

## The Informer

March 4th, 2022  
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### Back at It: Resumption of Mayflower Activities Announced

Effective in March, the following Mayflower activities are again being offered. Participants are reminded to continue to practice safe health hygiene: masking as appropriate; safe distancing; handwashing; and staying home when experiencing upper respiratory or other illness symptoms.



- **Saturday Afternoon Full-Length Movies.** Offered at 2:00pm in the Kiesel Theatre. Individually-packaged treats and soft drinks will be available. See article elsewhere for details about individual movies, including tomorrow, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Tuesday Chapel Services.** 10:00am. Kiesel Theatre. Listing of upcoming services listed elsewhere in this edition.
- **Neighborhood Luncheons.** Mondays. 11:30am. Buckley Dining Room. Segmented by locale of independent living homes. Resuming March 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday: Harwich South, Pearson, Watertower 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday: Harwich East, Buckley 1st, Altemeier
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday: Harwich SE, Buckley 2<sup>nd</sup>, Watertower 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Monday: Harwich North, Buckley 3<sup>rd</sup>, Edwards, Montgomery
- **Monthly Forums.** Second Tuesday of the monthly. 2:00-3:30pm. Kiesel Theatre. The next one will feature Dan Kaiser

discussing his research of Grinnell's African Americans on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Dan's book, *Grinnell Stories: African Americans of Early Grinnell* (2020), has been on sale on the Pearson Library. It is now sold out, but is still available in the Pioneer Book Store, 933 Main Street. All proceeds go to the Grinnell Historical Museum. A circulating copy is also available in the Mayflower Library.

- **Wine and Cheese.** Last Friday of the month. 4:30-5:30pm. Buckley Dining Room. Resuming March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Koffee and Konversation.** Fridays. 10:00am. J&B Bistro. Mayflower Foodservices will provide coffee and pastry. Resuming March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Mini-Gift Shop.** Tuesdays. 9:30-11:30am. Card sales only. Beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Bell Choir Practice.** Mondays. 10:30am. Storage and practice space in the Edwards lower-level Basement Craft Room. Resumes Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Special Forum.** Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>; 2:00-3:30pm. Kiesel Theatre. Dustin Dixon, PhD, will present a look at Aristophanes' comedy, *The Knights*.

-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director

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## Mayflower Celebrated Valentine's Day with Special Cards

Grinnell's Mayflower Community thanks a number of thoughtful people who presented our Health Center residents handmade Valentines on February 14<sup>th</sup>.



Special thanks go to members of the Poweshiek County Mighty Golden Clovers 4-H Club; students from Sue Sciorrotta's classes at the Liberty Middle School in Gainesville, Georgia; and to Grinnell 5<sup>th</sup>-graders, Elisa and Malia, for taking time to design valentines with heart-felt statements.

## **The Music Is Back at Mayflower**

After a short hiatus for COVID-19 precautions, The Mayflower Community has resumed musical performances in the Carman Center for Health Center and Beebe Assisted Living residents.



On Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, guitarist/keyboardist, Ronnie Burgess of Cedar Rapids IA, played and sang for residents. He was hosted by Mayflower's Community Life and Wellness staff, Leslie Jaworski, Tracy Woolfolk, and Jessica Hasenyager.

To celebrate the event, Mayflower Foodservices staff, led by Supervisor Jacob Staroska, served homemade hot chocolate with wafers.

Ron has been playing a mix of old standards and country and gospel music since 1962. His family has performed around Marshalltown, where he was born. For 15 years prior to his brother's death in 2019, the family played a monthly barn event in Gilman.

50 years ago, Ron played music in bars and restaurants; Elks, Eagles and Moose clubs; American Legions; and golf clubs. After giving it up for a while, he decided to do music again, playing up to 25 senior events per month. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ron has played private parties and other gatherings.

*-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director*

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## **Enjoying Online Pets at Mayflower**

On Friday afternoon, February 18<sup>th</sup>, a number of The Mayflower Community (Grinnell IA) residents living in our Health Center, got to

zoom meet with people and their pets.

A group called **“Pets Together”** provides virtual group video chats featuring volunteers across the country and their varied pets. In Friday’s Zoom meeting, a group of four volunteers were on the call, two in California, one in Virginia, and one in Wisconsin. All were accompanied by their dogs.



Six Mayflower residents joined the virtual meeting, facilitated by Community Life and Wellness Coordinator, Jessica Hasenyager. They engaged in conversations about their pets, as well as “Oohing” and “Aahing” over the cute dogs and their tricks on the screen.

