Wellness & Arts Center

Art Making Highlights for January 2020

Weekly Schedule

Mon – Fri
10:30~11:30 & 1:30~2:30 – Art Making with Program Staff

Monthly Highlights

January 1st— Closed for New Years Day
January 14th— Early Close @ 2pm for Staff Development
January 20th— Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Featured Artists: Martha O. (Left), Andrea D. (Right)

From the Social Workers’ Desk: Alicia McCarthy & Intern, Patsy Leiberman

As I sit down to write the January 2020 article, I’m looking down the hall to see laughter and joy as the participants are decorating the holiday tree in the main space. For many, the holiday season can come with a whirlwind of excitement and emotions, but then all festivities and hustle and bustle comes to a screeching halt and we find ourselves in the month of January. It is not only the month of January, but also a brand new year with many unknowns. Some may find this a time for reflection and renewal, but for others it can be a less uplifting time. As a caregiver, it can be challenging to feel like you don’t have a roadmap for the upcoming days, weeks, months and years. The sense of unknown is completely understandable as nobody knows what the future holds, but know that Iona can be your compass to help you navigate these times. For instance, did you know that in addition to Iona’s Wellness & Arts Center, Iona has many other programs and services? Counseling, consultation, care management, Age Well, Live Well courses, and exercise classes are just a few. For more information, you can call the front desk to be connected to our wonderful information and referral team | 202.895.9448.

Some certainty we do have about the future is that we are all preparing to hunker down for winter! My social work intern, Patsy Leiberman and I are providing some winter tips as it relates to caring for your loved one and yourself.

- Wellness and Arts inclement weather closure follows DC Public Schools (DCPS). If schools are closed then the day program is closed. DCPS on two hour delay then Wellness and Arts opens two hours later, at 10:15 a.m.
- Please mark all coats, hats and gloves with names.
- Create a basket of activities for home entertainment such as fun movies, cookie baking, in-home spa treatment days, various puzzles, & using old photo album photos for reminiscing.
- Wear Layers- Blood clots & blood pressure tend to rise when exposed to the cold. Cover your head and hands; mittens keep your hands warmer than gloves
- Shovel carefully– If you aren’t used to vigorous exercise, don’t try to shovel the walkway. If you do shovel, push the snow–don’t lift. Stretch before and after.
- Check batteries on the carbon monoxide detector. Purchase a new one if necessary.
- Fire is a major winter hazard– If you use a space heater, make sure you have one that turns off immediately when it gets tipped over. Turn off all space heaters before going to bed.
- Fight winter depression- Because of the harsh weather conditions, many seniors don’t make it out as often as in warmer months. Make sure to check in on your loved ones in person or by phone.
- Prepare your car for the cold:
  - Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.
  - Keep a flashlight, jumper cables, ice scraper, and shovel on hand.
  - Make sure your cell phone is fully charged before leaving the house.
  - Remember, it takes longer to stop on ice.
- Find something fun to do such as come out for the Friday, January 3, 2020 Memory Café. Please RSVP for this fun, enjoyable evening at registration@iona.org.

Some information provided is courtesy of the following articles.

https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/19/well/beware-winter-is-coming.html?section/wellness&module=RelatedCoverage&pgtype=Article&region=Footer
https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/26/well/7-tips-for-making-it-through-the-winter.html

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FEATURED ARTISTS

January 14th

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STAFF MEMBERS

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Program Specialist

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Program Specialist

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### January Calendar

**Monday**
- **8:15** Today's Headlines
- **9:45** Morning Workout
- **10:30** Storytelling with Cricket
- **12:00** Lunch
- **1:30** Interplay with Liz Lescault
  - New Year's Resolution Conversation
- **3:00** Kitchen Creations & Snack Time
- **3:30** Mystic Board Creations

**Tuesday**
- **8:15** News & Views
- **9:45** Core Strength Training
- **10:30** *Mind and Body Yoga with Anne*
  - Kitchen Creation with Chef Reggie
- **12:00** Lunch
- **1:30** PALS
  - Non-Denominational Spiritual Program: Bible Trivia
- **3:00** Kitchen Creations & Snack Time
- **3:30** Card Creation with Roberta

**Wednesday**
- **8:15** Current Events
- **9:45** Stretch & Tone
- **10:30** Circle Talk with Alicia
  - Name that Tune with Assumption College Students
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**Thursday**
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### Happy Birthday

- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
  - Glenn S.
  - John H.
  - Mildred H.
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  - John H.

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- **3:00** Kitchen Creation & Snack Time
- **3:30** Martin Luther King Day Coloring Pages

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### Linked Senior Calendar

**Monday**
- **8:15** On This Day In History
- **9:45** Sit & Be Fit
- **10:30** Piano Man, Musical Performance by Jerry Roman

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  - Travelogue: Deep in the Heart of Texas
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### Denominational Spiritual Program:

- **2020**
  - **20** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
  - **27** Jan 17
  - **31** Jan 31