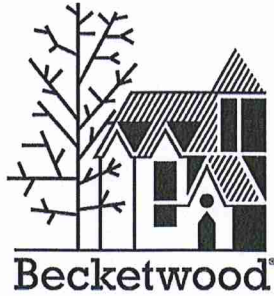


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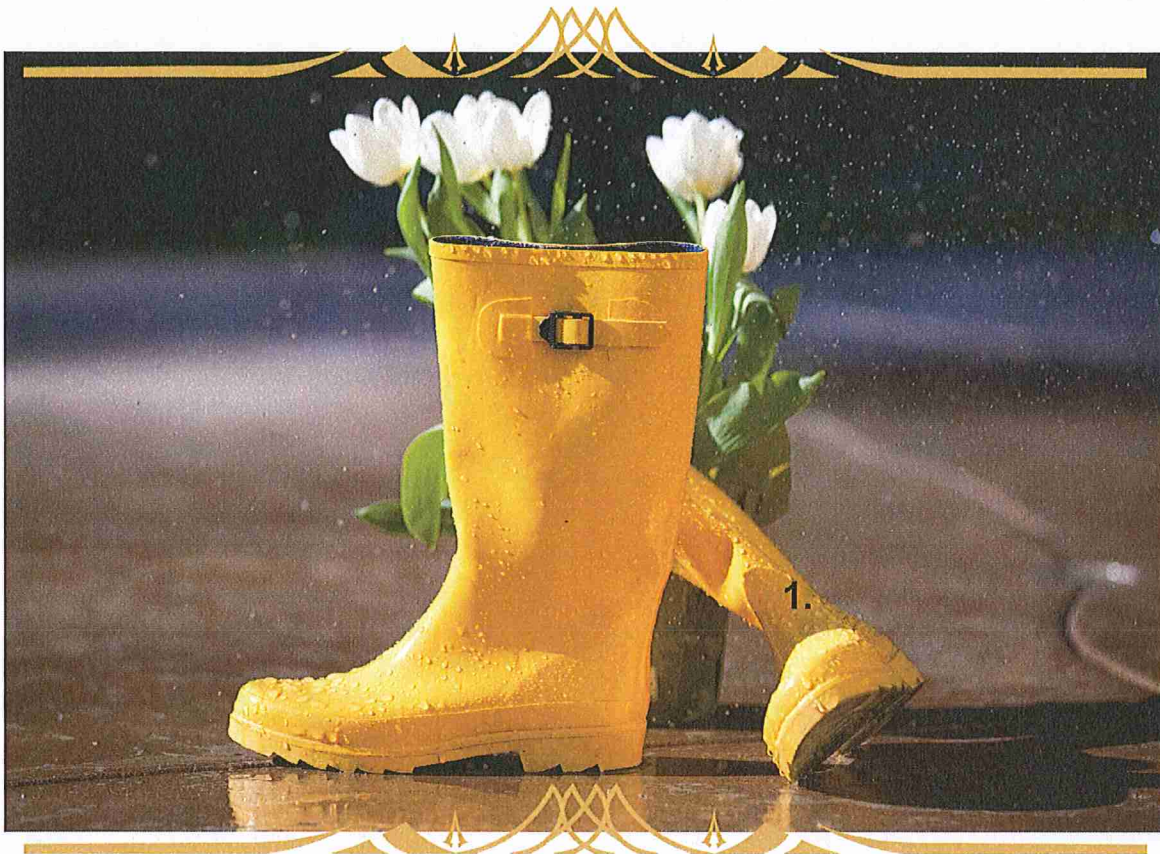


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## Board Column

Margo Herman  
Nominating Committee Co-chair

We are pleased to announce the 2024 Nominating Committee Report. The committee members, appointed by Board President Randy Nelson, include Margo Herman and Jim Amundsen, co-chairs, Jim Sulerud, Doug Herron and Sonja Walker. We were charged with finding five candidates for the Becketwood Board of Directors to fill three three-year terms. We collected recommendations from the membership in February. Over 60 names were submitted. Thank you for your great suggestions.

We are very pleased to present the following candidates for the 2024 **Board election on May 7, 2024:**

LeEtta Flicker (incumbent)  
Diane Greve  
Mark Miller  
Nancy Minahan  
Michael Vitt

Each of these candidates is an asset to our Becketwood community and brings an abundance of personal and professional experience to contribute to our Board. Board policy allows Members to petition to nominate themselves or another Member who is not included in this slate of five candidates.

The policy states: "Nominations may be made by a petition duly signed by Members representing thirty or more memberships. The petition must be filed no later than twenty days before the membership meeting at which the election is to take place." The 2024 Annual Meeting for this Board election is **Tuesday, May 7**; therefore, any petition must be presented to the Board Secretary by **Thursday, April 18, 2024.**

Becketwood Members will receive an information packet with statements from each Board candidate by March 31 through the Becketwood *Buzz*. Copies will also be available in the Convenience Center. A large poster featuring all five candidates will be displayed near the Convenience Center. Any Member who wants a printed copy delivered to their unit may request one from Margo Herman or Randy Nelson by March 30, 2024.

We encourage you to attend the in-person Town Hall Introduction to the Candidates on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:30 pm.** One ballot will be delivered to each eligible Member unit on **April 25, 2024.** Completed ballots must be deposited in the locked box in the Convenience Center by **9 am on May 7, 2024.** Election results will be announced during the **May 7 Annual Meeting at 7:30 pm.**

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## Board Actions

1. The Board received the welcome news that Deborah Johnson will begin her work as Member Services Coordinator on a half-time basis on Monday, April 1.