Prior to this session, Mayflower residents, Doug and Lorna Caulkins, engaged in a call with a woman in North Carolina who raised a goat by bottle feeding her. She held the baby goat during their virtual meeting.

Plans are to continue the Zoom sessions. One presenter will be featured as she loads up her five Westie dogs in their Winnebago to visit Forest City, Iowa.

*-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director*

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## **March Wine & Cheese Gathering**

The next Wine and Cheese event will be on **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:30pm, Buckley Dining Room.** Relax with Mayflower residents!



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## **Resident News**



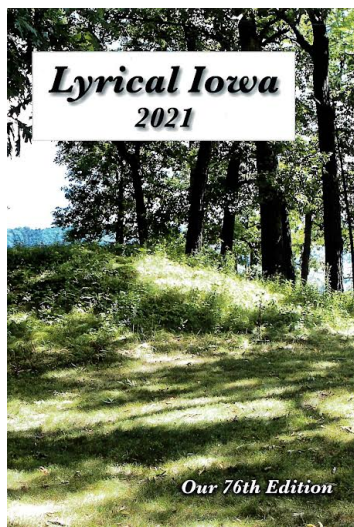
## Poets in The Mayflower Community

Two Mayflower (Grinnell) residents have been chosen FIRST place division winners in the annual poetry competition sponsored by the Iowa Poetry Association. The contest, “Lyrical Iowa,” is part of an annual anthology of more than 300 poems chosen from those submitted in various categories by Iowans.

Judy Hunter won first place in the General category among 667 submittals. Warren Reinecke was awarded first place in the Poems of the Pandemic category for which there were 111 entrants. There are a total of nine adult divisions.

Judy’s poem is entitled, “A Toddler Meets the Sea.” Warren’s is, “Reckoning. Ode to a Novel Coronavirus.” The winning poems have been published in the “Grinnell Herald-Register.” Watch for them to be re-published in future editions of the Mayflower bi-weekly newsletter, “The Informer.”

In addition, other Mayflower residents had their poetry pieces accepted into the “Lyrical Iowa 2021” publication: Pasha Buck, Sue Drake, Chris Hunter, Sandy Moffett, and Gene Rohr.



The Iowa Poetry Association (IPA) is a non-profit organization whose sole objective is to promote interest in and appreciation of poetry among Iowans through educational opportunities, poetry writing contests, and the publication of their annual anthology of Iowa poetry.

Each year, IPA offers **workshops** where participants’ poems are critiqued by eminent teachers, editors, and publishers. In addition, the “**IPA LIVE!**” online program of monthly mini-workshops and readings brings poetry learning and reading opportunities to IPA members across the state.

The IPA is an affiliate society of **The Academy of American Poets** and **The National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.** Membership in IPA is open to any individual or group with an Iowa address. [You can find more information here.](#)

## Transition Treks

Mayflower independent living transition activity since last posting:

### Moved In:

- Charlie and Mari Duke from Grinnell to 711 Park Street Harwich Terrace
- Jenny and Luther Erickson from Pearson #211 to Buckley #208
- Georgia Langerud from Mason City to Buckley #311

### Moves in Process:

- Jean Libbey from 516 State Street Harwich Terrace to Pearson #211
- Phil and Dorothy Palmer from Grinnell to Montgomery #4
- Becky Neal from Altemeier #105 to 604 State Street Harwich Terrace
- Bob and Nancy Cadmus from Grinnell to 516 State Street Harwich Terrace
- Nancy Baumgartner from Grinnell to Buckley #110
- Janice Logan from Grinnell to Edwards #3

Note: All Harwich Terrace new home construction planning has been suspended.

*-Bob Mann  
Sales & Marketing Director ([bmann@mayflowerhomes.com](mailto:bmann@mayflowerhomes.com))  
"I wish we had moved sooner!"*



## Mayflower Puzzler

Resident John Noer, Mayflower's Master Puzzler, presents his 4,000-piece jigsaw puzzle to Mrs. Farrah Deppe, 4<sup>th</sup>-grade teacher at Grinnell's Davis Elementary School. The "Animals of the World" puzzle, framed by Jim Beckman at

Beckman Gallery and Gifts, will be used in instruction by Davis' 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students."

## Scholars' Convocation

For nearly four decades, the Scholars' Convocation series has created a common educational experience shared by the entire Grinnell College community. Established in the late 1970s in response to the College's move to an open curriculum, the accessible interdisciplinary nature of convocation offers an intellectual encounter that transcends disciplinary boundaries.

