

Tamarac Talk

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From the editor:

SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 17, 2021

Linda's message below heralds the beginning of getting back to the 'Way We Were'. At least it is a start, and we are optimistic it will all be GOOD!

Always stay Optimistic! Nancy

From Co-Prez Linda:

The prospect of meeting in person starting on June 17th has caused different reactions from our members. Some are exuberant to be seeing each other in person while others are still wary about being in a large group. No matter where you find yourself on the in-person spectrum, this summer will be another transition for each of us.

For myself, I'm not sure I remember how to set up the equipment to have a meeting because I have become very used to Zoom. Also, I won't be able to wear my slippers in person. We will need to re-institute the jobs of setting up the room, taking money, and greeting everyone. We will have to convince speakers to come in person. And we will lose out on having speakers from far-away places (like London). What we will gain is the camaraderie we felt at the Spring! event and the energy of being un-muted. We will gain entrance to schools again (I hope) and we will add more organizations that need our volunteer help.

This summer will be the time for us to determine the club's "new normal" and iron out the kinks of being together after 15 months of being apart. It will be a time of reconnection and searching for new members to help with our mission. I'm looking forward to the transition.

Welcome New Member - Janelle Crowe

Tamarac welcomed its newest member, **Janelle Crowe** was inducted on zoom by **Prez Linda** on April 15. Sponsored by **Claire Young**, she is a delightful young woman who happens to be her neighbor.



In her own words: I was born and raised in Minnesota. After completing my bachelors in fine art, I moved to Colorado in 2000. I worked in travel and tourism for Visit Denver before transitioning to a stay at home mom.

My husband, Matt works in medical device sales for a spinal implant company. Our son Davis is 8 years old and our daughter Ivy is 7 years old. I love people and am involved in a local bible study along with serving at my children's school cafeteria. **Welcome Janelle!**

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April/May Programs

April 15



Break out sessions - sharing the highlights in our lives

April 22



Anna Targett

Blue Badge Guide in London. Anna is the tour guide we have used twice to visit London and Venice virtually.

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Amara Martin,
Executive Director of Dress for Success,

May 13



Hatty McGuire

Hatty shared her life story with members with Jeanette Thompson as moderator. She's quite the lady!

May 20



Debbie Stafford

Faith Based Counselor
Aurora Mental Health Center

Program ideas needed!
Please share any possible speakers or topics that you would like to hear at a meeting! If you are interested, others will be too!

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Carol Grams
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Marilyn Mehlman

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Spring - Time to Renew Tamarac Friendships!

Our Friendship Committee hit it out of the ballpark in April by organizing a 3-part, all day chance to see each other in person, renew friendships in person, and eat together in person! 18 members got together for Brunch in the morning, 18 more met for afternoon tea, sandwiches and sweets, and 16 met for evening wine and hor d'oeuvres. All this took place in the beautiful home of Pearl Meulmans.

The food was delicious, all prepared by the friendship committee, who also were the hostesses with the mostest! Enjoy these pics of happy members....



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OI Foundation 50th Anniversary Challenge

a note from Foundation rep Claire Young

As you are all aware by now -- the OI Foundation is celebrating its 50th year. At the 2/3 point in the fiscal year, 34 generous members have contributed. Most have done a \$50 donation to receive the special anniversary pin.



In addition to the 50% match to the Happy Bucks "bucket", how about adding a **new goal** for the remaining four months? If we can get 16 more people to send their contributions -- we would have **FIFTY** contributors for the **50th YEAR**. Wouldn't that be cool ?? If you aren't sure whether you've sent a check, you can call me. And if you have not received your pin, stay patient and you'll get it soon. OR, you can come by my house and I'll pin it on you in person! So keep the checks coming (payable to the OI Foundation). **Mail to 3621 So Peach Way, Denver, 80237 -- or hand deliver, get a hug and your pin on the spot. Cheers !**

Questions? Call or text 720 425-7205

Member spotlight: Tamarac Needlepoint Expert Shares Her Work

Most of us are aware of **Lea Kushner's** talents in needlepoint, but this piece is extraordinary! All of the angles and shadows are tiny stitches.

Lea made this many years ago. She hand stitched this picture using wool, and then, wool mostly was the "thread" of choice.

*This Flowers-on-a-Window...is Embroidery. She says most of her handiwork that I make now is Needlepoint, with a strong continuing learning curve about Embroidery.

Needlepointing designs are using an interesting variety of newer technology threads and silk threads for pictures. Using these newer in style threads, she finds interesting, adding to picture texture.



She belongs to the ANG (American Needlepoint Guild), the "Denver-Chapter," for more than two-decades.

Also, for a few years, she has belonged to EGA (Embroidery Guild of America), the "Denver-Chapter," as you can guess, learning the many new things about embroidery.

