

# The Kendalight

Kendal at Oberlin Residents Association

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## The Call of the World

### Spring Fling! 2021

Sat., May 1 - 7:15pm - KOTV

Peruse the teaser displays along the windows in Heiser Lounge and get ready to enjoy a whirlwind of stories and music from places Kendal residents have visited!

We can't gather in the auditorium yet, but we can invite friends and neighbors to our homes (in groups up to six). Sit back and enjoy the show together while snacking on your small bags of complimentary goodies.

Be prepared for a Grand Tour!



### Dance Around the Maypole Sunday, May 2 - 3:00pm Heiser Main Entrance

Join the English country dancers and square dancers as they wrap the Maypole on the driveway in front of the Heiser main entrance. The band *Consensus* will provide the music. Residents are invited to bring chairs, enjoy the music, and watch the event. Dancing is open to anyone who would like to participate. Jan Larsen will teach and prompt the dancing. No experience or partner needed.

### Commencement Highlights in Oberlin

Fri., May 14, In-Person Commencement Exercises, Bailey Field, 9:30am & 2:00pm Peter Baker, chief White House correspondent for the *New York Times*, will give the commencement address and receive an honorary doctor of fine arts degree. Three other degrees will be granted: Renata Adler, award-winning journalist, novelist, and film critic, honorary doctor of fine arts; composer John Harbison, honorary doctor of music; and Michael J. Sorrell '88, president of Paul Quinn College, honorary doctor of humanities. The ceremony will be live-streamed by the college and shown on WSCC.



Sun., May 23, Virtual Campus Illumination, 7:00–10:00pm Do you miss sharing ice cream and music at commencement on a Tappan Square transformed by strings of colored Japanese lanterns? Oberlin alumni are being encouraged to shine their light on the global Oberlin community and take part in a virtual Illumination.

Check out [www.oberlin.edu/alumni-association/reunion/illumination](http://www.oberlin.edu/alumni-association/reunion/illumination) for instructions on how to take and submit a photo to join the celebration. Photos must be submitted by Fri., May 7, for the May 23 event.



### Primary Election Day Tuesday, May 4 - 6:30am–7:30pm The Lodge of New Russia Township 46300 Butternut Ridge Rd., Oberlin

If you haven't voted yet, note that the Absentee Ballot Drop-off Drive-thru in the Lorain County Board of Elections parking lot will be open:

- Sat., May 1, 8:00am–4:00pm
- Sun., May 2, 1:00pm–5:00pm
- Mon., May 3, 8:00am–2:00pm

#### Issues on the May Primary Ballot:

- Oberlin City Renewal/1.2 mills Current Expenses
- Oberlin City Renewal/3.0 mills Collection and Disposal of Garbage
- Oberlin Public Library Renewal/3.25 mills Current Expenses
- Central Lorain County Ambulance District Renewal/1.15 mills Ambulance and Emergency Medical Service

Questions? Ask Kendal resident Mary Van Nortwick, LWV Oberlin Area.



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Seeing Stephens Care Center residents in Heiser and around the grounds has been exhilarating! Life seems to be returning to a busy hum of activity in many ways, as we can visit with friends and family within and outside of Kendal, groups of 25 can participate in programs in the auditorium, and dining has resumed in Fox and Fell with Langston reopening in a few weeks.

At the possibility of resuming something like normal life, many of us are experiencing mixed emotions. As Alyssa Rosenberg wrote: "No inoculation, no matter how miraculous, can teach us how to live in the wider world again after spending so long in isolation." We need patience and to go with the flow.

From May 1 to May 28, residents have the opportunity to thank our staff with gifts to the "Employee Vacation/Appreciation Fund," one of our two annual appeals for staff since we don't give tips. These gifts are distributed equitably among all the staff except senior management and department heads, who are not included. We'll also have a table in Heiser so you can write personal thank-you notes to all staff. Thank you for continuing your generosity and meaningful recognition of our exceptional Kendal staff.

~Mary Behm, KORA President 2021



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### Next KORA Council Meeting Thurs., May 20 - 10:00am Zoom and KOTV

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us for our monthly meeting!

## Spring LifeLong Learning Classes at Kendal

These courses will be conducted via Zoom. You will be able to ask questions by using the Zoom chat function. Sign up to receive the invitation to join a class by contacting Rebecca Cardozo. There is no fee for the courses.

**Mosques, Churches, and Synagogues in Medieval Spain; Tues., May 11, 18, 25; 10:30am–12:00pm.** Erik Inglis, Professor of Medieval Art History, Oberlin College, presents a three-lecture course on Iberia from the 12th to 14th centuries. During this period, the peninsula had vibrant Muslim, Jewish, and Christian communities, whose coexistence was marked by both strife and cooperation. Works of art and architecture were vehicles for, and documents of, this coexistence. Each lecture focuses on one faith, but also shows art's role in contact with the other two.

The first lecture, **Precious Objects from Al-Andalus**, focuses on Muslim courts, which put a premium on precious objects in ivory, metal, and silk.

The second, **Race and Religion in Alfonso the Wise's Cantigas de Santa Maria (Songs of Holy Mary)**, looks at Alfonso the Wise, ruler of Castile and León from 1252 to 1284, who was an important patron of learning and books. This lecture introduces the Cantigas and focuses on the miracles that document contact among Christians, Jews, and Muslims.

The last lecture, **Synagogues and Haggadot: Jewish Art in Castile and the Crown of Aragon**, discusses two aspects of Jewish art from two distinct regions of 14th-century Spain: two synagogues from Castile, and some Aragonese *haggadot* manuscripts read during the celebration of Passover. All these works were created in regions governed by Christians but have different ornamental forms. The synagogues' ornament has clear ties to styles pioneered by Muslim artists and architects, while the figurative decoration of the manuscripts demonstrates contact with Christian models.