Unless otherwise indicated, Scholars' Convocation lectures will be held in Joe Rosenfield '25 Center, Room 101 at 11a.m.

**March 10, 2022:**

Scholars' Convocation: Greg Duncan

[Join online here.](#)

**April 7, 2022:**

Scholars' Convocation: Stephanie Jones

### **Grinnell College presents Smithsonian poster exhibition "City of Hope: Resurrection City and the 1968 Poor People's Campaign" at the Drake Community Library**

The current poster exhibition displayed at the Drake Community Library from the Smithsonian honors the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s final and most ambitious vision that each U.S. citizen have equal access to economic opportunities and the American dream. It showcases the Poor People's Campaign — a grassroots, multiracial movement that drew thousands of people to Washington, D.C. For 43 days between May and June 1968, demonstrators demanded social reforms while living side by side in a tent city known as Resurrection City on the National Mall.

The Poor People's Campaign marked an important moment in U.S. history and set the stage for future social justice movements. Within months after Resurrection City's evacuation, policies were advanced toward economic equality such as school lunch programs, rent subsidies and home ownership assistance for low-income families, education and welfare services through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and more.

[You can find more information about the exhibit here.](#)



## The Metropolitan Opera at Grinnell College

The Metropolitan Opera is livestreaming from New York to Grinnell College, reviving a program popular prior to the pandemic. The Met, founded in 1883 at the corner of Broadway and 39<sup>th</sup> 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 for 2022 is as follows:

- *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

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](mailto:meintsbr@grinnell.edu) to coordinate payment and pick-up.

Please wear your mask while indoors.

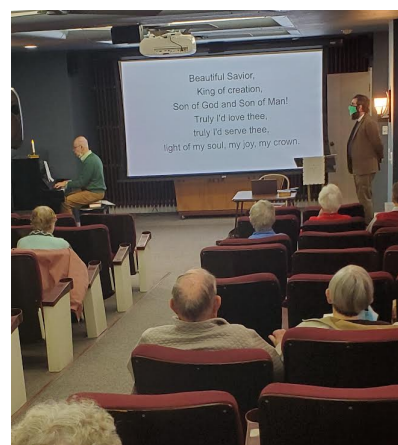
*-Bob Mann on behalf of Britta Meints, M. Ed., Guest Housing & Special Programming Coordinator, Conference Operations and Events, Joe Rosenfield Center, Grinnell College (641-269-3235).*

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## Chapel Is Back at Mayflower

Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, The Mayflower Community has resumed weekly nondenominational Chapel services on Tuesday mornings.

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, The Rev. Daniel Rinehart, Pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Grinnell, led worship services. His message, “The Long Defeat,” wove together Transformation Sunday,





Mardi Gras, and Ash Wednesday with the theme that we don't fight battles alone, nor do we always win. Support of others in need is what is important.

Resident Ed Phillips provided piano accompaniment.

*-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director*

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## Mayflower March Chapel Service Schedule

# Worship

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:

March 8th: Rev. Wendy Abrahamson, Senior Pastor,  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Grinnell

March 15th: Kamal Hammouda, Former Iman at Grinnell College

March 22th: Rev. Anthony Nieuwsma, Pastor at Friends Church,  
Grinnell

March 29th: Diane Eberhart, Grinnell Resident, with Jean Libbey and Joyce Wubbels, Mayflower Residents, presenting a meditative service with music and scripture

***Wanted:*** *Volunteer musicians, and persons willing to serve on the Mayflower Residents Association Spiritual Life Committee. If interested, please contact Dorothy Noer, Spiritual Life Committee Chair, at 712-420-1337 or email [jdnoer@gmail.com](mailto:jdnoer@gmail.com).*

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## Toby Jugs and Character Mugs in Mayflower's Treasure Chest

The Mayflower Community March Treasure Chest display will feature a

collection of Toby Jugs and Character Mugs owned by Mayflower resident, Dorothy Martinek. Dorothy has been collecting these ceramic pieces for about 50 years and is pleased to share them.



Mayflower's Treasure Chest, overseen by a Mayflower Residents Association standing committee, is located in the lobby of the Pearson building. Each month the display in the locked glass cabinet changes to feature various collections, usually those of residents.



