



RiverTalk

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Our Community Hall is tied with red bows of hope and unity. Join us in a show of support for all our vulnerable frontline workers and first responders.





President's Letter

Dear MSCA Members,

A belated Happy Easter! Even in the challenging times, it was wonderful to see (virtually, of course) and hear how many of us celebrated the day with our families near and far. This Easter of 2020 will remain in our memories for a long time to come. Each of us are adapting to frightening new circumstances, to learn new skills (Zoom? Isn't that a noise a fast car makes?), and to bring our creativity to life in finding new ways to interact with our work, our families, our friends, and our community. I am reminded of a favorite quote from author Laura Ingalls

Wilder, "The real things haven't changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful; to make the most of what we have; to be happy with simple pleasures; and have courage when things go wrong."

In thanksgiving for all the health care workers, first responders, and essential workers who continue to keep us safe, care for the sick, and maintain our essential services like grocery stores, pharmacies and gas stations in the face of the pandemic, we have begun a Red for Unity Campaign. You have probably noticed we have placed red bows on the Community Hall and on our sign. We hope you will do the same! It's easy to participate - just place red (or any color you have) bow(s) on a tree, mailbox, columns around your home. Wouldn't it be wonderful there were bows all over town--down Oak Street and beyond? What a wonderful tribute to our community heroes.

The MSCA Board has voted to postpone the May Low Country Boil from May 9th to June 6th in hopes that by then we will be able to gather together. At that time we will also honor our MSCA scholarship recipient - the winner will be announced soon. Stay tuned for more information.

In the meantime, since we cancelled the April potluck, we are holding a virtual raffle to continue to raise funds for our scholarship program. See the details on page 3 of the newsletter. Thank you for your generosity in advance!

I hope you'll enjoy the pictures of how some of our Board members have been doing while we are staying home and around our community.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and continue to practice social distancing. Hopefully we will be able to gather soon.

Warm regards,
Helen Soule

Virtual Scholarship Raffle!!



We have missed gathering together at our potlucks, enjoying the company of great neighbors, a delicious meal, and...our monthly raffle! The scholarship committee has been reviewing scholarship applications and will be announcing a winner soon. Sadly, we are short of our goal. While we may not be able to dine together, we can still support our youth with a virtual raffle. The prize will be a bit of fun entertainment along with a *\$50 Jesses Gift Card*.

Here is how it will work:

Email your name and ticket request to msca_al@yahoo.com by May 15th
\$1 a ticket / \$5 for 6 tickets
(we will arrange to get your money via mail or in a socially responsible way)

We will respond with your ticket number(s) and once everyone has had an opportunity to purchase tickets, we will confirm with you the arrangements for our random drawing.

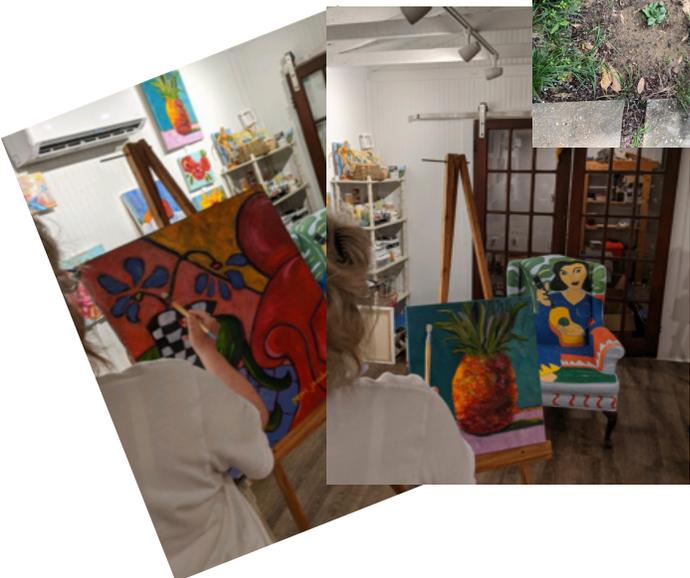
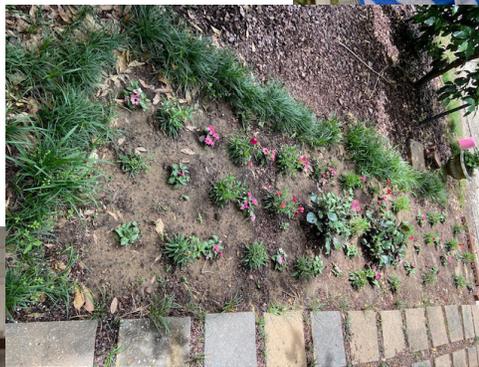
The winner will be contacted to arrange for delivery of their prize.

Now, let's have a raffle!



A Neighborly Day in Our Beautywood...

Just like you, your board has been finding ways to stay busy, productive, and entertained. How well do you know your board - can you tell who has been doing what??



In the Community

From St Paul's Episcopal Chapel

While its buildings are shuttered as we all work to prevent the spread of Covid-19, MSCA member St. Paul's Episcopal Chapel is streaming its 10am Sunday services live on Facebook: St. Paul's Chapel, Magnolia Springs. The recording remains on the page where you can scroll down and watch it whenever you like. You can also see the recording on St. Paul's YouTube channel, St. Paul's Episcopal Chapel, Magnolia Springs, AL.



"Blessing of the Vehicles"
Fr. Eric Zubler, with Organist John Hobbs holding the holy water, ready to asperge (sprinkle with holy water) vehicles.



"Easter Mementos"
Deacon Susan McKee, gloved and masked, giving Easter mementos to people as they arrive for the blessing.

From Magnolia Springs Library

Alabama books

HOW MANY OF THESE ALABAMA CLASSICS HAVE YOU READ?

- *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café* by Fannie Flagg
- *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions* by Daniel Wallace
- *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
- *Cold Moon Over Babylon* by Michael McDowell
- *13 Alabama Ghosts and Jeffrey* by Kathryn Tucker Windham and Margaret Gillis Figh
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *Crazy in Alabama* by Mark Childress
- *Forrest Gump* by Winston Groom
- *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson

Our library recently received new fiber-optic internet through the Alabama Supercomputer Authority and Alabama Public Library Services. It's free of charge to us, and the internet is faster and stronger.

The wifi is always available 24/7 from outside the library. There is a password to log on, but it's posted on the bulletin board.

We have a nice table and benches outside - perfect for families or social distancing individuals who wish to get out of the car to use the internet.

From Stray Love Foundation

Don't forget our furry purrrsons need food, supplies, and care during this time. Stray Love would certainly appreciate donations, foster care, or help you with a new addition to your family. If you would like more information about the foundation or would like to make a donation, please visit their website at www.straylovefoundation.org.

MSCA Directory - Did You Remember to Renew?

MSCA membership dues are payable beginning in June and due by October 1st each year. The 2019-2020 membership form is on the last page of this newsletter. Please send it with your payment and update anything that should be changed in your directory listing. Or, bring your form and pay your dues (exact cash or checks preferred, no credit cards) at our next Potluck. Thanks to everyone listed below who has renewed or joined to-date.

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From the Editor

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— Lyndy Kouns, Editor
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Please fill in all information even if you are renewing so we are sure to have your most current information.

Date: _____

Name(s): _____ / _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ / _____

Email(s): _____ / _____

2019-2020 Membership and Dues Information

Family (\$25) _____ Individual (\$15) _____ **EXTRA:** Mailed Paper Newsletters (\$15) _____

If Family Membership, please list any additional members of household for nametags:

Additional Tax-Deductible Donation _____

TOTAL _____

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