In March, four members of the Landis Homes resident art committee traveled to the Lancaster Mennonite High School campus to select the 25th student work to become part of their art collection. Siyu Wang’s piece, an intricate depiction of a squirrel in color pencil, is the 2019 Art Student Scholarship Award recipient.

“I feel so blessed to have such talented students like Siyu Wang and to watch their gifts be explored and developed,” says Kathy Ciaccia, LMS art department director.

Wang is from Beijing, China, where she lives with her family, including her parents and a younger brother. Wang, who lives with a local family during the school year, is completing her third year at Lancaster Mennonite School with plans to graduate in May.

“I love doing art, especially drawing with color pencils,” says Siyu. “I also am really interested in computer science and math. I am planning to major in animation in college.”

Each year since 1995, Landis Homes selects a piece of artwork from the LMS Fine Arts Festival to become part of a permanent art collection on campus. In return for the work, Landis Homes contributes to the LMS art department and to the student’s further education.

To mark the 25th year milestone, a special reception, held in the new Crossings Gallery on Sunday, March 31, had all 25 works of art on display. Over 150 persons turned out including some of the art student winners from the previous years, their families and many current and former teachers.

“Winning the award as a senior and the support of the art teachers were both important pieces in my decision to pursue art education,” said Jodi (Baliles) Ortiz whose painting was the winning artwork in 2006.

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One of our Guiding Values is Community, and we are grateful to our many educational partners and for the ways they have benefitted residents and team members throughout the years.

In the winter issue of Horizons, we celebrated the 55th anniversary of Landis Homes. We are honored in this issue, to highlight the 25th anniversary of our partnership with Lancaster Mennonite High School and the Art Student Scholarship Awards.

Our campus is graced with many works of art selected each spring at the LMS Fine Arts Festival. To mark this silver anniversary, a reception took place on campus in the new Crossings Gallery in late March. We were happy to host students from the previous years, along with current and former teachers who attended this special event. See photos on page 3.

Celebrating this event brings to mind the many important connections Landis Homes has with other educational efforts across the area. One of the most enduring is the Grand Pals program with Hinkletown Mennonite School, which started 20 years ago. This brings 4th and 5th graders from the school together with residents of Landis Homes several times each year. The conversations and two-way learnings are priceless, with some of the relationships lasting far beyond participation in the program.

We also collaborate with a large number of higher educational institutions from the area. Interns from Millersville University, Franklin & Marshall College, Elizabethtown College, Eastern Mennonite Seminary and Lancaster Bible College have brought enthusiasm for learning and helped us serve residents well. Interns, who bring fresh ideas, have filled roles ranging from art therapy and social work to wellness and pastoral care.

Our campus also provides learning labs for many who are working to gain degrees and specialized training. Students from HACC, Central Penn College, Elizabethtown and other schools have learned their craft here and we are delighted that many are now members of our team.

Through all of these valuable opportunities and more, we cultivate and find new ways for people to experience engagement with Landis Homes, and all parts of Landis Communities. As we continue this journey, we invite you to share with us your thoughts, concerns, affirmations, dreams and prayers. Thank you!
Of the 25 students, some have become teachers and artists. One is an architect, another an interior designer, one a taxidermist and one a professor of art history.

Jeremy Hess, whose photo was selected in 1997, opened Jeremy Hess Photography in Lancaster in 2003 and is currently a producer, director and photographer at The Premise Studio.

“It was great to see old friends and teachers,” said Jeremy who attended the opening with his wife, Allison, and their seven children.

When the reunion exhibit is over at the end of April, the 25 artworks will continue to be enjoyed in various places across the community campus.
Residents Reconnect  
After 55 years

Gail (Sahm) Huber and Karen (Ebersole) Eckert last crossed paths on a daily basis in 1963 when they graduated from Ephrata High School. They lost touch over the years as each pursued further schooling with Gail becoming a teacher and Karen becoming a nurse. They both eventually got married, raised families and as time went on, made plans for retirement living.

Imagine their surprise when in fall 2018 they, along with their husbands, attended a meeting for residents moving to the new Crossings East apartments and found themselves sitting at the same table! The initial conversation went like this:

“Are you Gail Sahm?”

“Karen?”

Since that time, the couples have settled into their new apartments and have continued to get together. As a foursome, they play cards, go out to eat, attend programs and classes on campus, take in a show at The Fulton Theater and visit Longwood Gardens.

“Our husbands have become friends too and play pool every week,” said Karen.

When asked how they made the decision to move, Gail said, “Since we had given care to several of our relatives as they aged, we got our names on the list early. We see it as the best gift we have given to ourselves and to our children.”

