

Top 20...Again!

“We Go Beyond Patient Care” is Grace Cottage’s motto, and we take it very much to heart. At right, several



hospital employees gathered for a quick photo after Nurse Manager Rebecca Lapointe (holding award, left) returned from the National Rural Health Care Conference with Grace Cottage’s “Top 20 Critical Access Hospital - Patient Satisfaction” award. Every department and every employee has played a role in earning this national award, which Grace Cottage has won two years in a row. This year we were the only Critical Access Hospital on the entire East Coast to earn this designation, which comes from extremely high satisfaction scores on surveys that patients fill out after having been cared for at Grace Cottage.

A Very Grateful Patient Writes:

“I died on August 17, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Grace Cottage Hospital’s ER of cardiac arrest. The nine or ten people moving around me were a well-choreographed and well-trained team. Led by Dr. Kimona Alin, Dr. Susan Lemei, and Dr. Maurice Geurts, they worked non-stop;

28 minutes of resuscitation, intervention, and three times defibrillating me. Their training and protocol not only saved my life, but left my long-term memory and mental acuity intact.

Dr. Alin gave me two generous and heart-felt hugs one month later, when I visited Grace Cottage to say hello and thanks. Two weeks earlier I had also received similar enthusiastic greetings from several of the nurses. There is something amazing and literally heart-warming to be greeted in such a way by people who had already given me so much.”

— Peter L. Klein, Windham, VT

Dr. Theodore Lefer Joins Grace Cottage



Grace Cottage is very pleased to welcome Dr. Ted Lefer, who is now accepting new patients at Grace Cottage Family Health. A native of New York City, Dr. Lefer graduated from Vassar College in 1998 and received a Certificate in Premedical Studies from Mills College in Oakland, CA. After graduating from American University of the Caribbean, he completed his Family Medicine Residency at University Hospitals

Case Medical Center at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in 2015. For the past three years, he has been a Family Medicine physician in Oregon.

Dr. Lefer and his wife, Lucy, and their five-year-old daughter have relocated to Brattleboro. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening, cooking, and running.

“My specific areas of interest include helping patients to overcome obesity and learn to practice healthy lifestyles with confidence,” said Dr. Lefer. “I am very excited to be part of the medical team at Grace Cottage.”

HuffPost Visits Grace Cottage



On October 25, HuffPost Senior Producer Emily Watson and two cameramen visited Grace Cottage and interviewed CEO Doug DiVello (above) and Rescue, Inc. Director Drew Hazelton for a video that will be posted on HuffPost soon. The focus of the piece is cell coverage (or lack thereof) in rural areas, but the HuffPost crew was so impressed with Grace Cottage’s uniqueness that they stayed almost two hours longer than their allotted time! Stay tuned...

A Word From the CEO

A grateful patient writes:

"Peggy and I would like to thank everyone at Grace Cottage for her wonderful care recently, including Jessica Emerson, all of the nurses, physical and occupational therapy staff, kitchen, and housekeeping. As much as I wanted Peggy to come home, I felt a terrible loss when I realized that I would not be visiting Grace Cottage every day and seeing everyone there."

— Dave Lafave, Grafton, VT



Ten members of the Vermont Legislature attended Grace Cottage's annual Legislative Breakfast on Tuesday, November 13th. Senators Becca Balint and Jeanette White, and Representatives Mollie Burke, Emily Long, Mike Mrowicki, Kelly Pajala, Carolyn Partridge, Laura Sibilio, Tristan Toleno, and Matthew Trieber listened as Grace Cottage CEO Doug DiVello and Vermont Association of Hospitals & Health Systems (VAHHS) President Jeff Tieman addressed the group and responded to their questions.

A grateful patient writes:

"I came to Grace Cottage because it has a great reputation. I got such personal attention from all the staff when I was there. I can't think of a thing that could have been improved, and they have the greatest hospital food ever. Grace Cottage makes being sick really fun!"

