

# Goddard Times

## GODDARD HOUSE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### *Celebrating Pride Month!*

*Flag Raising*

**Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 A.M.**

Guest Speaker Brookline Police  
LGBTQ+ Liaison Officer Kristin Healy

*Pride Party*

**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 P.M.**

Music with DJ George

*LGBTQ Film Fest*

**Thursdays at 6:45 P.M.**

Curated by John K., Goddard resident

*LGBTQ & Friends Conversation Group*

**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 P.M.**

RSVP to [rmargolin@goddardhouse.org](mailto:rmargolin@goddardhouse.org)

*Speaker Panel with SpeakOUT Boston*

**Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.**

*These events are open to the public! If you are not a Goddard House resident or family member, RSVP to Director of Community Partnerships Christine Nagle at 617-731-8500 or [cnagle@goddardhouse.org](mailto:cnagle@goddardhouse.org)*

### RESIDENT PROFILE



Born in Wilmington, Delaware, **Gwen Nelson** moved to upstate New York at age seven to live with her mother, who was a photographer and machinist—one of only two women working in the machine shop. Her stepfather was

a machinist, and her father a champion

pugilist (boxer) and professional hockey player. Gwen attended convent boarding school in Pittsburgh, and in high school was active as a basketball player, majorette, and cheerleader. While attending Western Michigan University, Gwen worked three jobs and later transferred to the University of Detroit, where she earned an education and liberal arts degree.

Gwen went on to live in New York state with her son, and was a high school teacher for 34 years in Syracuse and Rochester, as well as in Michigan. While teaching, Gwen volunteered for 20 years at prisons, meeting with prisoners as a group to examine their lives with a new perspective. She also volunteered at an NPR radio station, reading aloud for blind listeners.

Gwen rode a Yamaha 250 motorcycle for nine years! She spent summers working at peace camps in Romania and Hungary with the Bridges for Education program, and went on bicycle trips throughout Europe. She has fond memories of the eight months she spent traveling in a sailboat between Lake Ontario and The Bahamas. Gwen remains close with her sister, Max, values staying active and engaged, and approaches situations with a wonderful sense of humor. Gwen, we are happy to have you at Goddard House!

*-EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin*

## BROCKTON ARTS

In April we hosted our first “Art and Cultural Exploration” with Brockton Arts, in the form of a workshop with artist **Mimi Desir**. Every other month will feature a different artist and will explore creative modes of expression such as painting, fashion, storytelling and more. As part of our DEIB initiative, these programs will offer a range of cultural experiences. Residents and associates are all invited to participate!



*Brockton Arts President **Arnie Danielson** with **George C., Maureen G., and Peter T.***



*Artist **Mimi Desir** with **Cecilia E., Programming Assistant Stacia Aguirre, Martha S., Betty H., and companion***

## Nurses Week!

National Nurses Week was May 6–12! Our nurses received a special gift as a thank you for all they do!



*Above: Lead Wellness Coordinator **Jeannette Salvant**, Resident Care Director **Lou Auger**, Wellness Nurse **Tatiana Correia Dos Santos**, Olmsted Nurse Manager **Sherley Belizaire**, Wellness Nurses **Aisling Kierans, Jenny Noelle, Roudelyne Joseph, and Natalia Sanchez**. Missing From Photo: Wellness Nurses **Sheryl Clarke and Phoebe Gaspard***



## ENDURING VISION

*the Art of Cynthia Maurice, resident of Goddard House  
on display May 7–June 16, 2025*



Cynthia challenges traditional artistic methods, searching for new ways to see the world. Her creative process is rooted in observation, bringing

“the challenge of defining what is ‘real.’” She says, “Removing boundaries pushes me to question my own limitations and conventions.”

Focusing on nature and everyday objects, Cynthia explores themes of transition, metamorphosis, and growth through drawing, oil painting, watercolor, mixed media, and lithography. She studied at Pratt Institute before earning a BFA and MFA in painting from Boston University and later a second MFA in illustration at the School of Visual Arts in New York. A co-founder of the Brickbottom Artists Association, she maintained a Somerville studio for 38 years, and has been featured at a wide range of venues including the permanent collection at the Danforth Museum. Her editorial illustrations have



appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The National Law Journal*, and *The Washington Post*.



# Enjoying the Outdoors at Goddard!



Top row, left to right: **Sue D.**; Farmer **Jessi** from Green City Growers gardens with **Peter T.**, **Myrna B.**, and **Linda Z.**;  
Second row: **Peggy M.** and **Louise H.** Bottom right: **Lynn W.**  
and **Preston M.**

## Framing

by Resident **John Kaufman**

People might think of going to the movies as just a recreational couple of hours, but to me it's more than that.

The need to share stories goes back as far as prehistoric times. Drawings on cave walls illustrate people's basic human need to share vicarious adventures.

We have an innate desire to gather with likeminded people to experience tales in the gathering dark. Like children asking for a nighttime story, we look forward to sharing an intriguing journey.

Becoming a new member of a community can be daunting. Movies can help establish connections for recent members of group living. For example, almost everyone has memories of the childhood movie theater they went to on Saturday mornings. No matter where they grew up, memories of cartoons and popcorn remain vivid.

People grow up in vastly different places and have widely varied backgrounds. Yet, if they've seen the same movies, they've shared common experiences. Most of us have traveled to Oz via cyclone, escaped the flames of Atlanta in Rhett Butler's wagon and listened to Sam play those old familiar tunes in Rick's Cafe.

Movies provide perspective. One might say they provide frames.

John leads the Frames group each month at Goddard House. The next group will meet on Thursday, June 12 at 2:30 P.M.



## Grab Your Passport!

Residents and associates came together to celebrate Haitian culture during our “Grab Your Passport! Destination: Haiti” program. Many associates here at Goddard House are of Haitian descent, and they shared the country’s history and customs with us while we enjoyed delicious Haitian cuisine and traditional music!

*Top row: Resident  
Care Associate*

**Rose Gabriel  
and Florence**

*S. Second row:*

**Sally S., Gwen  
N., and Linda**

**Z.; Susan F. and  
Vivian F. Bottom**

*row: Executive  
Director News-  
Johanne*

**Marcellus shares  
about Haitian  
culture; Kris  
R.; Chef Jean**

**Baptiste  
made a  
traditional  
rice and  
beans dish  
for all to  
enjoy**



## ASSOCIATE PROFILE



Originally from Haiti,  
Resident Care  
Associate **Pamela  
Jeannot** moved to  
the Boston area  
in 2022. While she  
enjoys the energy and

opportunities in Boston, she misses Haiti’s warm weather and sunshine. Becoming a certified nursing assistant felt like a natural path for Pamela, as she cared for her grandmother and two aunts back home, building a deep sense of compassion and responsibility. One of her fondest memories is braiding her grandmother’s hair, using the time to share stories and spend time together. She hopes to continue on to nursing school in the future so she can help care for a wider variety of people. Now at Goddard, Pamela brings the same compassionate spirit to our residents. When asked about her time here, Pamela mentioned how she really enjoys working at Goddard House because of her great coworkers and the friendly environment. Outside of work, she loves taking long walks—often to the mall—and watching new movies. We are so happy to have her here with us!

*-Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano*

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## Olmsted Family Caregiver Group

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