

Tuesday-25

- 10a Bible Study
- 11a Chair Exercise
- 1p Duplicate Bridge
- 1p Shanghai
- 6p Poker Night
- 6p VM Annual Mtg**

Wednesday-26

- 10a Fitness
- 1p Sewing Group
- 1p Canasta
- 3p Board Meeting**
- 6:30p Travel Group
- 6:30p Tx Hold'em Poker
- 6:45p BUNCO**

Thursday-27

- 10a Walk Aerobics
- 11a Chair Exercise
- 1p Duplicate Bridge
- 1p Poker
- 1p Asian Mahjong
- 6p Int. Line Dancing
- 6:30p Mexican Train

Friday-28

- 10a Fitness
- 1p Rummikub
- 2p Art Group
- 6:30p Shanghai

Saturday-29

- 9a Walking in the woods
- Private Party

Sunday-30

Clubhouse Closed

Monday-1

- 8:30a Water Aerobics
- 11a Fitness
- 1p Shanghai
- 1p Poker
- 2p Cardio Line Dancing
- 6p Water Aerobics
- 6:30p Country Western Dance**

April 25, 2023

Getaway to Galveston

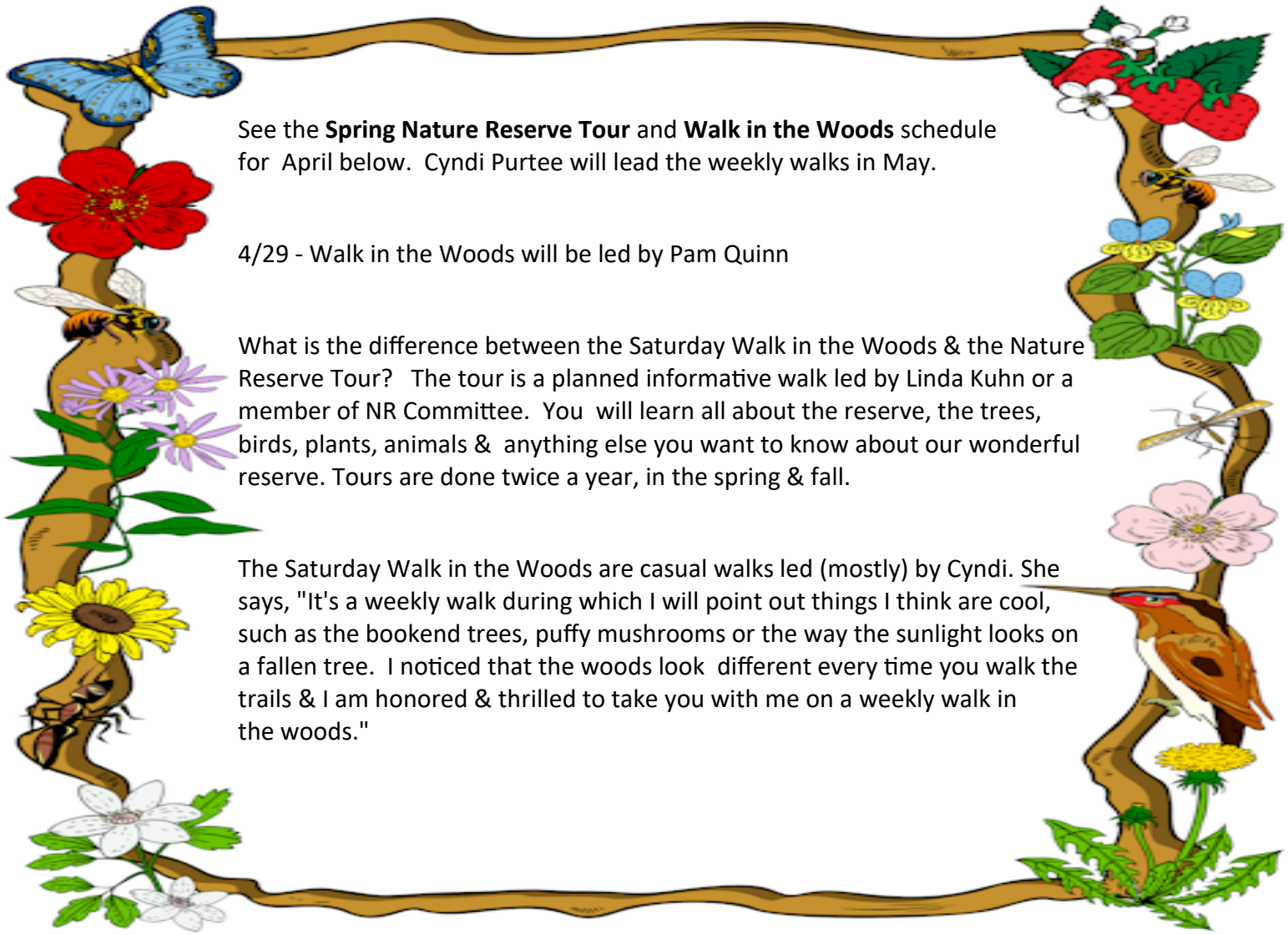


Wednesday, April 26th a small bus is available to go to Galveston to shop on The Strand. Then we'll have lunch at Katie's.