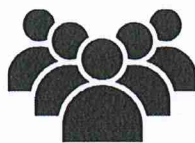
2. The Board approved two proposals: to purchase a waste dumpster mover and to install landscaping for the north side near the "cigar pipe." The Board also received Information about an LED lighting proposal to be funded out of operations.

3. A memorial moment was observed for two former Members of Becketwood: Arnie Johanson and Jill Breckenridge.

4. Job descriptions for members of the Buildings Committee and the Creative Arts Committee were approved on the second reading. A job description for members of the Grounds Committee received a first reading.

5. The nominees for the board election in May were announced: LeEtta Flicker, Diane Greve, Mark Miller, Nancy Minahan, and Michael Vitt. The nominees will introduce themselves at the Town Hall Gathering on **Tuesday, April 16**. Three will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the cooperative on **Monday, May 7**.

6. A special Town Hall Gathering is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 pm** in the Wellington Room. The purpose is to present to the membership the responses to question three from the "Community Conversations" project — "What troubles you about Becketwood?"



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## The “Community Conversations” project — part one

Randy Nelson, Board President

It was about one year ago that the Board decided to contract with a consultant, Thomas Ries, to help us think about who we are as a cooperative and what we want to become. Out of that consultation, two recommendations emerged: the first was to explore our governance structure going forward; the second was to discern a sense of our identity. Audrey Bailey and Peter Thoreen are heading the effort to explore our governance structure and the fruit of their work is still ahead of us.

At the March Town Hall Gathering, leaders of the “Community Conversations” project made the first of several presentations sharing what has been learned as a result of the second recommendation, that of discerning a sense of who we are. A large percentage of you — 226 Members or about 82% — participated in small group sessions or in one-on-one conversations to generate the data at the heart of the “Community Conversations” project.

Member participation has been indispensable. Your willingness to trust a process for which we had little precedent has been humbling and beyond my expectations. LeEtta Flicker, Joan McIntosh, and I have been coordinators for the project, with Margo Herman joining us along the way. Thank you.

But just as it could not have been done without you, the Members, neither could it have been done without seven teams of facilitators who volunteered their time, their energy, and their expertise to make this work, beginning last October and continuing.

The facilitators are Audrey Bailey, Candace Barrick, Angela Bohmann, Anita Doyle, Margo Herman, Linda Huwe, Joan McIntosh, Mark Miller, Jon Riehle, Susan Sisola, Peter Thoreen, Kate Tucker and Jan Young. So thanks to you as Members and thanks to the facilitators.

This initial presentation noted the responses to the first of two questions: “Why did you move to Becketwood?” and “What excites you about Becketwood now that you are here?”

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## The “Community Conversations” project — part one (Continued)

In important respects, the responses to both are the same: the desire to be part of a community, especially a cooperative community. Being accessible to family members and the location along the Mississippi River with 12 acres of grounds to enjoy also is what Members hoped for and what was found. Undergirding most of what was shared was a sense of wanting and needing to let go of some things — responsibilities related to home ownership, demands of felt obligations — and a desire to embrace new possibilities in a community of peers with similar interests and with a commitment to be present for each other with values we could embrace. Two essays that provide much more detail can be requested from Randy Nelson.

The project team is working on plans to present the responses to question number 3 — “What troubles you about Becketwood?” - at a special Town Hall Gathering in April. Details will be shared in the *Buzz*.

## Member Fair

Monday, April 29, 2024

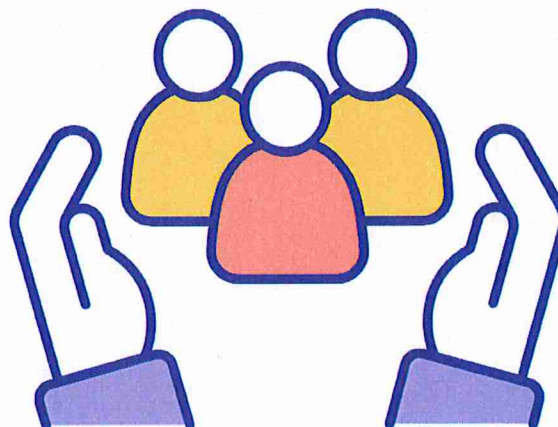
10 am – 1 pm

First Floor Common Areas

The Member Fair is to give all Members a chance to see the work being done in our committees and workgroups. Becketwood’s committees will host table displays that Members can peruse for potential interests, obtain information, share ideas, and meet their neighbors!

Committees promote our cooperative operation and programs.

Please join us!



## Chapel Renewal Progress – Sponsor a Part

Matthew Floding, Kathleen Cameron, Anita Doyle, Ruth Halvorson, and Susan Devries, on behalf of the Spiritual Resources Committee

Fundraising for the Chapel Renewal is making progress. We are now at nearly \$30,000 as of March 25. Thank you to all who have contributed already. To begin construction, we need to raise another \$30,000. With your help, we can do it!

Several parts of the project are available for sponsorship. You can consider purchasing chairs — \$4,000 for all, or one or more at \$100 each. Here are other elements that you might want to fund:

- Ensure the electrical safety of the four wagon wheel chandeliers at \$140 each.
- Refinish or replace the two-floor heating grates and two cold air returns at \$550 each.
- Refresh and repair the 60 feet of woodwork at the front for around \$20 per foot.
- Donate toward a new audio system, for which we already have limited funds (\$3,000 will provide a great system). This is particularly important for those of us who wish everyone would just speak up.
- Reuse the beautifully carved oak altar rail as the front of the new “stage,” which will cost about \$4,000.

