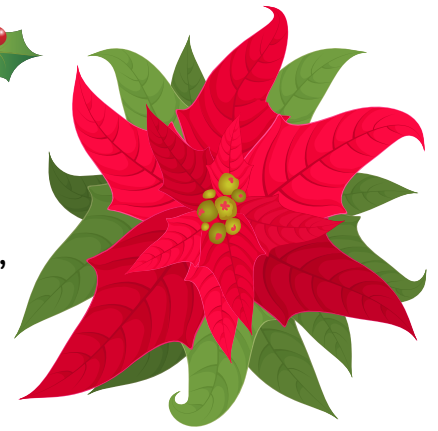


Monte Sano Village (2014 — 2020)

“Tributes, Memories, and Prospects for the Future”

by
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As many of you know, this is my last year on the Monte Sano Village Board. As I leave the leadership roles of the MSV and retire into the role of advisor-as-needed, I would like to share some thoughts on the Village's history and on my hopes for its future.

I love Monte Sano and, like many of you, I can't imagine ever having to leave this mountain. Learning of the Village to Village Network, the national organization that helps communities like ours start a village, was of great interest to me. On November 19, 2014, a group of interested friends and neighbors gathered with me to discuss the concept of a village for Monte Sano. With high spirits and great hope, we collected enough money that night to join the V to V Network, and we adopted the name, Monte Sano Village.

The Village has been a wonderful experience for me over the years as a founder, volunteer, and member. It has been rich in talent, ideas, leadership, volunteers, and advisors. Together with the many Monte Sano residents who provide financial support through their membership, our little Village has become a thriving community of neighbors helping neighbors, and we have all made more friends in the process. Volunteers and members have had the opportunity to bond through almost 4000 services, and have enjoyed the many social opportunities Monte Sano offers.

I want to encourage those of you who are available and interested in ensuring the continuation of Monte Sano Village to share your ideas with us. Join us in membership and/or as a volunteer. Let us know of your interests and talents. The path of aging in America is changing, and service organizations like MSV are part of that change. I believe you will find that contributing to this effort in some way will be fully satisfying, worthwhile, and will greatly enrich your life and the lives of members and non-members alike.

Finally, from a personal perspective, I would like to express my appreciation for Monte Sano Village. It has offered me meaningful work in a field I have always been interested in, fun and educational activities, the opportunity to serve and be served, and, most of all, the close friendships that it has brought me. I will always be grateful for the years I have had the pleasure of serving Monte Sano Village.

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Happy New Year Everyone!

Look with anticipation for the following *Village Mingles* projected for 2021. As in years before, you will be surprised and proud of the broad experience, imagination, creativity, and talent of Monte Sano Village folks.

The following are samples of 2021 Mingle topics. Details will be announced in MSV Updates as they are finalized.

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January

Dale Clem's Trek on the
Appalachian Trail

February

Buzz and Peg Heesch
Post Card Collection

March

Dana Bathurst's Virtual
Art Tour

April

Travelogue – Memorable Trips
Domestic or Abroad



May

Maggie Little's Adventures
in Drawing



June

Annual Tea

October

Annual Meeting—William Hampton
on Huntsville History

November

Holiday Celebration

Other 2021 Mingles we eagerly anticipate include a presentation by Roger Erikson on his restoration skills. And we look forward to hearing more great stories of writers Beth Thames and Patricia Sammon. Mingles will be virtual on Zoom until we can (gratefully) gather in person again.