The bus will be here at 9:15 am. then you can shop till you drop!

Call Patsy at 281-744-0830 to reserve a seat for you.





See the **Spring Nature Reserve Tour** and **Walk in the Woods** schedule for April below. Cyndi Purtee will lead the weekly walks in May.

4/29 - Walk in the Woods will be led by Pam Quinn

What is the difference between the Saturday Walk in the Woods & the Nature Reserve Tour? The tour is a planned informative walk led by Linda Kuhn or a member of NR Committee. You will learn all about the reserve, the trees, birds, plants, animals & anything else you want to know about our wonderful reserve. Tours are done twice a year, in the spring & fall.

The Saturday Walk in the Woods are casual walks led (mostly) by Cyndi. She says, "It's a weekly walk during which I will point out things I think are cool, such as the bookend trees, puffy mushrooms or the way the sunlight looks on a fallen tree. I noticed that the woods look different every time you walk the trails & I am honored & thrilled to take you with me on a weekly walk in the woods."



WATER AEROBICS classes

Exercise without adding stress to your joints! **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!** Spread the word!

WEATHER PERMITTING, classes will begin on Monday, May 1st. We'll be watching the temps closely. IF the temp is less than 70*, class will be cancelled.

For the early risers...8:30am
M,W, & F
For the evening class...6pm
M,T, & Th



It's time for "Cabaret"
choir practice! The
ballroom is scheduled
as below, from 7-9 pm
and the music is here,
so please mark your
calendars & let's have
some fun!

April - 10, 17 & 24

May - 8, 15, 22 & 30

June - 5, 19

June - 23 (dress rehearsal)

June 24 (concert)

Blue Ribbons for Child Abuse Prevention Month

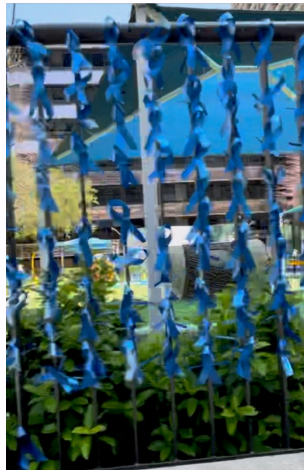
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month at Texas Children's Hospital here in Houston. The hospital places blue ribbons on the fencing all around the hospital to help increase awareness of the 10,000 children in the Houston area who are confirmed victims of abuse each year.

The BellaVita Sewing Group is supporting this effort for the second year by preparing blue ribbons! The daughter of one of our members, Nancy Bouman, is a Child Life Therapist at Texas Children's Hospital and provided this opportunity for our assistance.

The photos below show some of our members working to make as many ribbons as we possibly could and just how the ribbons look on a small section of the hospital fence! This activity emotionally supports the children, the families, and the hospital staff. We wish there was no reason for making the ribbons, but we are more than willing to help increase awareness.



Making the Ribbons



Ribbons on Display at Texas Children's Hospital



Join TEC for

CINCO

SOLD OUT

WAITING LIST ONLY

MAY 05, 2023

6:30 - 10 pm

Tickets \$20

Available @the front desk on
April 10

Fajitas, Rice, Beans with
all the trimmings,
Margaritas and Music!

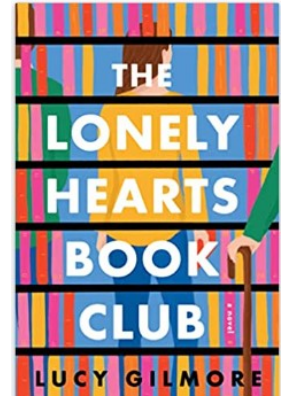
The Bella Vita book club has chosen two books for the May reading.

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver is a long and gritty book about Appalachia and a young man's problems growing up poor there. Some members thought it was a rough read so we are also offering an alternative choice:

The Lonely Hearts Book Club by Lucy Gilmore was a book of the month club selection at Barnes & Nobles and will also be discussed at the May meeting.

The book club will meet in the Annex on Thursday, May 11, at 1:00 pm.

