

# THE BRANCHLANDS TIMES



Resident Spotlight  
Gertrude 'Trudy'  
Taylor



Trudy was born to Sarah and Alfred Dale in Wise, Virginia, in 1939. She is the youngest of four. She has one sister and two brothers. While she stays in touch, she doesn't get to see them much as they are spread out along the southeast. Her older, very active, 90 yr old brother is in Tennessee, her sister in North Carolina and her other brother is in Georgia. She attended first grade in Wise and then her family moved to Free Union, Virginia, where she went to school until she graduated from Albemarle High School. After Graduation, she went to night classes to learn about the computer.

She met her husband and they were married for fifteen years. They traveled to North Carolina on their Honeymoon. Trudy and her husband had two children. One was a girl named Joan, and the other was a boy named Grover, and they lived in Charlottesville, Virginia, during that time. They also traveled to Canada and to the Florida Keys, which she really enjoyed. Trudy then got a job at Sperry Marine where she worked for forty-five years. She started as a key punch operator and then switched from entering the data to checking the data.

Unfortunately, Trudy had a stroke, and had to retire. After 45 years on the job, she deserved to enjoy herself. A friend told her about Branchlands and she decided to come. She moved here on May 1, 2017 and has a lovely apartment where she can look out at the garden, the pond, and the many bushes and flowers from her windows overlooking the courtyard. She really likes it here and has made some very nice friends. She also keeps busy with her crochet work and has even crocheted a "Checkerboard" for a friend, (see below), who wanted it for his travels. She plans to do more crocheting as she really enjoys doing it.

We are so glad you have come to Branchlands and know you will enjoy all the wonderful things we do here. Welcome, Trudy.



What a clever way to be able to travel with your checker board. It just folds up and goes. Maybe we could think of some other games she could crochet for us.

Nice job, Trudy!

By Betty Kollar

*From the Paint Box – Yellow Green*

*By Jean Baker*

Taking an art class at a Metropolis Museum

I came upon a pedagogue  
Who had a narrow idea  
Of colors ad nauseum.

She said using yellow-green  
Expressed a jealous personality  
An outrage to be seen.  
How could she not see  
Everywhere she would pass?  
The spring trees & new-mown grass?

Alas, alas, alas  
I am a devotee of yellow-green  
Unlike this teacher  
I even wear a dress  
Of that color  
Which makes me feel  
Inordinately fresh!

A La Mode De Dorothy Parker

*Happy Fourth of July to all!*

*Come down and enjoy our cook-out at 2:00pm  
Eat inside or on the porch. One seating for all.*



*Happy Birthday to...*



- Norma Smith – July 4
- Marguerite Byers – July 6
- Fran Dagro – July 15
- Trudy Taylor - July 15
- John Mussina - July 20

*Lunch & Learn June 26, 2017*

*Sponsored by Chef Barry and his Mentor Jose and Jose's daughter Ana.*



Great lunch and  
some  
scrumptious  
desserts!



*A Warm Welcome to  
our new residents:*

- Walter Gaedecke – S2H (7/1)
- Tom Belluardo - H3K (7/1)
- Shirley Forde – H2L (7/7)
- Diane Waldren - H1J (7/7)



*Music with "Cameron Sutphin" June 16, 2017*



*Our Trip to Fredericksburg for the Historic Trolley Ride – June 23, 2017*

*Lorraine, Tim, Marguerite, Terry, Dru, Arlene, Norma, Bud, Annette & John  
John, our tour guide in the back,*



It was a beautiful day in the open air bus, a great group and a very interesting tour through historic Fredericksburg. This was followed up by lunch at 'The Olive Garden'. More trips were discussed over lunch. Stay tuned for where we might go next.

### *Construction Tidbits*

The building is truly taking shape. There will be some incredible views from the upper floor apartments and the second floor balcony.

They are working on pouring the concrete for floor number four.

You can see the exterior insulation being installed and the brick work should start any time.

On the interior they continue to install the plumbing and electrical. This unfortunately is not as visible to the onlookers as the exterior changes.

By the second week of July they hope to start putting on the roof trusses. I imagine the cranes will be working pretty hard and steady to complete this phase.

Stay tuned for more updates at the next monthly Resident Meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in the Langman Room.



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### *Coming Attractions in July*

**Charlottesville Municipal Band Concert** – July 5, 7:30pm MLK Performing Arts Center at the C’ville High School. Special Guests - the US Army Chorus from Washington, DC.

**A Magic Show** – July 26, 1:00pm in the Langman room. Phil Crosson will be here to entertain with his show ‘Flight of Fantasy’.

### *Look for these in the future months*

**The Sweet Tooth Ice Cream Truck** – I’ve heard nothing but good things about this one!

**Trip to Drumheller Farm** – Rumor has it they have the best apple pie. Just like mom! But we need to wait until later in the year when the apples are ripe. Maybe we can squeeze in a stop at Vito’s for lunch. Yumm!