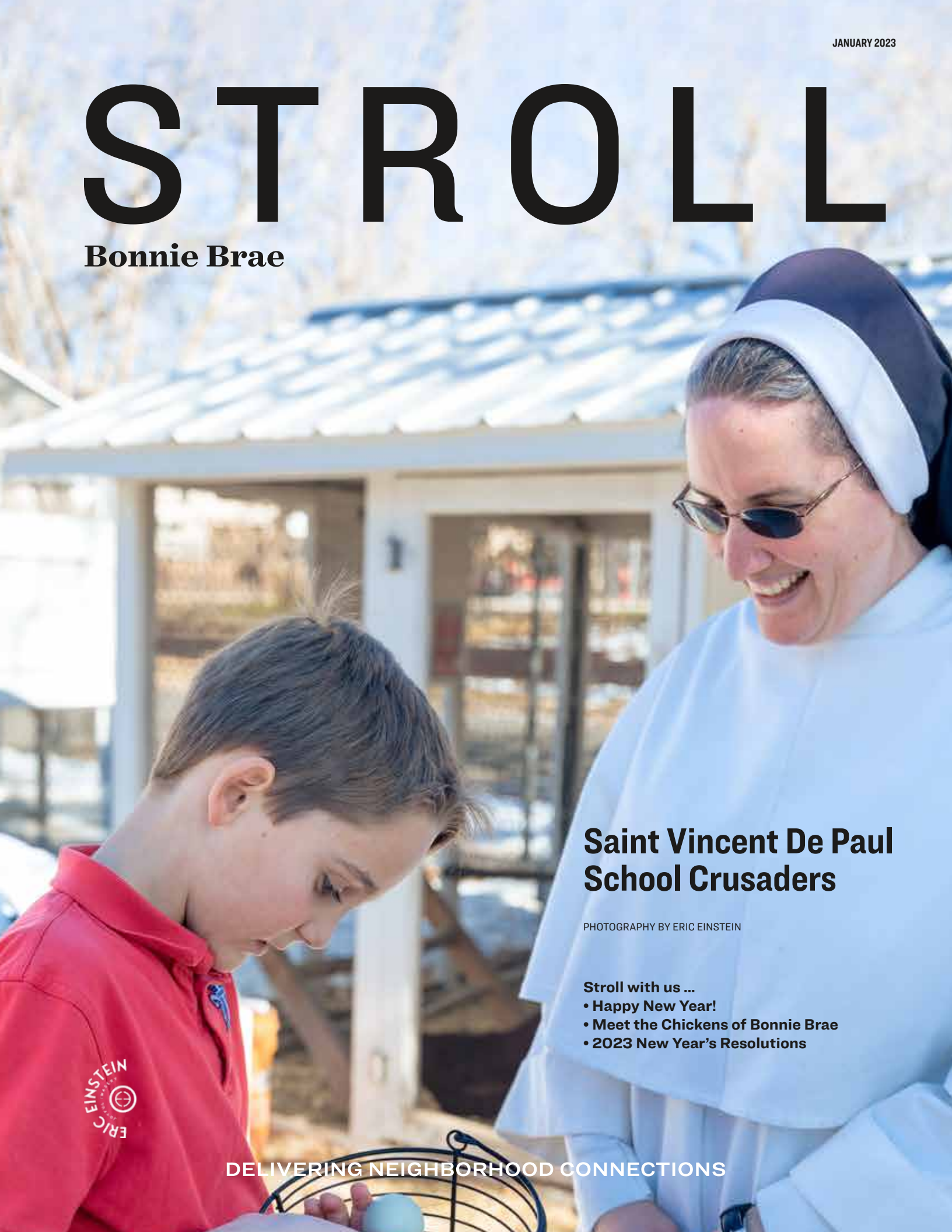


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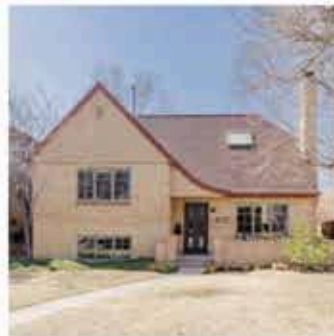


