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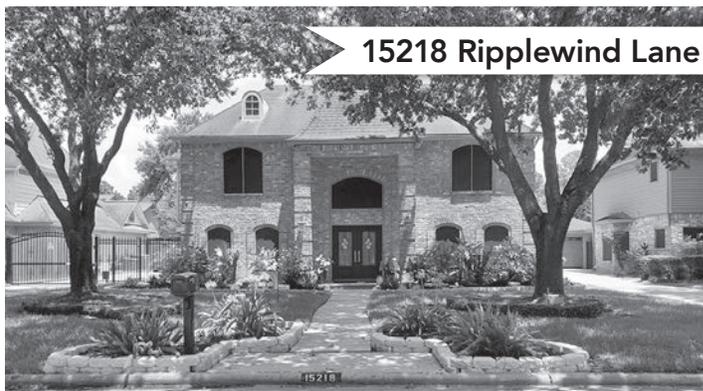
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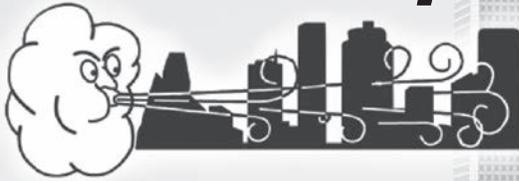
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To help the growing number of families in need, Kinsmen Lutheran Church, in partnership with Bridging for Tomorrow, will now serve as a distribution site for the Houston Food Bank.

The HFB Mobile Food Truck will be in the parking lot of Kinsmen on the first and third Saturdays of each month, including **September 5 and 19**, from 8-11 a.m. Anyone in need of food is encouraged to come. The site will initially be prepared to serve 200 families but can expand based on the need.

“When the opportunity presented for us to serve as a mobile food distribution site, the immediate answer was yes,” said Lynnae Schatz, Director of Congregational Life for Kinsmen. “Kinsmen Lutheran Church is in the community for good. Serving as a mobile food distribution site is just another way for us to serve the community – literally and spiritually.” Food will be distributed through curbside pickup as recipients remain in their cars. The church is located at 12100 Champion Forest Drive, Houston, TX 77066. Again, Schatz emphasized, the food is for everyone.

Kinsmen will also host a blood drive in partnership with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center on **Sunday, September 20**. The Donor Coach will be in Kinsmen’s parking lot from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Appointments are required and may be scheduled through a link on Kinsmen’s website at www.kinsmenlutheran.org. Donors should be at least 17 years old and in general good health; all are required to wear face masks. For additional details about who can donate, visit giveblood.org.



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EDITOR'S REFLECTIONS ON 2020

If someone had told me a year ago that we would be staying at home for months, wearing face masks in public, only allowed to go to "essential businesses" and practicing social distancing, I would never have believed them. Toilet paper, Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer hoarding along with face masks are items we will forever associate with the year 2020. COVID-19 has really changed our lives. Some people lost their livelihoods, many businesses will never reopen, and more parents are working from home and homeschooling their kids. Many churches have closed their buildings and are having online services. Drive-by birthday and graduation parties are a new phenomenon. Our economy has been really affected.

What have you been doing while "sheltering at home"? Hopefully, you've done something productive, i.e. started a garden; read that book you wanted to read; decluttered; did house repairs; garage cleaning; or reconnected with family and friends via calls, Zoom, or Skype. With Labor Day weekend coming up and schools not opening until afterwards, what future activities are you planning? Keeping in mind that COVID-19 cases remain a concern, the Houston Zoo, Space Center Houston, and the Pearl Fincher Art Museum have reopened (check websites for reservations). Franklin Drive Thru Safari in Franklin, Texas sounds like an interesting outing for the family. Surprisingly, Houston Restaurant week will continue through September 7.

I am still thankful to live in America, be blessed with food on the table, have a nice place to live, and wonderful friends and family. I am sure we all will be coming out with some funny, weird, sad, and memorable stories of 2020.

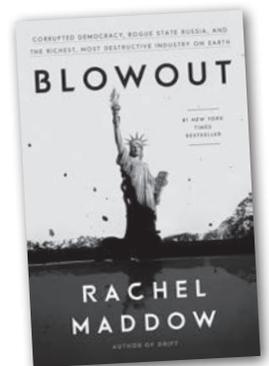
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Tanya Pilant, Olde Oaks Newsletter Editor

BOOK CLUB "FOOTNOTES"

Well, it's time for the group to resume book discussions and compare notes about our summers. Our next meeting is scheduled for **September 22**, but at the time of this writing, we haven't decided if it will be via Zoom or in person. The book is *Blowout* by Rachel Maddow. *Blowout* is about many aspects of the oil and gas industry: Its role globally, Putin's use of oil reserves and paradoxically how Russia's growth has been stunted, Rex Tillerson's role with Exxon-Mobile and Russia, and the need for transparency in the influence of a supposed destructive industry along with its enablers.