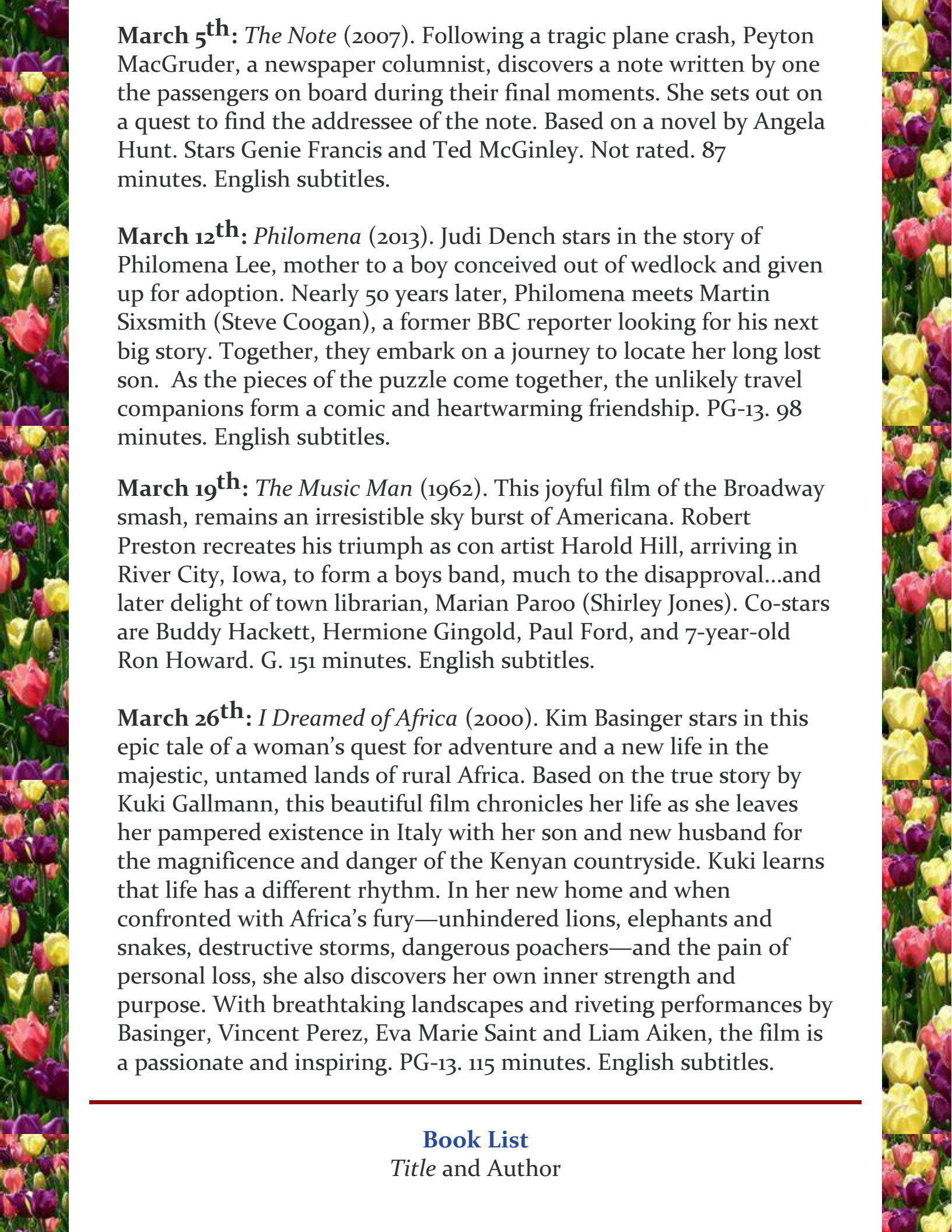
The handful of Toby Jugs in Dorothy's collection are based on the depictions of the original "Toby Fillet" (or Philpot). Toby Jugs, first appearing in 1770, were named for an 18th-century Yorkshire (England) man who got the nickname, "Toby Fillpot," after he drank 2,000 pints of

Yorkshire Stingo (ale). A Toby Jug is a figural ceramic pitcher modeled in the form of a popular character, historical, fictional, or generic. It can be a person or animal. See the accompanying photo.

The majority of Dorothy's collection are Character Mugs, which feature literary characters, famous Americans, statesmen, pirates, and various tradesmen. They display characters' heads and shoulders, and Dorothy's are mostly crafted by Royal Doulton. In the attached photo are an Annie Oakley and a Buffalo Bill Character Mug.