## Employee Vacation/Appreciation Appeal

Each May, residents have thanked our staff by contributing generously to the annual Employee Vacation/Appreciation Fund which is in lieu of tipping. This year we are especially thankful for the staff's extraordinary dedication to our well-being, all while they were dealing with the difficulties and dangers of COVID-19 in the world outside Kendal. They were there for us, providing expert care with kindness, thoughtfulness, and compassion. Some gave up other jobs to protect us; some gave up visits to family and vacations to protect us; they worked long hours, always with high standards and a smile which could be seen through their masks.

To make our thank-you extra special, we can write personal notes to staff on delightful Jean Slonneger-designed notepaper. There will be a table along the windows in Heiser Center with the notepaper and labels for each staff member. Please write to thank as many staff members as you wish.

Our contributions are distributed equitably among all the staff by a formula developed in consultation with administration and KORA. Senior management and department heads are not included. Checks should be made out to Kendal at Oberlin with the memo "Staff Appreciation" and deposited in the box at Heiser Reception Desk by Friday, May 28. These gifts will be given out in early June, accompanied by our personal thank-you notes. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

~Mary Behm, KORA President 2021

**EXCHANGES WITH BARBARA THOMAS - THURSDAYS AT 4:00PM - ZOOM, KOTV, WSCC**

## **Hot Issues in Employee and Other Civil Rights** **Mon., May 3 - 7:15pm** **Zoom and KOTV**

Attorney Tamara Packard (OC '90) practices employment and other civil rights law in Madison, WI. For several years, she co-taught a seminar at the University of Wisconsin Law School on Sexual Orientation and the Law. She will speak about new developments in employment antidiscrimination laws, unionization, access to abortion, voting rights, police immunity reform, and the like. Live questions follow her talk, and you may email questions in advance to [tpackard@pinesbach.com](mailto:tpackard@pinesbach.com). Tamara is the daughter of resident Linda Grashoff.

## **Redistricting 101** **Mon., May 10 - 7:15 pm** **Zoom and KOTV**

2021 is a big year for Ohio: it's when we redraw congressional and state voting districts. In 2015 and 2018, Ohioans overwhelmingly voted for reforms to end the egregious gerrymandering.

Over 70% of us in all 88 counties voted for new rules to guide district map-making, mandating the process be bipartisan, transparent, and public.

Join Kate Rivet and Robert Thompson from Fair Districts Ohio for a presentation on the redistricting process and how you can get involved in ensuring Ohio's new maps are drawn fairly to represent all Ohioans.

## **🎵 Music at Kendal 🎵**

### **First Sunday Chamber Music Open Rehearsal** **Sun., May 2 - 4:00–5:00pm** **Heiser Auditorium**

Stop by and listen to this informal presentation by Kendal residents. It's a read-through (or rehearsal) for all to enjoy! Protocols limit the number of people who can be in Heiser Auditorium at any one time to 25, including the musicians. If more than 25 people show up, the overflow will be able to hear the music in the hallways and Heiser Lounge.

### **LifeLong Learning Team Invites Your Suggestions**

The final course of the 2020–2021 year will be offered in May, with classes resuming next fall. To help us plan for next fall and beyond, please suggest classes that you'd like to see. We're especially interested in adding more topics in the sciences and social sciences. Suggestions for both topics and potential presenters are welcome. With Zoom as an option, the presenter need not live in the Oberlin area. Send all suggestions and comments to Mary Van Nortwick.

## **We're Planning for the 4th of July**

Now that the Spring Fling is behind us, the Special Events Planning Group is turning its attention to our celebrations on the 4th of July. The morning activities will be the same as last year's – a parade around Heiser Circle followed by an abbreviated outdoor patriotic program. We will also organize a number of other activities for the afternoon. If you would like to be a part of the parade or would like to suggest an activity for the afternoon, please email Carol Harvey. We are always happy to consider your ideas as we plan our community celebrations throughout the year.



## **Arbor Day Programs – Three Events to Celebrate**



### **Wed., May 5 - 2:00pm - Outdoors, North of the Ed. Building** **Kendal's Soils and the Success of its Trees**

David Benzing talks about soil structure in general and the specific challenges of soils at Kendal, and Rachel Duncan demonstrates the various stages of planting a tree to ensure its healthy life.



### **Wed., May 19 - 10:00am - Zoom and KOTV** **Invasive Plants and Woodland Restoration**

David Benzing makes a presentation on the problems of invasive plants in general and the specific issues facing The John Bartram Arboretum.



### **Wed., May 19 - 2:00pm - Woodland at Parking Lot 8** **Field Trip**

David Benzing and Rachel Duncan talk about the process of removing invasive plants and the restoration process, including the new native plants in the space.

**Please bring your own chairs for outdoor events.**  
**COVID-19 protocol will be followed.**

### **Pain 101: How Pain Works and What Can Help** **Mon., May 17 - 7:15pm** **Zoom and KOTV**

Nancy Darling, Professor and Chair of Psychology at Oberlin College and founder of 1step2life, will introduce basic pain physiology and talk about the difference between acute and chronic pain, and how different treatment and rehabilitation options change pain processes. Pain's basic function is protective – it tells us that our body is in danger. This basic function is complex, however. Pain responses depend as much on the brain as they do on the stimuli that trigger them. Long-term chronic pain can be a disease unto itself, where the pain *is* the disease.

## Saturday Night Movies 7:15pm - KOTV

**May 1 - It's Spring Fling!**

**May 8 - Amélie (2001)** An innocent and naive girl in Paris with her own sense of justice, Amélie decides to help those around her and, along the way, discovers love. French, subtitles.

**May 15 - Driving While Black: Race, Space and Mobility in America (2020)** The advent of the automobile brought new mobility and freedom for African Americans but also exposed them to discrimination and deadly violence. That history resonates today in the pervasive prejudice in our culture.

**May 22 - The Story of Plastic (2020)** Documentary exposes the ugly truths behind plastic pollution and the false solution of plastic recycling.

**May 29 - Alone in the Wilderness (2004)** In 1968, one man films his attempt to build a cabin and live in the Alaskan wilderness.