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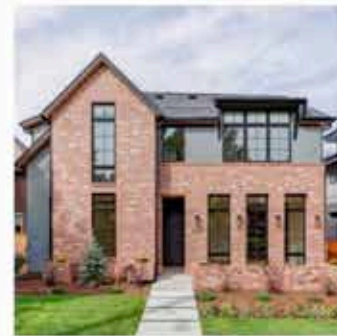
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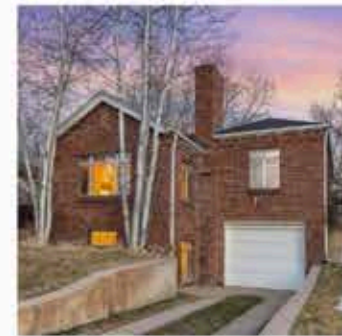
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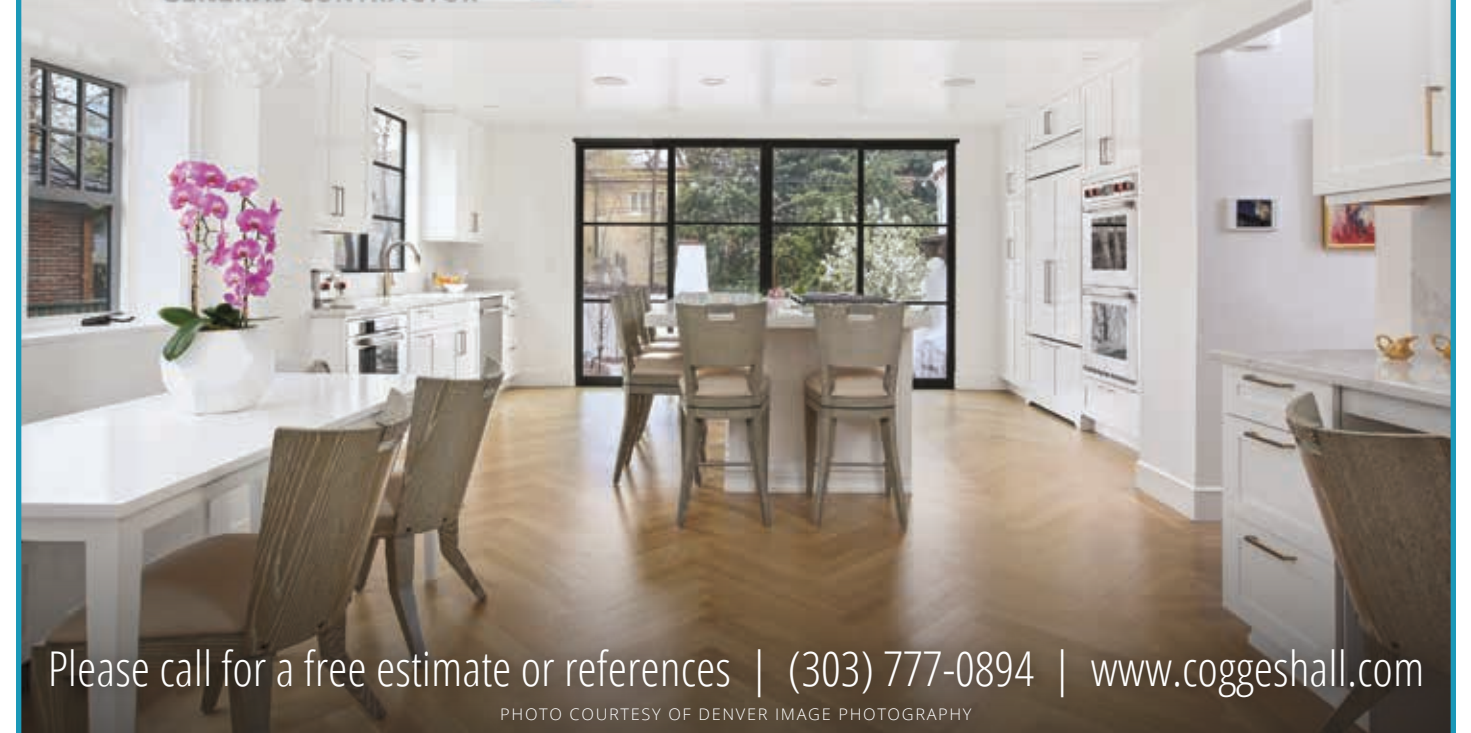
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BY JOANNE BARNETTE, BONNIE BRAE
RESIDENT AND STROLL BONNIE BRAE EDITOR
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Happy New Year from the *Stroll Bonnie Brae* team!

I have loved being a part of this publication, getting to know all the neighbors, sponsors, contributors, as well as immersing myself in this community through this role.

Late 2022, our Stroll team met and talked through our goals for this neighborhood publication. Not only did we eat, drink and be merry ... but we also talked a lot about how to get more content to you, our neighbors, that you want to read and see.

