

Utsalady Ladies Aid

May 2023 Newsletter

Happy Mother's Day!

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Happy Birthday, Ladies



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Mother's Day was established by Anna Jarvis following the death of her mother, Ann Jarvis on May 9, 1905. She also campaigned to make it a U.S. national holiday which occurred first in West Virginia and then all the other states quickly followed.

Carnation flowers have come to represent Mother's Day since Anna Jarvis delivered 500 of them at the first celebration. It was her mother's favorite flower.

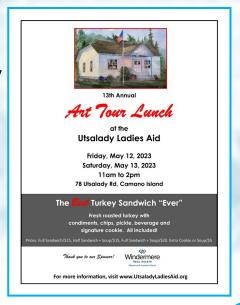
Upcoming Meetings

Our next membership meeting will be on **Wednesday**, **May 10**th at 11:30am with business meeting starting at 1:00pm. We will be having pizza and salad to save our energy for the Art Tour Lunch. The board meeting will be on **Monday**, **May 8**th from 11am to 1pm.

Upcoming Event

Our 2023 Art Tour Lunch is coming up on Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th. Each day from 11am to 2pm we will be making the BEST turkey sandwiches for our community. Combined with chips, a pickle, cookie, beverage, and optional soup, the luncheon is an amazing feat of many volunteers from the Ladies Aid.

Please invite your friends and help make this our best Art Tour Lunch yet. The flier can be downloaded from our website. (www.utsaladyladiesaid.org) And sharing the facebook posts can really help. Thank you to everyone!



FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I think of May...I think of honoring Mothers. Birthdays in May. April showers bring May flowers. With honoring mothers..."everyone" reading this newsletter..somewhere, somehow, two people united to produce us, You and me. No matter if you knew your mother, if you perhaps were adopted...someone out there gave you a chance to "live.", to be born.. to walk the face of the earth for a time period. What brave women! Who helped us be Born. Weren't we lucky, weren't we fortunate!

Now for me 74 years later, I am so grateful, so thankful for a 6'4" Norwegian and a 5'2 " Swede that gave me life. My mother's name was Edith. I called her "Momma". She had a special name for me when we were alone.. she called me Jaa (Jaw). I remember visiting her in the nursing home years ago...when I came through her door she said....Oh Jaa (Jaw) you came to see me.

As I write this the tears of remembrance pools my eyes. Fond memories...Oh how precious...how they linger.

Baskets of blessings,

Jeni Mellum Bottin



Art Tour Lunch History

Laurie Ware was President when the first lunch was held in 2010. We served turkey and ham sandwiches. We offered both until 2012 when we started offering just turkey sandwiches. We offered a lot of different cookies in 2012. The records show we had peanut butter, chocolate chip, extreme oatmeal(later to be named ULA Signature cookie) and snicker doodles, we even offered a gluten free chocolate chip. Later it was decided we would only offer two types of cookies.

We tried some changes like serving on Mother's Day and serving on both week-ends of the Art Tour. One year we held a Boutique and held a raffle a few years.

I believe we have perfected our menu, having only two choices on cookies, turkey, turkey salad, vegan sandwiches, and soup with a pickle and chips, coffee, water or lemonade. We have been very successful making 261 sandwiches and 110 bowls of soup with a profit of \$3,480 last year. Reported by Mary Margaret

UFA Gathering

Our UFA gathering was on Wednesday, April 26th this month. We had a good group today with many creative activities going on around the room. A group of members were able to put ULA labels on 360 bags for the Art Tour lunch as Jeni quilted items for Mother's Day luncheon. Of course, Kristi was baking delicious goodies in the kitchen for us to enjoy! Our next gathering around the tables will be **Wednesday**, May 31st, doors open at 10:00am.



Keep a poem in your pocket, and a song in your head, And you'll never feel lonely, at night when you're in bed. Thank you for sharing your poetry with us, Hanna