## Sunday Movies 7:00pm - WSCC

**May 2 - Chariots of Fire (1980)** In the 1924 Olympics personal goals spur a devout Scottish Christian who runs for the glory of God and an English Jew who runs to overcome prejudice.

**May 9 - Our Souls at Night (2017)** Two widowed neighbors (Robert Redford, Jane Fonda) develop an unexpected relationship in their small Colorado town.

**May 16 - Billion Dollar Hobo (1977)** A clumsy but lovable dope will inherit his uncle's fortune if he travels the rails as a penniless hobo.

**May 23 - Milk (2009)** In San Francisco, American gay activist Harvey Milk (Sean Penn) becomes California's first openly gay elected official.

**May 30 - Taking Chance (2009)** Based on true story of Lt. Col. Michael Strobl (Kevin Bacon), a volunteer military escort who accompanied the body



## Art Gallery News

The **Kendal Gallery** continues to exhibit the colorful, fascinating, and marvelously creative photographs by **Ryn Clark**. In a recent artist talk, Ryn spoke at length about the creative process by which she layers the photographs of flora and fauna that she takes on her daily walks to form these make-believe landscapes with an almost three-dimensional effect. Her photographs will remain on display until the **Kendal Creates** show opens on May 18.

In the **Community Gallery David Spencer's** whimsical and intriguing digital pictures and pencil drawings are on display until May 17. In an artist talk in April, he gave insights into his creative process. As he said, he "gets

of Lance Cpl. Chance Phelps to his hometown in Wyoming.

## Wednesday Themed Films 2:00pm - WSCC

**May 5 - The Enlightenment (2018)** Four individuals from very different backgrounds seek the transformational power of the Kalachakra initiation, led by the Dalai Lama in India.

**May 12 - Storm Boy (2019)** A young boy growing up on a largely uninhabited coastline of Southern Australia rescues three orphan pelicans and forms a close bond with them..

**May 19 - The Nun's Story (1959)** Sister Luke (Audrey Hepburn) struggles with devotion to her vows during crisis, disappointment, and WWII.

**May 26 - Fatima (2020)** Based on true story. Three children in Fátima, Portugal, witness visitations of the Virgin Mary, who delivers a message of peace for the world, angering officials and inspiring believers.

overexcited at movies with big robots, loves drawing monsters and other silly things." David's work is exhibited concurrently in FAVA's online gallery. He was one of FAVA's Artists in Residence a few years ago.

The **Friends Gallery** exhibition of artworks by **Kendal Art Studio artists** and photographs by **Nancy Lombardi** and **Kathy Caldwell** continues.

The **Curio Cabinet** now contains the art of aircraft as structural design, a display of small models that **Joe Luciano** has been assembling and painting all of his life here at Kendal – perhaps longer!

The biennial **Kendal Creates** show opens May 18. Residents who plan to exhibit an item they have created should submit their **entry forms** to **Box 68** no later than **May 14**. Bring your **artworks** to the hallway outside the library on **Mon., May 17**, from **8:30 to 10:00am**.

## Thursday Movie Musicals 2:00pm - WSCC

**May 6 - The Wizard of Oz (1939)** - Dorothy (Judy Garland) and her dog Toto are swept away by a Kansas tornado to a magical land. With three new friends, she embarks on a quest to see the Wizard who can help her and Toto return home to Kansas.

**May 13 - Something to Sing About (1937)** New York bandleader (James Cagney) gets a contract with a Hollywood studio, but runs into trouble because he is determined to do things his way, not theirs.

**May 20 - Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971)** The owner (Gene Wilder) leads kids on a thrilling and often dangerous tour of the strangest chocolate factory.

**May 27 - Royal Wedding (1951)** A brother and sister dance act (Fred Astaire, Jane Powell) encounter challenges and romance when booked in London during the Royal Wedding.

## Strategic Planning: Kendal Plans for the Future

Kendal at Oberlin's new strategic planning process will engage residents, staff, and supporters in the effort to identify areas for future enrichment, improvement, and growth. The Strategic Planning Committee of the Board of Directors will provide specific opportunities for Kendal residents to share hopes, ideas, and concerns for the future of Kendal.

In late May residents will be invited to respond to a short questionnaire. This survey will be followed by an opportunity for each resident to participate in one of two face-to-face Zoom conversations about the future on:

Tues., June 8 - 4:00pm or  
Thurs., June 17 - 4:00pm

Specific information about participation will appear in the June *Kendalight*.

In addition, Kendal residents are invited to communicate thoughts and ideas about the future of KaO to the Strategic Planning Committee: chair Liz Schultz ([director@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:director@oberlinheritage.org)), vice chair Gary Olin ([glolin@oberlin.net](mailto:glolin@oberlin.net)), Dick Baznik, Mary Behm, Ann Fuller, Sean Kelly, Karen Kilgo, Toni Merleno, Jack Southworth, Barbara Thomas, Mary Van Nortwick, and Joan Villarreal.

~Gary Olin

## Suggestions and Concerns Committee Meeting Mon., May 10 - 2:00pm Crossroads Room

Members of this committee will listen to your suggestion or concern in confidence (and privately, if you wish), discuss it with you, and decide how to pursue it to a satisfactory resolution. For more information, contact chair Marjorie Porter.

### The Kendal cable channels are:

- WKAO: 919, 19-1, OR 95-100
- KOTV: 920, 19-2, OR 95-101
- WSCC: 921, 20-1, OR 96-100

## Notes From the Program Committee

We hope that you enjoyed the programs presented in April including Yolanda Cruz's Covid update, Heather Lemonedes' *Stories from Storage* at the Cleveland Art Museum, and Phyllis Gorfain's lectures on Macbeth. If you missed a program or want to revisit it, you will find a DVD in the library.

In May we especially look forward to a program featuring KaO residents who were interviewed about their WWII experiences, and David Dauphiné's *White Water Story*. Be sure to contact Carol Harvey to receive reminders and links to upcoming Kendal programs.

We will offer limited programming in June, July, and August. But let us hear your ideas about programs that you would like to see in the fall. We do not yet know about inviting speakers or an audience to Heiser or the range of possibilities for presenting programs.