Doug Cameron, a member of the MRA Treasure Chest Committee, wishes to inform you that, "We are looking for future displays. If you have a collection of anything you would like to display (baskets for example), please contact Ginny or Doug Cameron." (641-236-4544. [cameronv641@gmail.com](mailto:cameronv641@gmail.com) or [dougcameron66@gmail.com](mailto:dougcameron66@gmail.com))

*-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director*



**March 5<sup>th</sup>:** *The Note* (2007). Following a tragic plane crash, Peyton MacGruder, a newspaper columnist, discovers a note written by one of the passengers on board during their final moments. She sets out on a quest to find the addressee of the note. Based on a novel by Angela Hunt. Stars Genie Francis and Ted McGinley. Not rated. 87 minutes. English subtitles.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>:** *Philomena* (2013). Judi Dench stars in the story of Philomena Lee, mother to a boy conceived out of wedlock and given up for adoption. Nearly 50 years later, Philomena meets Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan), a former BBC reporter looking for his next big story. Together, they embark on a journey to locate her long lost son. As the pieces of the puzzle come together, the unlikely travel companions form a comic and heartwarming friendship. PG-13. 98 minutes. English subtitles.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>:** *The Music Man* (1962). This joyful film of the Broadway smash, remains an irresistible sky burst of Americana. Robert Preston recreates his triumph as con artist Harold Hill, arriving in River City, Iowa, to form a boys band, much to the disapproval...and later delight of town librarian, Marian Paroo (Shirley Jones). Co-stars are Buddy Hackett, Hermione Gingold, Paul Ford, and 7-year-old Ron Howard. G. 151 minutes. English subtitles.

**March 26<sup>th</sup>:** *I Dreamed of Africa* (2000). Kim Basinger stars in this epic tale of a woman's quest for adventure and a new life in the majestic, untamed lands of rural Africa. Based on the true story by Kuki Gallmann, this beautiful film chronicles her life as she leaves her pampered existence in Italy with her son and new husband for the magnificence and danger of the Kenyan countryside. Kuki learns that life has a different rhythm. In her new home and when confronted with Africa's fury—unhindered lions, elephants and snakes, destructive storms, dangerous poachers—and the pain of personal loss, she also discovers her own inner strength and purpose. With breathtaking landscapes and riveting performances by Basinger, Vincent Perez, Eva Marie Saint and Liam Aiken, the film is a passionate and inspiring. PG-13. 115 minutes. English subtitles.

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## Book List

Title and Author

*Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict  
*Thick as Thieves* by Sandra James Brown  
*Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in WWII* (LP) by Daniel Brown  
*The Country Guesthouse* (LP) by Robyn Carr  
*The Mitford Murders* by Jessica Fellows  
*Go Tell All the Bees That I am Gone* by Diana Gabalon  
*A Solitude of Wolverines* by Alice Henderson  
*The Ninth Decade: An Octogenarian's Dream* by Carl Klaus  
*Broken Ground* by Val McDermid  
*The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven* by Nathaniel Ian Miller  
*Our Country Friends* by Gary Shteyngart  
*Mr. Rosenbaum Dreams in English* by Natasha Solomons  
*Flying Angels* (LP) by Daniel Steele  
*When Harry Met Minnie: A True Story of Love and Friendship* (LP) by Martha Teicher

LP= Large Print

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## **Armchair Travels in Mayflower's Kiesel Theatre**

*2:00pm on Thursdays*

**Please Note: Armchair Travels will now meet on Thursdays from 2-3:30pm.**

Below are the upcoming "trips."

March 10th

- Ioway Indian Nation
- Rome, Italy

March 17th

- U.S., Alaska and Glacier Bay
- U.S., Lincoln Highway (Route 30)

March 24th

- U.S., Midwest Journey

March 31st

- Canada, Ontario and Moose Factory Island
- Spain, Barcelona and Catalunya
- U.S., Iowa and Ridgeway "Picture Perfect"



### Available Homes:

- Buckley #101 681 ft<sup>2</sup> \$63,750 2-bedroom. 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Two exposures. Plenty of kitchen storage.
  - Buckley #201 681 ft<sup>2</sup> \$63,750. 2-bedroom. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Two exposures. Balcony.
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### Informer Submission Deadlines

- Submission deadline: March 11th for publication March 18th.
- Submission deadline: 25th for publication April 1st.
- Submission deadline: April 8th for publication April 15th.



**[Submit here.](#)**

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### Residents' Birthdays

Phyllis Saunders and Jeanette Tisdale on March 4th  
Lyle Roudabush on March 7th  
Orlan Mitchell on March 13th  
Judy Hunter and Joy Murphy on March 14th  
Sara Adams and Bonnie Buntz on March 15th  
Arnie Adelberg and Karen Packard on March 17th  
Georgia Langerud, Jean Libbey, and Bill Pollak on March 18th  
Jill Kaiser on March 19th  
Catherine Rod and Gene Rohr on March 20th

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