

A Message from the Executive Director, Faith Bandama

Season's Greetings to all,

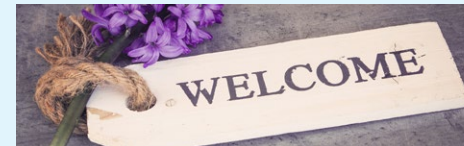
We at Blaire House of Worcester, along with the residents, wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. Please do not hesitate to join us this season. Our mission here at Blaire House of Worcester is to provide the utmost care and respect to our residents in a safe and supportive homelike environment. To obtain this, we take care of your family as if they are our own.

Sincerely,

Faith Bandama, Executive Director



BLAIRE HOUSE OF WORCESTER WELCOMES OUR NEW EMPLOYEES



Bernice B.

Kris C. (RN)

Shawn K. –

(Occupational Therapist)

Christina A. – Rehab /

Office Manager

Viral L. –

(Occupational Therapist)

Adaliz T. – Laundry Aide

**Bruce T. (BHW / WSH
Plant Manager)**



SCHEDULED EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Scheduled events were canceled due to the
Pandemic Infection Control Precautions.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ORNAMENTS

Ornaments today are associated with Christmas, but the tradition of decorating evergreen trees started in 16th century Germany. Trees were first thought to be trimmed with real apples to represent the tree of forbidden fruit in the Bible and to celebrate the Winter Solstice.

It is believed that the first glass ornaments were made by glassblower Hans Greiner because he couldn't afford real apples. The trend caught on and others started requesting glass fruit for their trees.

Ornaments didn't make it to America until the American Revolutionary War and didn't really catch on until around the 19th century because Christmas trees were seen as a symbol of paganism and frivolous.

Christmas ornaments really took off and commercialized under the reign of Queen Victoria. Shops started featuring ornaments seasonally and the tradition lives on.

By FPL_Emily

<https://friscolibrary.com/blogs/post/history-of-ornaments/>

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: CHARLEEN FORBES

Hello everyone,

The year 2021 has been a journey with signs of hope for a return to life as we have known it. We at Blaire House of Worcester wish you and your families a prosperous and healthy New Year! Please remember that we welcome and value your input, suggestions and ideas.

Thank you,

Charleen Forbes, ADPC

HOLIDAY FUN WITH DIANE!

Diane Strzelecki is back sharing her gift and love of art with our residents. Diane returned to Blaire House of Worcester on Tuesday December 7th. The residents enjoyed engaging in the activity of painting with Diane and look forward to spending more time with her.



Residents participated in arts and crafts during the holiday season. Art and craft projects were donated by a staff family member who is an art teacher.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

*"Never be limited by other people's
limited imaginations."
– Dr. Mae Jemison*

On February 7, 1926, Carter G. Woodson initiated the first celebration of Negro History Week. This led to Black History Month, to extend and deepen the study and scholarship on African American history all year long.

By Daryl Michael Scott

Source: <https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/t dih/carter-woodson-black-history-month/>



Residents Marie, Anne Marie, Gloria, Ruth, Letecia and Robert, with the help of staff, enjoy decorating pumpkins.

