



STAR ARTS NEWS

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A Note of Thanks

Thanks to the many volunteers who help make Arts possible. We would not be able to create such a wonderful week without your dedication and hard work!



The scene to greet those arriving on Star. Photo by Jeff Spoor 2011

Shows by Doug Richards

Doug Richards of Bow, N.H., the venerable Starr Arts 'Paint by Numbers Artist', will be participating in the semi-annual members only Art Exhibit of the Two Villages Art Society. The show will run from May 25-June 23 at the TVAS Gallery in Hopkinton, NH.

Doug Richards and his artist daughter Laura will be the featured artists at the Red River Theatre Gallery in Concord, NH during June. As Doug was selecting the paintings for the exhibit, he says that "I noticed all of the paintings I had selected were of the Maine and New Hampshire coasts. Laura's paintings were all reflective of western Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains nearby her home in Nelson County. The show is paradoxically entitled *Surf & Turf*. For information about either of these events, contact Doug at 603.225.9062 or dgrichards44@comcast.net.

Suggestions from an Undercover Pel

Nancy Gair became an End-Of-Season-Pelican in 2023. She passes along some helpful tips and suggestions to help make these seasonal workers, who are essential to our stay on Star, lives a little easier. Luggage is loaded on and off the luggage boat by a "bucket brigade" of Pels. Each piece is quite literally thrown, hand-to-hand, up a long line of Pelicans, from the boat to the dock up the ramp then the pier and onto the truck. This is done for all arriving and departing guests on the same day.

- Soft bodied, well-closed bags such as duffelbags or backpacks are preferable. Hard suitcases and those with wheels are harder for the Pels to hand off to each other.
- Smaller bags are easier to handle than one large 40lb bag. Consider using a few small bags as opposed to one large one.
- It will be helpful if you can strip your bed, and put all the sheets and pillowcases in a pile by the door. You can put your used towels in a pile next to the sheets. This reduces steps for the Pels later.
- Blankets: "Chambie" Pels have a very specific way of folding the blankets, so that the rooms all look uniformly welcoming. If you take the time to fold it, the Pel looking after that room will only shake it out and re-do it.
- Ask a waitrae what is the best way to help them clean up, whether it's stacking the dishes or setting them to the side.
- Please try to wipe up whatever has been dropped on the floor, or let a Pel know and get it taken care of right away.
- If you see someone bearing a large tray from the porch into the dining room, consider holding the door open for them, do not let it slam into them.

Nancy writes: Walking that mile (or, rather, week!) in Pelicans' shoes, I came to an even greater appreciation for everything that goes on behind the scenes. All of the Pels, seen and unseen, deserve more than our applause at the dinner on Saturday night; they deserve our consideration and compassion throughout our stay.

Any Questions about these suggestions, please contact Nancy Gair: nrgair@gmail.com

Newsletter Hiatus

The Newsletter will be on a break during the Summer. If you have any questions you can contact the registrars at: stararts.registrar@gmail.com