- Patch and refinish the lovely Douglas fir floor, at a cost of around \$5,000.

Consider making a gift in thanksgiving for a wedding or other event that your family has held in the chapel — or in memory of someone you loved. Any size donation is appreciated. We thank all Members as our fundraising efforts continue. Checks should be made out to Becketwood and deposited with Stacy in the office — be a part of this!

## Guiding Principles

Angela Bohmann, Board Secretary

In late 2021, the Board of Directors adopted a set of twelve Guiding Principles for Becketwood, which were framed and placed in the front entryway. As I write this introduction, the front entryway is off-limits because of the foyer reconstruction. The Guiding Principles will be rehung after construction is complete.

Principles will be published in random order each year.

For April 2024, we highlight **Shared Responsibilities, Especially Financially:**

**Shared Responsibilities, Especially Financially** -- A financial structure enhances community and stability by all Members sharing a comparable interest in the well-being of the cooperative and working together to ensure its success.

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## Food for Thought

Angela Savluk, Executive Chef



### The Kitchen :

We have added a self-service toast section at the end of the hot side of the Saturday morning breakfast buffet. Both white and wheat toast, butter, peanut butter and assorted jellies are available.

### The Members:

If you would like to sponsor an event during Cookie Cart, here are the steps to follow:

- Contact Greta Berg via email
- Tell her the date you are considering
- Tell her the purpose of the sponsorship (birthday, anniversary, etc.)

She will respond letting you know if the date is available. Greta will then contact the Becketwood staff who arrange for the order and signs.

When you sponsor a cookie cart, the first cookie will be free to the Members. Cookie Cart attendants will tally how many cookies were sold (50 cents each) and will give that total to Stacy. The charge will appear on your bill.

### Special Days to Remember in April

**April Becketwood Birthday Bash**  
Friday, April 19 at 5:30 pm

**Special meal celebrating Passover**  
Tuesday, April 23 — More will be posted  
once details are confirmed.

## Marketing

Maura Kolars  
Anne Parker



## Sales

We are off to a strong start to the year! There were three closings in March. Renee Showalter-Hanson and Bob Hanson closed on Coventry #267. They owned a home on the North Shore and know several current Members. Mary Des Roches joins us from Mendota Heights and looks forward to residing in Chesterfield #472. And Nancy Pagani closed on Chesterfield #302. Nancy is an artist who moved to Minnesota from Oregon about a year ago. Her daughter and son-in-law live just a few blocks from Becketwood. Each of these people has a unique story. Introduce yourself and get to know them!

## Alterations

Many winter projects are almost finished, and plans are being made for new remodeling projects of all sizes. Looking through the projects undertaken in the last year reveals at least 18 different contractors and/or tradespeople having done work for many different Members. Please see Anne if you would like to know about any of them.

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## Buildings

Harley Swoboda, Ann Lovrien



Do you hate the smell of your kitchen sink? Do you find water sitting in your bathroom sink? Do you stand in a puddle in your bathtub or shower? If the answer is yes to any of these, keep reading!

### **DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS DOWN THE DRAINS**

**BATHROOM SINK/TOILET/TUB-SHOWER:** Hair, hygiene products, cotton swabs, floss, nail clippings, flushable wipes, kitty litter

**KITCHEN/SINK/DISPOSAL:** Grease, oil, butter, fat, pasta, stringy vegetables, eggshells, coffee grounds



### **IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO CLEAR MY DRAIN BEFORE CONTACTING MAINTENANCE?**

Yes! You can use several homemade drain cleaners to try to clear the blockage. Please use only the following cleaners.

**BATHROOM:** Vinegar

**KITCHEN/SINK/DISPOSAL:** Baking soda and vinegar; hot running water and Dawn Dish Liquid; or vinegar and water ice cubes to grind in the disposal.

### **DO NOT USE CHEMICAL DRAIN CLEANERS**

The technician using a drain snake or removing a section of pipe to clear the clog is at risk of chemical burn from these cleaners. Some cleaners can react with aluminum and give off an unhealthy gas, while others can solidify inside the pipes and cannot be removed. If a substance is mixed with other household cleaners, the combined liquid can burst the drain and damage your pipes.



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## Buildings (Continued)

### HOW DO I PREVENT DRAIN CLOGS?

- 1. NEVER pour grease down your drain.** Grease is the number one cause of clogged drains. Even when the grease is in liquid form, it will eventually harden over time. It can cause sewer clogs too. Wipe down greasy dishes with a paper towel before rinsing them with hot soapy water.
- 2. Use drain screens.** These allow water to pass but block hair, food, and other larger particles. They are ideal for both kitchen sinks and bathtubs.
- 3. Run a handful of baking soda and hot water through your drains.** This helps the oils in food keep running down the drain rather than building up. This mixture also prevents odors from developing.
- 4. Only two things should go down the toilet:** Human waste and toilet paper. (No flushable wipes or feminine hygiene products.)
- 5. Perform regular maintenance on drains and stoppers.** Pouring a few pots of boiling water down your sink once a week and cleaning your stoppers can help maintain the flow of your drains.

