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Goddard Times

GODDARD HOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS



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.

RESIDENT PROFILE



Marjorie Smeltzer was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, and moved to a small town in Indiana shortly after. She graduated with a bachelor's degree from Purdue University and remained passionate about literature, continually taking writing and memoir classes. She fondly recalls volunteering on political campaigns in the 1960s and 1970s, finding joy in connecting with others and hearing their stories.

Marjorie later moved to Walpole, Massachusetts, with her husband, where they raised three children. She became the president of the Walpole League of Women Voters and has always had a strong connection to her community. In her free time, Marjorie is an avid reader, once reading a novel a day, and enjoys classical music. At Goddard, she remains an enthusiastic participant in the arts programs and is always eager to take a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts.

-Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano

HOLIDAY CAROLERS

We welcomed carolers from St. Mary's Parish!



Welcome, Brockton Arts!

We are thrilled to introduce a new collaboration with Brockton Arts. Goddard House will host programs for residents, Associate Appreciation events, and more, facilitated by various artists of Brockton Arts.

Why Brockton Arts?

“Brockton Arts is a dynamic organization dedicated to fostering the arts in Brockton, Massachusetts. They operate multiple galleries, including Gallery West, Gallery East, and The Gallery at Enso Flats, showcasing diverse artistic talents.



Elisabeth D., Jewel B., Resident Care Associate Ruth Porter and Jude K. with Ally Boyle

opportunities for artists to submit their work. The organization is committed to enriching the cultural landscape of the community.”


Brockton Arts offers a variety of programs and exhibitions, supporting both emerging and established artists. Their initiatives include gallery rentals, a community calendar for events, and

As part of our commitment at Goddard House to the principles of DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging) we are excited to host artists from Brockton Arts at our community, as our values of recognizing and honoring diversity are closely aligned.

By coming together through the shared experience of art, we look forward to sharing the Brockton Arts artists’ talents and perspectives with the Goddard House community, and in turn sharing our own experiences and values.

“Art is for everyone, no matter their age, and I find it so rewarding to connect with people, hear their stories, and see their smiles as they create something unique.”

-Brockton Arts featured artist Ally Boyle

Keep an eye out for more Brockton Arts artists at Goddard House throughout 2025! 



Programming Assistant Lisa Korzeniowski, Dining Associate Rodelin Francois, Olmsted Nurse Manager Sherley Belizaire, Resident Care Associates Eleanor Cazeau and Mona Joseph



Left to right: Resident Care Associate Oxane Leveque; Dining Associate Wallyston Chounan; Resident Care Associate Mona Joseph; Resident Care Associates Pamela Jeannot and Marie Henry



ROAD TRIP

photographs by
Susan Mara Bregman

on display
December 3, 2024–January 20, 2025

For the past eight years, author and photographer Susan Mara Bregman has been documenting the New England of yesteryear through words and images. She has explored the region's spectacular legacy of neon signs from CITGO to the Hilltop Steak House, immersed herself in the world of candlepin bowling, and traveled along Route 1 from Attleboro, Massachusetts, to Fort Kent, Maine. She has written three books and taken countless photographs. "Road Trip" is a collection of Susan's favorite photographs from her travels across New England.

Originally from New York, Susan moved to Boston after college and never left. She is the author of *New England Neon*, *New England Candlepin Bowling*, and *Along Route 1: Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts*. She is currently working on her fourth book, *New England Sweets*, which is scheduled for publication in Summer 2025.



*Above: some of Susan's
photographs; right: Susan speaks
at the Gallery M Reception*

AROUND GODDARD



*Above: Our Holiday Festival! Left: **Bernice S.**;
right: **Vivian F. and Musia W.***

*Right:
Viewing
Italian
Renaissance
art at the
MFA*



*Left: Twinning!
Resident Care
Director **Lou Auger**
and Olmsted Nurse
Manager **Sherley
Belizaire***

*Right: Elvis
tribute artist
Dan Fontaine*





Holiday Fun!



*Top row: Enjoying our Secret Santa activity in our Olmsted Neighborhood are (left to right) **Carol S., Mimi H., and Elaine S. and Peggy M.** Second row: Our afternoon New Year party with **Elisabeth D., Ann K., and Peggy M.** Bottom: Seasons greetings from Olmsted Program Director **Kristen Cipriano** and Art Therapist **Meredith Griffiths***



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ASSOCIATE PROFILE



Receptionist **Alanis Mercado** has been at Goddard House since October. She is the second youngest of five children, and the first

born in Boston. Her parents were born in Puerto Rico, and Alanis feels very connected to her heritage. Currently a freshman studying business management at UMass Boston, she plans to transition to a career in finance. Alanis' goals include owning real estate and one day opening an animal sanctuary in Puerto Rico. With experience in retail, TIP (Today's Interns, Tomorrow's Professionals) Engagement program at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, and working at the Franklin Park Zoo, Alanis is well on her way!

Alanis enjoys giving manicures to family and friends, and spending time with her pets: a dog, fish, and multiple ferrets. She regularly calls Bingo, in Spanish, for her grandmother and friends.

Alanis truly enjoys working at Goddard House, her favorite part being listening to residents' recall their history, careers, and relationships. She feels like hearing experiences opens doors for her and makes her feel like anything is possible, and gives her a better understanding of her grandmother. Alanis, we are happy to have your open and friendly personality at Goddard House!

-EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin