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Cynthia Magrum, a resident of Glenwell in Cheektowaga, has recently rediscovered a love of cross-stitch.

Glenwell residents find new creative outlets

At Glenwell, a DePaul Senior Living Community located in Cheektowaga, residents have been coping with the pandemic by finding new ways to pass the time.

According to officials at the facility, many have rediscovered hobbies they once enjoyed or found new creative outlets during the course of the past year. Among those residents are Cynthia Magrum and Mary Matre.

Magrum, who has always been artistic, enjoyed drawing and painting at a young age and has recently found catharsis in doing cross-stitching. She was taught embroidery by her mother and began doing cross-stitch at the age of 20, but these days, spends as many as seven hours a day working on projects.

She has completed roughly four pieces in the last year and about 25 in her lifetime, and is currently working on a whopping 38 small Christmas stockings she plans to fill with candy and give as gifts.

Matre, conversely, was never much into art, but has discovered a new interest since the pandemic hit. She enjoys staying busy and has completed so many pictures as of late, she has begun delivering them to her friends at Glenwell.

"I'm creating something, and it made me feel good that I could do that," she said.

Flower sale to span two weekends

The Village of Sloan will hold a two-week long spring flower sale and according to Trustee Linda Ostempowski, the event will serve many purposes.

While the first weekend of the sale will take place just in time for Mother's Day, Ostempowski noted that not only will the flowers make for great gifts, but the hope is to beautify the village in the process as the flowers are displayed by residents in the area after the sale.

The sale will take place from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, May 8 and 15, and the flowers will be available for pick-up in a drive-thru format at the Piekarski Community Center,

140 Halstead Ave.

The flowers being sold will be ready to hang in 10-inch pots and will include options of A Million Bells, Nonstop Begonias and New Guinea Impatiens. Each variety of flower will be available in specific colors, which are denoted on the order form.

The price for each pot is \$21 and payments can be made by check or money order. Checks can be made payable to Chairwoman Ostempowski. Pre-orders for the May 8 pick-up day are closed and all orders for May 15 pick-up must be received by May 10.

For more information, visit www.villageofslloan.org/event.htm.

Polish political action group creates new designation

The Polish American Civic Affairs Committee of Western New York, a political action committee that seeks to recruit, elect and retain elected officials of Polish American descent, has recently created a new distinction.

Titled "Polonia Advocacy Ambassador," the distinction will be awarded to elected officials who are non-Polish Americans, but advance the cause of Western New York Polonia in the

communities they serve.

Specific criteria for consideration has been established and candidates will be asked to present their qualifications for this distinction. Once awarded, candidates may utilize the "Polonia Advocacy Ambassador" distinction in campaign promotion and literature.

"The committee board members felt it is important to provide a special designation

for those elected officials and candidates that while they may not be of Polish descent, work diligently to support and advance the cause of Western New York Polonia," said Chairman James L. Lawicki II. "It's important to recognize those individuals who are aligned to the core values of the Polish American Community."

This creation was supported by the board of the Polish American Civic Affairs Committee of Western New York at a recent board meeting with Democrat President Jeffrey Swaitke and Republican President Brian D. Rusk.



Historical Association to host in-person meeting

The Cheektowaga Historical Association will hold a meeting open to members as well as guests, with a presentation from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at the Cheektowaga Senior Center, 3349 Broadway.

Mark Janik's topic will be "Crystal Beach Memories."

There is no admission and COVID protocols will be in place. This program was re-

scheduled from its original date of Nov. 19, 2020.

The Cheektowaga Historical Museum is also open every Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on the first Sunday of each month from

2 to 4 p.m. The next Sunday opening will be May 2.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/cheektowagahistoricalassociation/ or <https://cheektowagahistory.org.wordpress.com/>.

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