Visual Arts Contest

2021 VISUAL ARTS CONTEST WINNERS

5-7 yr old category - \$20 gift card to Michaels Frances Meredith – 6 ½
Member Contact: Loretta Blessinger

8-9 yr old category - \$20 gift card to Michaels Lucy Henkhaus – 8
Member Contact: Shermalee Eikermann

10-11 yr. old category - \$20 Gift Card to Michaels Alexander Meredith – 11
Member Contact: Loretta Blessinger

GRAND PRIZE WINNER - See Page 8

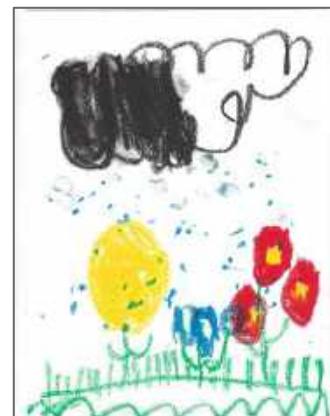
5-7 Year Old Entries



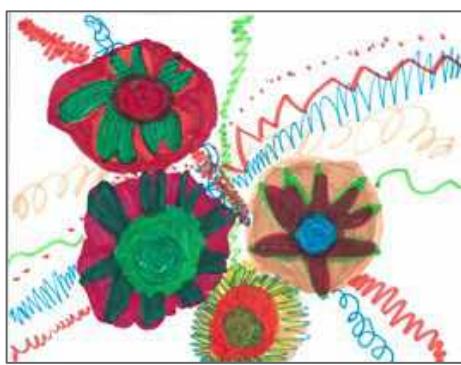
Francis Meredith 6 ½



Logan Dillon 7



Conrad Springhart 5



Ivy Crowe 7



Noah Cussen 7



Jackson Fleury 6

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More Visual Arts Entries

8 -11 Year Old Entries



Maya Perez 8



Trey Dencklau 8



Hailey Snyder 8



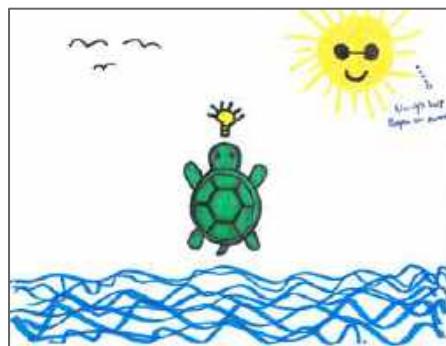
Davis Crowe 8



Erin Meredith 8 ½



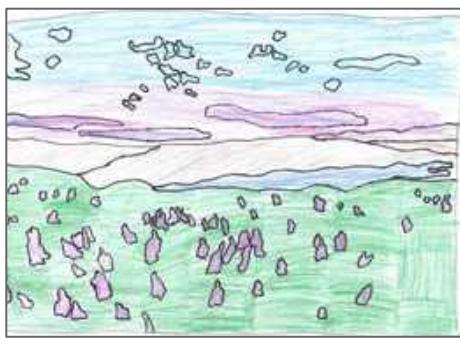
Alexander Meredith 11



Tatum Dillon 10



Leslie Dencklau 10



Carter Snyder 11

Tamarac Visual Arts Grand Prize Winner - Lucy Henkhaus 8



She won a \$40 gift card to Michaels!

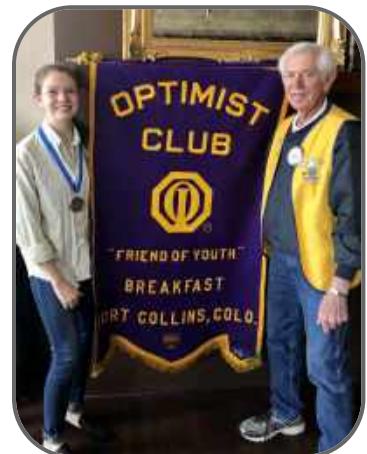
Member Contact: **Shermalee Eikermann** (granddaughter)

Even her shirt says 'Choose Happiness'

Essay Contest Contest Winner Joyce Laman

Tamarac was designated the “at-large” club sponsor for essay contestants not affiliated with a larger club. This was definitely a family affair for 2 contestants – they are grandkids of club officers. And one of the club sponsors who is a grandparent of a winner drove from Ft. Collins to Ft. Morgan over the weekend to see his granddaughter, and is excited he will present her medal to her. The other out-of-Denver winner had a sponsor in Dillon that presented the medal and check to her. And the 3rd winner is the grandson of a member of his sponsoring club.

\$125 prize – Olivia Ng pictured with **Don Stumpf**, Sec/ Treasurer of Ft Collins Breakfast OC **\$100 prize – Shelby Stais** **\$75 prize – Sam Casey**



Members Volunteer at Denver Health ‘Newborns in Need’

One-third of all babies in Denver are born at Denver Health. 90 percent of them come from families who struggle to get by. All donations to **Newborns in Need** give all children born at Denver Health a healthy start in life by providing essentials that help them grow strong: diapers, blankets, bibs, onesies, socks, first toy to name a few. Tamarac sends crews of 6 (Covid limits) to pack these bags, and sort donations and stock shelves.

Volunteers pictured here include **Jan White, Nancy O'Brien, Nancy DeNiro, Sherry Pearn, Marilyn Mehlman, Sheryl Overton, Nancy Wright, Judy Barrow, Nadou Lawson, Karen Gutjhar**.

