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With the mild 50 to 70 degree days here at Oakcreek, we've barely noticed winter. But walking through the OSU Botanic Garden, the hay bale structures do remind us of the season. And, yes, there have been a few days of snow and snow shoveling. Much gratitude to the hardy few who kept the sidewalks cleared and sanded. As a cohousing community, we handle as much of the manual labor as we'd like, and hire helpers when necessary. Many of us enjoy being outside, so we do bundle up and haul out the snow shovels.



Margaret's crocus
announces the first real
sign of spring.





Miriam coordinates the seeding project to produce drought tolerant plants for transplant in the spring. We anticipate a sea of color.

Like the rest of the world, we've needed to make a conscious effort to rebuild our lives and friendships as Covid outbreaks rise and fall. With all members fully vaccinated, most were comfortable staging a replay of our Dirty Santa holiday party, from a couple of years ago. Selecting an anonymous gift to open, everyone could decide to keep the gift or 'steal' a gift that someone else had opened.

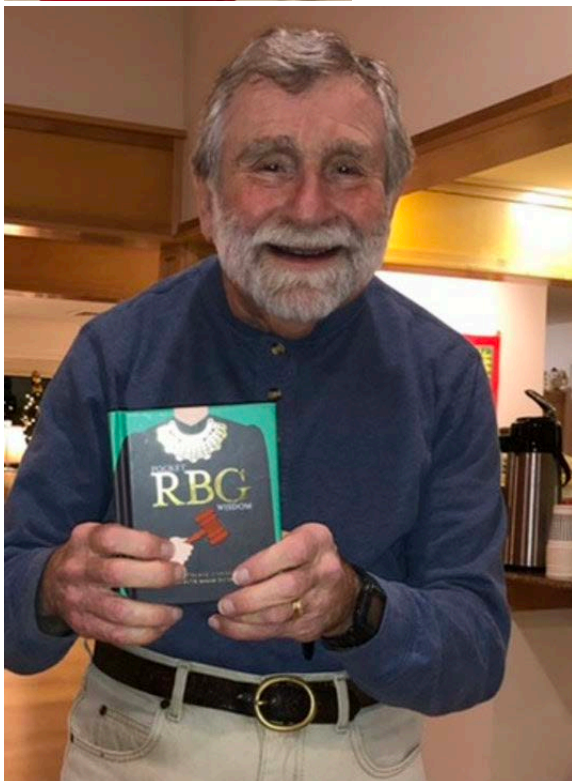


This made for some fun interactions, with one of the prize gifts being a pound of locally-grown pecans.

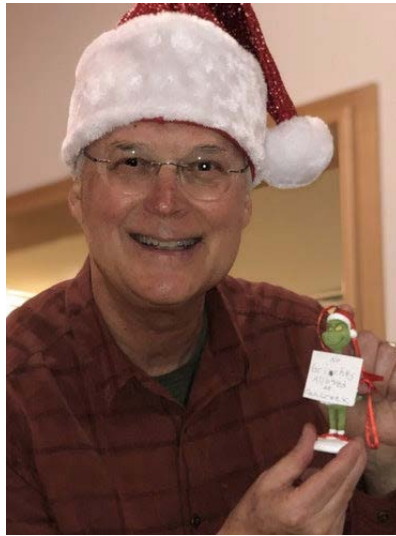




Other popular prizes were the miniature coral snow globe, which Chuck 'stole' to pass on to his snow globe collecting granddaughter -- and the RBG book, which, sadly, Bob was forced to surrender to Tracy.

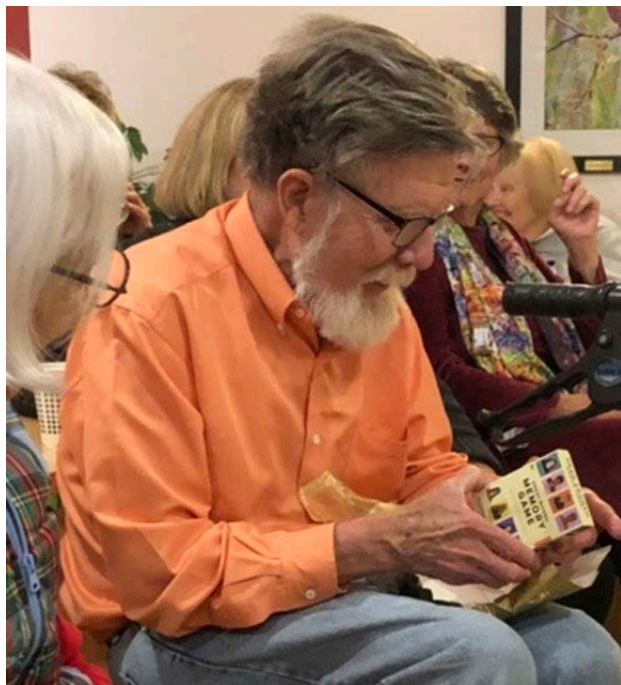


The most high fashion gift, a clam shell bikini top, was 'stolen' a number of times, required some modeling, and took the party a whole different direction!



Mark demonstrated his pocket knife gift opening skills, as we reminisced about the bygone days of pocket knives.

Enjoying the strange variety of 'white elephant' gifts, and becoming even better acquainted as we laughed, shared holiday snacks, and sang with Miriam's piano carols, we were reminded of our reasons for joining the Oakcreek community -- and the benefits of cohousing in general.



On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, some joined the Stillwater community and OSU students at the 'We Share the Dream' walk.



A common sight is Miriam outdoors processing wool for her craft projects. Always interesting to watch. Those who don't craft can always join a cornhole game.



A few of us ventured to the coasts to visit family over the holidays. Steve and Pat spent a working vacation in NC, though they did find some time for a holiday craft fair.



And Cheryl visited kids in southern California. Such a treat!



Oakcreek is reopening for tours this spring. We look forward to seeing some of you who want more information about the first senior cohousing community in Oklahoma. Also, please have a look at the videos on our website www.oakcreekstillwater.com.

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