As always, everyone is welcome for a lively discussion, led by Gerry Bartlett this month.



CHILDREN'S POOL HOURS



● All Holidays from 1-6pm

● Tuesday & Thursday 3 - 6 PM

● Children must have visitor wrist bands (see front desk)

● Saturday & Sunday 1 - 6p.m.

● Children in Diapers must wear swimming diapers

Please note: Floats are not permitted in the pool per BellaVita Rules and Regulations, Section 15; L. However, flotation noodles are permitted. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY ADULT

SNAKE SEASON

It's Snake season again! For the next 4-6 weeks we will start seeing snakes out in the open, in our yards, along the lake and along the clubhouse creek. Why is this happening? The snakes are waking up from winter hibernation, entering into mating season, looking for food and are looking for warm spots to sun. As reptiles they do not have the ability to control their internal temperature so they like to lay on warm rocks or concrete. After about 4-6 weeks, the ambient temperature will begin staying at or above 70 degrees and they will no longer need to sit out in the open to warm themselves.

The majority of the snakes that we will encounter will be non-venomous banded water snakes. The most common and infrequent venomous snakes in BV are: 1) the slender, colorful banded coral snake (they like leaf liter), 2) the tan and brown copperhead (they also like leaf liter), and 3) the dark, chubby water moccasin (will be in areas close to water). Water snakes can look similar to the water moccasin, but a water snake will have a long, tapered tail and vertical stripes on its lower mouth; whereas, a water moccasin has a short stubby tail and no vertical stripes on its mouth. Looking at the shape of the head is the least reliable way to determine if a snake is venomous.

If snakes are in your yard, they are seeking food and/or warmth. They don't just wander around. They use heat sensors in the nasal area to identify food sources, such as mice, rats, baby bunnies, baby opossums, frogs and even birds from time to time. They will also seek out warm spots, such as concrete or porches.

The best way to keep snakes out of your yard is to remove all food sources or things that attract food sources, such as bird seed and dog poop. Spraying your yard or porch with a nontoxic snake repellent (available at Home Depot) can help because some snakes have a very sensitive sense of smell. The best way to get a snake to leave your yard is to spray it with your water hose. Remember you can put yourself at risk of being bitten if you reach in to kill the snake because you are putting yourself within striking range.

This photo shows a good comparison of the heads of a water snake VS a water moccasin (aka cottonmouth).



What is the ROSE Award?

ROSE is an acronym for Recognition Of Serving Extraordinarily.

The ROSE Award is the highest award presented by the BellaVita Homeowners Association. It was developed to recognize efforts by a resident who volunteered and contributed significantly to the overall improvement of the community as well as positively impact the quality of life in BellaVita.

Based on the ROSE Award criteria, the Rose Award 2022 recipient, Danny Koons..... He has served on HOA Committees, HOA Clubs, Special Events, HOA Special Projects , as well as many BV club events. With all his volunteer participation the recipient has provided valuable ideas, has helped identify solutions which has benefitted and improved the community. Danny has exhibited a high standard of professionalism, extraordinary efforts above and beyond regular assignments while enhancing the BV community spirit.

Danny and Cathy have lived in BellaVita since 2018. Danny jumped right in after moving to BV and got involved with community activities. Professionally Danny was the Construction Superintendent over capital projects at the Deer Park and Bayport chemical plants. He has brought BellaVita his knowledge and expertise that has benefitted our community in so many ways.

Since moving to BV, Danny has jumped right in by volunteering with the Men's Club activities always visible in setting up, serving food, and doing anything he can to assist with events. In 2021, he joined the Facilities Committee. He is in charge of pool maintenance and since then he checks on the pool and spa frequently. He is a highly respected technical resource for BV. In fall of 2021, Danny did a yeoman's job on the pool rehab. He served as a supervisor for the resurfacing of the pool. He knows how important the pool is to BV residents. With his focus on this project, he ensured that all residents will enjoy the pool and spa. Also, he is a BV Flag Team captain. You would think Danny was busy enough with all these responsibilities/projects but he wanted to give more to our community. Danny ran for the HOA Board and was elected to serve in March 2022.

In addition to all the above, Danny continues to volunteer and brings his expertise to BellaVita.

For the Clubhouse Roof Project, Danny took the lead role in seeking and finding a professional roofer familiar with the type roof for the clubhouse. He worked closely with the roofer to determine the need for repair rather than replacement. The cost of repair was approximately \$30,000 vs. a replacement cost of over \$200,000. What a savings for BellaVita!

Also, Danny is a key member of the Scarsdale Wall Task Team and the field representative for the project. He participated in the identification and selection of the wall contractor.