### WHAT DOES DRAIN CLEANING LOOK LIKE FOR A MAINTENANCE TECH?



When drains are clogged, technicians take out the pipes or send a “drain snake” down to clear the blockage. It can take multiple attempts to clean whatever is creating a clog. Drain cleaning is done by our Maintenance Team or an outside vendor. If the water starts draining slowly, let us know. Do not wait to request maintenance until the water has completely stopped flowing or is overflowing. Overflowing water can lead to water damage in your unit. In the worst-case scenario, it can flood an adjacent Member’s unit, causing thousands of dollars in damage.

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## Grounds

Nancie Hamlett, Grounds Chair

### **SPRING KICK-OFF PARTY**

**Becketwood Gardens**

**April 17, 10 am at Kensington Square**

Come enjoy the coffee, lemonade, and treats along with door prizes and good company. Gardens Committee members will be there to share information and sign up people interested in helping maintain the Common Gardens. What a good way to start the gardening season.

### **Trees & Shrubs**

Trees & Shrubs Subcommittee has been busy planning the garden above the retaining wall. This area will include small shrubs and a variety of plants.

### **Turf**

The meadow working group is meeting with Russ Henry of Minnehaha Falls Landscaping to finalize the placement and design of the Meadow on the Hill, which should be installed in late May. Plans are also underway to continue the transition to low-mow fescue and clover and ensure the health of the turf. A test plot on the south side of the Sheltering Arms pathway allows the fescue to grow unmowed to assess the health of that plan and to see what else grows up with the grass.

## Common Gardens

Nancy Minahan

We'll have an opportunity this month to assess the effect of last year's scaffolding and gutter work on our common garden planting and to see whether any replacement planting is needed. April may also see the beginning of landscaping work for the North Side Gardens, including the "Cigar Pipe" Garden. Members interested in stewarding or helping in the Common Gardens are always welcome, and springtime is the perfect time to make your interest known!

## Member Gardens

Lois Hamilton

The Member Gardens committee has made garden plot assignments and will soon deliver 2024 garden packets to Becketwood gardeners' mailboxes. This start is earlier than usual for our gardeners. There is talk of holding an orientation session for new gardeners in the next few weeks. Experienced gardeners will be invited to help answer questions and offer tips. Member Gardens Committee members are Judy Bahn, Jan Ekern, Roberta Nagan, Jon Riehle, Emily Slowinski and Lois Hamilton.

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## Naturalist's Notes

Naomi Jackson

### Bin Chickens and Crows

Perhaps you read the *Star Tribune* article (3/10/24) about "bin chickens," which have inundated suburban Australia. Formally known as white ibis, their native habitat was marshes, most of which have been filled in and "developed." Deprived of their wetlands, white ibis settled into suburban life, learning to raid garbage bins (thus "bin chickens") and snatch people's lunches.

Our local equivalent of bin chickens is crows. As their native habitat disappeared, they took up urban living and thrived. Their secret? They don't migrate and they'll eat almost anything, including your French fries.

Being migratory is a major risk factor for bird survival. Why? Non-migratory birds can stay where the food is. Migratory birds need multiple natural habitats to survive: somewhere to rest and eat en route, places to overwinter, and breeding locations with plentiful food. If one resting place is paved, one forest logged, and one wetland drained, the birds who rely on those places won't survive the trip back north. Throughout the Americas, these stopover, wintering, and breeding habitats are disappearing fast.

Becketwood has a tradition of protecting and restoring bird habitat, which helps our migratory friends along the way. Keep up the good work!

### Foyer Grand Reopening

Carla Mortensen

Join your friends and neighbors for the long-awaited reopening of the newly remodeled front desk and foyer area and the brand-new front entrance to Becketwood!

After Cookie Cart on **April 11**, join us at the front door for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Chef Angela will offer light refreshments and the Becketwood Ukulele Band will provide music.

This celebration is funded by money remaining after the roofers' pizza party last summer. You may remember that we collected an extra \$400 designated for this event! Thank you again for all your donations.

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## Member Activities Council (MAC)

Kris Gjerde, Chair

### Who are we?

When I served as chair of the Pantry Committee, I was clear it was not a standing committee, but rather a part of the Member Activities Council (MAC). What I didn't grasp was that MAC is one of the Standing Committees created by the Board of Directors. The MAC Committee is formed by the chairs of Member committees engaged in Becketwood programming. An active and engaged membership influences what we have to offer each other.

These MAC Committees create opportunities for Members to contribute to our Cooperative, adding value, building community, and providing an opportunity for socialization. Over the next months, you will read more about the individual MAC committees and what they do. We hope you will find new opportunities of interest for more exploration. Contact any committee or workgroup if you wish to learn more.

### Upcoming MAC 2024 Committee Series in the *Times*

Library  
Program  
Communications  
Wellness  
Excursion  
Spiritual Resources  
Creative Arts  
Pantry  
Workshop

## Library Committee

Carla Mortensen, Co-chair

### Who Are We? 2nd in a series

The purpose of the Library Committee is to maintain a library to serve the recreational and informational needs of the Becketwood community. One recent change that you might not be aware of is that a Library Committee member is available in the library every Thursday afternoon right after Cookie Cart to answer questions, receive feedback, and get your ideas for books to purchase.

Also, we want to thank Dick Byrne for cataloging a list of the DVDs in the library. The list, which Dick plans to update monthly, is in a white three-ring binder on the DVD shelves.

We are proud to add eight to ten new books each month to our collection, and we are grateful for donations of recent books and for your financial contributions. Please share feedback on what you need and want from our committee.