Karen responded, “We visited relatives here over the years and decided this is the best place for us to be. It is in the country but close to Lititz, Lancaster and other nearby communities and also close to fresh food markets. Shopping opportunities and cultural events are numerous.”

Gail expressed how they both feel about their new neighborhood, “The other residents are very friendly and welcoming. We love it here!”

Crossings West Update

From Sarah Short, Director of Residency Planning

Crossings West is nearing completion. Crossings West is in the final stages of building, with 24 new apartments being fitted with appliances and finishes selected by those who will start moving in this June.

With 79 new Crossings apartments added to the number of residential living homes, the choices of homes on campus for future residents has increased considerably. That also means there is a better possibility that just the right home may be available for interested persons to move into within the year.

To find out about current and future residency, contact the Residency Planning team at 717-581-3935.
Little Free Library Coming Soon

As we go to press, many volunteers are taking care of the last details for the dedication of the “Little Free Library of Leaman Woods” near the gazebo. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned in late April and then the library of donated books will be open for business with the slogan, “always a gift, never for sale.”

Over the past weeks, the library has been taking shape, thanks to the craftsmanship and oversight of a group of residents who found a way to give new life to a tree that needed to be cut down. The library has a charter number (85407) and is registered on the world map at littlefreelibrary.org. It will contain a variety of excellent books for both adults and children. Anyone is free to donate or borrow a book!

Star Comforters Renewed

By Moniqua Acosta, Director of Volunteer Services

In 2006, nursing assistant Deb Boyer expressed the idea for a team of volunteers that would ensure residents in the healthcare center would have companionship at the end of life. Thus, the Star Comforter program began, using a name inspired by John 14:18, in which Jesus says, “I will not leave you comfortless.”

Star Comforter volunteers provide a calming and supportive presence by sitting with a resident in their last days until family can arrive, or by offering a brief respite for the family.

Residents and team members created several actual comforters, to be displayed near a resident’s room for several days following a death. Over the past dozen years, many residents and their family members have benefitted from the services of Star Comforters.

Over that time, the original four comforters experienced wear and tear, so team members found a way, in 2019, to have replacements made. A community member, Mary Ellen Yesse, donated all of the materials. Four additional persons, made up of community and resident volunteers, put the new comforters together and knotted them. Each comforter has a unique two-star design. There was even enough material left over to make one more comforter using the original design.

Director of Pastoral Services, Donna Mack Shenk, shared the sentiments of a family member who benefitted from this program, which she said she heard from others as well:

“My husband was comforted to have someone with him when I couldn’t be there. I was able to rest and be at peace because I knew he was not alone. It truly was a comforting experience and I was so thankful for the presence of the Star Comforters.”
Thank You, Volunteers 2018

Volunteers who contributed 25 hours or more in 2018 are listed.
Volunteers of all ages gave many hours and lots of love and support to residents in 2018.

*In Loving Memory

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Marian Alwine
Miriam Atkinson
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Mervin Bare
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Donna Becker
Reuben Bigelow
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Susanne King
John Kraybill
Mary Jean Kraybill
Thelma Kraybill
Ruth Kready
Arlene Kreider
Diane Kreider
Joyce Kreider
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Clara Landis
Dot Landis
Gladys Landis
Lois Landis
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Geraldine Lapp
Mel Lapp
Volunteer News

Volunteer Stats 2018
34,783 – Total number of volunteer hours for 2018
898 – Most hours recorded by a single volunteer in 2018
100 – Years of age of the eldest volunteer

Engaging Volunteer Opportunities available now:
- Entrance Greeters
- Fellowship Day Volunteers
- General Store Manager
- Wheelchair Escorts
- Courtyard Railroaders

Please call 717-509-5409 or email volunteer@landishomes.org

The Volunteer Services team consists of Director Moniqua Acosta and Assistant Kathy Hohenadel.
Valuable Volunteers Make Fellowship Day Special
Two volunteers share their experiences

Lester Groff, Auction Committee Chair

Our Landis Homes Fellowship Day is just around the corner on September 14. Each year we count on 200 volunteers whose efforts are coordinated through the direction of our staff in the Volunteer Office. I thank each person from the community and each resident included in those volunteers who has contributed time and dollars to this great effort over many years. If you haven’t considered volunteering or donating, please do. We look forward to another great Fellowship Day this year!