— William Walters, Grafton, VT



After having been Grace Cottage's CEO for almost a full year, I know most of our 185 employees, many of our patients and supporters and, most importantly, Grace Cottage's strengths and challenges. I feel very optimistic about 2019, due to Grace Cottage's strengths, which include:

- **Highly-trained, professional, dedicated, devoted employees.** A hospital patient asked to be sure to let me know that, during her entire three-week stay at Grace Cottage, she had never met a single employee in any department who didn't truly seem to love his or her job and Grace Cottage. In a service industry as difficult and challenging as healthcare can be, that's high praise, indeed.
- **A strong leadership team.** Our senior leadership team has over 200 years of combined healthcare experience! I've been in the industry for 37 years, our Chief Financial Officer has been at Grace Cottage for 33 years, our Chief Nursing Officer and our Chief Medical Officer have both been in the field for 30+ years. Many of our department heads have been here (or in the healthcare industry elsewhere) for decades.
- **A unique service profile.** Although we are one of 14 hospitals in Vermont, we are the only hospital in the state that is essentially a primary care practice with a hospital, outpatient rehab services, and a full-service pharmacy attached.
- **Community connection and support.** Because of our small size, over the years we have been able to respond rapidly and appropriately to the needs of our community. As an organization, we are lean and agile and, in many cases, the patients we care for with all of our services (primary care, hospital, rehab, ER, wellness classes) are friends, neighbors, or relatives of employees. Our supportive community members, and many people who don't live in this area but who recognize the unique nature of Grace Cottage, donate over \$1.3 million per year, without which Grace Cottage wouldn't be here today.
- **High Patient Satisfaction Scores.** Grace Cottage has been recognized as one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals for Patient Satisfaction in the U.S. two years in a row, based on patient surveys, and we're striving for a third year of recognition!

Our challenges are not limited to the list below, but these are our main concerns:

- Reimbursement rates for Medicare and Medicaid patients are *significantly* less than the cost of providing services, and are declining rather than increasing. This is a national issue that impacts all healthcare organizations. I am very focused on Grace Cottage's financials; there is no mission without a margin. We have ended every year with a deficit (with one or two exceptions during our 70-year history), with charitable donations making up the difference.
- The population in our rural area is declining, as people die and our young people move away for better employment opportunities. In order to thrive, we need more patient volume and this means that we need to cast a wider net. Will primary care patients drive a greater distance to receive high-quality care? We are seeing this happen with patients coming from farther away.

Our primary goal in 2019 is to make Grace Cottage the most effective, efficient place for residents of southeastern Vermont (and beyond) to receive their healthcare. I'm anxious to get your feedback – call 802-365-9109 to schedule a conversation; I'd be delighted to hear your comments and suggestions.

— Doug DiVello, CEO



Wishes Granted...

- Ken & Ellie Lemire donated the funds to purchase two heavy-duty thermometers for the Dietary Department.
- Bill Johnston and his “family and friends” made a donation to purchase a collapsible cart and a heavy-duty stepladder for the Housekeeping Department.
- The Brattleboro Country Club Women’s Invitational Golf Tournament made a donation for the Hospice Suite.
- The Pollio Family Foundation made a donation for the purchase of a Hi-Lo bed for the hospital, a Hi-Lo exam table for Grace Cottage Family Health, a refrigerator for inpatient pharmacy, and a NuStep for rehab patient use.
- Ernie Friedli made a donation for the purchase of many items needed by the Dietary Department, including a cereal dispenser, lemonade dispenser, stockpot, and steam table pans.
- Jan & Richard Thomas donated the funds needed to purchase a commercial-grade temporal thermometer for Grace Cottage Family Health.
- John & Sue Eastwood made a donation for the purchase of two laryngoscopes for the Emergency Department.
- Deerfield Valley Dental donated dental supplies for the Community Health Team to give to patients.
- Many people pitched in to make a new cardiac monitoring system a reality at Grace Cottage Hospital: Gunther & Elsie Garbe, The C.J. Heilig Foundation, George & Karen Kingston, Peter & Nina Klein, Gary & Sylvia Rast, Dr. Richard & Alice Thall, The Pollio Family Foundation, The American Board of Trial Advocates: Connecticut Chapter, several supporters who asked to remain anonymous, and 89 additional donors who gave online or in person on Giving Tuesday (see article, page 7).
- Walt & Joyce Orgera donated the funds for an iced tea dispenser.