My goal in 2023 is to gather more residents and neighbors to reach out with any and all ideas and content for us to publish. Our team is committed to making all of our articles relevant to you.

We truly want your content and input. Please be encouraged to share your events, ideas, recipes, neighbors you want us to meet, dogs you love to pet while out for a walk or even advice on the best way to dig the ice off the sidewalk for our walkers in the bitter cold!

Have a Beautiful New Year ...

Joanne Barnette

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL

BY JOANNE BARNETTE,
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WHAT IS NEW AND HAPPENING
WITH SVDP CRUSADERS?!

Saint Vince De Paul School has a strong presence in Bonnie Brae. We wanted to introduce the school, history and new leadership to our neighbors.

HISTORY

SVDP opened its doors in Sept. 1927 with two teachers from the Sisters of Loretto, with 45 students and four grades. The Sisters of Loretto served the school for over 50 years until 1986. The Sisters of Saint Joseph served an interim term for 10 years. In 1996, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia from Nashville, TN, brought the Dominican charism to SVDP at the request of Cardinal Stafford and continue to lead the school today. The school's enrollment exceeds 400 students and serves children from 3-year preschool through eighth grade.

MISSION

"Rooted in the truth and love of Jesus Christ and His Church, we are committed to educating the whole child for the future."

SVDP is guided by the philosophy of educating the *whole child*. The whole child is built about the four pillars of formation: Spiritual, intellectual, social and physical.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The fall of 2022, brought some changes to the leadership team and faculty at SVDP. The school welcomed a new Principal, Sister Marie Isaac. Sister Marie entered the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in 2004 and joined the mission of Christian education in 2008. Her passion for education began with teaching fifth grade in an elementary school in South Carolina. In 2014, she was appointed principal in a Catholic School in Illinois. During Sister Marie's time as a school leader, she has loved helping to form students, staff and families in truth and excellence.

Sister Marie loves being a part of our Bonnie Brae Neighborhood. She finds the neighbors to be friendly, engaged, and many of the students walk from their homes to school. It is a safe and family-friendly place to live, work and pray together.



Did your family just move to Bonnie Brae? Would you love to know your neighbors? Email Joanne.Barnette@strollmag.com to get involved, get introduced and get to know your way around Bonnie Brae!



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PRINCIPAL, SISTER MARIE ISAAC — GOALS FOR SVDP

1. To strengthen communication between home and school, parents and teachers.
2. To support our new and returning teachers and staff in furthering the mission and identity of Catholic Schools in our local community. Rooted in the truth and love of Jesus Christ and His Church, we are committed to educating the whole child for the future.
3. To be faithful to our curricula as rooted in our Catholic faith
4. To build school culture and expectations rooted in Jesus Christ as the way and the truth and the life. This reality influences everything we do and radiates His love through our school and into the world.

The school has welcomed many talented and dedicated faculty and staff this school year. These additions join an existing school community of 30 experienced educators and staff.

BRAND NEW FACULTY:

- Anne Kissinger — kindergarten
- Clare Davidson — first grade
- Molly McDonald — fifth grade
- Alfred Wahabby — middle school math
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BRAND NEW STAFF:

- Holly Blakely — Campus Minister
- Jessica Wood, Nancy Schaffner, Julie Klennert, Alejandra Torres, Meghan Hayes, Kayla Rehder — Classroom Aides

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

The school theme of the Year is “Rejoice in Hope.” Rejoicing is a constant theme in the psalms, and Jesus mentions joy many times in his preaching. Hope is the theological virtue by which we trust in God’s loving plan for us. Ultimately, God offers us happiness in this life and eternal beatitude with him in heaven. He also promises to be with us always and provide us with what we need to get there.

This year we are taking part in a parish-wide Master Planning process in which we hope to continue to grow our school and Church community after the example of the early apostles. “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” This will include building updates, additions and enhancements that are directed at supporting our school mission.

St. Vincent de Paul School will be holding an Open House with tours available on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 9-1 PM. Experience first hand how we strive to awaken the sense of wonder which engages the child’s natural desire to learn by attracting his attention to what is true, good, and beautiful. Call Amee at 303.777.3812 for more information.

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BY COURTNEY RANSON, BONNIE BRAE RESIDENT

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The idea originated with Sister Dominic, the principal at the school, from 2016-2022. As part of the 21st Century learning initiatives, their outdoor learning lab debuted in 2017; the Lab is a unique outdoor space that enhances the hands-on learning of students in science and other academic disciplines.

