What's Happendre

News of the VIP December 2018

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Dear friends,

As 2018 draws to a close, VIP members feel very grateful.

We appreciate the vision and detail-oriented work that Sundy Smith provided through our first Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard grant.

We were thrilled with the art and pottery classes held at Featherstone Center for the Arts.

We remain avid participants in Virginia's Drama Club at the MV Playhouse and treasure MJ Bruder Munafo's teaching ability and lighthearted approach. VIP's art show at the Playhouse last March was a true highlight.

We are presently in the midst of our monthly bowling and lunch at the Barn in Oak Bluffs. Ann Baird, the bowling coordinator, decided that the donations in Frank's memory (her husband and Mark's dad) be used to make bowling even less expensive this year. We all danced to her son Mike's band, the Black-Eyed Susans, at our fall potluck.

Our evening of thanks and giving was a fantastic meeting. We are delighted to be good neighbors to our community.

We are grateful for any financial support you can offer to VIP. Please send checks to the address above.

Tony Palmer and Julie Schmidt, co-presidents of the VIP



Martha, Judi, Colin, Diamond and Roxanne

Kayaking at Felix Neck by Colin Kennedy

We went kayaking in October. It was a lot of fun. This was the first time I rowed the kayak by myself. At first it was a little hard, but then it got easier. Everything looked so pretty from the water.



Diamond, ready to paddle.



Colin makes way for cormorants.



The unforgettable Men in Black at the October VIP Dance. Tony on the right, his uncle Bill, and Colin on the left.

My California Trip by Tony Palmer

I went to California to visit Laurie and Debbie. I bought some new shoes for myself there--nice leather, a dark red with rubber soles. California was nice and warm, not too cold, but sunny. We went to the redwood forest to see the very tall trees. It was amazing. We had dinner at a Japanese restaurant. The chicken with hot peppers was very good.



Nice kicks!



Heather, Andri, Ally, Ida, Judi and Cindy.

Our next board meeting is Feb. 6 at 6:30 at the Y and our next general meeting is Feb. 20 at 6:30 at the high school.

The Dine to Donate Fundraiser at The Wharf in Edgartown on Monday, October 15 was a huge success! Thanks to Debbi Zetterberg for coordinating an amazing effort with help from Ally, Erin, Ida, and Laura J.!

The next Dine to Donate will be at Offshore Ale on March 28, 2019

More Art With VIP by Laura C. Jahn

VIP art classes returned this past October in the form of drawing practice. Artistic VIPers created still lifes of gourds and apples, and teamed up to create an autumn-themed mural—a big, wall-spanning art piece—to brighten the scenery of our fall dance. (Check out our front page for the finished artwork!)



Erin and Ida find inspiration for their art in beautiful autumn sights.



Colin and Dan add their bright colors to the mural.

Erin, who had some experience taking art classes in her former home state of Connecticut, found the exercise unexpectedly challenging. "It was hard, because I wanted to trace, and trying to draw freehand was frustrating," she recalled. "I took a break, and after that, Judi offered to work together on my cat picture." Erin's grandmother was an artist, so it seems creating art runs in the family! With our recent grant from the Permanent Endowment, more art classes are on the horizon. Erin likes the idea of getting to work more with collage. "I'd like to do a collage of Chilmark Chocolates, with pictures of my friends there."

Bowling With Greg by Greg Marshall

A big bunch of VIPers all went bowling at The Barn and had lunch together November 3rd. We had a big group. I was on a bowling team with Laura & Stephanie. Our first game's score was Greg 83, Laura 82, and Stephanie 86. A few weeks before that, I got to go with Deborah and David. We all had a great time bowling.



Greg and Laura J. work on What's Happening together with the help of a



Keen-Eyes Keenan Movie Reviews are back!

- Christopher Robin ***
- The Wife ***
- The House With the Clocks In Its Walls ****

November Thanks and Giving Annual Meeting Board Shuffle

- Judi Schubert and Alexander Campbell have ended their terms on the board, finishing as co-presidents with Tony, who is continuing as co-president.
- Laura Gliga and Walter Kennedy have ended their time as board members.
- We welcome Julie Schmidt as our new co-president and Ally Johnson, Chris Johnson, Ida Bailey, and JP Hitesman as new board members.

Thanks to board members new and old for your work supporting VIP!





Many folks brought jars or bags of change to donate. \$550 was sorted at our meeting. The funds will be split between aiding California fire victims and Suzanne Walker of Oak Bluffs, who is facing costly wheelchair and car repairs.

Virginia's Drama Club Season 3 resumes in January. Drama club is on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:15 at the Vineyard Playhouse on Church St.,VH. Come whenever you can.

Check our website for the schedule.

Alexander's upcoming art show has been rescheduled for April 2019 at Mocha Mott's in VH.



Alexander will be in Arizona for a month this winter, so we can anticipate some desert inspired artwork along with his Vineyard scenes.

Thanks to the Permanent Endowment for fulfilling our grant request. These monies will be used for art classes, printing of our newsletter (at a very reduced rate), our website, and communication assistance.



Above: New board members Ally and Ida design colorful placemats for Windemere.

Left: Ruby seals bags of trail mix which Robb and Camden filled for the Food Pantry. Patty delivered these and many boxes of donated food.



Bowling the first
Saturday of the month!
at The Barn Bowl & Bistro at noon.
Call or text Ann Baird to sign up
by Wednesday at 508-287-2847



