

Media Alert

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Geauga Celebrates Seniors in the Arts

Grandma Moses was 78 when she started painting. Over the next 23 years she created more than 3,000 works of art. She is one of the most famous of millions of senior citizens who enjoy participating in the arts during their retirement years. The Geauga Council for Arts & Culture will celebrate local seniors who are doing just that on Tuesday, September 14 from 10:00 to 1:30 at the Bond Building in Century Village in Burton.

The day will begin with coffee, pastries and meeting one another. A one act play, "Scent of Honeysuckle" will feature actors Grace Butcher, Debbie Topager and Maggie Soulsby. It is a funny and poignant look at three generations in a family.

The main event is a presentation by Rev. Daniel Drew, a distant relative of and occasional visitor with Grandma Moses herself. . He will describe "Grandma Moses, A Life of Simple Beauty." He and his mother have collected over 200 pieces of memorabilia which will be displayed at the event. Anna Mary Robertson Moses, better known as Grandma Moses, would have been 150 years old this year. We believe she will be with us in spirit as we celebrate her day. Rev. Drew is the pastor of the Chardon United Methodist Church.

A delicious lunch will be followed by a concert by the Geauga Renaissance Singers, a group of two dozen voices whose offerings include everything from ballads and folk songs to Broadway hits. The chorus is directed by Mrs. Hildred Tornberg. The closing spectacle will be a human tableau of one of Grandma Moses' paintings, "Apple Buttering."

On-going during the day will be a display of art work done by seniors. In addition to door prizes there will be a raffle for an original print by Grandma Moses titled fittingly for Geauga County, "It Snows, Oh it Snows."

Plan to come out for a fun day of immersion in the arts. Reservation forms are available at your local library, at various businesses in the county, by downloading one from www.geaugaartscouncil.org , by e-mailing presidentgcac@gmail.com or by calling 440-537-3344.