There are many tasks associated with soliciting and implementing Kendal's programs and we would like your help. It takes a village. Please contact Shirley to learn more.

~Shirley Taylor, Chair, Program Committee

## Fun Fitness Week Returns June 7-11, 2019



Our annual Fun Fitness Week begins on Monday, June 7, and concludes on Friday, June 11. Once again we will offer both indoor and outdoor FUN activities such as perimeter walking, bicycling, swimming, outdoor observation, basketball shoot, shot put throw, tennis, dog play, robot sailing, croquet, and baggo. "Name that Tune" and "Name that Thing" will be presented remotely.

Mark your calendar now and watch for details.

If you would like to help plan or execute activities, contact Kathy Caldwell.



### Event Links

- For "inside Kendal" program links, contact Carol Harvey.
- For "outside Kendal" community cultural and educational ad hoc events, contact Barbara Gordon-Lickey.

## Tuesday Teatime Tales:

### An Edith Wharton Short Story for Mother's Day Tuesday, May 11 - 4:30pm - KOTV

Maxine Houck reads a tardy Mother's Day short story, a slowly unwinding tale of two old friends. "Roman Fever" is set on a hotel terrace in Rome as the women reminisce about their youthful escapades in the Eternal City and look to the escapades of their two daughters as they dash off into a romantic night. Of course, there are surprises.



*The Kendal Creates show is coming*

*May 18 to August 15*

*See Art Gallery News, p. 4.*

## More About Kendal's Residents

### Upcoming Moves

Jesse Carlock and Kerry Glaus from Beaver Creek, OH, in May.

### Recent Move-Ins

Judy Glaser from Lakeside, OH, in early April.

Janet Newman from Winter Park, FL, in mid-April.

### Recent Transfers

Marilyn Myerson to Whittier.

### Oberlin Heritage Center Civil War Personalities Tues., May 25 - 7:00pm - Zoom

Join Civil War historian and author Gene Schmiel as he highlights a variety of people, famous and unsung, Black and White, Union and Confederate, who influenced the outcome and aftermath of the conflict. Dr. Schmiel has written several books related to the Civil War, including an award-winning biography of Oberlinian Civil War General and Ohio Governor Jacob Cox, the namesake of Oberlin College's administration building. This free, 40-minute Zoom program will end with a Q&A session.

Advance registration for this Oberlin Heritage Center event is required at [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or <http://bit.ly/3ddDNMc>. Registrants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### Need Gadget Help?

Student Cailin will be answering questions virtually to assist with technology on Fridays, 2:00–3:00pm, on Zoom: 929 5079 1155. Call in: 1-312-626-6799 and type in the Zoom number when asked.

### Help Needed!

#### Shopping for Stephens Care Center Residents

We need a few independent living volunteers who are willing to purchase food and sundries for our friends in the SCC at Drug Mart, IGA, and Ben Franklin once every two months on a Wednesday or Thursday. It takes about 1–2 hours each time; training is easy and will be provided. The items are charged directly to the SCC resident's account so that no cash is involved. If you would like to help, please contact Dina Schoonmaker.

#### Medical Companions

Sometimes when residents are going to important medical appointments, they would like someone to accompany them. It can be helpful to manage a wheelchair, help the resident navigate to the office, sit in on the appointment and take notes, or just simply be a friendly companion. If you would like to be a Medical Companion, contact Ken Cheek. All local transportation will be provided by Kendal.

#### Wheelchair and Walking Partners

Now that SCC residents can visit Heiser and go for walks, some need a Wheelchair or Walking Partner to make it possible. There are currently two requests received from staff:

- Walk with a specific resident who lives in Jameson House on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30am and 3:00pm. We need up to three residents to make a commitment for one of the two times for one day each week. Contact Sandi McClenen if you can do this.
  - Partner with different residents on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30am and 2:30pm. If you can help, sign up for a specific date and time on a clipboard beneath the open mailboxes. Wheelchair partners receive a brief training session.
- Questions? Contact Elizabeth Hole.



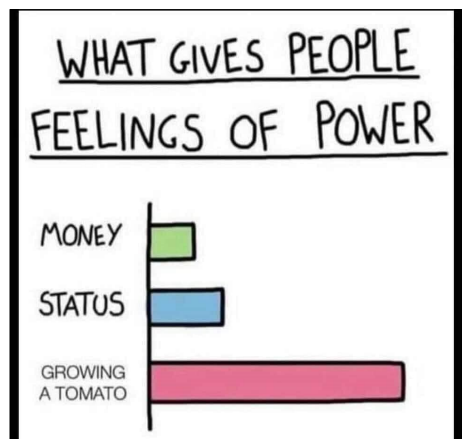
### It's Time for the Plant Sale! Fri., May 7 - 7:30am–5:00pm Covered Walkway Behind Lot 11 Garage

Asters to Zinnias, plus Begonias, Geraniums, Impatiens, Tomatoes, Shasta Daisies, as well as seeds, and more! Members of the Horticulture Committee have been making cuttings and rooting new plants, growing seedlings, and collecting other garden items for you to enjoy. Plant sizes range from large (mature) house plants to small seedlings, ready to be planted outside.

Prices begin at \$1.00 and can be paid for in cash (with change available) or by check (made out to KORA). There will be bags and some boxes for you to carry your new plants home. If you can, bring a carrier (bag or box). Unsold plants will be offered on the honor system on Saturday at the same spot.

The new location allows one-way traffic along the walkway for proper social distancing and offers shelter should there be a shower. Enter the sale at the south end of the walkway closest to the apartment entrance and exit at the end by the Troll Bridge.

If you can help with the sale, we have a job for you! Contact Prudy Hall.



## Meet Our Kendal Newcomers on KOTV Wed., May 19 - 4:00pm

The Newcomers Committee brings you interviews with our newest residents via monthly programs on KOTV. Plan to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about people you will want to get to know.