Rachel Maddow hosts the *Rachel Maddow Show* on MSNBC. She holds a bachelor's degree in public policy from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in political science from Oxford University. Besides *Blowout* she is also the author of *Drift: The Unmooring of American Military Power*. Ms. Maddow lives in New York City and Massachusetts.

To join or for further information, please contact
Kathy Hall, Coordinator, at 281-569-4967.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE REMINDER

Each homeowner who plans any improvements to the exterior of the home or elsewhere on the property must obtain **written** approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) prior to beginning work on the modification. Completion of work without prior approval could lead to a requirement to remove and restore the property to its original condition.

Remember: The goal of the ACC is to serve both you and the community by determining that your finished improvement will comply with the deed restrictions, architectural standards and guidelines and enhance the value of your property.

To seek approval the owner must complete an application form and submit it to the ACC. The committee has 30 days to review the application and render a decision, so please plan accordingly. The 30-day period begins on the date that a complete application has been received including all required documentation, not on the date the original application is signed by the owner. All work must be completed within 90 days of the approval or a new approval request will be required.

ACC approval is required for any changes or additions, including but not limited to items such as:

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Fall Exhibitions

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is delighted to announce its fall 2020 exhibitions, which open **September 19**. *Idyllic Times: Selections from the Gary T. Leach Collection of American Art* will be featured in the Main Gallery, along with *Vistas and Voyages: The Photography of Don Pine* in the Rebecca Cole Gallery.



Credit: Victor Coleman Anderson, *Secret Pals*, 1924, oil on board, 19.5" x 15.5"

Born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa, Gary T. Leach says his passion for art collecting did not come naturally. Though he was never in want of anything, fine art was not an item in the budget for his humble, midwestern family. He graduated from Iowa State University and moved to Texas to begin a career in construction. Twenty years later he traveled to Europe for the first time and noticed the many oil paintings in the hotel club. One painting in particular caught his eye, and became his first purchase of an original oil. *Idyllic Times* features 30 pieces from his wonderful collection, which call to mind the simple moments that make life beautiful.

Landscape and nature photographer Don Pine is a native Texan who has been involved in photography all his life. His father was a WWII Marine Corps photographer, and under his tutelage Don first witnessed the magic of watching images emerge in a home darkroom. Boy Scout campouts, tours of duty with the



Don Pine, *Mesa Arch Sunrise (Canyonlands National Park, Utah)*, 2014, digital photograph, 40" x 60"

Navy in Japan and the Far East, and a six-week trip across Europe after graduate school instilled a desire to experience beautiful places throughout the world. Don has now traveled to all seven continents and 74 countries. *Vistas and Voyages* showcases Don's ability to create portraits that capture the personality of both animals and people, and grand landscapes that cause us to marvel at the magnificence of God's creation.

Both exhibitions open **Saturday, September 19** and continue through **January 9, 2021**. Located at 6815 Cypresswood Drive in Spring, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated and help continue the Pearl's mission of art, education, and community.

School of Art: Launching This Fall

In keeping with its mission of providing outstanding educational programming to the community, the Pearl Fincher Museum is launching a new School of Art.

The Pearl Fincher Museum School of Art will offer classes based on a fine art curriculum, taught by professional art educators. In an atmosphere designed to nurture talent and allow creativity to flourish, students will have the opportunity to experiment with different mediums, practice techniques and explore diverse styles, while also learning art history and being exposed to inspiring pieces in the Pearl's exhibitions.

Initial classes will be offered for ages 8 to 12, with both in-person and virtual options. Classes will meet for 90 minutes once a week, with curriculum based on the elements and principles of art and design. For more information or to register visit pearlmfa.org or contact Karri Clark, School of Art Coordinator, at karripfmfa@gmail.com.

For more information, please visit www.pearlmfa.org or call 281-376-6322.

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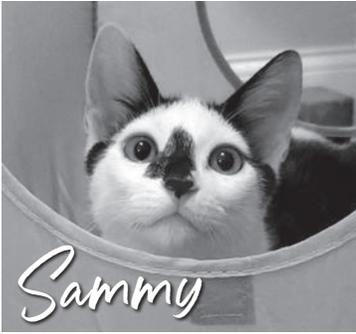
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