

The Informer

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Another New Mayflower Dining Experience: Charcuterie Boards!

Charcuterie Boards created by Mayflower Foodservice are now available for online ordering. These custom made, cherry wood boards, featuring a variety of cold cuts and snacks can be the centerpiece for an in-home gathering. A great idea for entertaining friends, family, and neighbors.

Each Charcuterie (**shahr'** kew tree) board will hold a variety of meats and cheeses including Brie, Smoked Gouda, Parmesan, Hard Salami, Pepperoni, and Prosciutto. They will be complemented by a variety of Crackers, Baguette slices and house-made Chutney, Nuts, Grapes, and Dried Fruit.

Two serving sizes are available:

- Serving three to four (3-4); \$12.00
- Serving six (6) to 10; \$25.00

Note: The board is not for sale and must be returned later.

When ordering online, please select the size of board you would like.

A two (2)-hour advance notice is requested.

Pick up in the Buckley Dining Room or request delivery (\$3.00



delivery charge). Have a small gathering and dine in the Buckley Dining Room? Sure! Be sure to order two hours ahead. Regular dining room hours are 7:00am to 6:30pm.

*-Scott Gruhn, Director, and Jacob Staroska, Supervisor
The Mayflower Community Foodservices*

Monthly Wine and Cheese Event

The next resident last-Friday-of-the-month Wine and Cheese exchange will be:

- Friday, November 26th
- 4:30 – 5:30pm
- Buckley Dining Room
- Selection of wines
- Selection of cheeses and crackers
- No charge to residents
- A chance to catch up with other residents



-Bob Mann on behalf of Scott Gruhn, Director of Foodservices

Mayflower Celebrates Veterans Day

On Thursday, November 11th, The Mayflower Community (Grinnell) celebrated the annual Veterans Day with a program, a slide show, and an apple-caramel bread pudding afternoon snack. The theme was “Honor, Courage, and Sacrifice.”



Mayflower’s 25+ veterans and widows were listed in the program and feted in the Health Center and in Beebe Assisted Living.

Community Life and Wellness staff members, Leslie Jaworski, Director, and Tracy Woolfolk, Coordinator, display the printed program before the start of the slide show.

-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director



December Forum Program

The Mayflower Residents Association Forum Committee is announcing the next program for **Tuesday, December 14th, 2:00-3:30pm in the Kiesel Theatre** (lower level of the Pearson building). The presenter will be **Rachael Kinnick**, President and CEO of the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Rachael will share the challenges and solutions with which local businesses have worked during the pandemic.

This Forum is one in a series of monthly information presentations about happenings in and around Grinnell.

Previous programs have included Janet Stutz, Grinnell-Newburg Community Schools Superintendent, regarding the state of Grinnell public schools (October) and Officer John Soubayi, of the Grinnell Police Department discussing holiday season scams.

-Gerry Guenther, MRA Forum Chair

Grinnell College Student Ensembles to Perform at Mayflower

Four Grinnell College student chamber ensembles will be performing at Mayflower! There will be two different string quartets with violins and cello; one quintet with clarinet, viola, cello, and violins; and one violin and piano duet. All four ensembles will play during the 45-minute performance.



Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Time: 5:30-6:15pm

Location: Buckley Dining Room

The groups will perform chamber works by Mozart, Shostakovich, and Schubert under the direction of Alan Henson, Applied Music Associate and Chamber Ensembles Director at Grinnell College. The

students have input on repertoire chosen and which movements of pieces they want to emphasize. They rehearse on their own outside of class, coached by Professor Henson.

-Leslie Jaworski, Director, Mayflower Community Life and Wellness



The Metropolitan Opera Is Back at Grinnell College

The Metropolitan Opera will livestream from New York to Grinnell College this fall, reviving a program popular prior to

the pandemic. The Met, founded in 1883 at the corner of Broadway and 39th Street in New York and now located since 1966 in the Lincoln Center, produces an annual lineup of “cinema” HD shows that are carried by selected theatres.