Wishes Made...

- A shoulder joint model is needed by the Rehab Department for patient education. \$107.
- The Housekeeping Department needs a carpet cleaner, \$470, and an ultralight vacuum, \$250.
- The Rehab Department needs knee braces for use with patients, \$115, and light foot orthoses, \$343.
- Over-the-bed tables are needed for use by hospital patients. \$565 each.
- A locking cabinet for patient medications is needed in the Emergency Department. \$543.
- An UltraSlide is needed by the Rehab Department so that patients can do sliding exercises to build muscle tone and agility. \$300.

Grace Cottage’s Wish List is updated monthly on our website, at www.gracecottage.org, or call 802-365-9109 for more information.

Men’s Coffee Club



Do you know an older fellow who might benefit from a little social time with other men? The weekly “Brighter Days of Winter Men’s Coffee Hour” is back at Grace Cottage, Tuesday mornings from 8-9 a.m., January 8th - March 26th.

Each week, participants enjoy a casual lecture, friendly conversation, and free coffee. This year’s theme is based on age-related health issues. The group is led by Community Outreach Coordinator Bill Monahan, RN.

Open to one and all. Walk-ins welcome. Meetings take place in the Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center at 133 Grafton Road, Townshend. For more info, call Bill at 365-3762.

Transitions

During the summer of 2018, three of Grace Cottage’s providers left for positions elsewhere, and we wish them the best:

- Physician Assistant Danny Ballentine moved to New Hampshire to be closer to family, and joined North Country Otolaryngology in Littleton.
- Family Nurse Practitioner Jorda Daigneault is a school nurse with the Windham (VT) Central Supervisory Union.
- Nurse Practitioner Devan Lucier has joined the staff of the Total Health Center, part of Marlboro College in Marlboro, VT.

Grateful patients write:

“[My relative] went to Grace Cottage’s ER with abdominal pain and some other symptoms on a Sunday in September. She was treated with great care and thoroughness and was rushed to Dartmouth for surgery. Thanks to those who cared for her at Grace Cottage’s ER, she made a full recovery.”

— Rob Hall, Grafton, VT



“I received such wonderful care while I was at Grace Cottage after my knee replacement in May. I want to give grateful thanks to all the doctors, nurses, therapists, and everyone with whom I came in contact, including kitchen, laundry, and maintenance staff. I really appreciated all the wonderful care and concern I received – even the maintenance man was interested in my progress! You all should be very proud of what you have there at Grace Cottage.”

— Shirley Crosier, Brattleboro, VT

Spring Into Health 5K

Grace Cottage's ninth annual Spring into Health 5K will be held on Saturday, May 11th, beginning on the Townshend Common at 8:30 a.m. Online registration is open now, at www.gracecottage.org/events. The first 100 registrants will receive a free Spring into Health performance t-shirt. The popular, free Fun Run for Kids, age 6 and under, will begin at 9:15 a.m. on the Townshend Common. Call 802-365-9109 with questions, or to register by phone.

The 5K is professionally timed and suitable for racers, but walkers of all ages also are enthusiastically welcomed. The highlight of the 5K? Dr. Moss Linder with his bullhorn at the beginning, and great door prizes at the end! Can't get to Townshend on May 11th? Go to www.gracecottage.org/events for information about our Virtual 5K.

Virtual 5K

Can't get to Townshend on May 11th? For the second year in a row, we're offering a Virtual 5K. Sign up on our website to run or walk a 5K on whatever day you choose (between now and May 11th), wherever is convenient for you, anywhere in the world, and we'll mail you a 5K performance t-shirt. Thank you for supporting this small, rural hospital in this way! Last year we had 20 Virtual 5K participants from 6 different states! Go to www.gracecottage.org/events to register at any time!

