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# Loomis Life

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## Loomis Life Photo Contest

We love the Pioneer Valley so much that we have called it home for more than 120 years.



Now, through the end of March, email us your favorite original photo taken in the valley, and we will pick one to win an Atkin's Farm gift basket.

To enter, email your photo and a description to [dcameron@loomiscommunities.org](mailto:dcameron@loomiscommunities.org)

We can't wait to see your photos!

Want to catch up on past editions of *Loomis Life*? Scan the QR Code below.



## Falling in Love with a New Passion

At the Loomis Communities, many residents have found a way to reinvent themselves; some have even rekindled a former interest that had gone by the wayside. Let us introduce you to a few of them!

### Yvonne Cherry, Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing

More than just your average bear, Cherry's handcrafted teddy bears have grown in popularity over the past several years. She uses German Mohair to piece each unique bear together. A single design could take up to eight or more hours to complete. These days, you can even find Cherry spinning her own yarn in her cottage, some of which she uses to host knitting classes at the community.



Some of the amazing bears that have been created by Yvonne Cherry

### Shirley Conant, Applewood

We are graced with the presence of a supremely talented artist within our community at Applewood. Shirley Conant has been working with all types of art since junior high school. Once in high school, Shirley took every art class offered and moved on to have an art history minor in college. Shirley was a teacher for over 35 years before joining Applewood. "I have always been compelled to use my creativity in teaching and as a pastime." Shirley says. "Retirement in 1999 made it possible to study and continue painting in watercolor. I have had several shows in Maine and Amherst and a recent one at Applewood."



Applewood resident Shirley Conant with some of her hand painted artwork



Loomis Village resident Jeanne Achille with some of her stained glass work

### Jeanne Achille, Loomis Village

Inside the artist studio at Loomis Village, resident Jeanne Achille can be found most days working on a large variety of projects, from pottery to painting to her personal favorite: stained glass. You will notice many of her original pieces hanging in the window ways of the artist studio. If you have an interest in this specialized art form, Achille offers two classes per month in the studio. She teaches the basics of forming a design, cutting the glass, assembling, and finishing the piece.

If you have ever wanted to dabble in a new hobby or resume one from the past, there is never a better time than the present. Find out how you can engage and get started by giving us a call today.

## Updates From Construction Central

When you walk into the Loomis Village lobby, you are sure to notice a distinct transformation. It is now filled with fresh lighting, airy spaces, and stylish furniture. The library continues to take shape, and the dining rooms are well underway towards completion. At Applewood, construction on the new apartments continues at a rapid pace, and the new meeting space is coming together. We are eager to reveal the finished product to you in just a few months. Stay tuned...



Above: The lobby at Loomis Village with new furniture and flooring



Above: Applewood's new additions on both ends of the community

## In the Loop with Loomis Experts

When we talk about "experts" at the Loomis Communities, no one fits that description better than the residents who call Loomis home.

This month, we asked two Loomis Village residents, Jeanne Achille and Pinky Hope, to share their savvy for future residents making their moves. Here is what they had to say:

"Read the handbook and all sorts of handouts as you go along. Ask your neighbors questions as they will have probably figured it all out. Doing so also helps develop camaraderie!" — Pinky Hope

"Learn how to use Connected Living and read *Loomis Life*. The calendars that come out in our resident newsletter every month have everything on them!" — Jeanne Achille

Watch for more words of wisdom in upcoming issues of *Loomis Life*.



Jeanne Achille (L) and Pinky Hope (R), residents of Loomis Village

Want to learn more? Have an idea to share? We want to hear from you!

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