The lab includes a fully outfitted chicken coop, irrigated raised garden beds, and a greenhouse. A butterfly/pollinator garden was added later. Children of all ages take part in planting, caring for and harvesting various herbs and vegetables. They also care for chickens from the egg to the hen. They love doing “chicken chores” and taking care of the chickens with their families on weekends.

Through this Outdoor Learning Lab, students learn how God’s truth, goodness and beauty are reflected in his creation. The hope is to awaken the children’s sense of wonder by engaging the child’s natural desire to learn by attracting his or her attention to what is true, good and beautiful. In turn, leading them to the opportunity of a life fully alive.

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UNSEEN OCEANS

"We are losing biodiversity. Much of life on Earth lies in its oceans. It is good for people to be aware of the incredible biodiversity that exists in this underexplored region," said Museum Senior Curator of Invertebrate Zoology Paula Cushing. "New species of marine organisms are being described every year thanks to the work of some of the scientists whose work forms the basis of this amazing exhibition."

In "Unseen Oceans," you will explore a series of media-rich galleries showcasing a range of marine environments and introducing the scientists who are using cutting-edge research tools and developing new methods to explore the oceans. How do blue whales spend their day? High-tech, removable tags on their backs provide the answer. What's going on in the deep waters surrounding Hawai'i? Hint: Advanced sonar reveals a new island is set to emerge — in more than 100,000 years. How can we identify the best locations for marine protected areas? Fleets of small autonomous robots may offer important clues. "Unseen Oceans" offers answers to these exciting questions and highlights other lines of inquiry that ocean researchers have only recently uncovered.

This exhibition will be on display through April 9, 2023.

Restaurant Review at Ni Tuyo

Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m.

Join friends, neighbors and the *Stroll Bonnie Brae* team for an exclusive Restaurant Review event at Ni Tuyo!

Chef Silvia Andaya and her daughter, Karina Ayala-Schmit, are pleased to welcome Bonnie Brae residents to Ni Tuyo and offer a special variety of their best menu items, including signature molcajetes, eclectic tacos, refined appetizers and mezcal cocktails.

You won't want to miss this special neighborhood event!

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Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m.
 Ni Tuyo — 730 S. University Blvd., Denver, CO 80209

- \$50 Per Seat Includes:
- Variety of Appetizers
 - Molcajetes
 - Tacos
 - Signature Mezcal Cocktail
 - Dessert

This Restaurant Review event is exclusively curated for residents of Bonnie Brae.

RSVP right away, as this event will reach the limited capacity quickly.



YOU'RE INVITED



BOOK NOOK

Congratulations... Bonnie Brae Resident and Author, Rob Samborn!

BY STROLL BONNIE BRAE

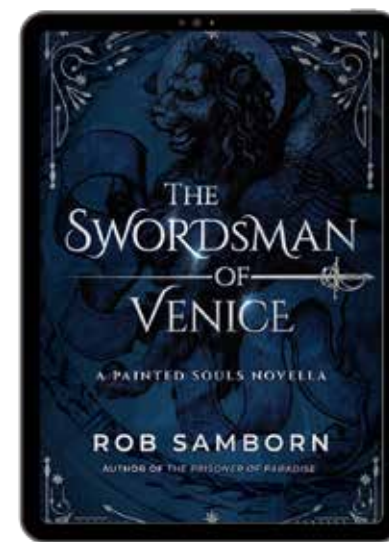
Stroll Bonnie Brae is excited to congratulate, Rob Samborn, for receiving the American Writing Award, Best Novella.

The *Swordsman of Venice* is only 150 pages and is available on Amazon. This historical fiction story is a great way to start (or continue) the Painted Souls series.

Rob had his second novel, *Painter of the Damned*, debut in late 2022. It followed his first, *Prisoner of Paradise*.

Painter of the Damned was a finalist in the American Writing Awards in the thriller/adventure category. It has received very positive reviews.

“One of the greatest gifts a writer can give a reader is a twist that not only fits the plot but brings even more pulse-pounding, nail-biting drama to the story. With *Painter of the Damned*, Rob Samborn doesn't just succeed in giving his readers this gift; he proves to be an overachiever. I finished this book last week and am still in shock from where I thought this sequel was going to where it actually went. Bravo, Mr. Samborn



for blowing my mind. *Painter of the Damned* will leave you breathless, stunned, and in awe of the genius writing abilities of its author.”
 — Linda McCutcheon, book blogger and reviewer

“Impossible to predict and equally impossible to put down.”
 — Jane Thornley, bestselling author of *THE AGENCY OF THE ANCIENT LOST & FOUND* historical mystery thriller series

Congratulations, Rob!

