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FCOA NEWS

The mission of the "Friends" is to raise funds to enhance programs and services available to Seniors through the Council on Aging" AH, MAY! TIME TO SMELL THE FLOWERS AND

REVEL IN THE SUNSHINE.

FCOA SPRING CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY MAY 3rd – 9 AM – 2 PM.

Admission is free.

Buy the moms in your life, or yourself, a handcrafted gift.

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 11

MAY IS NATIONAL PET MONTH

National Pet Month is a time dedicated to celebrating the joy, companionship, comfort and serenity that pets bring into our lives. It may seem as if FCOA is always asking for donations to our PET FUND, but this is due to the dire need in our community. So many of our neighbors are forced to choose between food for themselves or their pets, and we are trying to ease their burden every day. Please help us to continue providing the Council on Aging with assistance for this important cause

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PENNY MILL THRIFT SHOP

Gift certificates now on sale. Pick up one in any amount to give to your friends and family. Check out our Spring line of clothing. While you're there,

enter to win your own gift certificate for \$10. Enter often.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FCOA

For two years, FCOA has provided the funding for most of the activities and programs offered at the Senior Center. All exercise classes, art classes, birthday parties, movies, breakfasts, and many more activities have been provided at no cost for the participants. We rely totally on donations, memberships, and sponsorships for our funding. Our fiscal year ends June 30, and we are hoping to raise sufficient funds to continue assisting the Council on Aging with these programs. Unless more funds are raised, these programs may not be free in the next fiscal year.

From January 1st through March 31, 2025, FCOA has donated \$11,000 to COA to provide these programs. This translates to \$44,000 in a year.

Please come to Coffee Hour with the FCOA Board of Directors on

Monday, May 5th from 1:00 -2:00 PM.

We are eager to share what we have been up to and what we are planning ahead. We'd love to answer your questions and hear your ideas. It takes all of us (the Board and you) to keep up the support to the Council on Aging that makes our Senior Center a vibrant and welcoming place.

Last, but not least, a SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who have recently made donations in appreciation for your income tax preparation, or in general. Your generosity will help us to continue our mission of providing assistance to the Council on Aging.

Donations of any amount are welcome, either by checks mailed to FCOA or by accessing the DONATE button on our website www.friendsamesburyseniors.org

Our sincerest thanks to you from FCOA and those who have benefitted from this fund.

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