

Radiant Care Tabor Manor

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For the Love of Art—written by David Bakkar

WE REMEMBER...

Laura Richter
Marion Mooradian
Giovanna “Joanna” Garofalo

WE WELCOME...

Anna Wall
Ian Radin

WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAYS OF...

Raymond Wood
Helen Dubiel
James “Jim” Burt
Mollie Morris
Cornelis Van DerMaas
Rita Marano
Mona Bartleet
Richard Snyder
Brigitte Chiasson
Evelyn Street
Adina Brault
Nettie Vanleeuwen
Giuseppina ‘Josie’ Cecchetti



When I was a little boy in the Netherlands, my father would always point out the beauty of creation. Once he brought me to a nest of baby rabbits to marvel. My dad knew as I do, that we know God from the Bible; but the Bible tells us that we can know God in creation.

As a student, my teacher asked us to draw a killdeer in pen and ink. She held mine up as an example for the rest of the class, affirming that I had some gifts in this area. However, during the war, there were no supplies or time to nurture this gift. Then post war our family immigrated to Canada and our focus was on establishing ourselves in our new country. My love for growing plants, trees and rose bushes became our family business. Here too I could see everyday the hand of our Creator, God.

As my wife and I started our family, I would tell stories to our children, illustrating on small bits of paper. Watching this, my wife one Christmas bought me my first art/ painting set. I set out to take painting lessons in the evenings with a local artist who painted with the Group of Seven. That was the beginning. That teacher took me along on his painting trips in the fall. Together we would find a picturesque spot, set up our easels and paint God’s works of art in His creation, using oils.

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Resident Highlight Cont'd

From that point my wife and I would go every fall to Algonquin Park to paint the beautiful and majestic fall scenes. Once I was semi retired, my paint box would travel with us in our camper throughout North America. I came to understand more fully how God not only shows us in His Son Jesus and in the Bible; but He also show Himself in the creation. Painting became my hobby.

I continued to paint oils until I no longer had the physical ability to stand and paint. From there I moved to water colour. But then when my vision became so limited, my granddaughter encouraged me to try oil pastels.

When I arrived at Tabor one of my goals was to continue my art. With the support of my grandchildren, wife, daughters, and Deborah the Recreation Therapist, I have been able to achieve that goal and more. Not only is the active work of creating art important to me, but so is the opportunity to bless others with my work. Over the years many have received pieces of my work as gifts for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and expressions of appreciation. And now I am so thankful that God allows me to serve Him through my art. Most recently I was once again able to teach a little art to my fellow residents. I am very thankful to God for all the staff at Tabor who support us. However, I am most thankful to God, my Saviour and Lord who still allows me to serve Him and those around me, using the talents that He has given me for His glory and honour.



David's art exhibit and art class



Paska and Easter

Paska is an Easter bread tradition and particularly spread in countries with predominant Eastern Orthodox religious or cultural connections to the ancient Byzantine Empire. Paska is made milk, butter, eggs, flour and sugar. Some recipes also call for lemon and orange in the mixture. Some people like icing on top of their bread with colored sprinkles! How do you like yours?



Spring seeding season underway



Tabor Manor is a fragrance free home and we ask that you please keep this in mind when bringing in flowers, especially with Easter right around the corner. Certain types of flowers have very strong scents and Easter lilies are one of them. We ask that you do not bring this type of flower into the home.



Please check calendars for date and time of meetings on each home area.

Biblically Based—Jim Evans

Jesus brings new life!

Michelle Funk was only left alone for a few minutes that day in June 1986. It was long enough. She fell into the icy, runoff-swollen waters of Utah's Bell Canyon Creek, near her parents' home. Sixty-six minutes later, when a diver pulled Michelle from the creek approximately 150 feet from where she had fallen in, she was lifeless. Her small body was frozen by the 40-degree water. It was the icy temperature of the water, along with its cleanliness, that allowed Michelle to be saved by doctors at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City. She was rushed to the hospital, where a machine that had just been installed weeks before it was used the first time for Michelle's condition warmed her blood! When her temperature reached 91F her heart started beating and she opened her eyes. Michelle entirely recovered and showed no signs of her traumatic experience for the rest of her life!

The resuscitation of this two-and-a-half-year-old girl, submerged for more than an hour, was rare. Even the Journal of the American Medical Association described it as "miraculous."

As miraculous as that seemed...it was even more of a miracle when Jesus raised Lazarus from real death after three days in the tomb! (John 11) He said to Martha on the occasion of Lazarus' death; **"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. [Do you believe this?](#)"** (John 11:25-26) Jesus promised to raise up everyone from physical, spiritual and eternal death if they believe in Him; He will give them a new, and eternal life!

That is the essence of the story of Good Friday & Easter. Jesus Himself died to pay the penalty for sin, and rose from the dead as confirmation of His message, mission and promise, that is, to give eternal life to all who trust in Him alone for their salvation. (John 3:16) Jesus also said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.' (John 10:10)

And now, in Christ, we can 'live' new life every day! 'We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might **walk in newness of life.**' (Romans 6:4)

This Easter Season, Jesus' question to Martha remains for us today...

'Do you believe this?'

Have a Blessed Easter Season!

Pastor Jim