The schedule is as follows:

- *Eurydice* (Aucoin) December 4, 2021 @ 11:55 AM
- *Cinderella* (Massenet) January 5, 2022 @ 6 PM (Wednesday night)
- *Rigoletto* (Verdi) January 29, 2022 @ 11:55 AM
- *Ariadne Auf Naxos* (R. Strauss) March 12, 2022 @ 11:55 AM
- *Don Carlos* (Verdi) March 26, 2022 @ 11:55 AM
- *Lucia Di Lammermoor* (Donizetti) May 25, 2022 @ 6 PM (Wednesday night)
- *Hamlet* (Dean) June 4, 2022 @ 11:55 AM

This year, tickets must be purchased at the door—\$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. The College also has some season passes available for \$100. To purchase a pass, email Britta Meints at meintsbr@grinnell.edu to coordinate payment and pick-up.

Please note that the Grinnell College campus activity level is Blue, meaning masks are required for individuals two years and older at all times when indoors. Please confirm the campus activity level or event website prior to your visit on campus as conditions may change.

For additional information about the opera presentation, go to the Met website: <https://www.metopera.org/season/in-cinemas/>.

-Bob Mann on behalf of Britta Meints, M. Ed., Guest Housing & Special Programming Coordinator, Conference Operations and Events, Joe Rosenfield Center, Grinnell College (641-269-3235).



Grinnell College/Mayflower Research Study Collaboration

"Kayley Rönkvist (she/her) is a third-year student at Grinnell College originally from St. Peter, Minnesota, a town of about 10,000 people in south central Minnesota. She is majoring in French and Gender, Women's, and Sexuality

Studies.

Kayley began volunteering at Mayflower in 2019 when she helped coordinate the Adopt-A-Grandparent program between healthcare residents and Grinnell College students. She later assisted with other activities in Beebe Assisted Living and the Health Center. Kayley was part of the College computer science class that helped Mayflower residents develop the current online Mayflower residents directory. She is pictured above.

Kayley is leading a multi-year project studying "Equitable Aging Practices in Rural Central Iowa," alongside Dr. Karla Erickson, Professor of Sociology at Grinnell College. Kayley is examining the unmet needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender older adults, and the policies and practices older adult service providers can implement to better support these needs. Dr. Karla Erikson is pictured at right.



The project has been approved by the Grinnell College Institutional Review Board and is funded by an Andrew W. Mellon Humanities in Action Grant. This summer and fall, Kayley has engaged in an expansive review of existing gerontological research, met dozens of Iowa senior adult service providers, and connected with leaders in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender aging activism at various organizations.

Working with Mayflower leadership to assess how Mayflower could establish more inclusive and equitable practices, Kayley has

developed a survey that will be administered shortly with residents. Results from the survey will be utilized to learn more about our community members and to make Mayflower a more welcoming place.

-Steve Langerud, Mayflower Executive Director

Author Marilyn Schuler Does Mayflower Book Signing

Marilyn Schuler and her husband, Rev. Pete Schuler, moved to a Mayflower Altemeier apartment in 2008. Pete was a retired Quaker minister, and Marilyn had been an elementary school teacher in the Lynnville-Sully School District. Five months later, Pete died of cancer.



According to Marilyn, she later responded to “...the Holy Spirit’s still small voice and after much trial and error...,” she authored the first of her “Animals of the Bible” picture books in 2011.

Previously, Marilyn had written three short Easter stories, read them to her Sunday school classes, and filed them away. But, now she was on a roll. “A Big Day for Jack,” the story of an unbroken colt ridden by Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, was the first of her “Animal” books.

Now, a decade later, there are seven “Animal” picture books, for children, and three chapters about David’s life for older readers, ages eight to 12. Marilyn’s daughter Elizabeth, a retired lawyer, established Oakdale Publishing and is now handling her books.

Marilyn has set up a display of her books in the Pearson lobby. If you are interested in purchasing a book or two for holiday presents, there is a sign-up order form at the display. Marilyn will be present on Mondays between 1:00 and 2:00pm for order pick-up. If that is not convenient, please call her at 641-891-7760.

-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director

Knitting and Talking at Mayflower

Lisa Case is a knitter. This Mayflower Community resident won nine (9) blue ribbons at the 2021 Iowa State Fair. So, naturally, Lisa is a member of the long-standing (or sitting and talking) Sit 'n Knit group that often meets at Mayflower. A recent session of the group was followed by Mayflower's monthly Wine and Cheese event. Lisa brought some of her State Fair projects to share with the Sit 'n Knitters and the early arrivals for Wine Cheese.