10th Annual Tee It Up for Health Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 8, Shotgun Start at Noon • Mount Snow Golf Club

"This is our favorite tournament every year," said golfers from Connecticut who have attended all nine tournaments and are looking forward to the tenth! Founded by former Grace Cottage Pharmacy Director Jim Heal and held at Tater Hill Golf Club for six years, the tournament then moved to The Hermitage Club in 2014 when it outgrew Tater Hill, and then to Mount Snow Golf Club last year after The Hermitage Club golf course closed. Volunteers Elizabeth Walker and Eileen Ranslow have led the tournament since 2014 and, in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the event, this year's Tee It Up for Health will be bigger and better than ever! Even if you're not a golfer, there are many ways to participate:

Flag Sponsorship: For \$125, your name (or your business name) will be embroidered onto a nylon flag that will be displayed in the Grace Cottage dining room for two weeks prior to the tournament, and then at the tournament for all to see.

Bronze, Hole, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Sponsorship: Levels of sponsorship range from \$250 (Bronze) sponsorship to \$3,000 (Platinum Sponsorship which includes a free team of golfers). Call 802-365-9109 or e-mail info@gracecottage.org for more information about sponsorship opportunities.

Volunteer: Approximately 20 volunteers help to run the tournament and the Tee It Up for Health golf auction every year, and we'd love to have you join us. It's an incredibly fun day at the Mount Snow Golf Course, and volunteer hours are flexible,



anytime between 9 a.m. (setup) and 6 p.m. Lunch and/or dinner are included for volunteers.

Play: More than 70% of our golfers were returnees last year! This is a great testimony for how much fun and how well organized this tournament is. You can sign up now, at www.gracecottage.org/events; \$150 per player includes greens fees, golf cart, golf balls, lunch, Awards dinner, and a Mount Snow lift pass (good for one day of skiing during the 2019-2020 season).

New this year: We will have a Leaderboard Air Cannon at a Par-4 hole so that players can shoot all the way to the green, maybe even get a hole-in-one!

YES! I would like to sponsor a flag at Tee It Up for Health!

Mail to: PO Box 1, Townshend, VT 05353

Name on Flag: _____ Your Name: _____

Check for \$125 enclosed or Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC Code _____

Address: _____

Thank you for your support; we will hand-deliver or mail your flag to you after the tournament.

14th Annual Tour de Grace Saturday, June 29

The date for *Tour de Grace* has been changed this year, so if you are one of our loyal ride-every-year participants or you're going to try this beautiful, easy, scenic 19-mile ride from Stratton Mountain to Grace Cottage for the first time this year, mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 29**.

The \$25 advance registration per rider (or \$30 after June 27th and on the day of the event) includes a *Tour de Grace* performance t-shirt (for the first 100 registrants), four wonderful rest stops along the way, refreshments, a bus ride back up the mountain (or park at Grace Cottage and reserve an early spot on a bus to the starting point), beautiful scenery, great camaraderie, and fabulous outdoor exercise (although it is mostly downhill!) on (we hope) a beautiful summer day. Riders start at Stratton anytime between 8-10 a.m. (it's not a race, but a rally), and the ride generally takes about 90 minutes if done at a fairly leisurely pace.

Go to www.gracecottage.org/events or call (802) 365-9109 to register.



Auxiliary News

69th Annual Hospital Fair Day Saturday, August 3

In addition to volunteers and your generous donation of time and energy, the success of Hospital Fair Day depends on the donation of items. Do you have any of the following to share?

- **Books:** Fiction or nonfiction in good condition; hardcover, paperback or CD. No textbooks or encyclopedias.
- **Cars/Trucks/Motorcycles, Boats:** these always bring a lot of interest at the Auction and money for the hospital.
- **Furniture:** large and small, in good condition for the Auction. Chairs, tables, bookcases, armoires, desks, bedframes, etc. No mattresses or upholstered furniture.



Auntie Depressant (Nancy Jean Henry) puts smiles on fairgoers' faces.

- **Household Items:** Dishes, bric a brac, decorative items, kitchen goods, glassware, Christmas decorations.
- **Jewelry:** Fine or costume. Necklaces, rings, watches, bracelets; also hats, purses, scarves, wallets.
- **Toys and Sporting Goods:** in good condition.
- **Plants:** Annuals and perennials.
- **Tarps:** Last year, the heavy rains on Fair Day penetrated and damaged the tarps that cover the 22 Fair Day booths. Do you have any large heavy-duty tarps that you'd be willing to give to Fair Day? (We'd keep them for perpetual use). Call 802-365-9109.



