



THE BRANCHLANDS TIMES



Resident Spotlight
Marilyn Likness



Marilyn Likness was born in the town of Moravia, in the Finger Lakes region of New York. Immediately after high school, she attended business school in Syracuse, where she met her husband, Norman, at a USO dance.

They were married and, after his Air Force enlistment was up, they moved to his home town in South Dakota, where they bought and managed a small grocery store for five years. Besides the extreme heat and cold, her memories are mostly of tumbleweeds and nearby tornadoes.

Another move brought them to Culpeper Virginia. Norman had been commuting to his job at IBM in Manassas when they took produce from their backyard garden to the farmers' market, and immediately sold everything! Realizing that this was something they loved and were good at, they opened a greenhouse, eventually growing and selling a full line of perennials, shrubs, fruit trees, and hanging baskets.

Their family included two sons, Mark and Eric, and Cheryl, their only daughter. After Norman's death twelve years ago, Marilyn lived on her own until she suffered a stroke that left her doctors puzzled. Rather than being paralyzed, her whole left side was in constant motion. Finally one doctor researched the condition and was able to treat her successfully. With Mark working nearby, he was able to spend many hours with her during her hospitalization and rehabilitation.

Eric lives in Baltimore and Cheryl is in Charlottesville with her husband and their son, Benjamin; it was she who convinced her mother to move here and found Branchlands for her.

Marilyn has been shopping for furniture since her arrival but one piece that she brought with her is a charming antique chair that belonged to her mother. Its crocheted cushion made by her mother makes it even more special.

Marilyn also has done many kinds of needlework, but she really fell in love with quilting and has a collection of her gorgeous hand-stitched quilts on display. She loves color and some reflect that beautifully; others feature butterflies, her love of books, or specific techniques such as bargello.

Because of vision problems, Marilyn no longer reads as much as she used to, but if she could have dinner with anyone in the world, living or dead, it would be author Harper Lee. She has no particular questions to ask, but would love to listen to the author talk about "everything we could think of".

DIANNE'S CORNER AND QUOTE OF THE MONTH

DO GOOD AND CARE NOT TO WHOM. 'ITALIAN PROVERB'

10 Signs of trouble:

If you think you are observing any unusual behavior with one of your neighbors, here are 10 things you can be looking for in their daily routines.

1. A change in a senior's appearance or condition of their apartment
2. Clutter
3. Dirty or unkempt
4. Unpaid bills
5. Fresh food replaced with junk food
6. Spoiled food in the fridge or freezer
7. Bugs or rodents in the apartment
8. Confusion
9. Unfilled prescriptions
10. Spills on floors and



Happy Birthday to...

Marion Montemayor Apr 5
Joan Trice Apr 14
Elaine Axelrod Apr 15
Billye Cutchen Apr 23
Norma Stimler Apr 26

Improvements:

Tree work will soon begin. You should all see an improvement in terms of trees being pruned back away from the buildings. They will also be thinning out the dead branches.

We are also very close to getting started on the dumpster gates. You will be seeing new gates installed in front and back of the dumpster as well as a smaller access gate to the courtyard. The plywood look will be gone soon.

We have added bookcases to the Holtrust first and second floor lounge areas to give those in the building some new books. Some are new to our collection and some came from the Sargent house collection. Please feel free to browse, borrow and enjoy reading. You are also welcome to add some of your own.

Quilting Circle

Clara Cohrs and Arlene Goodyear handmade the beautiful baby quilt they are displaying in the picture. This one is lovingly going to Clara and Werners new great grandson.

They would like to continue to make more and to encourage anyone else who would like to join them to start a little quilting group. If you are interested, please contact Arlene or Marilyn Likness. You can decide as a group who will be the lucky recipient of the next quilt or two or three!

New activities are always welcome here at Branchlands. If you have an idea don't be afraid to speak up.





Interested in Redecorating?

Jean Baker (H-2M) is offering a five week course in interior design to the first 5 people who sign up. The class is Free and will begin on April, 5th at 1:00.

You can read all about this new activity from the flyer on the bulletin board outside Robin's office. Or give Jean a call if you have any questions.

Spring is in the air as evident by the beautiful trees in the courtyard.

Resident Tea Party - March 16th, welcoming new residents to the Branchlands Family.



Lunch & Learn - Mar 23rd, discussing Simple Exercises you can do anywhere and pretty much anytime.



More pictures for both events can be seen on the Bulletin Board in the Sargent Connector.

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BRANCLANDS WORD FINDER

BALCONY	FUN
BINGO	GAZEBO
BIRTHDAYPARTY	HAPPYHOUR
BRANCLANDS	HOLTRUST
BRIDGE	LANGMAN
BRUNCH	LAUNDRYROOM
BUS	LUNCHOUT
CANASTA	MANORHOUSE
CARDIO	MOVIES
CHARLOTTESVILLE	MUSIC
COFFEE	POKENO
CONNECTOR	POKER
COOKOUTS	PUZZLES
COURTYARD	RESIDENTS
DININGROOM	ROSES
ELEVATOR	SARGENT
EXERCISE	SCRABBLE
FAMILY	TREES
FRONTPORCH	YOGA

A Warm Welcome to our new residents:

Margaret Burriss S-2E Mar 20
Mary Strickland H-GB Apr 1

A PLACE TO LIVE/ A WAY OF LIFE

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Where does our News Travel?

We have all heard that news travels fast. We are also curious how far it travels. There is a new world map in the Langman Room on which we will be putting pins to see where our news goes. If you need a copy of the newsletter to attach to an e-mail, let Terry know and she can send it to you. While most of you move to Branchlands to be closer to family, many of you still have friends and family scattered all over the world. It's a great conversation piece to tell others why you sent it so far away and to whom you are sending it. Let's see how many pins we can stick in the map and who sends it the furthest.

Upcoming Activities -

Branchlands Annual Clothing Drive. April 12th – Start thinking about what you would like to donate. Can we beat the 19 large garbage bags we filled last year?

Frederickburg's Matinee Lunch Theatre performance of 'My Fair Lady'. April 20th.

NOTE: There will be no regular transportation available on this day. Please make your plans accordingly.

Fiddler on the Porch – Apr 22 @ 3:30.

We will be combining Happy Hour and music on the porch followed by one of Barry's Famous cook outs. Christopher Price will be performing some of your favorite sing-a-long songs.

Day trip to the **Hollywood Casino at Charlestown Races, W. Va** on May 18th. Details soon. . NOTE: There will be no regular transportation available on this day. Please make your plans accordingly.