

The Gables Messenger

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Residents Display Their Collective Artistic Talent

When resident Bill Ramage, an emeritus professor of art and curator, proposed transforming one of The Gables hallways into an art corridor—little did many of us realize the sheer magnitude of the collective talent within our senior community.

Over 17 people contributed to our inaugural exposition, and their stunning display of creative art includes watercolors, pastels, acrylics, drawings, serigraphs (silk screen prints), photography, wood-block prints, abstract and traditional needlework, Japanese embroidery, needlepoint, counted cross-stitch, quilting and custom jewelry.

A big thank you to Bill, Lowell Klock (assistant curator), Jill Albert, Darlene Chapin, Victoria Crain, Helen Dillon, Yvonne Feaster, Carol Freeman, Sheila Gedney, Cynthia Hanson, Elaine Levinson, Robert Lloyd, Roy Pilcher,



Trumbull Smith, Susan Walker, Marilyn Watson, and Marion Wright for their contributions.

The exhibit will remain in The Gables main corridor for a couple of months. Bill is looking into highlighting the work of other local artists on a rotating basis, perhaps with a scheduled talk to coincide with the changing exhibits. 🏠



American music specialist and Steinway artist, Robert Wyatt, will present *Steps in Time*, a tribute to Fred Astaire, on Friday, March 27th from 3:30-4:45PM in The Commons. *Steps in Time* will sweep attendees across the dance floor with Astaire and his partners Ginger Rogers, Rita Hayworth, Cyd Charisse and Audrey Hepburn.

Featured on NPR and PBS broadcasts, Mr. Wyatt has performed nationally and internationally including at the Kennedy Center, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution and Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.

New Residents



Danny Ference

Background: Danny was born and raised in New York City and attended the High School of Commerce in NYC. At the age of 18, Danny joined the U.S. Marine Corp, serving in countries such as Panama, Lebanon, Cuba and Vietnam. During the Vietnam War, Danny was stationed in DaNang and helicoptered into other areas. While a Marine, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Police Science. Danny retired from the Marines as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1999. He then went to work with the NYC Police Department, and was a booking supervisor for the court division in the District Attorney's office. After ten years working for the city, Danny moved to VT.

Interests: Danny is still busy with Marine Corp organizations; "news junky".

Linda Greene

Background: Linda was born in Rutland, VT, raised in various VT towns and NY State, and attended Fair Haven Union High School. Linda earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the State University of NY (Potsdam) and a master's degree and PhD in English literature (with a concentration in medieval through 18th century literature) from the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville). After leaving school, Linda worked in the Boston area. Her work/life experiences included caring for a woman with Parkinson's, word processing, and as a tech (software) writer. Linda was married for 32 years to her husband, Philip Rubenstein, before his passing in 2016. Linda moved to The Gables with her cat, Cornie.

Interests: Piano, beading, crocheting, reading; Linda is also the author of two self-published books: *How Cornie Got Her Colors* and *From Under the Bushel*.



Susan Walker

Background: Susan was born in Portland, ME, moved to Easley, SC for a few years and then to Old Saybrook, CT where she attended junior and high school. Susan earned her undergraduate degree at the University of New Hampshire, where she met her husband. She then moved to Maine where she earned her nursing degree from the University of New England, and raised her family. Susan worked as a registered nurse and then as a massage therapist. She has one son and a new grandson. Susan shares her apartment with her two cats, Sweet Pea and Tigger.

Interests: Watercolors, reading, adult coloring.

Marilyn Watson

Background: Marilyn was born in Manchester, CT and graduated from Manchester High School. Marilyn has been married to her husband Joe (a resident of The Meadows) for over 60 years. Marilyn was a stay-at-home mom. She and Joe, a safety engineer at Aetna Life in CT, raised two daughters and a son together.

Interests: Quilting, reading, sewing (Marilyn made all of her childrens' clothing).



Residency Update: We are back to "full" at The Gables. All of our open apartments are reserved. Thank you for making The Gables such a wonderful senior community!