Free pony rides are always a hit with the younger set.

For more information about Fair Day items, where to deliver them, or to arrange for pickup, call Eileen Fahey at 802-365-4030 or e-mail efahey@myfairpoint.net.

CAN YOU HELP?

We need volunteers of all shapes, sizes, and ages, any amount of time that you can donate between now and Hospital Fair Day. Sorting of books, toys, jewelry, and White Elephant items begins soon! The week prior to the event, volunteers are needed to help set up the Townshend Common. On Friday, August 2, come help bake pies in the Grace Cottage cafeteria or unload and sort Auction items. On the day of the event, and the morning after, we can put you right to work! We are looking for a parking coordinator, are you interested? Call Dot at 802-365-7072 or e-mail her at dotmaggiovvt@gmail.com if you are willing to help out. You will receive endless gratitude, and the satisfaction of knowing that you're helping raise money for your local community hospital!

Erin Howe: The Gift of Giving



We are blessed by a tremendous number of people who have remembered the hospital in their wills and estate planning over the past 70 years, including Erin Howe, who recently left a bequest to Grace Cottage. As Erin's obituary noted, she was "a native Vermonter and a woman with a fiercely independent spirit...a lifelong resident of the West River Valley, living by herself for many years at the Howe family homestead on Windham Hill Road in West Townshend." Erin died on October 23 at age 90.

Over the span of many decades, Erin worked at American Optical in Brattleboro, Gleason's Store in East Jamaica, delivered the mail in West Townshend, Townshend, and then Jamaica, and was a bookkeeper and office clerk for Kearley Fuel/Barrows Coal in Jamaica. She was active in the Order of the Eastern Star, Mount Lebanon Chapter #89, and sang with the West River Valley Chorus.

Erin loved her animals, including her dogs, cats, and horses, over the years. On horseback, she rode to pick blueberries during the summer, which were often used in desserts, muffins, and pancakes at the Dam Diner. In her spare time, she built stone walls, tapped and boiled maple syrup, played the piano, and enjoyed crossword puzzles and games of cards. Erin is greatly missed and her generosity to Grace Cottage is greatly appreciated.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Thanks to 89 donors who generously responded to Grace Cottage's Giving Tuesday appeal on November 28th, \$24,467 was raised for the Cardiac Monitor Campaign, enabling us to reach our \$76,000 goal by early December.

Despite a major snowstorm the night before and that morning, which caused widespread area power outages and traveling challenges lasting for days (the heavy, wet snow felt more like concrete when it was being shoveled and plowed), our community stepped up to the plate to support Grace Cottage. Donors from 12 states contributed electronically, via our website, and 30% of the number of individual donations were made by Grace Cottage employees.

We hope that neither you nor your loved ones ever need to use the new and improved cardiac monitor that will be located in our Emergency Department and in the hospital, but it will be there if you do, thanks to the generosity and support of so many people.



Dr. Kimona Alin, Christine Morris, RN, and Andrew Semegram, PA, in the ER.

A grateful patient writes:

"On August 29 I was admitted to Grace Cottage's ER with severe stomach pain. I was treated by Warren Montgomery, who diagnosed me with a serious intestinal problem. He quickly arranged for an ambulance to take me to Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, where I was admitted and promptly had surgery for an obstructed bowel, resulting in a large section of my intestine being removed. At the time, I did not realize how serious a problem like this can be, but obviously Warren did.

After I recovered from surgery and went home, I developed a high fever and the shakes; another trip to the ER to see Warren. He diagnosed an infection and I went to Cheshire Medical Center for a four-day stay on intravenous antibiotics.

I want to thank Warren and the staff of doctors and nurses I saw at Grace Cottage for their professionalism, care, concern, and positive attitudes in diagnosing my problems and taking quick action. I am in debt to you all."

— Gary Rast, Wardsboro, VT and Williamsburg, VA

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Donations may be made by cash, credit card, check, stocks, bonds, or other tangible assets. Call Andrea Seaton, at (802) 365-9109.

