children's ministry. When not working, Karen's hobbies include playing the piano, singing, and gardening.

Chaplain's Message

In the Gospel According to Luke we hear about Jesus teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. A woman appears who has been ill for 18 years, and who is "bent over and quite unable to stand up straight." Jesus calls to the woman and says, "Woman, you are free from your ailment." He then lays His hands on her and immediately she stands up straight.

Those who witness this event are amazed at Jesus's healing power, and understandably they rejoice at what Jesus is doing -- all except for the leader of the synagogue who is quite indignant about Jesus healing on the Sabbath. The Sabbath was, after all, a day for rest and was to be kept holy. How in the world could Jesus justify healing on the Sabbath?

Jesus, however, easily rebukes the leader's objections with the words, "Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? Ought not this woman be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

Like the woman Jesus heals that day, we all have conditions in our lives that can cripple us, literally and figuratively -- conditions that can cause us to become bent over, incapacitated, powerless, or out of control. The good news is that there is always hope -- hope for healing that comes to us in the person of Jesus Christ, who through the power of the Holy Spirit is unlimited and boundless with respect to when, where, and to whom his healing is offered.

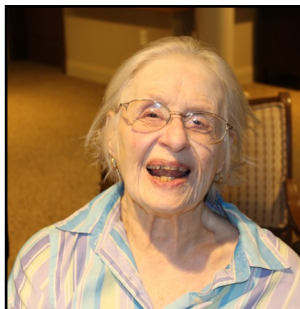
When all is said and done, the story of Jesus healing the woman at the synagogue is a story about God's grace, which can show up unexpectedly -- in God's time and not ours. And while the gift of God's grace is unmerited and undeserved, God extends it to us nonetheless. A freely given gift of God.

Bill Everhart

Welcome to our New Neighbors

Richard and Rose Trochil moved into 417 Shenandoah Hall from Winchester, VA.

Elizabeth Gamble Approaching 100 years Old



Elizabeth was born on September 7, 1922, in Johnstown, PA. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from the University of Maryland and taught, as well as being an Air Force wife and homemaker. Because of her husband's assignments, they lived in many places in the U. S., in Japan, and in Newfoundland. He died in 2000.

Elizabeth has three daughters, and one lives in Martinsburg. A son lives in King George, VA. She has seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In the past, her volunteer activities included Meals in Wheels, being a school tutor, Brownies, Cub Scouts, and the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Her interests have included bridge, reading, and flower arranging. She moved to SVWC in November 2003. She has lived comfortably at SVWC for 19 years.

Fall Fun Day

Fall Fun Day, co-hosted by SVWC and First Bank, will be held on Thursday, September 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the courtyard. Come out and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon that includes lunch, games, and more. First Bank will give away \$100. The winner will be announced at Coffee With Administration.

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Library News — September Acquisitions

FICTION

A Dress of Violet Taffeta	Tessa Arlen
The 6:20 Man	David Baldacci
The Hidden One	Linda Castillo
Switchboard Soldiers (LP)	Jennifer Chiaverini
The Lies I Tell	Julie Clark
The People We Keep	Allison Larkin
Nightcrawling (LP)	Leila Mottley
Escape (LP) 2 Copies	James Patterson
A Shoe Story	Jane L. Rosen
Portrait of an Unknown Woman	Daniel Silva
The Nurse's Secret	Amanda Skenandore
Sweet Remnants of Summer (LP)	Alexander McCall Smith
Suspects (LP) 2 copies	Danielle Steel
Rising Tiger	Brad Thor
The It Girl	Ruth Ware

NON-FICTION

Leadership: Six Studies in World Strategy	Henry Kissinger
An Immense World	Ed Yong

Bridge Gallery Exhibit: Canines and Felines

The current gallery display, which will be up through September, features portraits of dogs and cats by resident Robin Bolan. The striking paintings are of near-photographic quality. This is Robin's second show in the gallery this year.



Photos by Peggy Jackson

Photo by Bill Young



Residents return to Residents Association meetings.

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