

### May Facts

May is named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants.  
Also from the Latin word maiores, “elders”, who were celebrated during this month.  
Stone = Emerald Flower = Lilly-of-the-Valley

May, 1908 was the very first Mother’s Day observance. President Wilson gave the day national recognition in 1914 and by the late 1920’s Mother’s Day became one of our country’s most prominent holidays. But, Anna Jarvis originally intended this holiday to be more of a church-related one, slowly evolved between Christianity and commercialism. Greeting card companies quickly jumped on Mother’s Day, and it is now the 4th largest card-buying holiday in the United States. Florists have also jumped on this holiday as well.

In England, they celebrate Mothering Day, which is held on the 4th Sunday during Lent. It’s not the same and is often confused with Mother’s Day, which is now also celebrated in England as well as the United States.

## CARNATION

### *Why is it the Symbol of Mother’s Day*

Because of Anna Jarvis, white carnations were in such demand, that the cost rose and the supply short. So the florists tried to change the expression of honoring mothers to be with ANY flower, especially the one their own mother’s loved (not necessarily a carnation like Mrs. Jarvis.)

The carnation was chosen as the symbol for Mother’s Day because Anna Jarvis’ mother had loved carnations. So she would wear one in honor of her own mother and encouraged others to wear one honoring their mothers.

Some people wear a white carnation to honor mothers who have died. While others choose a pink or red carnations to honor their mothers who are still living.

The Victorians were well-known for expressing emotions via flowers. And often times a certain flower represented things like: Love, Hope, Remembrance, Faith, Sorrow, Friendship.

And the florists took off on that encouraging homes, churches, and cemeteries to buy bouquets as well as potted plants.

In 1918 the Society of American Florists came up with their “Say It With Flowers” slogan.

Anna Jarvis lobbied against the florist industry’s profit-making off her holiday! She suddenly urged people to substitute celluloid buttons for carnations. And, to tell them to stop buying flowers and cards altogether. Unfortunately, she could not prevent other commercial ventures for this holiday like increased telephone calls, vases, figurines, candy, cards and so on.

by Sue Ellen Thompson

Any event (birthday/anniversary/wedding, etc.) that is scheduled and not hosted/sponsored by the HOA or other ELS vetted group (Men’s Club/Tennis/Golf, etc) will be required to comply with the Single Event Insurance requirements. Please see Raina at the sales office for paperwork/requirements Single event paperwork **MUST** be in hand prior to putting event on the calendar.

## Lake Fairways Activities Calendar

One word comes to mind as the inspiration for the creation of **Mother’s Day**. And that word is “homesick.”

Anna Jarvis, who was born in Grafton, West Virginia in 1864 had moved to Philadelphia later as an adult and lived there most of her life. You know the cliché, “You can take the girl out of the country, but you can’t take the country out of the girl” applies in this situation. (You can replace girl with boy also!) Although she lived in a city, Anna longed for her West Virginia countryside, the mountains and the family and friends she’d grown up with.

I know I said she was born in Grafton, WVA, but the home is now located in Webster, WVA on Rte. 119. It’s deceptive from the outside appearance. Inside it’s actually a pretty large size home with 5 bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room and a parlour.

Anna Jarvis’ own mother was a role model of domestic nurturing and other household responsibilities. She gave birth to 11 children and endured through the death of 7 of them. In spite of all this tragedy, she never lost her faith in God. She kept caring for her children when they were ill, took care of her husband (who was a lot older than she was) and sacrificed her dream of a college education due to the poverty in her own life. When she died, Anna organized a special service at the church in Grafton, W. VA to honor her mother and all that she had endured and done.

Eventually Anna decided that she wanted to honor her mother by honoring ALL mothers with their own special day on the second Sunday in May.

She did a letter-writing campaign that included politicians, newspaper editors and church leaders. She also organized a committee known as “The Mother’s Day International Association” to promote this new holiday.
































Already in existence was “Children’s Day” (the 2nd Sunday in June) and Anna knew this being a church Sunday school teacher (and organist). Children’s Day had been observed since 1870. She wanted Mother’s Day to be closer to Memorial Day, so that people would remember the sacrifices their mothers had made for their families, just like people also remembered the sacrifices their sons had made for their country.

The nation was changing also. Many sons and daughters no longer lived on the farm with their parents or even stayed in the same town anymore. So being “homesick” for their mothers and other family and friends hit the hearts of many.

