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"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."

- F. Scott Fitzgerald

Ferris Hills

Residents to Perform at Smith Opera House Oct. 16

The combined American Sign Language classes from Ferris Hills at West Lake and Clark Meadows are participating in the Senior Follies at the Smith Opera House in Geneva, on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m.

They will be signing two songs: "What a Wonderful World" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Others performing during the event – sponsored by the Foster Grandparent Program of the Wayne County Action Program – include two a cappella groups and the Finger Lakes Chorus.

Tickets for the talent show are \$12 apiece and can be purchased at www.thsmith.org.

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Resident Offers 'Writing with Spirit and Listening with Heart'

An author and longtime lecturer at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) is leading a six-week writers' workshop for fellow residents at Ferris Hills.

Barbara "Mac" MacCameron was on the English faculty at RIT. She is also the author of "The Statue of Liberty Wore Nikes" anthologized in *The Runner's High*.

After living on a hilltop between Honeoye and Canandaigua for many years, Mac moved to the Tidewater region of Virginia, returning to the Finger Lakes in 2019 to live at Ferris Hills. She has offered Shakespeare presentations and also led a poetry workshop, but the workshop that started Sept. 17 is the first writing course. Called "Writing with Spirit and Listening with Heart," it is derived from workshops she taught through Writers & Books in Rochester.

Doris Ellenbogen is among those who signed up. She'd never taken a writing class before, but respects Mac so much that she wanted to give it a try. As it turns out, her first assignment – writing about a photo of her choice – was well-received by others in the class. She enjoyed listening to what they came up with, too.

"There are people who have done this before and are used to writing, and those of us who have never done it," she said.



Fellow resident Doris Ellenbogen, left, is among those taking a writers' workshop course taught by Barbara "Mac" MacCameron, right.

To Doris, who moved to Ferris Hills from Florida a few years ago, being able to take the course is just the latest example of something she has come to learn about Ferris Hills residents: "There are always people here wanting to stretch themselves and do things they never thought they could do or have an opportunity to do."

To learn more about the types of programs at Ferris Hills, visit www.FerrisHills.com

Ferris Hills Facelift

With completion slated for January 2022, workers are re-siding the entire Ferris Hills at West Lake/Clark Meadows complex, which celebrated its 20th anniversary earlier this year. This project includes new windows. In addition, a three-year roofing project – also encompassing the entire complex – is to be completed next year as well.

