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HILLTOP EVENTS

Board of Directors :Meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10 AM at Hilltop House. The agenda is posted in the lobby and residents are welcome to attend.

OCTOBER FEST: October 13th @ 5 PM. Back by popular demand! Brats and Beer. Bring your own stein to the party along with an appetizer or salad for all to enjoy. Include a beverage of your choice , or a beer or soda provided by The House.

CLOUD FOREST SCHOOL in the rain forest of Costa Rica: November 11th @ 4 PM. Elizabeth Lowell will give a fascinating slide presentation. We travel to Central America and then on to Haiti, which is within the North American continent. Save the date!

ANNUAL HILLTOP HOLIDAY PARTY; December 11th. Saturday @ 5 PM. Enjoy friends and fellowship with our Hilltop community. It's party

October is the treasure of the year. And all the months pay bounty to her store...

Laurence Dunbar



Resident Spotlight Presents

Audrey Monroe our juried artist in residence for more than eleven years has displayed her work at Hilltop House and numerous other venues. Water color, pen and ink, and pastels are her medium of choice.

Audrey was born and educated in New Haven, Connecticut. While raising four children, caring for elderly family members, house renovations, building 3 houses, and finally her big retirement move to NH, she never stopped reading art books and magazines for new ideas.

Many of her paintings, pen and ink prints, note cards, as well as home portraits are part of collections through out the United States. Hilltop House



joins the others to be fortunate enough to display the symbolic water color rooster hanging in the Hilltop House lobby.

Thank you Audrey for shining in the spotlight!

Sometimes you have to read a novel twice to appreciate its true value. For me it was the **Night Watchman** by Louise Erdrich. I read it for the first time when it was published in 2020 and set it aside without taking the time to think about it seriously. It took a second reading to make me realize its treasures.

Erdrich sets the story in 1953 at a time when the federal government decided to terminate its contract with the Chippewa Indian tribe in North Dakota, thus, to break up their land and sell it off to large corporations. Erdrich's grandfather Patrick Gorneau (Thomas, Wazhashk in the story) is the night watchman who spearheads the fight against all odds to stop the government's action. Erdrich is the authentic voice of the Native American community as she takes us into the Turtle Mountain Band reservation where poverty is rampant (no electricity or plumbing), and farmable lands and jobs are scarce. "Never enough of anything," Thomas said in moments of despair. In simple but poetic terms Erdrich describes the faith and courage of a community under constant economic and political stress.

It is interesting to note that Erdrich was in the first class at Dartmouth to admit women. After graduate studies she returned to Dartmouth to establish and teach in the Native American Studies department. Her novels about Native American life serve as a constant reminder of a shameful chapter in our nation's history.

Fay loves to share her enthusiasm for interesting books you have read. Please leave all information in her cubby #36.



TIME TO PUT OUR GARDEN TO SLEEP

From a Former Gardener...

"Imagine my joy when I carved a grilled cheese and tomato sandwich and found I didn't have any tomatoes; but there at Hilltop House someone had left their surplus from the vegetable garden and I could have my "heart's delight"!

Thank you—all you generous gardeners."



Please remember to check your in house cubby once a week. Some boxes get very cluttered after several weeks.

Our stop signs at Hilltop read the same as the stop signs on the roadways. We are a private road vs a public road but all driving rules apply. Speed limits for residents and guests are 20 mph.

Folks out walking remember to walk on the left side of the road and be aware of on coming traffic.

Did you know that we are on the same power grid as New London Hospital? If we lose power at Hilltop we will regain usage as quickly as the hospital. Comforting news as winter is soon approaching.