Do you love reading? Contribute to *Stroll Bonnie Brae* by writing your own book review! Email Joanne.Barnette@n2co.com with your novel nomination!

Roasted Butternut Squash Soup

BY DOMINICAN SISTERS AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



ABOUT THE DISH

- Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
- Best served in the chill of autumn or winter with a crackling fire in the background.
- This recipe is one of our convent favorites shared by all the sisters

INGREDIENTS

- 3 lb butternut squash — halved and seeded
- olive oil
- ½ cup chopped shallot
- 1 tsp salt
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp maple syrup
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- black pepper
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 1-2 tbsp butter

PREP WORK

1. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper
2. Preheat the oven to 450 F.

DIRECTIONS

1. Place butternut squash on the pan and drizzle with olive oil to lightly coat the squash on the inside
2. Sprinkle with salt and pepper
3. Turn the squash face down and roast until tender (45-50 minutes)
4. Use a large spoon to scoop out the squash into a bowl
5. In a medium skillet or large soup pot, warm 1 tbsp olive oil over medium heat. Add chopped shallot and 1 tsp salt. Cook, often stirring, until the shallot has softened and is starting to turn golden on the edges, 3-4 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds, stirring frequently.
6. Transfer the cooked shallot and garlic to a blender. Add the butternut squash, maple syrup, nutmeg and black pepper to taste. Pour in 3 cups of vegetable broth. Blend on the soup setting until super creamy.
7. If you would like to thin out your soup a bit more, add the remaining broth. Add 1-2 tbsp of butter and blend well again.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Serve immediately or allow to cool completely and refrigerate for up to four days or freeze for up to three months.

Have a good recipe? Share it with your community! Email joanne.barnette@strollmag.com to have your recipe highlighted in Stroll Bonnie Brae!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SKI SEASON IS HERE!

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“New year — a new chapter, new verse or just the same old story? Ultimately, we write it. The choice is ours!”
— ALEX MORRITT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

New Year's Resolutions 2023

BY JOANNE BARNETTE, BONNIE BRAE RESIDENT AND STROLL BONNIE BRAE EDITOR

2023 has arrived! The New Year is a time to reflect on the year that went by and plan for the upcoming one with new goals and a renewed enthusiasm. We have put together a few common themes for resolutions, along with a few that aren't so typical! If you have not made one at this point, you still can! Better late than never ...

MOST COMMON NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- Exercise More
- Lose Weight
- Get Organized
- Learn a New Skill or Hobby
- Live Life to the Fullest
- Save More Money (aka Spend Less Money)
- Quit Smoking
- Spend More Time with Family and Friends
- Travel More
- Read More

UNUSUAL NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- Get Your Photo in five Interesting Places
- Learn a Decent Party Trick
- Break a Record
- Make a New Friend a Month
- Develop a Good Relationship with Your Body
- Learn Something you Never Learned as a Child
- Try a New Food Each Week
- Make the Usual Unusual
- Sort Out a Financial Worry
- Do Something Nice for Others Every Day

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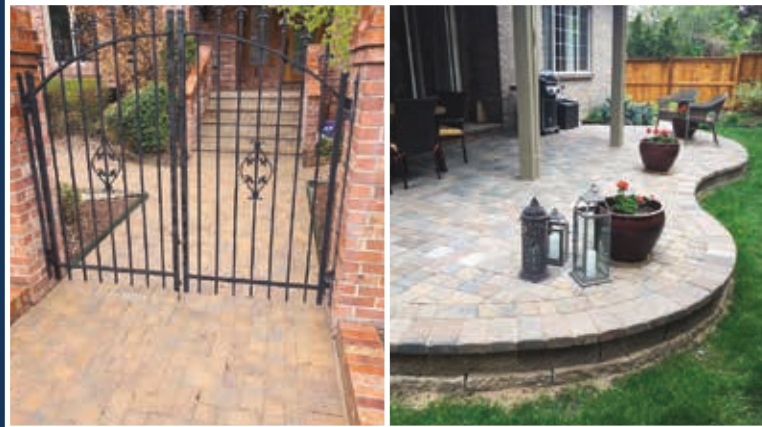
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A classically trained fine artist and interior designer, Nikola demonstrates an incredible ability to marry his eye for design with the execution of residential and construction projects in creating a finished product that routinely goes above and beyond client's expectations.

It's pretty simple really: begin by taking the time necessary to understand each customer's goals on the front end. Once everyone is on the same page, we guide our clients through each step to build a space that accomplishes their goals in a beautiful, aesthetically pleasing way.

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