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**Celebrating August  
Lighthouse Day**  
*August 7*

**Entertainer Carrie**  
**2:00 PM, 394 Building**  
*August 9*

**Pecan Pie Day**  
*August 12*

**Brown County Fair Outing**  
**10:00 – 2:00, All Buildings**  
*August 17*

**Entertainer Tom E.**  
**1:00 PM, 1350 Building**  
*August 18*

**Entertainer Daniel**  
**2:00 PM, 400 Building**  
*August 23*

## The Art of Art Appreciation

August 11 is Worldwide Art Day, so whether you paint, draw, sculpt, take photographs, play a musical instrument, write, or dance, this is a day to revel in the beauty of art. For centuries, people have asked, "What is art?" Early critics believed that art was simply imitation—a painting of a flower or sculpture of a dancer—but art is much more than that. It is the application of human skill and imagination to create something wholly new, a work of beauty and harmony, a revelation of truth, a connection of feeling and self-expression. Truly, art is as diverse as its makers. So what is art? You'll know it when you see it—and may surprise yourself when you make it.

While not everyone may be a famous artist, anyone can create art. And August 8 is the Date to Create. We consume every day: we eat food, watch television, and buy clothes and other goods. This is the day to not be a consumer but a creator. Creation is the bringing of something new into existence, and it is an empowering experience. Whether you paint a masterpiece or build a makeshift centerpiece out of tissue paper and empty bottles, your creation will take on a life of its own as a form of creative self-expression.

If you're still looking for inspiration as an artist, you can spend the month of August enjoying the work of others, for August is American Artist Appreciation Month. Georgia O'Keeffe painted flowers. Norman Rockwell illustrated idyllic scenes of American life. Aaron Douglas created inspiring murals. And these are just visual artists. There is an endless wealth of writers, singers, and dancers to awe and inspire you.

Are you intimidated by art? Does visiting a museum or jazz club scare you? Just as creating art is an individual expression, enjoying art is also a personal experience. There are no right or wrong ways to enjoy art. If you'd rather stay at home, then grab your box of crayons and a coloring book on August 2, Coloring Book Day. For many, this type of artistic expression is just the right fit.

## Forest Friends



Orangutans may be found in only two places in the world, but the entire world will celebrate International Orangutan Day on August 19. These large, gentle apes are some of humankind's closest

relatives, sharing not just 97% of their DNA with us, but also possessing the ability to reason and think. It's no wonder that the indigenous people of Indonesia and Malaysia named these magnificent creatures *orang hutan*, meaning "person of the forest." They were believed to be humans who hid from slaveowners in the trees.

Of the four great apes—gorillas, chimpanzees, bonobos, and orangutans—orangutans are unique in that they come from Asia, while all the others come from Africa. There are two species of orangutan: the Bornean orangutan from the jungles of the island of Borneo (shared by Malaysia and Indonesia), and the Sumatran orangutan from the island of Sumatra in Indonesia. Both of these subspecies distinguish themselves from the other great apes because they live primarily in the trees. They climb, travel, and build sleeping nests high in the canopy. Their feet are designed like hands for climbing. Their flexible hips allow them to swivel in any direction. Long, strong arms make it easy to grasp faraway branches. When on the ground, orangutans are clumsy and awkward.

Like most spectacular big animals, orangutans are endangered, primarily due to the destruction of their homes for lucrative palm oil plantations. Currently 40,000 orangutans are believed to inhabit the forests of Borneo and Sumatra. This may sound like a lot, but it takes many years to rear young orangutan. Babies stay with their mothers until six years of age and sometimes into their teens. For this reason, female orangutans give birth only about once every eight years, the longest time between births of any animal on Earth. The time is now to celebrate and protect this rare and beautiful creature.

## August Birthdays

In astrology, those born between August 1–22 are Leo's Lions. Lions are the "kings" of the zodiac: dramatic, ambitious, confident, and hard to resist. Leos are also generous and loyal, putting both their family and friends first. Those born between August 23–31 are Virgos. Detail-oriented Virgos have a deep sense of humanity, a trait that makes them careful, tender, and practical. Since all that attention to detail is put into the service of others, Virgos make perfect humanitarians.

## Resident Birthdays

Lois – August 9

Frank R. – August 13

Norma – August 13

Vicky – August 14

Mary D. – August 15

Stuart – August 28

## From the Activity Directors Desk

Our annual Summer Picnic will be on August 9<sup>th</sup> this year from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We **NEED** reservations for this event and ask that you limit the number of people attending to 8 per resident. Please contact Kassie at (920) 412-6224 or email at [kassie@angelstouchcbrf.com](mailto:kassie@angelstouchcbrf.com). **Reservations are due by August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.**

We have our annual Brown County Fair Trip scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> this year. The bus will be here for pick up around 9:15 AM and we will be returning around 2:30 PM. We will be having a picnic style lunch at the fairgrounds around 12 PM. We plan to take at least 20 residents and we need the same number of volunteers to escort them around the fairgrounds. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kassie at (920) 412-6224 or email at [kassie@angelstouchcbrf.com](mailto:kassie@angelstouchcbrf.com) before August 10<sup>th</sup> so we have time to get enough volunteers.