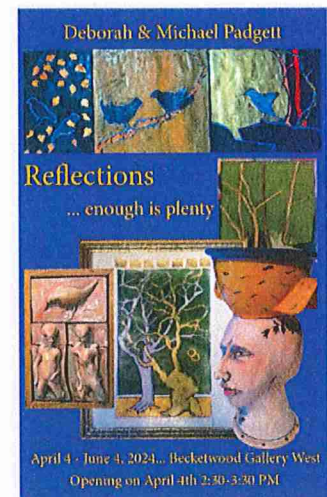
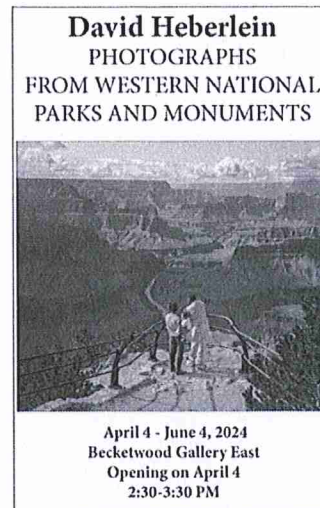
## Art Committee

Bonnie Porte, Chair

### April and May Bring New Exhibits to Becketwood's East and West Galleries

"Reflections ... enough is plenty," in the West Gallery, exhibits selections from both Deborah and Michael Padgett's more than 50 years of making art. The exhibit features Michael's ceramic sculptures, wall reliefs, and covered boxes. Deborah's two-dimensional work explores healing, self-discovery, a relationship with the natural world, and a celebration of the ordinary.

"Human/Nature: Photographs from Western National Parks and Monuments," in the East Gallery, is an exhibit by David Heberlein, art professor emeritus from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. His photographs document the human presence within the nation's natural wonders. "Scenarios provide a photographic survey of the many roles that national parks... play and the foundational need to balance the human impact on nature with the preservation of wild places." Opening reception is scheduled for **Thursday, April 4, from 2:30 - 3:30 pm during Cookie Cart.**



## Creative Arts Committee

Mary Henderson, Co-chair

This will be an interesting time for our committee and Becketwood Members. As we contact folks to organize a calendar, we are looking for a balance of types of classes and open studio times in the Creative Arts Room, some free, some with material costs, some Members, and some visiting artists as facilitators. You get the picture.

The surprising survey response has given us a wealth of information, which quickly becomes a happy wealth of things to do, phone calls to make, and discussions about who is best to do what. By the time you're reading this, we will have had a kite-making and then kite-flying class. We are working on scheduling other classes, studio times, etc. so next month in the *Buzz* and *Times* we'll have more details.

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## Becketwood Choir

Jean Geissler, Director

Becketwood Choir, now 17 voices strong, continues to sing for monthly Lessons and Prayers accompanied by our neighbor Ellen Luepker, who has graced us for years with her skilled musicianship. March 27 songs included spiritual "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me," anthem "Lead Me, Lord" and hymn "Holy Woman, Graceful Giver" from the new *All Creation Sings* hymnals, gifted by Joyce and Don Besser. We thank you all!

The power of music: "Groundbreaking research involving people with Parkinson's disease and those recovering from stroke showed that when rhythmically strong music was played to such patients, they synchronized their walking gait with the music and moved more quickly, and with better joint control. Stroke patients walk much more symmetrically and faster; Parkinson's patients don't have that shuffle and tendency to fall over." (*AARP Magazine*, January 2024)



## Monday Morning Music

Jan Marshall Thoreen

"Greet the Week" Monday morning piano music at 9 am in the Wellington Room will resume in April! Jan Marshall Thoreen is one of Becketwood's musicians. If you pass by her door, you can occasionally hear her practicing her piano, acoustic guitar, tenor ukulele, or mountain dulcimer. Having studied music and music therapy, she often incorporated music into her practice as a speech and language pathologist. She has provided music as therapy for hospital patients, hospice, and homebound listeners. Jan has a wide range of playing experiences and plays a variety of music. "It is not a performance. Come and go as you wish. Bring your coffee, catch up on emails, do a crossword puzzle, read your daily inspiration," Jan offers. It is a good way to begin a week!

Jan is also compiling a list of musicians who may be interested in connecting with one another for fun. Please contact Jan if interested: [jmarshallthoreen@gmail.com](mailto:jmarshallthoreen@gmail.com) or 712-898-7299.

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## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Lyn Pegg

### Becketwood's History and our Founding Mothers

Our history seekers and memory keepers\* report they have uncovered interesting details about our Founding Mothers' vision of a "vibrant cooperative nestled in a beautiful oak savannah," and how it became a reality.

We are now putting out a call for storytellers to give voice to the Founding Mothers' amazing stories. Contact Iric Nathanson for more information. Your talents and creativity are welcome!

\*The Becketwood history seekers and memory keepers are Gretchen Goodman, Helen Grant, Diane Greve, Ruth Halvorson, Carol Mockovak, Iric Nathanson, Lyn Pegg, Mary Taylor, and Vera Watson. Save this date!

**The Founding of Becketwood**  
(working title)  
**Wednesday, May 1, 7 pm**  
**Wellington Room**

## Environment Committee

Margaret Kirkpatrick, Co-chair

Monday, April 22 is Earth Day. The Minneapolis Park Board will sponsor clean-up parties all over the city on Saturday morning, April 20. The closest one to us will be just across the street at 44th and West River Parkway. All are welcome to help pick up trash along the parkway. As co-chair of the Environment Committee and a gardener, I plan to spend **Earth Day morning, Monday, April 22**, pulling invasive weeds from the Becketwood grounds. All are welcome to help with this task also!



