



OAKCREEK
COMMUNITY

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Summer 2025



Porches,
Flowers,
and
Garden
Art



Community Events - Outreach

Although there are many events at Oakcreek to keep us engaged and entertained, a number of us have commitments and responsibilities in the wider world. This is not an exhaustive list yet tells a story of diverse interests and generous spirits: various church commitments, Our Daily Bread (local food bank), League of Women Voters, Red Cross, Stillwater Literacy, United Ostomy Association, Oklahoma Parish Nurse Association, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Washington School Heritage Foundation, Habitat for Humanity.



GRAND Mental Health OPENING



One of our owners, Pat Darlington, has an outside commitment to GRAND Mental Health, a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). GRAND serves people in 13 counties across northeast and north central Oklahoma providing a wide array of mental health, social, addiction recovery, and crisis services - in short, helping people of all ages and walks of life *be well*. As the president of the GRAND Board of Directors, Pat was able to cut the ribbon at the opening of GRAND's beautiful, welcoming, new facility right here in Stillwater.

Orientation

In January, four new members joined the Oakcreek community. All went through an introduction to the responsibilities inherent in joining a cohousing community.

Oakcreek Teams



Tom, Vickie, Susan and Hilary met with each team. Everyone at Oakcreek serves on at least one team, maybe two. Primary teams include Common House, Finance and Legal, Landscape, Maintenance, Public Relations, and Community Well-Being. Teams meet monthly.

Care Partners

As a senior cohousing community, Oakcreek recognizes the health of our members is very important. Each resident has a Care Partner who keeps tabs on the well-being of that individual. Pertinent medical information is given to the office and Care Partner for details in case of emergency.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION	
July 2024	
Name: _____	House Number: _____
Emergency Contact not living at Oakcreek Community:	
Name: _____	
Phone: _____	Email: _____
Address: _____	
Do you have a Health Advance Directive <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	
Copy is located : _____	
Do you have a Health Power of Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	
Copy is located : _____	
Do you have a Financial power of attorney <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	
Copy is located : _____	
Have you a list of current medications with directions for taking them? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	

Oklahoma is OK, but... Stillwater is Stellar!



For those who don't know it, Eskimo Joe's is a famous Stillwater icon.



Fun Facts:

- * Its cheese fries have been endorsed by Presidents (George W. and George H.W. Bush).
- * Top-ranked sports bar by Sporting News, Sports Illustrated and Playboy.
- * Its T-shirts were listed as the no. 2 most collectible T-shirts in the world, after Hard Rock Cafe.
- * Merchandise sales eventually outpaced food sales.
- * Its glass dome roof is retractable.

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Dancing Turtle

The annual **Dancing Turtle Arts Festival** features music, dance, arts, crafts, food and family-friendly fun. This year's event was special due to its location at the newly christened Block 34 event space in downtown Stillwater.



Creativity Abounds at Oakcreek

Weaving Lessons



Our resident fiber artist and master weaver, Miriam Young, is shown here discussing one of her art pieces at the Modella Art Gallery.

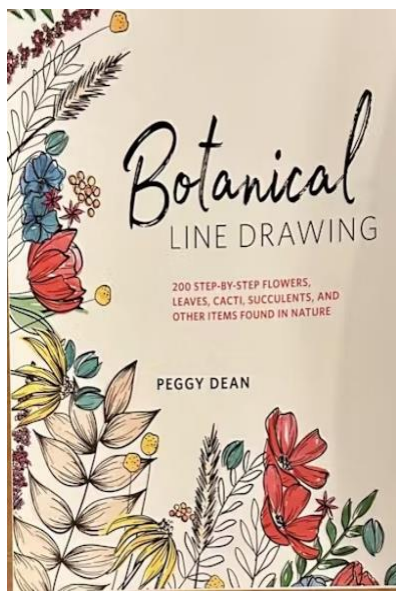
She has been teaching the art of weaving to residents Vickie, Audrey, and Melissa. Their projects-in-process are shown below.



100 Day Project

Several Oakcreek members participated in The **100 Day Project** which is a free, global art event. Every year, thousands of people all around the world commit to 100 days of creating. Anyone can participate. Locally, it was sponsored by the **Modella Art Gallery**.

Each of us got a sketchbook and set out to draw 100 botanical line drawings. The book we followed allowed those of us without drawing experience to participate. Although most of us did not complete that many drawings, we all had fun.



Sing-Along!



The Oakcreek Community Well-Being Team used some funds to purchase songbooks, featuring classic tunes from the 60's. We may not be ready for public performances yet, but we sure had some fun and a lot of laughs!

Tree Removal



Safety is always important at Oakcreek. Numerous junipers that had been planted to screen utility boxes were deemed to be too close to homes, creating a potential fire hazard. Several residents pitched in for the arduous task of removing these trees. We're grateful for all our hard-working residents!

Annual Open House

Relative to National Cohousing Week, our Open House on April 24th was a wonderful event for the many people who joined us for our 'elevated' happy hour. (We have happy hour every Thursday, but we made everything a little nicer for all of our guests.) If you couldn't make it this year, please join us next time!





Name Contest



Turtle is Back by Popular Demand!

Because we had more comments about him/her from our last newsletter, we decided to feature a name contest.

Send your name suggestion to hilaryhowarth@gmail.com



Who is this little guy? He travels from one home to the next each week. When he's on your porch, it's your week to lock up the Common House each night and take the trash bins out to the street. He needs a name! Any suggestions?

Unexpected Visitor



This is a red-shouldered hawk that has been visiting our community lately. He seems to be keeping a steady eye on things around here :-)

As always, Oakcreek would love to have you visit. Just contact us to schedule a time. If you have an interest in hearing more about Oakcreek and cohousing in general, please ask to be placed on our Interested List. You will receive more detailed information about life at Oakcreek, and will be among the first to hear about available homes. If you're already receiving Interested List mailings, there's no need to re-list yourself.

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