
Silly Games - Summer Kickoff

Oakcreek Cohousing

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Kicking off the summer season, Oakcreek's Well Being Team organized an afternoon of 'Minute to Win It' entertainment on the Memorial Day holiday. It's surprising to watch the competitive spirit of our

members and guests.



Small motor skills and coordination were tested -- from stacking bolts and moving crackers with a straw, to elephant trunk game and putting practice. Everyone hoped for a prize.



Cool spring mornings found Landscape Team members replanting the Common House borders, following the painting project last summer, which required that the borders be cleared.



And our weekly 'farmers market on the terrace' offered a great variety of produce. How convenient!



Aware of many who lack access to plenty of food, groups of Oakcreek members regularly volunteer at Our Daily Bread, Stillwater's food bank.

A well organized operation, ODB efficiently uses volunteers & food donations to provide nutrition to hundreds each week. In addition, they maintain a community garden onsite, resulting in fresh produce for all.

Spring brought the annual Stillwater Art Festival, with an excellent selection of



artists and crafters this year. We enjoyed the performance by band Functional Polly so much that we've scheduled them for an onsite performance at Oakcreek. Our Common House offers a perfect venue for small concerts, where friends and neighbors are welcome.



Speaking of art, our traveling members shared their varied experiences with the rest of us. Some examples:

Bob Rabin traveled to the community of L'Anse (Upper Peninsula of Michigan) on the shores of Lake Superior to attend Student Capstone Research Presentations at the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (**KBOCC**). Bob serves as an adjunct faculty in the Environmental Science Department at **KBOCC**, one of 37 Tribal College and Universities in the U.S. The College provides post-secondary education rich in Ojibwa culture, tradition, and beliefs that promotes lifelong learning in a culturally sensitive environment that is safe and conducive to learning. A few joys of being at the College: ***making new friends and professional colleagues, immersion into the Anishinaabe culture and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the sheer beauty of the natural environment, and learning!***



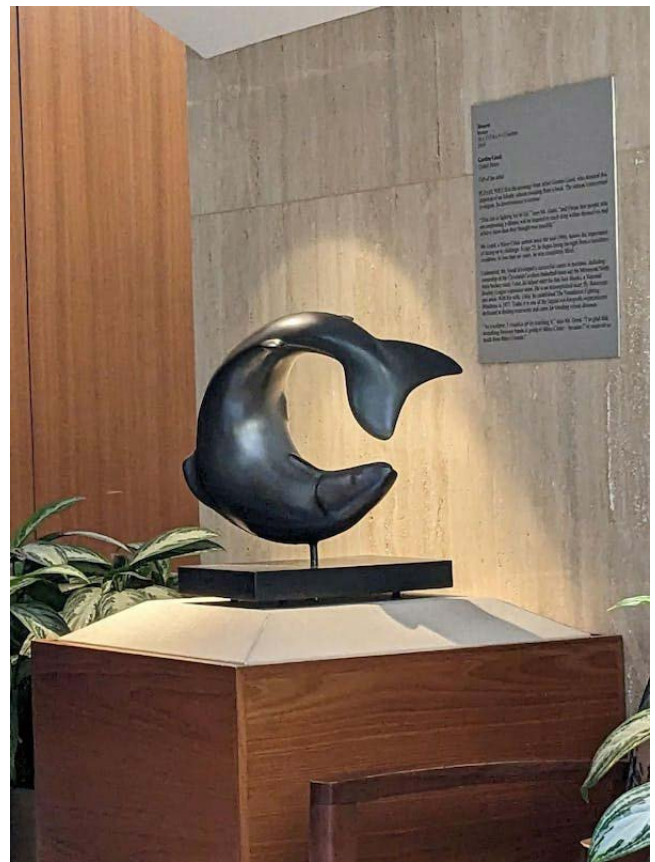
From the shores of Lake Superior: Capstone projects and artwork on display at the College:



Sidney spent some time at the Mayo Clinic and was impressed by the artwork on display there. She writes:

