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Goddard Times

GODDARD HOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS

GROUPS AT GODDARD HOUSE

Olmsted Family Caregiver Group

*This group welcomes Goddard House family members. Meets monthly on the **first Tuesday** from 6:30–7:30 P.M. on Zoom. Please contact Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano at kcipriano@goddardhouse.org for more information.*

LGBTQ & Friends Conversation Group

*This monthly group is open to all. The next meeting will take place **Thursday, May 16th** at 4:45 P.M. For those who are not Goddard House residents, families, or associates, please contact EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin at 617-731-8500 or rmargolin@goddardhouse.org for more information.*

RESIDENT PROFILE



Lynn Wallace joined our Olmsted community back in the fall of 2023. Born in New Jersey, Lynn moved between a few states before returning to Jersey to raise her four daughters with husband, John. Quite the social butterfly, Lynn was always

known to host dinner parties or attend her Bridge Club meetings. Once their children were older, John and Lynn moved to Chatham, Massachusetts, which Lynn says was one of her favorite places. She adds that she and her friends would often take day trips into Boston to attend different lectures and explore the museums. Her favorite was always the Art in Bloom exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts, which we were lucky enough to attend last month! Lynn is pictured above at Art in Bloom, which is an annual program that pairs art from the MFA's collection—from ancient to contemporary—with floral interpretations created by volunteer and professional floral designers.

Here at Goddard, Lynn continues to enjoy the arts through our Opening Minds Through Art program and never says no to lunch outings with friends. Lynn's contagious smile and kind personality add to much to our Goddard community!

-Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano

“Nurturing Community Through the Arts” Exhibition

Exhibition Showcases Artwork Created by Goddard House Residents and Participants in Five Boston-based Goddard House Community Initiatives (GHCI) Programs

by Director of Community Partnerships **Christine Nagle**

Celebrating the creative capacities of older adults and a culture of community-building through the arts are the dual themes of the second annual combined Goddard House and Goddard House Community Initiatives (GHCI) art exhibition, “Nurturing Community through the Arts” on display in Gallery M through May 5.

More than 30 older adults from Goddard House and five Boston-based, older adult communities convened at an exhibition event at Goddard House on April 25 to view their artwork, share their delight and gratitude for the opportunity to freely express themselves through art, and mingle with each other.

Over 100 pieces of artwork, spanning visual arts, ceramics, farming, and storytelling, were created by more than 50 Goddard House Olmsted residents and GHCI participants at programs offered at Anna Bissonnette House (South End), Mount Pleasant Home (Jamaica Plain), Hearth at Olmsted Green (Dorchester), Ruggles Assisted Living (Roxbury), and Symphony Towers (South End).

GHCI was created in 2017 to share Goddard House’s creative energy, bringing the joy and fellowship of the arts to older adults living in the community.

The exhibition will move to Symphony Towers for a second community-building event on Thursday, May 9 to honor the artists and their artwork—and further gather the artists from the six communities together.

At right: **Krissy Skare**, co-founder & director of *Neighborhood Rocks* (a multigenerational chorus) and Goddard House Director of Community Partnerships **Christine Nagle**; Goddard House CEO **Candace Cramer** speaks at the event



Our Teaching Artists!

Silvina Ibanez

Opening Minds Through Art (OMA)
and Arts Café Program (Ceramics/
Drawing/Painting/Printmaking/
Storytelling)

Ginny Mazur

Laura Newbold

Meredith Griffiths

Opening Minds Through Art (OMA)

Krissy Skare

Lautaro Mantilla

Making Music Programs

Mattie Devin

Green City Growers Farm to Table &
Nutrition Program

Bri Jewett

Jodasha Philipo

Mollie Pratt

Reema Rustom

Elise Leinaweaver

Interns

Marge David

Lisa King

Volunteers

Many thanks!

Nurturing Community, cont'd



Ceramics created at Hearth at Olmsted Green



Bill from Mount Pleasant Home shares some thoughts



Ginny Mazur, who facilitates OMA at Mount Pleasant Home, says a few words



Alistair from Hearth at Olmsted Green speaks about his experience

AROUND GODDARD



Spring has sprung and Green City Growers is back! Top to bottom: Ivy L., Sue D., Grace M., and Barbie B.; Ivy L. and Mery F.; Sally C.



We had so much fun making jewelry! Clockwise, from lower left: Ann Marie L., Nancy K., Priscilla G., Ann K., Dorothy P., Doris C., and Margaretha J.



Goddard Happenings



Lunch at Frank Pepe's! Pictured are **Phyllis B.**, Programming Assistant **Noam Oren-Grinberg**, **Elaine S.**, Programming Assistant **Sabella Masticola**, **Grace M.**, and **Veronica D.** (left) and **Joel K.** (right)!



Left: Enjoying Open Studio are **Sylvia M.**, **Holly R.**, **Maureen G.**, Resident Care Director **Julia Seifert**, **Connie C.**, Executive Assistant **Gretchen Bird**, Director of Resident Support Services **Duana Ramos**, Art Therapist **Meredith Griffiths**, and **Phyllis S.** Right: Museum of Fine Arts Access Guide **Jan Schwaner** with **Grace M.**, **Bill E.**, and **Sue D.** at the MFA Art in Bloom Exhibition

ASSOCIATE PROFILE



Housekeeping Associate **Roger Melewon** is known for his cheerful smile and friendly disposition. At Goddard House since December of 2023, Roger recently came to the United States, emigrating from

Liberia in October of 2023 to New York, then joining family in Boston. In Liberia, Roger graduated college and worked as a medical lab technician. He hopes to attend school here to return to that occupation. Did you know that Roger is married to Princess, who works here on the Dining Team? They applied at Goddard House after it was recommended as a great place to work. Roger loves Goddard House because of the relationships and the sense of togetherness within the community. When not working, Roger spends time with his two children. He enjoys eating traditional Liberian food, especially *fufu*, which is made from powdered yam, potato, and plantain and served with rice. Roger, we're happy to have your positive attitude here at Goddard!

-EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin

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SWISSBÄKERS



Vivian F. and **Jewel B.** look on as **Helene Stohr** of *swissbäkers* in Allston gives a demo of the croissant-making process.