We are assuming that is what drew the big crowd that completely filled the Buckley Dining Room. It seems life is trending into post-pandemic times.

-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director



Mayflower's Koffee & Konversation Group

The Mayflower residents Koffee and Konversation group meets every Friday in the J & B Bistro at 10:00am. Appointed discussion leaders bring a specific topic for group sharing.

-Jo Entwisle, Koffee & Konversation Member

Mayflower's Treasure Chest

Informing all Mayflower residents NEW and OLD: We are the Treasure Chest Committee: Doug Cameron, Sue Drake, Karen Packard, and Jan Peak. We are here to help residents who wish to share a hobby, talent, trip experience, photography; you name it, with your Mayflower community. The possibilities are endless.

How do you do this? Simply get in touch with one of the committee members, and we will help you set up your treasure for all to view. We have a large new glass cabinet in the first floor lobby of the Pearson building, which



can hold all sizes of collections. Your collection will be shown for a month. Then, our committee will help you take it down before a new one is put into the cabinet for the following month.

As of now, we need displays for 2022, starting in January. So PLEASE give us a call about any month of 2022. This is a wonderful way to let your Mayflower friends know more about you. We look forward to hearing from you with questions and hopefully displays.

Treasure Chest Committee: Sue Drake, Chair (236 9243), Doug Cameron (641 990 3656), Janis Peak (236 8993), and Karen Packard (236 1082).



Mayflower Residents Association

MRA Announcements

The next Mayflower Residents Association **Town Meeting** will be held on **Monday, December 6th at 2:00pm**. As of this writing, the MRA officers have not made the decision as to whether to make this a Zoom meeting or a “hybrid” Zoom and in-person meeting. If there is an in-person option, that location will be Mayflower’s **Kiesel Theatre**. Watch for a notice.

All Mayflower residents are invited to attend and vote.

-Jack Mutti, Mayflower Residents Association President

Mayflower Chapel Services Schedule



The Spiritual Life Committee of
the Mayflower Residents

Association presents weekly Chapel Services:

- Tuesday mornings
- 10:00 to 10:30am
- Kiesel Theatre

The worship leaders for upcoming services are:

- Nov 23rd – John Noer, retired pastor and Mayflower resident

- Nov 30th – Fr. Scott Foley, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Grinnell
- Dec 7th – Jessica Margrave Schirm, Grinnell United Church of Christ—Congregational
- Dec 14th – Wendy Abrahamson, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Grinnell
- Dec 21st – Bob Williams, retired pastor, and Marilyn Schuler, Mayflower residents
- Dec 28th – Pastor, Grinnell United Methodist Church

Volunteer pianists, guitarists, or other musicians are needed. Please contact me if you are interested: Email jdnoer@gmail.com or call 712-420-1337.

-Dorothy Noer, Spiritual Life Committee Chair

Book List

Title and Author

The Reading List (LP) by Sara Nisha Adams
Who Ate the First Oyster? by Cody Cassidy
Thin Air (Book 6) by Ann Cleeves
Cold Earth (Book 7) by Ann Cleeves
Wild Fire (Book 8) by Ann Cleeves
Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr
Out of Darkness, Shining Light by Petina Gappah
The Book of Hope by Jane and Abrams D. Goodall
The Racketeer by John Grisham
There is Nothing For You Here by Fiona Hill
The Theft of Memory by Jonathan Kozol
The Long Walk Home by Will North
Season's End by Will North
The Man Who Died Twice (LP) by Richard Osman
These Precious Days by Ann Patchett
Cry, The Beloved Country by Alan Paton
Under Currents by Nora Roberts
Anything is Possible (LP) by Elizabeth Strout
Oh! William by Elizabeth Strout
The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

LP= Large Print

Book Reviews

APPLES NEVER FALL

A suspected murder? A missing body? The Delaneys, Stan and Joy, are killers on the tennis court, and off it they have palpable chemistry. They have just sold their tennis academy and are ready to begin retirement only to discover they are miserable. The four Delaney children – Amy, Logan, Troy and Brook – were all tennis stars in their own right but to their father’s disappointment never had what it took to become champions.