Please note that this will be our last newcomer interviews until we resume in the fall.  
~Sharon Furrow

## Annual Migratory Bird and Amphibian Trip to the Oberlin South Woods Ramsey Right-of-Way Wednesday, May 12 - 9:45am Meet outside of Heiser

Ray Stewart and John Katko (Ohio Wetlands Association), Norm Damm (Ohio Association of Herpetologists), Dean Kulwicki (Black River Audubon), and Kate Pilacky (Western Reserve Land Conservancy) will be our guides. Carpool to be arranged. Sign-up sheet by mailboxes. For more information, email [kpilacky@wrlandconservancy.org](mailto:kpilacky@wrlandconservancy.org) or call 774-4226. Cosponsored by the Kendal Environmental Concerns Committee.

~Kate Pilacky,  
Firelands Assoc. Field Director,  
Western Reserve Land Conservancy



## Betty Weinstock's Book on Wildflowers

The Horticulture Committee is delighted to provide the following links to the digital copy of Betty Weinstock's book *Wildflowers seen in and around Oberlin, 1998-2001*.

You will be able to access the book from the electronic edition of this *Kendalight* by clicking on the link given below. Or if you prefer, copy or type the address into your browser.

The book can be downloaded onto your computer for further reference. The Committee is grateful to Larry Dunn for his work in making the online version accessible.

- Betty Weinstock's Book: <https://tinyurl.com/33yk7pdf>
- Index by Common Name: <https://tinyurl.com/vb9uyv28>
- Index by Scientific Name: <https://tinyurl.com/h35839c>

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## Film: Kendal at Oberlin Remembers: World War II Thurs., May 13 - 7:15pm - Zoom and KOTV

This moving film is based upon lengthy interviews with Kendal residents John Matsushima, Jim Sunshine, Bill Rice, and Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick about their experiences during and immediately after World War II. The film will be followed by a Q&A with John, Jim, Bill, Mary, Mary Behm (interviewer), and the filmmakers from StoryLens, Geoff Pingree and Clarissa Heart. Their full interviews will be available soon as podcasts on KaO's website. This is a unique, important documentary of a time that changed our world. In the future we hope that other residents' stories from WWII can be recorded and added to KaO's oral history.

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## Play Readers: *Angel Street* Fri., May 21 - 7:15pm - KOTV

*Angel Street* is the psychological thriller that became the award-winning movie, *Gaslight*. Our cast – Bob Longworth, Lynn Eastman, Vern Wettersten, Pauline Handman, and Sandi McClennen – will be directed by Robert Taylor.

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## Whitewater Story: Chasing Snow Melt, Paddling River Rapids Mon., May 24 - 7:15pm - Zoom and KOTV

Join by Zoom, in order to be able to interact, or by KOTV to see resident David Dauphiné's whitewater photos and video clips of guiding kayak support trips on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, and to hear his narration. As a bonus, you will learn about the natural features of moving water in rivers.

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## Kendal Kryptogram #194 - by Nina Love

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~HUAUWFARZ

Solution to Kryptogram #193: "Better a witty fool than a foolish wit."

~William Shakespeare

### KENDAL RESALE SHOP

Benefitting Kendal Residents Assistance Fund (RAF) and Community Charities

#### SHOP!

Wed.–Sat., 11:00am–5:00pm  
(closed Sun.–Tues.)

#### DONATE!

Bring your donations of clean, gently-used, ready-to-wear clothing and usable household items to the box outside the shop.

#### Given to RAF in Mar. 2021:

Total contribution: \$2,454.



# Library Notes

**Introducing the New Library Overdue Reminder (designed by Jean Slonneger and Caroline Brandenberger)**

**A Reminder from the Kendal Library**

Borrower's Name and Unit #:

Call #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of this notice: \_\_\_\_\_

Title and Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Borrowed: \_\_\_\_\_

Your library book is overdue. Please return it as soon as you can, or let us know where the book might be now. Thanks!

The library loan period is one month. Renewals are allowed if no one has requested the item. Plain white book-marks are available to note the due date and keep with the book.

After a grace period, notices are sent for overdue materials with cards still in the active circulation file and not on the shelves. Our secure return box ensures that returns will not be removed before their records have been cleared.

There are no overdue fines or fees for lost books. The library's lending is on an honor system that assumes responsible behavior by Kendal resident borrowers. ~Mary Clare Beck



## The Rising of the Moon

**Wednesday, May 26**, will be the **Full Flower Moon** (also called **Mother's Moon** and **Corn Planting Moon**). May marks a time of increasing fertility, with temperatures warm enough for safely bearing young, a near-end to late frosts, and plants in bloom.

## Climate Query



Did you know that 300 corporations asked the Biden administration to reduce emissions 50% by 2030? That the only way to do that is with a carbon tax? That former climate-change doubters like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Petroleum Institute now support carbon pricing? Urge Rob Portman (202-224-3353) and Sherrod Brown (202-224-2315) to support carbon pricing.

## Snapshots from Our Stephens Staff Education Fund

With generous contributions from residents, the Stephens Staff Education Fund helps finance continuing education for Kendal employees. *The Kendalight* will feature a few employees who have recently benefited from the Fund.

### Jonah Becker

Photo: Terry Kovach

Nearly everyone at Kendal has met Jonah Becker, who worked in Dining Services for seven years and on the maintenance crew for three years. "This is the first and longest job I've had," says Jonah, "and it looks like it might be a career. I learned a lot in dining, but the facilities managers Rey [Carrion] and Ken Menefee knew I wanted something different after seven years. They asked me to be on the maintenance crew."



Rey and Ken suggested that Jonah take courses at the local Joint Vocational School to increase his skills. The Stephens Staff Education Fund paid his tuition.

Jonah says, "I want to thank the residents who contributed to the staff education fund. It really has helped me out, and it will likely be helping me in the future, too. So far I have taken three classes: HVAC, Plumbing, and College 101, which introduces college and career planning. I loved plumbing! I didn't miss a class. [He placed first in his class, but is too modest to brag.] I have three more courses to go: Electricity, Carpentry, and Blueprint Document Reading; then I get a certificate. For every class I complete, I get a pay raise.