Some would think this is a full time job, but no, Danny continues to find time to be an instructor at the Construction and Maintenance Education Foundation. He teaches Project Supervision on a part time basis in Deer Park. True volunteerism, always a desire to give back to his community inside and outside of BellaVita.

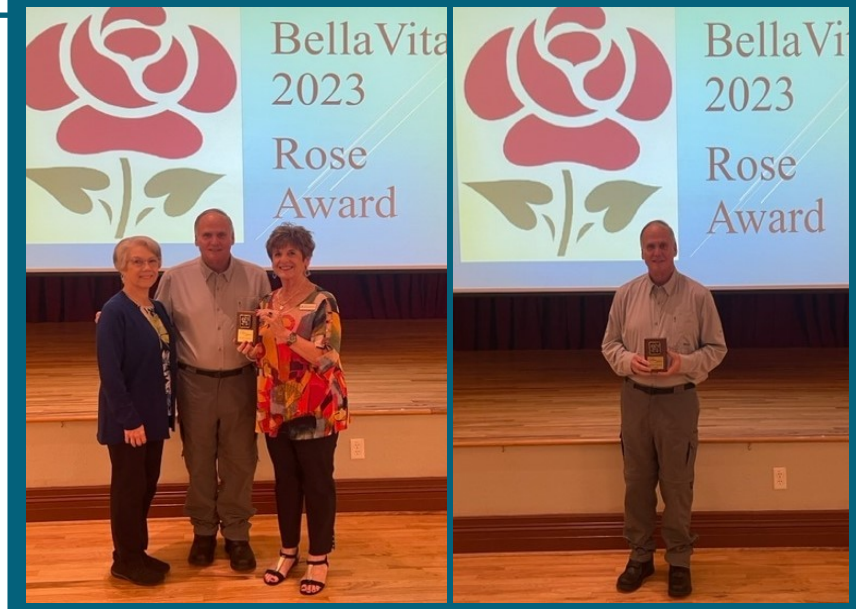
With all of this on his plate, he and Cathy decided it would be fun to teach Country Western dancing recently. As many of us know, it was a big success.

Danny is a man who likes to stay engaged as we can see from his contributions to BellaVita.

He has done an incredible job in all his volunteer efforts. Danny is the true definition of what it means to be a Volunteer who goes above and beyond. He deserves to be among the distinguished and deserving recipients of the ROSE Award.

Please congratulate Danny on his outstanding contributions and recognition as the Annual 2022 ROSE Award Recipient.

Sandra Bornstein
Awards Committee Chair



Rusticscapes Landscape Report
BellaVita Community
April 2023

Irrigation Report

January	3	3
February	7	7
March	20	17

Feb/March Review

Fertilized Common areas and Front yards with a Pre-emergent (March)

Installed Mulch Jan – March

De-winterized Homes and Common Areas

Started first round of trimming (march) will be completed in April.

Finished biweekly service (Nov – March)

Aprils Forecast

Next round of Fertilizer will be applied next month (May)

(Will include an insecticide)

Finish 1st round of Trimming

Started Weekly mowing (April – October)

BOARD GAMES

Y	O	S	N	K	D	R	A	U	G	H	T	S
A	P	G	U	E	S	S	W	H	O	N	E	S
H	E	R	L	R	M	A	O	L	O	R	P	D
T	R	I	D	P	E	D	U	M	U	H	G	F
Z	A	S	F	L	E	S	M	O	H	D	A	M
E	T	K	G	U	R	A	F	S	A	P	O	O
E	I	G	L	N	G	T	E	G	S	D	E	N
J	O	C	A	K	C	L	N	S	O	H	T	O
B	N	O	C	E	T	E	E	P	N	K	J	P
L	E	A	N	T	J	H	S	O	R	R	Y	O
P	B	N	A	S	C	R	A	B	B	L	E	L
G	O	B	P	I	C	T	I	O	N	A	R	Y
C	A	N	D	Y	L	A	N	D	L	U	W	A

Backgammon
Battleships
Boggle
Candy Land
Chess
Cluedo
Connect Four
Draughts
Go

Guess Who
Jenga
Kerplunk
Ludo
Monopoly
Operation
Pictionary
Risk
Scrabble

Sorry
Yahtzee



Bridge Scores

Tuesday, April 18,

North/South

1st Sandy Pollard – Joyce Garner

2nd Phyllis Chaney – Ann Sharp

East/West

1st Carolyn Beeson – Gary Wood

2nd Linda Aaron – Bill Harry

Thursday, April 20,

North/South

1st Ann Sharp – Theresa Deveaux

2nd Carol Dyson – Marion McKernon

East/West

1st Jean Foltz – Phyllis Chaney

2nd Joyce Wormser – Claire Zimmerman

Duplicate Bridge is a partnership game played on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Interested players may reserve a spot by calling Lyle Ganucheau in advance.