Kenan Weidner, first time Fellowship Day Volunteer

Last year was my first opportunity participating in Fellowship Day. I was in awe of the number of volunteers, and the manner in which everyone served with such a humble heart. I started off my morning providing breakfast essentials to the many participants that attended Fellowship Day. I could tell by those cheerful early morning experiences that it was going to be a special day. After serving at the concession stand, I headed over to the auction tent to help set up auction items and run items as they were sold. It was here that I learned so much about the importance of the proceeds of Fellowship Day (to the Caring Fund) and was overcome with astonishment at the generosity of the local community. I will never forget the epic bidding war that occurred over the pies! I look forward to this year’s Fellowship Day and would encourage anyone who is considering participating not to hesitate to do so.

Accepting Donations Now and Until August 10 for Fellowship Day 2019

Consider donating these popular live and silent auction items or helping to find such items:

- Excursions: hot air balloon rides, theme park or sports tickets, box seats for a group, theater tickets
- Vacation home for a weekend or week
- Antiques, retro items, collectibles, sports memorabilia
- Share-A-Meal: A host chooses the date, number of guests, cuisine, and location by cooking and serving at their own home, a location on Landis Homes campus, or hosting at a restaurant
- Outdoor and patio items: furniture, creative yard decorations, small green house, shed, swing set
- Art items: fine art framed originals or numbered prints, pottery, glasswork, jewelry, fiber, wood or metal creations
- New or vintage antique quilts
- Services: photography sitting, bouquets of flowers or desserts delivered monthly for a year, car detailing, home maintenance or home improvement services, a ton of gravel delivered, furnace tune-up
- Hours of labor for painting, landscaping, gardening work, automotive repairs
- Hobby starter kits or classes: beverage making, quilting, scrapbooking, golf or tennis lessons, yoga or personal trainer
- Small appliances, ice cream makers, BBQ grills, electric tools
- Car, truck, tractor lawn mower
- All varieties of fresh baked goods

Have a question about a donation? Please call the Advancement Office at (717) 509-5490 or email advancement@landishomes.org.
New Director of Nursing

April Myers joined the Landis Homes team in January as Director of Nursing. She will be responsible for clinical care administration in all areas of healthcare, including rehab and memory care. This includes program planning, organization, implementation and evaluation of a resident-focused care environment.

Myers, of Millersville, has worked in many roles in her 20-year career in nursing and has served at hospitals, wound care centers and retirement communities. She even worked part time at Landis Homes while in nursing school. Her work history includes experience as an LPN, RN supervisor, RNAC and as an Assistant Director of Nursing.

Myers received her LPN degree at Lancaster County Career and Technology Center. She studied business and received her RN degree from Harrisburg Area Community College.

“My am blessed to be a part of Landis Homes and am excited to get to know the amazing residents and families that chose this community as their home,” says Myers. “I am looking forward to working together as a team with the staff to continue to provide the quality care for which Landis Homes is known.”

When she is not working, Myers enjoys spending time, especially camping outings, with her husband, Charles, her two children and two grandchildren.

New Social Services Director

Jessica Zepp recently joined the Landis Homes team as Director of Admissions & Social Services. In this role Zepp will be responsible for the direction of the overall social services program and supervise the departmental team. She will also assume responsibility for admissions to healthcare and personal care, serve on the stewardship committee and become the staff representative to the resident council.

Zepp most recently was a community liaison with Caring Hospice Services. Prior to that, she spent 10 years working for various retirement communities and stand-alone skilled nursing facilities in admissions and business development roles.

Zepp, who lives in her hometown of York Springs, PA, has a Bachelor’s degree in Animal BioScience from Penn State University and a Master’s degree in Health Services Administration from Strayer University in Herndon, VA.

She attends the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in York Springs and volunteers in her local community through the church’s outreach program. She also volunteers with a variety of soup kitchens and food pantries as well as does dog walking with her local SPCA. In her non-working hours she enjoys her pets, reading and gardening.

“I am truly enjoying the warmth of the staff at Landis Homes,” says Zepp. “Everyone has been so welcoming and supportive during my transition.”

Fellowship Day Volunteers Needed

To Prepare Ahead of Time

• Callers to follow-up donation requests.
• Drivers to pick-up donations in Lancaster County during the months of June, July, August and early September.
• Coordinator for Silent Auction/Gift Certificate Board

To Help on September 13 & 14

• Set up and take down chairs/tables
• Cashiers
• Auction assistance
• Food Court assistance
• Load trucks & carry boxes
• Unpack and arrange items on tables
• Help in the Children’s Area

To Volunteer, email volunteer@landishomes.org or telephone (717) 509-5409
Local Artist to Bring Watercolors to Crossings Gallery

An art reception on May 9 will feature the most recent works of Lancaster artist, Beky Weidner. This exhibit, titled Weathered, consists of watercolor paintings completed in the past couple of years. It features images from nature, many of them from within a few miles of her home, along with some old architecture.

