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What's Happening

vipmv.org

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MJ and Jack demonstrate the mirror exercise at drama. Photo by JP.

Virginia's Drama Club—Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00, in-person at the Playhouse, except no drama on February 28 (school vacation week)

Bowling— Saturday, March 4, 11:30 followed by lunch

RSVP to Ann by Thursday: text or call (508) 287-2847.

Thanks to a very generous donation in memory of Timmy Cantwell, you are invited to stay for lunch at no charge. Please let us know if you plan to eat with us after bowling.

Open Art Session—many Sundays from 2:00-4:00 Chilmark Arts Kitchen

Check your email or call Dale at (508) 693-6616 or Allison at (508) 645-9081 for the next date.

VIP General Meeting—Wednesday, February 22, 6:00 in the high school culinary arts room

Monday Night Movie— "Grease", Monday, February 27, 6:00 at the Playhouse, \$5.00 VIPers are especially excited to sing along.

Dance—Saturday, March 11 with DJ Sterling, 6:30—8:30, Chilmark Community Center Bring snacks to share.

VIP Art Reception at the MV Playhouse by Laura

VIPers gathered at the Martha's Vineyard Playhouse for a delightful afternoon tea Saturday, January 21st. We enjoyed cookies and chocolate chip bars homemade by Mary Beth's niece, Sarah, along with hot tea and coffee. Aside from the treats and the good company, this was many VIPers' first look at the second half of our art show featuring even more lively artwork from VIP's 2022 art classes. We even sold some more artwork that day, as well as a whole bunch of 2023 VIP art calendars! Most Saturday afternoons at the Playhouse are pretty quiet, so having a little party in the Art Space was a fun change of pace. You don't need a special occasion to visit us at the Playhouse, though—feel free to stop by, relax, and enjoy the art on display at any time. That is, any reasonable time!



Judi presented these flowers and thanked MJ and the Playhouse for their support and generosity.

Comments

on the Calendar:

“Judi and her band of artists certainly deserve applause for the wonderful, well thought out calendar. The pictures are great, big enough for notes and easy to see!” by Pat James

and Art Show “What a delightful smiling afternoon feast of the eyes. Thank you everyone.” by Lynn Thorp



When I was a little boy, I used to go to camp. It was a long time ago. Jack remembers taking me to the beach and doing fun things. I would like to go back sometime.

Art and notes by Greg

Keen Eyes Keenan Movie Review by Martha

On Mondays, I have been going to movies at the Playhouse. Some Like It Hot **** Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon dress as women to join an all-female band with Marilyn Monroe.

The men are hiding from the mob.

Selma, Lord, Selma *** This was about the civil rights movement.

Roman Holiday **** A romantic comedy about a princess trying to escape the royal life. She meets and falls in love while enjoying Rome. The romance ends when she has to return to life in the palace.

Return of the Pink Panther****

Hope to see you at “Grease” on the 27th.



VIP Friends by Marney

Featuring businesses, organizations and individuals who share VIP's mission to make opportunities for a full Island life available to all

Recently, Mary Beth and I visited Leigh Smith (a.k.a. JP's grandmother) at her home in Vineyard Haven. If something interesting is happening on Martha's Vineyard including VIP activities (yard sales, art openings, etc.) you are sure to find Leigh there. I was curious about how she maintains her community engagement and positive outlook. Leigh has a remarkable memory for people and events.

As she recounted the accomplishments of her grandparents, parents, children, grandchildren, schoolmates, work colleagues, neighbors and friends it became evident that Leigh is curious about people, enjoys their differences and always looks for the best. She is, as Mary Beth says, a "connector". She keeps in touch with many, many people from all stages of her life and celebrates their achievements. Leigh is still secretary for her Smith College class. Leigh always loved school as a student which inspired her to become a Kindergarten teacher. She taught until she retired at sixty.

It was unusual for women to be "allowed" to work after marriage and especially after starting a family when Leigh was teaching. When I asked her about this she quickly said that although many women she knew became homemakers they never quit volunteering and doing good work in their communities. Leigh was and in many cases still is an active member of many organizations including the League of Women Voters, NAACP and the ACLU.

Leigh shared a meaningful quote from her grandmother "I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." It is by Stephen Grellet, a French-American Quaker who lived from 1772-1855

Mary Beth and I came away from the interview inspired by our conversation. I for one will try to follow Leigh's example of taking frustration and turning it into positive action, appreciating people for who they are and acknowledging their accomplishments, and remaining engaged in my community. VIP is fortunate to have Leigh as a cheerleader and friend.



JP's mother Alison, JP and Leigh

If you have ideas for other VIP friends, contact Sundy at sundysmith@icloud.com

Due to the extreme cold, the VIP ski trip was postponed until next year.
The anticipation will be growing!



Thanks to Beth for supplying lots of cookies to decorate during our latest arts session. We had many to share (and enjoy!). What a fun activity, along with making cards.



Zoom Bingo by Alexander

I have been enjoying the virtual bingo that MVCS has been hosting on Zoom every two weeks. The winner gets a \$25.00 Amazon gift card and I have won two games already. It's a lot of fun! RSVP to Theresa Inman by calling (774) 563-0997 or email tinman@mvcommunityservicers.org.

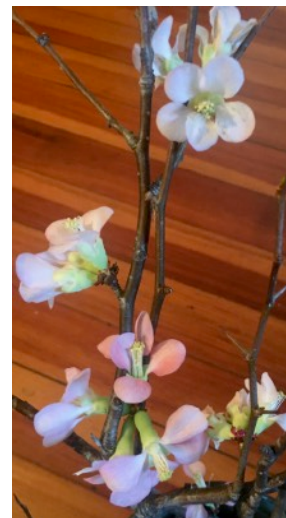
Jo Ann recommends we check out the movie "Spellers", a new documentary. The website spellersthemovie.com says "Inspired by the book Underestimated, the new full-length documentary "SPELLERS" challenges conventional wisdom regarding a group relegated to society's margins: nonspeakers with autism, who most "experts" believe are cognitively disabled...The film blends beautiful cinematography with heart-wrenching stories of eight spellers and a strong message" for all of us—presume competence.

At the brainstorming session, it was suggested that VIP have lists of suggested movies and books on our website. The communications team will be taking this on soon. Please let us know what you would add.

Questions about any VIP activities?? Call or text Marney at (508) 560-1567 or call Allison at (508) 645-9081. If you would like to be added to the What's Happening mailing list, by paper or PDF, send your info. to agburger19@gmail.com



Artist Heather with her piece, currently in the Featherstone exhibit "Love Lives Here", open daily through February 26 from 12-4.



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