## Excursions Committee

Mary Shamrock, Chair

### Sunday, April 7, 1-3 pm

Landmark Center, St. Paul, Urban Expeditions: focus on Ivory Coast, West Africa. Sample the food, shop for craft items, and enjoy traditional music and dance.

Free; no tickets needed.

Mary Shamrock, coordinator

### Friday, April 12, 11 am

Ordway McKnight Theater: St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. For season ticket holders and others who want to go on the bus.

Mary Shamrock, Coordinator

### Saturday, April 13, 11 am - 3 pm

Minnesota History Center. View several new exhibits, and have lunch at the cafeteria. Free.

Gretchen Goodman, coordinator

### Thursday, April 18, 11 am

Minnesota Orchestra at Orchestra Hall  
For season ticket holders and others who want to go on the bus.

Mary Shamrock, Coordinator

### Friday, April 19, 12:30 - 3 pm

Pub Crawl, Pries Brewery, St. Paul  
Bob Kirk, Coordinator

### Friday, April 26, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

University of Minnesota Arboretum  
Spring Flower Tour and lunch in the cafeteria  
Elaine Kirk, Coordinator

## Program Committee

Carolyn Folke, Co-chair

April will see a celebration for the grand opening of the foyer as described in this issue. The Program Committee has two events planned for April. One will celebrate the use of our wonderful piano. Rita Juhl will be thrilled to entertain us on the newly tuned piano. The other is the third In our public affairs series, focusing on current healthcare issues.

As always, enjoy the movies listed in this issue. And, most of all, we welcome spring and look forward to possible outdoor entertainment as the weather continues to warm.

### Thursday, April 18, 7 pm, Wellington

Rita Juhl and a sing-along

### Wednesday, April 24, 7 pm, Wellington

Peter Thoreen, Becketwood Member and retired hospital administrator, will discuss issues facing the Twin Cities medical industry.

In addition, please stop by the Program Committee table at the Member Fair on **April 29** to learn more about us and consider joining our group.

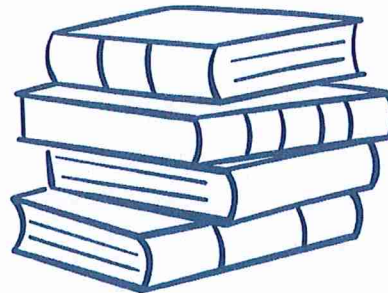


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## LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS FOR APRIL

### FICTION



#### ***THE COVENANT OF WATER***

by Abraham Verghese

At the tip of India lies the village of Parambil, where in 1900 a middle-aged widower married a 12-year-old girl. The village prospered as the family grew, and the child became its matriarch. In keeping with a local legend, once or twice in a generation a family member drowned.

(Donation)

#### ***THE WOMEN***

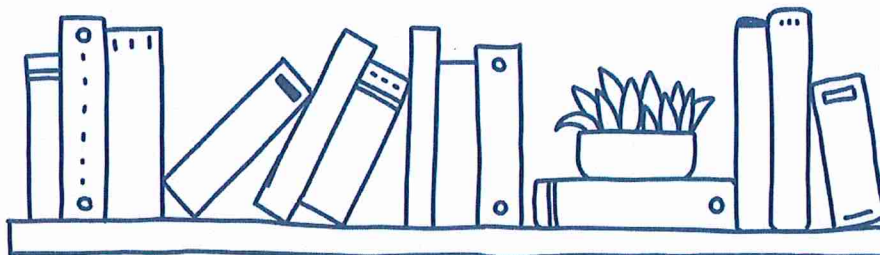
by Kristin Hannah

Women who served in the Vietnam War are often overlooked for their heroism. On return, nurses were often as broken as the men who served. The America to which they returned greeted them with protests and division, making the friendships forged in war critical to their recovery.

#### ***ENTER GHOST***

by Isabella Hammad

Sonia, an actor, returns to Palestine after 22 years to visit her sister. Her sister connects her with a theater director who is developing an Arabic-language version of Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Sonia quickly commits to the project, but also quickly learns the political realities and physical dangers of contemporary existence in the Palestinian territories.



## **NON-FICTION**

### ***WORLD ENOUGH AND TIME: New and Selected Poems***

by Norita Dittberner-Jax

Poet Norita Dittberner-Jax graces the pages of our poetry collections again with her calm, steady voice and deep compassion for the joyful and sorrowful mysteries of being human. Her unwavering voice is a balm of insight, wisdom, and kindness. "World Enough and Time" is a meditation on what we value.

(Donation)

### ***HOW TO SAY BABYLON: A Memoir***

by Safiya Sinclair

This is a lyrical, intricate memoir of tremendous courage and truth about the author's struggle to break free of her rigid Rastafarian upbringing, ruled by her father's strict patriarchal views and repressive control, to find her own voice as a woman and poet. Instead of being cynical, her words are hopeful and empowering. (Donation)

## **LARGE PRINT**

### ***THE WAY OF THE BEAR***

by Anne Hillerman

In the spectacular Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, Navajo law enforcement personnel Bernie Manuelito and Jim Chee are drawn into a disagreement over the fate of an invaluable fossil, the disappearance of an archaeologist, and several murders. Meanwhile, an approaching winter storm complicates their efforts to resolve the situation. (Mystery, Donation)

### ***MRS. QUINN'S RISE TO FAME***

by Olivia Ford

If you like to bake or eat what other people bake and like to watch baking show contests, this is a book for you. So what are the ingredients in a book about baking contests: long-lasting love, delayed ambition, intense competition, a ring in hiding, a shameful secret, and strong support from a fragile dear one? 18

## LARGE PRINT Continued

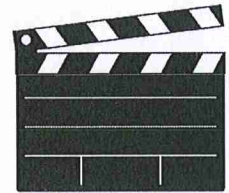
### **FOURTEEN DAYS**

edited by Margaret Atwood and Douglas Preston

After the COVID lockdown in 2020, the multicultural residents of a shabby New York City tenement came to know each other by sharing stories on the rooftop. Thirty-six members (Celeste Ng, John Grisham, and Ishmael Reed among them) from the Authors Guild collaborated on the project and the proceeds will go to the Guild Foundation.