Your HOA dues include having your front door maintained every 2 yrs. as needed. This means the door will be lightly sanded and a coat of spar varnish will be applied. A new weather strip on the bottom of the door is included, if needed. This will help to protect your door. However, if you postpone or do not request having your door serviced and it requires having your door refinished, the HOA will only cover a portion of the cost to refinish and replace the weather strip. The HOA will pay a maximum of \$210.00 (the cost to the HOA for regular maintenance plus a 2nd coat of varnish). You will be responsible for the remaining cost of the door service. Please note if there is a homeowner cost it will have gone up from previous years as well. It is your responsibility to call and have it serviced every 2 years. Please call or come by the Clubhouse at 281-464-3150 before October and get on the schedule. The doors are serviced March through October.

Newsletter Information

* Deadline for newsletter entries & articles is Monday at Noon, No Exceptions

* Please send entries & articles to Shannon and Carolina at Shannon.boogades@inframark.com & Carolina.garcia@inframark.com

Nature Reserve Walk in the Woods

Every Saturday



(weather permitting) at 9am



Meet at the Ameno Platform (no sign up required)

Wear walking boots/shoes (trails may be muddy)

Walking sticks are recommended as trails are uneven & rustic

Est walk time: 30 - 60 min

Questions: Call Cyndi Purtee @ 713.594.5352



BellaVita Front Desk will provide the following Fax, Notary and Copy services for home owners. Due to Covid-19 there will be **NO** Charge at this time up to 10 pages after 10 pages there will be a charge of 10cents per sheet

- Long distance faxes -
- Sending local Faxes – NO International faxes
- Receiving Faxes
- Notary services are free **by appointment only**. Notary services are for residents only. Please make appointment at the front desk.
- Scanning to email
- Copy Services

The **Copy Center** copying guidelines for the BellaVita HOA Board, Board Committees and Clubs and Organization Officers are at no charge as follows:

- Maximum of 25 pages – immediate copying
- Maximum of 400 pages – 24 hour copying
- Over 400 pages – one week copying
- Any specialty services (stapling, binding, hole punching, etc.) are the responsibility of the requester.
- **All copies are black and white on white paper only.**
- All specialty papers are to be provided by the requester.

Monthly Meetings

1st
Wed.

6:30p Belles Meeting
6:30p Men's Meeting

6:30p TEC Meeting

2nd
Wed.

3rd
Wed.

6:30p Travel Meeting

3:00p Board Meeting

4th
Wed.

**Beg Line Dancing
Friday at 3pm
Intermediate Line Dance
Thursday 6 pm**



**Cardio Line Dancing
Monday @ 2pm
Saturday at 11am**

We meet: Monday @ 11AM, Wednesday @ 10AM
and Friday @ 10AM.
See you there!

FITNESS®

Walk Aerobics

**Thursdays and Saturday
@ 10AM**



**Mexican Train
Thursdays @ 6:30pm
in the Annex**



**Art Group meets Fridays at
2:00pm in the
Arts & Craft room**

ASIAN MAH-JONGG

Come and join us on Thursdays at 1PM in the
Annex.

Shanghai

Come and join us on Monday at 1pm in the Annex.

DAY BUNCO

Second Wednesday of every Month

At 12:45 @ the Clubhouse

\$5.00 to Play

**Rummikub Fridays @ the
Annex 1:00 PM**

**Lots of fun! Good brain
exercise!**

Come join us!



**Night Bunco is
April 26 2023 at
6:45p**

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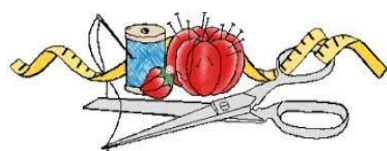
**Monday &
Thursday at 1pm
in the Arts &
Craft Room**

**Texas Hold'em Poker
Wednesday at 6pm in
the Arts & Craft Room**

Tuesdays at 1PM , FRIDAY AT 6:00 pm IN THE ANNEX.
Singles and couples are welcome. There are no partners in
Shanghai. Please call Charlotte Goza 713-819-1881
to indicate your interest, and please let her know if you
already know how to play.

The Book Review Group
meets the second Thursday
of the month at 1:00 PM in
the Annex.

**Wednesday at
1pm
in the annex**



**Sewing Group
Every Wednesday 1-3 pm
Join Us!
Sew - Crochet - Knit - Helping Hands**





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