Weidner says, “The theme was inspired by finding beauty in things which have been worn and weathered, but still retain their essential character.”

Weidner attended Bethel College in Kansas where she studied art and received her teaching certification. She taught a range of art courses at Lancaster Mennonite School for ten years, followed by time working at Ten Thousand Villages as a designer in the Visual Merchandising department. As an LMS art teacher, Beky worked with Landis Homes for several years in selecting the Art Award winners.

Beky currently teaches ceramics and sculpture to high school students at Lancaster Country Day School. She maintains a home studio where she says she enjoys experimenting with printmaking, stained glass and watercolor painting. Though she and her husband Larry are native Midwesterners, they have lived in Lancaster for over 20 years, and have two teenage children, Zach and Alison.

The opening reception, to which the public is welcome, is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, in the Crossings Art Gallery. Beky’s husband, Larry Penner, will provide live piano and guitar music.

The works will continue to be on display through July 2019. For more information, call 717-381-3550 or visit landishomes.org.

Author to Visit May 20

Palmer Becker will visit campus on May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the High Foundation Auditorium to speak on the topic Anabaptism for Today. Becker is a speaker, pastor, church planter, missionary, author, and educator. A graduate of Goshen College, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Regent College, and Fuller Theological Seminary. Becker most recently served as director of the Hesston College pastoral ministries program.

His lecture will be drawing on information from his most recent book, Anabaptist Essentials: Ten Signs of a Unique Christian Faith: Answers to basic questions about the Christian faith from an Anabaptist Perspective. Following the program, books will be available for purchase.
**May 6**
Opening Day - Lancaster Senior Games Spooky Nook Sports Doors open at 7:30 AM Visit the Landis Communities Display

**May 7**
“Plan Now for the Future You Want” Seminar for Long Term Care Planning Sponsored by Friends LifeCare High Foundation Auditorium 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM RSVP: 844-252-6347

**May 9**
Artist Reception Watercolors, Prints & Stained Glass by Beky Weidner Crossings Art Gallery 6:00-8:00 PM

**May 12**
Opening of Courtyard Railroad East Courtyard near East Bethany Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 PM

**May 20**
Parkinson’s Support Group “Nutrition Matters” Chelsea Ganc, Johns Hopkins Westview Community Room 2:00 PM More Information at 717-509-5494

**May 20**
“Anabaptism for Today” Palmer Becker High Foundation Auditorium 7:00 PM See box on page 10

**May 26**
NLA Family Support Group “Life with Mentally Ill Family Members” Patricia Ashcroft Rossmere Mennonite Church 3:00 – 5:00 PM More information at 717-381-5300 or JAllbright@LandisCommunities.org

**May 28**
Memory Loss Support Group “Difficult Behaviors” Jan Mills Geriatric & Dementia Care Consulting Warwick Room in Heritage 7:00 PM More Information at 717-581-3939

**May 31 & June 1**
Volunteer Appreciation Breakfasts High Foundation Auditorium For those who volunteered 25 or more hours in 2018. Call 717-509-5409 for information

**June 7**
Benefit Golf Tournament Fox Chase Golf Club Morning & Afternoon Rounds More Information at 717-509-5490

**August 1**
Benefit Art Auction Preview Reception Crossings Gallery 6:00-8:00 PM Preview the artwork & items to be auctioned off on September 14 More Information at 717-509-5490

**September 14**
Fellowship Day Chicken BBQ & Benefit Auction Children’s Events, Market Place, Yard Sale 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM More information: 717-509-5490

**September 28**
Walk to End Alzheimer’s Overlook Park 9:00 AM Registration Support or join the Landis Homes Team http://bit.ly/EndAlzLH2019

**October 12**
2019 Corn Pickin’ 5K Run Presented by Oregon Dairy Proceeds Benefit the Landis Homes Caring Fund 7:00 AM Registration 8:00 AM Start More information: 717-656-2856, Ext 247

**October 19**
Explore Retirement Living Open House 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM ExploreRetirementLiving.org

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**Family Support Group Joins Landis Communities**

The No Longer Alone Family Support Group is now part of Landis Communities. This gathering provides a place for those who have a loved one living with mental illness, to learn and share their experiences.

Evon Bergey, VP of Community Initiatives, says, “As parents of adult children with mental illness age, many concerns arise including how their child will be supported after they are no longer able to provide care. No Longer Alone Family Support Group provides assistance in these difficult situations.”

Meetings are held the fourth Sunday of every month from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Rossmere Mennonite Church.

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for Landis Adult Day Services

Save the Date
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