"I recommend this program for other staff at Kendal. Take all the courses you can, do your best, and make sure it's what you want to do. I'll probably take the electrical class next. A lot of the first-shift guys have helped me work with my schedule and cover for me when I'm in class. If you know what you want to do, do it."

Jonah grew up in Birmingham, just 12 miles from Oberlin, and graduated from Firelands High School. He began working at Kendal one month later and has been here ever since. He first worked swing shifts at night but was then assigned to the first and second shifts. He reports, "It's cool in maintenance. I always said that in the kitchen, you're in four walls, but in maintenance you get to work in the whole place, even the grounds. You have to be a self-starter. Unlike dining services, you never know what's going to happen. For example, in February I got a radio call about water on the floor of an apartment. It was a broken pipe. We get lots of emergencies, not scary ones but unexpected things. I also go on calls with the nurses, if they need me."



## From The John Bartram Arboretum: Changes in the Arboretum

We are having some changes in prominent places in the John Bartram Arboretum at Kendal at Oberlin and you residents and staff may be wondering what is going on.

First of all, suddenly five circles appeared in the sod to the northeast of the Education Building. This is where a grove of the American sycamore tree and the London plane tree, a hybrid, will be added to our Arboretum. These are donated by a resident. Tall, stately trees in the *Platanus* family which will provide shade to the walkways in that location are known to be human-friendly and animal-friendly, providing seeds for many birds.

Secondly, for many years we have enjoyed the blooming pear trees in front of Heiser in April. Now there are reasons we need to remove them. Some of them are no longer healthy, having cracked trunks and girdled roots. They have branches which could easily fall on pedestrians. Removing some would very much unbalance the look of the plantings at Heiser and we would expect that the other pear trees would have problems soon. The Ohio Department of Agriculture has listed the Callery pear as invasive and advised against growing invasive species in order to protect native plant species. Pears have seeded out in our wild areas

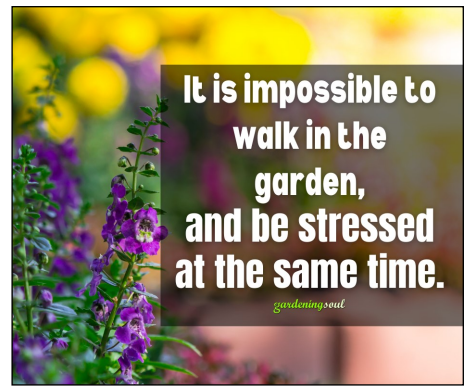
like Wildflower Hill, along the wooded edges on our perimeter drive, and around Center Pond. This demonstrates that they truly are invasive right here, not just listed that way by the state. Nurseries will not be selling this species after 2022.

The Kendal Master Landscape Plan group has decided the first phase of the plan will be to redesign Heiser. This will include “sit and chat” areas and the planting of new native trees, shrubs, and perennials which will attract birds and butterflies throughout the growing season. These will be enjoyed from inside the Heiser hallway corridors as well as from the outside. When this master landscaping plan is complete, it will be shared with the entire community.

But the Arboretum Committee asks for your patience as these additions and changes take place. Having construction vehicles around and small plants appearing where we were used to larger ones we had loved in the past is not easy to accept happily. But think of what it means for the future.

Look for information on p. 3 about our three special programs celebrating Arbor Day, one on May 5 and two on May 19, where you can learn more about our work in restoring our land at Kendal at Oberlin.

~Anne Helm for  
the John Bartram Arboretum Committee



## Nest Box News

Although it is still very early in the nesting season, there is an active Eastern Bluebird nest with four warm eggs in a box by Island Pond. The female has probably not laid all her eggs. The typical clutch contains five chicks, although four or six chicks are also fairly common.

American Tree Swallows have returned but have not yet completed a nest in any of our nest boxes. Just as well, since both species are dependent upon insects to feed their young, and with all the cold weather last month, there is not yet much insect activity.

Why do we monitor nest boxes? Doesn't it disturb the birds? Nest boxes are monitored in support of native bird species.

Chicks are prone to infestation by the larvae of blowflies which weaken and eventually kill them. Blowfly larvae attach leech-like to the chicks, feed on their blood at night, and drop to the bottom of the nest during daylight hours. Monitors check under the nest, and if the larvae are found, they can easily be brushed out of the nest.

On April 24 monitors found slow-moving wasps in three of the boxes. The wasps had not yet begun to make their mud nests and were shooed out.

In other news, a pair of Mallards are nesting somewhere in the Red Maple Swamp near the swimming pool parking lot. They make regular forays to the back of Cottage #8 to scarf up the spilled seed under the feeder and then waddle back into the swamp.

~Nina Love



### CONNECTEDNESS:

Dr. Allen Power's second component of well-being stresses keeping persons with cognitive changes connected to their present lives. This is accomplished by continuing to visit friends with cognitive changes, taking them to lunch, helping them get to committee meetings they might forget to attend. Any activities that help them stay involved in the community helps create joy and helps them **STAY CONNECTED.**

## Looking for Someone?

Find profiles of all residents, newcomers and old-timers, in “Who's Here” on the Kendal Library center bookcase.

## Dementia Friendly Discussion Group Fri., May 28 - 10:00am - Zoom

Contact Carol Bojanowski to get the link. **All are welcome!**

## Saturday Walks

Come explore walking areas off the KaO campus. The walks are leisurely, about 2–3 miles, and generally scenic. We meet outside the Heiser main entrance every Saturday at 9:30am (weather permitting). Remember to display in your car the new pink card that identifies you as a Kendal resident.

- **May 1** Oberlin Reservoir
- **May 8** Sandy Ridge
- **May 15** Rowland Preserve
- **May 22** Columbia Reservation
- **May 29** French Creek

Questions? Contact Phil Pritchett.

## Table Tennis Has Returned

Our successful efforts to keep Kendal free of COVID-19 have restricted the chances to play table tennis.