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### **Alternative Cinema**

Presented by the Rydens

#### **Sunday, April 7**

*Goldfinger* - 60th anniversary

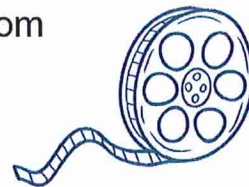
“Bond, James Bond”...*Goldfinger* is acclaimed as the best Bond movie. Sean Connery stars as Agent 007, sent to find the diabolical mastermind of a large gold smuggling operation. Exotic locations, cool gadgets, ruthless villains and beautiful women; this film is the prototype by which all Bond films are judged. (1964, PG: Action, Adventure)

#### **Sunday, April 14**

*The Producers*

Zero Mostel plays a Broadway producer who develops a scheme to raise money from little old ladies investing in his productions. His next musical, *Springtime for Hitler*, is sure to be a flop and the extra cash raised will be his. Gene Wilder plays the comical accountant in this zany Mel Brooks film. (1967, PG: Comedy, Music)

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### **Sunday, April 28**

*Great Performances* — From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2024

From PBS: "There are few concerts in the world that are awaited with as much excitement as the New Year's Concert from Vienna in the magnificent Golden Hall of the Vienna Musikverein." The program also features Vienna's history and ballet. Hosted by Hugh Bonneville. (2024, TV-G: Music, History)

### **Flick Faves**

Presented by Greta Berg and Rich Brown

### **Sunday, April 21**

*Chicken Run*

Imagine a remake of *The Great Escape* or *Stalag 17...* with hens. Our poultry protagonists must fly the coop when evil Mrs. Tweedy plans to switch farm production from eggs to chicken pot pie. Nick Park and Aardman's Animations bring incredible detail, believability, and personality to each claymation clucker. (2000, Rated G, Comedy, 1h 24m)



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## Recycling Tip of the Month

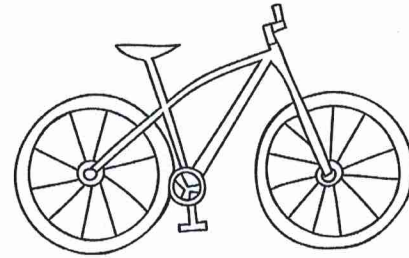
Jon Riehle

In March I put a notice in the *Buzz* to alert everyone that compost is no longer being collected in the Fitness Room — too much contamination. But if you still want to do the *green/eco-/save-the-earth* thing, consider bringing your own cup or bottle for water. Remember the 4 Rs of recycling: refuse, reduce, reuse, and recycle. In this case, *refuse* is the applicable “R” as you *refuse* to create waste of any kind and use your container for water.

The most common contaminant was the disinfecting wipes used to clean machines after use. Please remember these are made of petroleum-derived fabrics like polyester or polypropylene (i.e., plastic). This content, along with the chemicals in them, means they are not flushable, recyclable, or compostable, whether in the Fitness Room or our homes. Please put them in the trash.

Reminder: please do not put plastic bags or film of any kind in our recycling bins. They wreak havoc with the sorting process at the recycling centers. Take them to Lunds, Target or any other retailer that has a separate bin for these items.

Thanks for your efforts to keep it all sorted out in your head, even if not in your recycling bag!



## Bike News

Jon Riehle

### April Showers Bring Pedal Power to Becketwood!

Spring has seemingly come, and may well be gone by the time you are reading this. Summer may be fully underway by May. We know a lot of Members are beginning to take bike rides with all the unseasonably warm weather, including us. We (Angela Bohmann and Jon Riehle) plan again to lead the Monday morning Easy Ride group starting at 9 am in the north parking lot. The official start of the 2024 season will likely be **Monday, May 6**. In the meantime, weather permitting, we are thinking of doing some *pre-season* rides beginning **April 15** — again, if the weather permits.

We use an email contact list to let Members know if we plan to ride. If you are new or want to be sure you are on the list, send an email to Jon ([jonathan.riehle@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.riehle@gmail.com)) and we will make sure to keep you in the know.

In the meantime, dust off your bike seats and oil your chains!