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# YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00-6:30 Open Tennis 	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool *1:00-4:00 Bunco/LB	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *1:00-4:00 Dominoes/Card Room	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis  <b>Resident vehicle stickers are back at the gates.</b>
<b>MAY 2025</b>			<b>L.F. CLUBHOUSE ROOM ABBREVIATION CODE</b>  M: MEN W: WOMEN L: LOUNGE P: POOL K: KITCHEN CR: CERAMICS ROOM CH: CLUBHOUSE LB: LIBRARY MH: MAIN HALL  MH & K: MAIN HALL & KITCHEN ST: REAR MAIN HALL SR: SAND TRAP SP: SCREENED PORCH SR: SIDE ROOMS BR: BILLARDS ROOM PR: POKER ROOM  a.m. regular • p.m. bold	<b>1</b> 9:00-12:00 Women's TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 1:00-2:30 CERT Mtg/L 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 7:00-9:00 LFWC Mtg/LB/CR	<b>2</b> 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH RMH/K Doors Open 4:00pm; Sales Close 5:15pm; Games Start 5:45pm 6:30-7:30 Men's Prayer/L  	<b>3</b> 9:00-10:00 Coffee 5:00-10:00 Private Event/MH/RMH/K (set up 4:00pm)  
<b>4</b> 	<b>MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT 5</b> 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 2:00-4:00 Card Crafting/MH (set up 1:30pm) 6:00-8:00 Left, Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/RMH (Last for Season) 	<b>6</b> 9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 9:30-11:30 HOA Bd Mtg/L 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 7:00-9:00 Hurricane Seminar/MH/RMH (set up 6:00pm) 	<b>7</b> 11:00-1:00 Mixed Media Arts/CR (set up 10:00am) 12:00-2:00 90's Lunch Group/L/SP (set up 11:00am) 1:00-3:00 Michigan Rummy/PR 6:00-9:00 HOA Karaoke/MH/RMH (set up 5:00pm) 6:30-8:30 Hand & Foot/PR 	<b>8</b> 9:00-12:00 Women's TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 	<b>9</b> 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH RMH/K Doors Open 4:00pm; Sales Close 5:15pm; Games Start 5:45pm 	<b>10</b> 9:00-10:00 Coffee 
<b>HAPPY MOTHERS DAY 11</b> 6:30-8:00 Book Club/L 	<b>12</b> 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 2:00-4:00 Card Crafting/MH (set up 1:30pm) 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 	<b>13</b> 9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 5:00-? Taco Tuesday/MH/K (set up 2:00pm) 	<b>14</b> 1:00-3:00 Michigan Rummy/PR 6:30-8:30 Hand & Foot/PR 7:00-9:00 Gator Races/MH/RMH (set up 6:00pm) 	<b>15</b> 9:00-12:00 Women's TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 	<b>16</b> 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH RMH/K Doors Open 4:00pm; Sales Close 5:15pm; Games Start 5:45pm 	<b>17</b> 9:00-10:00 Coffee 9:00-11:00 Men's Study/L  
<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 2:00-4:00 Card Crafting/MH (set up 1:30pm) 6:00-8:00 Left, Right, Center/LB 	<b>20</b> 9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 9:30-11:30 HOA Liaison Mtg/L 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 1:00-3:00 LFGA Bd Dir Mtg/L 7:00-9:00 Hurricane Seminar/MH/RMH 	<b>21</b> 1:00-3:00 Michigan Rummy/PR 6:00-9:00 HOA Karaoke/MH/RMH (set up 5:00pm) 6:30-8:30 Hand & Foot/PR 	<b>22</b> 9:00-12:00 Women's TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 	<b>23</b> 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH RMH/K Doors Open 4:00pm; Sales Close 5:15pm; Games Start 5:45pm 	<b>24</b> 9:00-10:00 Coffee 2:00-7:00 Baby Shower/L (set up 12:00pm) 
<b>25</b> 2:00-4:00 Mixed Media Arts/CR (set up 1:30pm)	<b>MEMORIAL DAY 26</b> <b>ELS OFFICES CLOSED</b> 9:00-2:00 Memorial Day Cook Out Service/All Rooms (set up 8:00am) Some activities may be cancelled due to the holiday 	<b>27</b> 9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 5:00-? Taco Tuesday/MH/K (set up 2:00pm) 7:00-9:00 HOA General Mtg/MH (schedule nothing else) 	<b>28</b> 1:00-3:00 Michigan Rummy/PR 6:30-8:30 Hand & Foot/PR 7:00-9:00 Gator Races/MH/RMH (set up 6:00pm) 	<b>29</b> 9:00-12:00 Women's TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 	<b>30</b> 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH RMH/K Doors Open 4:00pm; Sales Close 5:15pm; Games Start 5:45pm 	<b>31</b> 9:00-10:00 Coffee 