Now, however, regular hours for table tennis have been set for Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday from 10:00am to 12:00pm in Heiser Auditorium.

One table continues to be set up for play in the Stephens Care Center.

Come and play! All are welcome!

~Sidney Rosenfeld

## Tuesday at 2 Continues May 4, 11, 18, 25 - Crossroads

Sign up on the blue sheets on the clipboard by the open mailboxes.

~Anne Palmer

## AA for You? Saturdays, 7:00pm - Ed. Bldg.

Try out the resident-led Alcoholics Anonymous meeting on Saturdays at Kendal, for residents only! Contact Kim Peters [kpeters@kao.kendal.org](mailto:kpeters@kao.kendal.org) (776-5016) or Kim Preston, Social Services [kpreston@kao.kendal.org](mailto:kpreston@kao.kendal.org) (775-9813).

## For the Vision-Impaired: Low-Vision Support Group Now on Hiatus



## Help Plant Flowers on Oberlin 2021 Pride Day Saturday, May 15 9:00am–12:00pm

Pride Day is an annual opportunity for residents to volunteer and make a difference in Oberlin by helping to clean up and beautify our town.

One of the most popular activities is planting flowers in city parks and around the Welcome to Oberlin signs, with generous flower donations provided by Green Circle Growers.

If you are interested in volunteering to plant flowers this year, please contact Recycling Coordinator Lori Sprosty at [Recycling@CityofOberlin.com](mailto:Recycling@CityofOberlin.com) or 440-935-0096.

## Where to Find Contact Info

- **Kendal at Oberlin Directory**, printed and distributed each year in February.
- **Bulletin Board**, near photos of new residents. Add these corrections and additions to your printed directory.
- **Online Resident Directory**, in the resident database ([kaores.net](http://kaores.net)), click "Directory." Note: you must either be on the Resident WiFi network or be logged in to access this information.

## Church Services on WSCC

**First Church in Oberlin UCC**  
Sundays, 10:00am

**Roman Catholic Mass**  
**St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC**  
Sundays, 11:15am

## UU Gathering:

## ♣ A Democracy Deep Dive Wed., May 5 - 4:00pm - Zoom

Rev. Mary Grigolia explores the roots and off-shoots of today's far-right extremism in the United States, sharing insights based on columns by Heather Cox Richardson, professor of American History at Boston College. Followed by discussion. **All are welcome.**  
Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/keepingfaithwithlife>



As a Spring Fundraiser, our KELC kids have tie-dyed white cotton masks to sell for \$1.00 each. Watch for the masks on the bulletin boards outside the learning center classroom. Take one, then knock on KELC's door to pay for it. Or hand your payment to the Heiser Front Desk receptionist to put in the KELC mailbox. Questions? Call director Jeni Hoover, 440-775-9815.

## The **Kendalight**

- Monthly newsletter of the Kendal at Oberlin Residents Assn.  
600 Kendal Dr., Oberlin, OH 44074  
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  - The editors regret that they cannot assume responsibility for errors in content in material submitted for publication.
  - Note: Please submit articles by email to our address: [Klite600@yahoo.com](mailto:Klite600@yahoo.com)
  - If no email access, please type article on separate sheet, sign, and place in *The Kendalight* open mailbox.
  - All articles must carry a signature and telephone number.



## Dining and Nutrition Services

### Dining Matters



We are in a time of transition – change is becoming a way of life. Some changes will be temporary as we wait for COVID restrictions to abate; other changes will evolve over time as we determine the best path forward.

Currently, our dining staff has been providing three meals a day for our residents in the Stephens Care Center, a meal each day for our residents in independent living who have not selected the opted-out option, and dinners served in the Fox and Fell for residents with reservations.

Later in May, we anticipate that most meal deliveries will cease. Some residents may have medical conditions that necessitate continued meal delivery, but most residents who prefer to dine at home will pick up their meals at Heiser. With meals available at both lunch and dinner, pick-up will be at your convenience – you will be able to eat at home at your preferred mealtime. In this way, wait times will be reduced, since the crowd will be distributed across time.

Residents who miss the socialization of mealtimes will be able to meet informally in Heiser for either lunch or dinner. While we are still restricted to appropriately spaced tables, we will be able to use tables in the Langston, the Fox and Fell, and the café outside the Fox and Fell during lunch. Having a leisurely lunch and talking afterward with friends has been sorely missed by our entire community. If you are interested in casual dining for dinner, the number of available tables will be reduced, since some residents will have reservations in the waited service area. You can help reduce lines and wait times by considering all of your options.

The initiation of the Choice Meal Plan (dining dollars) was postponed

while we transition from meal delivery to Heiser dining. Eventually, we will have the options offered by those tiered meal plans, but it is difficult to change to dining dollars while we are still facing COVID restrictions like a limited number of tables. The Choice Meal Plan options will need to wait a bit longer for implementation.

Finally, we have just begun the process of exploring possible changes to dining that may become part of the Master Plan guiding us into the future. In April, we had a presentation describing dining trends (like increased casual dining) as well as an array of possibilities – some of which were interesting and some of which don't fit our community. We are at the beginning of an exciting time creating the Kendal of the future – keeping the best we have, enhancing our strengths, and developing new, welcoming experiences.