Now they are all successful grownups and Joy is holding on to hope for a grandchild. One night a stranger names Suzanna knocks on their door. She tumbles in bleeding and says she had a fight with her boyfriend. Stan and Joy take her in and a night turns into days and then weeks. One day Joy goes missing and Savannah is not to be found. As always, the husband becomes the main suspect. While two of the children think their father is innocent, two are not sure. As they begin to reexamine their shared family history it seems all is not as they believed.

I enjoyed this book and was intrigued by the mystery of Joy’s disappearance. However, I found the ending somewhat contrived and in many ways made no sense.

THERE IS NOTHING FOR YOU HERE

Keep an eye out for *There Is Nothing For You Here: Finding Opportunity in the 21st Century*, Fiona Hill’s recently released memoir/historical tome/policy prescription. Take advantage of reading our copy of this powerful, deeply personal account of Hill’s life in England, Russia and the United States. It will make you a better citizen. Here are two quotes from the senate impeachment hearings that brought her to light: “I take great pride in the fact that I’m a nonpartisan foreign policy expert.” “I am acutely aware of how my own early life laid the path for everything I did subsequently.”

-MRA Committee Members

Armchair Travels
in Mayflower’s Kiesel Theatre
2:00pm on Tuesdays

November 23rd

- Spain, Andalucía Biking
- Croatia, Dalmation Coast
- Madagascar

November 30th

- U.S., Alaska, Brooks Range
- Estonia
- England, London Mod & Trad

December 7th

- U.S., Hawaii, Remember Pearl Harbor



While some construction is in process in the Kiesel Theatre, Armchair Travels will meet in the J&B Bistro until further notice.

-Shane Estes, Armchair Travels Committee Chair

Movies Return to the Kiesel Theatre on Saturdays at 2pm

November 20th: *Sliding Doors* (1998) Funny and touching. One girl, two parallel lives. Gwyneth Paltrow plays London publicist Helen Quilley, effortlessly sliding between parallel story lines that show what happens if she does or does not catch a morning train back to her apartment. Deception, trust, friendship, comedy. All comes into focus as the two stories shift back and forth. PG-13. 99 minutes. English captions.

November 27th: *Staying On* (1981) This delightful drama, based on the award-winning novel by Paul Scott (*The Jewel in the Crown*) reunites Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson for the first time since *Brief Encounter*. Retired Indian Army Col. Tucker Smalley and his wife Lucy made the decision to stay on in India after the British withdrew in 1947. Residing peacefully in a bungalow annex of the run-down Smith's Hotel, their peace is about to be disturbed by hotel owner, Mrs. Bhoobhoy, whose plans for the hotel and their bungalow will permanently change one corner of India that had remained previously England. Stunningly filmed at the hill station of Shimla at the foot of the Himalayas, a once-popular British retreat. Not rated. 90 minutes.

December 4th: *Miss Potter* (2006) A romantic, fantastical love story that warms your heart and fills your soul. Based on the life of Beatrix

Potter, author of the beloved classic, "The Tale of Peter Rabbit." Stars Renee Zellweger, Ewan McGregor and Emily Watson. PG. 93 minutes. English subtitles.

Our Daily Thanksgiving

I'm grateful for the sun **and** rain;
For clouds giving beauty to the sky;
For dirt where I can plant my seeds
And harvest tomatoes by and by.

I'm enjoying years of time with family
And friends all over the world,
Of writing both poems and books for years,
Of hanging the flag unfurled!

Of driving and camping where we "felt lead"-
Gorgeous parks here and "up north!"
Seeing our families in Canada, too.
And fishing (whatever that's worth!)

I can't imagine a boring day,
With not even books to read.
We find lots of joy in the "work" of each day-
So what else would we ever need!

-Pasha Buck

Informer Submission Deadlines

- Submission deadline: November 26th for publication December 3rd.
- Submission deadline: December 10th for publication December 17th.
- **NO EDITION DECEMBER 31st. Resuming publication January 7th, 2022.**



[Submit here.](#)

Residents' Birthdays

Please wish a belated birthday to Paul Munyon, who celebrated November 9th.

Sharon Torno on November 21st

Delores Montgomery & Larry Robertson on November 22nd

Russ Leggett & Betty Moffett on November 23rd

Stan Swann, Martha Voyles, & Elaine White on November 25th

Dona Emert on December 1st

In Memoriam:

Howard Raffety

Birth: 01/10/1941

Passing: 11/14/2021

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