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**We encourage you to attend the  
in-person Town Hall Introduction  
to the Candidates on Tuesday,  
April 16, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **April Shopping Trips**

**Monday: 15**  
Costco (Eagan)

**Tuesday: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  
Highland Village, Minnehaha Mall

**Tuesday: 2**  
Trader Joe's (Bloomington)

**Wednesday: 10**  
Hampden Park Co-op  
(Ride the swimming bus)

**Thursday: 4**  
Highland Village/Oxendale's

**Thursday: 18**  
Highland Village/Seward Co-op

**Thursday: 11, 25**  
Highland Village and Cub

### April Birthdays



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| 3  | Judith Scoville  |
| 6  | Terry Richardson |
| 6  | Sonja Walker     |
| 7  | Tim Nixon        |
| 7  | Stephen Exley    |
| 8  | Carol Delak      |
| 8  | Gail Onan        |
| 12 | Lucia Smith      |
| 16 | Linda Huwe       |
| 17 | Sandy Lundgren   |
| 23 | Jean Swanson     |
| 24 | Linda Holt       |
| 28 | Jackie Hill      |
| 29 | Elene Loecher    |
| 30 | Lyn Pegg         |
| 30 | Priscilla Young  |

## Committee Meetings

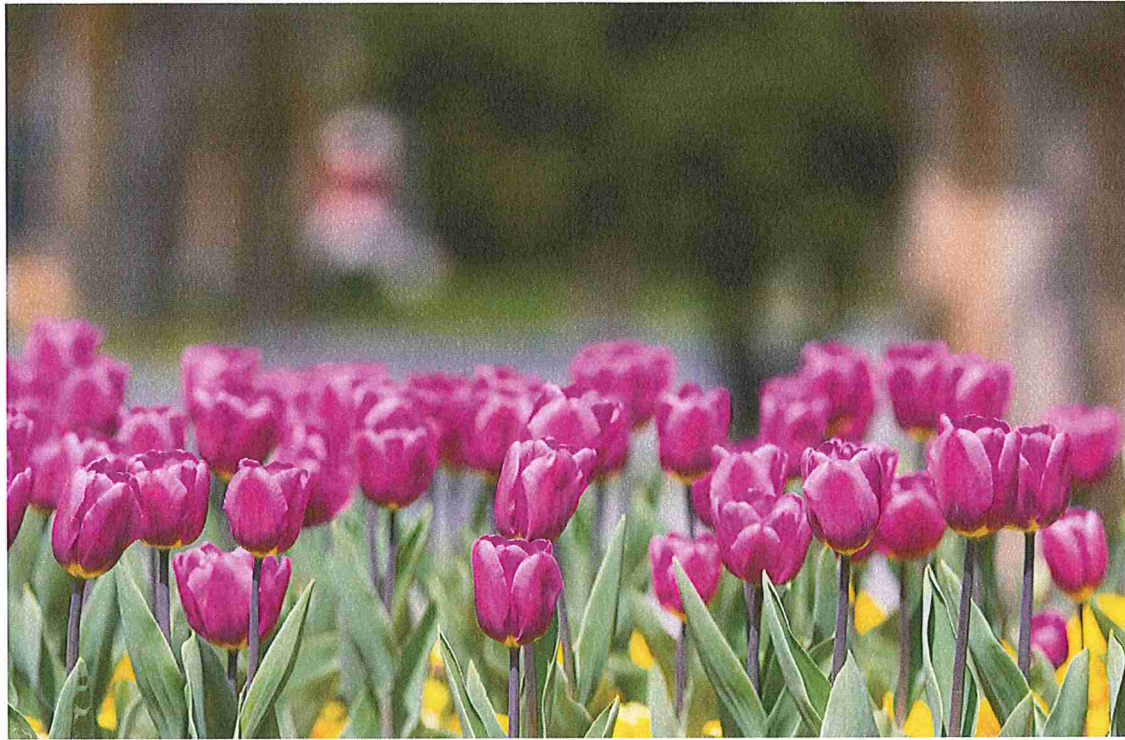
Committee	Time	Location	Date
Art Committee	1:30 pm	WDR	3rd Wednesday
Board of Directors	1:30 pm	WR	4th Tuesday
Buildings	2 pm	WDR	2nd Tuesday
Becketwood <i>Buzz</i>	Noon	CR	Every Thursday
Communications	2 pm	EDR	1st Wednesday Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.
Creative Arts	10:45 am	CC	2nd Tuesday of every third month
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEIC)	10:30 am	KS	1st Friday
Environment	1:30 pm	WR	1st Thursday
Excursion	10:30 am	EDR	2nd Wednesday
Finance	2:30 pm	WDR	3rd Tuesday
Food Service	10:30 am	WDR	3rd Tuesday
Gardens	12:30 pm	KS	4th Monday
Grounds	1 pm	WDR	1st Tuesday
Interior Design	1 pm	CR	1st Tuesday
Investment	2:30 pm	WDR	2nd Thursday Jan., Apr., July, Oct.
Library	9:30 am	WDR	3/4, 4/1, 4/29, 6/3, 7/1, 7/29, 8/26, 9/30, 11/4, 12/2
Low Vision Group	4 pm	CC	1st Thursday
MAC (Member Activities Council)	1:30 pm	WDR	2nd Monday Even Months
Marketing	12:30 pm	WDR	2nd Tuesday
Pantry	3 pm	CS	As Needed
Program	9 am	EDR	2nd Friday
Reserve and LRP	2:30 pm	WDR /Zoom	3rd or 4th Wednesday Jan., Apr., Aug.
Spiritual Resources	3 pm	WDR	1st Monday
Tree & Shrub	2 pm	KS	4th Monday
Turf Committee	1:30 pm	CR	3rd Wednesday
Wellness	1:30 pm	WR	1st Wednesday Sept. - May

Chapel - CHP

Coffee Shop - CS  
Conf Room - CR  
Craft Center - CC

Kensington SQ - KS  
Wellington Rm - DR

E. Dining Rm - EDR  
W. Dining Rm - WDR  
Windsor Rm - WR



APRIL 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Holidays and Observances: 1: Easter Monday, 15: Tax Day

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