Donations Were Recently Received In Honor Of:

Dr. Kimona Alin ♦ Roger Allbee ♦ Jennifer Anderson ♦ Andrea Anker ♦ Dr. Robert Backus ♦ Jacki Brown ♦ Amelia Bruce
Lilly & Damian Depino ♦ Phil & June Dibble ♦ Holly Domanski ♦ Siobhan Eddy-Young ♦ Judge Warren Eginton
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Henry O'Neill ♦ David Plants ♦ Andrea Seaton ♦ Andrew Semegram ♦ Dr. Timothy Shafer ♦ Elaine Swift
Ken Tebbetts ♦ Ben Wright

Memorial Gifts

Donations have been received between August 23 and January 11 in memory of the following individuals:

Alwin & Joyce Ameden ♦ Kjell Anker ♦ Michael Antonowicz ♦ Gene & Marie Avenia ♦ Christopher & Priscilla Ballou
Larry & Pat Ballou ♦ Russ Barber ♦ Burdette & Rosalie Bills ♦ Cecil Bills ♦ Susan (Wright) Bristol ♦ Michael Brooks ♦ Mort Brooks
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Dennis Butchko ♦ Hep Caldwell ♦ Tom Cannon ♦ Charlene (Clayton) Carey ♦ Nancy Carlisle ♦ Anne Carroll ♦ Nancy Chard
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Doug & Alice Evans ♦ Father John D. Evans ♦ Jim Faas ♦ Lodovico & Bianca Ferrarin ♦ Grace Festa ♦ Nora Fletcher
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Charles & Ruth Knights ♦ Warren Kronemeyer ♦ Lindy & Dot LaMarche ♦ Jerry & Ruth Lamprey ♦ Richard & Barbara Lamprey
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Harry & Phyllis Wolff ♦ Marguerite Wyman ♦ Betty Lou Zopf ♦ Joan Zully

*We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of these loved ones, and our appreciation to those who have given in their memories.
When memorial gifts are received by Grace Cottage, the donor is thanked, and the next of kin is notified of the gift. (The amount given is never divulged.)*



Tracey Devlin-Grubinger

Sep 26 at 6:45 PM • 🌐

Got discharged from rehab hospital today and got to visit my dear pony. We had a wonderful grooming session! I have to say to anyone in this area of Windham County, Grace Cottage Hospital is medicine at its very best. Incredible homemade nutritious meals with locally produced foods, a talented caring staff, amazing hospital-wide communication - I told Vern that I felt like I was in summer camp (without the archery and canoeing)!



👍👍👍 You, Rachel Rice and 51 others

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A grateful patient writes:

"I would like to thank you all for such good care during my stay there. It's amazing how such a happy and friendly atmosphere can boost your spirits. Everyone from the laundry to cleaning to the cafeteria and, of course, the nursing staff, was so willing to make me comfortable. It felt like home. God bless you all!" — *Pearl Doubleday, Brattleboro, VT*

Grace Cottage's "Cabin Fever" Online Auction

February 14 – 28

Wouldn't a dinner out be lovely? A South African Safari?! How about some new artwork for your walls or tickets to a Yankees game? And all the while, knowing that you're supporting a great rural community hospital by purchasing these items!

From 6 a.m. on February 14, until the clock strikes 9:00 p.m. on February 28, you can bid on these items and many more through Grace Cottage's annual Cabin Fever Online Auction.

More than 70 items have been donated by generous businesses and individuals, with all proceeds benefitting the Grace Cottage Patient Care Fund.

There's something for every taste and budget, including treasures you can't buy anywhere else. Auction items range in value from \$20 to Priceless, including gift certificates to favorite local restaurants, practical items like an oil change for your car, theater tickets,



Auction items include gift certificates to area restaurants, theatre, and a schooner cruise!

overnight stays in area inns, jams and syrup, your name in Archer Mayor's next book, 2019 Masters golf tickets, and plenty more!

Bid low and get notified when someone outbids you, or "Buy Now" and make it yours right away! Either way, you can feel good supporting this annual fundraiser. Items are being added through February 14th and beyond. Check out the growing selection at www.32auctions.com/gracecottage2019 and on Valentine's Day, let the bidding begin!