### Green Detergent Giveaway Thurs., May 13 - 1:00–3:00pm By Heiser Lounge Windows



**Wear your face mask and name tag so newcomers and old-timers alike know who you are!**

#### Masks for the New Normal



**Get New** – From box at Heiser Reception Desk.

**Customize** – Call Joyce Parker for alterations appointment.

**Recycle** – Leave misfits and repairs in box at Reception Desk.



### Nature Sightings

2/22/21  
to 4/6/21

2/22, **Red-winged Blackbirds**, two males singing in Lot 2, Maureen Bailey (hskp); 2/22, **Purple Finches**, a pair behind #90, Anne Martin; 3/3, **Song Sparrow**, singing at employee entrance; **Common Grackles**, huge flock flying toward Russia Township Park; **American Robin**, thinking he is a Northern Mockingbird, in woods by Lot 1, Maureen B.; 3/4, **Rusty Blackbirds**, woods behind pool, Maureen B.; 3/7, **Lesser Scaup**, pair near New Russia Township Park pond, Anne M.; 3/9, **Tree Sparrows**, south end of Farmer's Pond, Larry Porter; 3/10, **skunk**, on northeast side of Heiser, Larry P.; 3/13 **Trumpeter Swans**, three on Rock Pond, Mary Van Nortwick; **Killdeer**, north of Lot 6; Anne M. 3/16, 7 **Cedar Waxwings**, crab tree in front of #11, Maureen B.; 3/17, **Juvenile Eagle**, Wildflower Hill, Rachel Duncan; 3/17, **Male Pileated Woodpecker**, Wildflower Hill, Rachel D.; 3/18, **flock of 35 Common Grackles**, employee parking lot, Maureen B.; 3/22, **Belted Kingfisher**, flying toward Center Pond, Maureen B.; 3/23, **Northern Flicker**, woods by pool, Maureen B.; 3/23, **Clouded Sulphur Butterfly**, in front of #90, Anne M.; 3/27, **Great Egret**, Farmer's Pond, Anne M.; 4/2, **Eastern Phoebes**, woods by pool and Buttonbush woods, Anne M.; 4/4, **Bluebirds**, behind #100, Anne Palmer, Bruce Harker; 4/5, **Blue-winged Teals (pairs)**, Meadow Pond, Kathy Caldwell, Anne M.; 4/6, **American Coot**, Island Pond, Anne M.; 4/6, **Wild Turkey**, stalking through Maple Swamp behind #5-8, Anne P., Bruce H.; 4/6, **Osprey**, New Russia Township Park, Maureen B.

**Call 775-9868 to hear the announcements of the day.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>First Church Service</u> 10:00am WSCC <u>RC Mass</u> 11:15am WSCC <u>Jazz with Nate</u> 2:00pm WSCC  <u>Film (see page 4)</u> 7:00pm WSCC	<u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC <u>Centering Program</u> 11:00am WSCC  <u>Match Game TV Show</u> 3:00pm WSCC  <u>Documentary</u> 7:00pm WSCC	<u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC <u>Grief Support</u> 10:30am Whit./Zoom  <u>Tuesday at 2</u> 2:00pm Crossroads <u>News Currents</u> 3:00pm WSCC <u>Downton Abbey</u> 7:00pm WSCC	<u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC <u>Violin</u> 10:30pm Zoom/WSCC <u>Themed Film (see p. 4)</u> 2:00pm WSCC  <u>SCC Council</u> 4:00pm WSCC 5/12 & 5/26 <u>Song Swap</u> 7:00pm Zoom/KOTV	<u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC <u>Yoga/Meditation</u> 1:30pm WSCC <u>Musical Film (see p. 4)</u> 2:00pm WSCC  <u>Exchange with BT</u> 4:00pm Zoom/KOTV/WSCC <u>Great Courses</u> 7:00pm WSCC	<u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC  <u>Gadget Help</u> 2:00pm Zoom  <u>Travel Video</u> 3:00pm WSCC	<u>Saturday Walk</u> 9:30am Heiser <u>Violin by Shannon</u> 10:30pm Zoom/WSCC <u>Book Reading</u> 2:00pm WSCC <u>Music with Jara</u> 3:00pm WSCC <u>AA for You?</u> 7:00pm Ed Ctr <u>Film (see page 4)</u> 7:15pm KOTV

# May 2021

For details, links, and last-minute scheduling, see WKAO and the KORA Calendar.

**Zoom:** See [kaores.net](http://kaores.net) and click "Calendar" for link.  
**KOTV:** Cable 920, 19-2, or 95-101  
**WSCC:** Cable 921, 20-1, or 96-100



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*Spring Flings!*  
7:15pm - KOTV

2	3	4 Election Day!	5	6	7	8
Dance Around the Maypole 3:00pm Heiser Main Entrance	Hot Issues in Employee and Other Civil Rights 7:15pm Zoom/KOTV	Primary Election 6:30am-7:30pm The Lodge of New Russia Township	<u>Arbor Day Event:</u> Kendal's Soils and Success of its Trees 2:00pm - Outdoors, North of Ed. Bldg.  UU Kendal Gathering Democracy Deep Dive 4:00pm Zoom		Plant Sale! 7:30am-5:00pm Covered Walkway Behind Lot 11 Garage	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Suggestions & Concerns 2:00pm Crossroads  Redistricting 101 7:15pm Zoom/KOTV	Mosques, Churches, and Synagogues in Medieval Spain 10:30am-noon Zoom  Tuesday Teatime Tales: Edith Wharton 4:30pm KOTV	Oberlin South Woods Ramsey Right-of-Way 9:45am Meet outside Heiser	Green Detergent Giveaway 1:00-3:00pm HL  KaO Remembers World War II Film and Q&A 7:15pm Zoom/KOTV	OC Commencement 9:30am & 2:00pm WSCC	Oberlin Pride Day Help Plant Flowers 9:00am-12:00pm (Contact Oberlin Recycling Coordinator Lori Sprosty)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Pain 101: How Pain Works and What Can Help 7:15pm Zoom/KOTV	Mosques, Churches, and Synagogues in Medieval Spain 10:30am-noon Zoom	<u>Arbor Day Event:</u> Invasive Plants, Woods 10:00am Zoom/KOTV  Woodland Field Trip 2:00pm Parking Lot 8  Kendal Newcomers 4:00pm KOTV	KORA Council 10:00am Zoom/KOTV	Play Readers <i>Angel Street</i> 7:15pm KOTV	
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OC Virtual Campus Illumination 7:00-10:00pm	Whitewater Story 7:15pm Zoom/KOTV	Mosques, Churches, and Synagogues in Medieval Spain 10:30am-noon Zoom  OHC: Civil War Personalities 7:00pm Zoom			Dementia Friendly Discussion Group 10:00am Zoom	
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