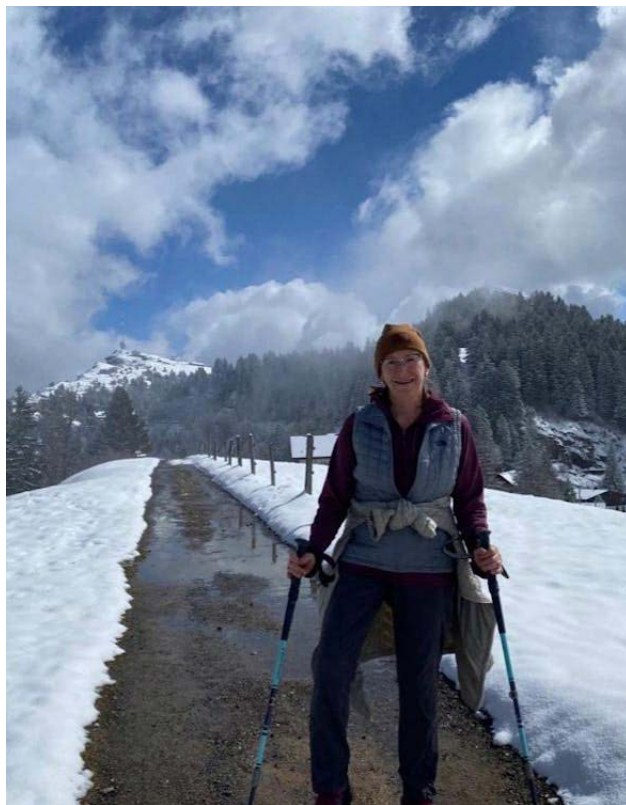
From sculpture to wildlife there is much to see at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Though we were there for medical reasons, we had opportunity to see things to enrich heart and mind.

While walking through to various appointments we saw incredible art that has played a major part in the Mayo Clinic since the beginning. A beautiful bronze sculpture of an Atlantic salmon called Moment, is displayed with a sign that welcomes you to touch. The artist, Gordon Gund, is blind and wants those who see his work to also experience it through touch. The wall plaque describing it is in print and braille.



In one hallway we could watch the live feed of the roof top nest where a pair of peregrine falcons were taking care of their 4 chicks.

Other Oakcreek members have caught up on long delayed travels -- to Australia, Greece, and the far corners of the world. Tracy shared photos of a day on her Switzerland trip, hiking to the top of Mt. Rigi on the Panorama Trail.



Pat combined some sightseeing with a professional conference in LA



Closer to home, we're preparing for the departure of our good friend and neighbor Anne, as she gradually transports her belongings to her new home near family in New York. She'll be missed.

At the same time we're excited for the arrival of the new owners of Anne's home.
Bittersweet!



Though it's always sad when an Oakcreek member moves, the Community has developed a Resale process that provides substantial assistance to the homeowner (or their heirs). Assisting with marketing of the home, discussing a reasonable selling price, providing a timeline template, and interacting with potential buyers, the Resale Liaison attempts to ensure that both parties are well informed and that the sale goes smoothly. Most importantly, the homeowner makes all decisions about the sale of their home, with only as much input from the Resale Team as they wish.

Speaking of which, there IS currently one Oakcreek home For Sale. If you, or an acquaintance, are interested, be sure to contact us. Details can be found at --
<https://www.oakcreekstillwater.com/for-sale/>

With each new Oakcreek



member, the Community's overall skill set expands. Every member is encouraged to use their skills to enhance community life. In addition to baking yummy breads, cookies, and muffins, and providing current reading materials daily, Chuck is undertaking a project to record oral history of any member who wishes to participate. He brings his on air radio, recording studio, and interviewing experience to the sessions, then provides brief clips for placement on our Member Bios on Oakcreek's website.



As always, we send best wishes to all of our Newsletter readers -- who have followed and supported Oakcreek Cohousing from original design through the beautiful livable community it has become. If you're traveling near Stillwater, contact us and we'll arrange to meet you for a tour. So far, this spring/summer is cooler than normal.

As we say --

'At Oakcreek, you own a community and a house comes with it.'

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