

# #ReconnectTuesdays



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MY NAME  
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I am a local artist,  
caregiver at the  
Country Rest Home and  
Greenwood citizen



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*with Queenena, local artist, caregiver at the Country Rest Home and Greenwood citizen*

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*What do you love about Greenwood?*

Everything. Greenwood is lit with an inner light you can only see if you're committed to believing in it. Queenena went to college in Ohio and New York and did mission work in Malaysia yet says, there's no place better than Greenwood.

*What makes Greenwood a good home?*

During our interview, Queenena ran into a childhood friend at Amity and said, THIS. This is what makes Greenwood a good home. It's small enough & healthy enough that you can count on seeing & talking to the people you need just by walking down the street or entering the businesses.

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*If you had the ability to make any improvement to the town, what would it be?*

I would like to see businesses vigorously pursued and sought after from the top down. I want to see Greenwood become a place where small business owners not only feel safe to place their businesses within town limits, but also where they also feel like red tape is hardly a thing to deal with. One business in particular I would like our town and town community to pursue and support is a local gym—maybe where the old bar used to be.

I would also love to see the pond by the cove transformed into a public walking park. I'd develop a plan for growth and a plan for green spaces.

I'd like to see more accessibility for wheelchairs. But also more accessible access around Greenwood for bikes and rollerblades.

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*What is your current job or hobby? We're librarians so we'd love to know, does reading enhance this job/hobby?*

Yes! I pay a lot in fines because I hate to give my books back! Whenever I'm beginning something new, I go to the books. I was a teacher at Sussex Tech for 4 years before leaving in Jan 2020. As a New Year's resolution I resolved to post a painting every week, this went on for two years. Focusing on this resolution and my art brought me joy and changed my life. It made me an artist and also allowed me to realize and develop the discipline it takes to be an artist. I've recently begun to work as a caregiver at The Country Rest Home and am taking classes to become a certified administrator. As soon as I began this new job I checked out business books. I'm reading art and business books. I'm currently reading, "Business Made Simple" by Donald Miller and it's changing the way I do business and approach administration. I want to inspire the young people of my community to consider taking on CNA training as a ministry, a vocation—even if it is just something they do while trying to figure out the next step in life, and I want to ask my community to come and apply to work at the Country Rest Home because it is a great work environment, and because taking care of elderly is incredibly noble and wonderful thing to do.

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*What are you reading?*

I'm currently reading, "Business Made Simple" by Donald Miller and it's changing the way I do business and approach administration. I prefer reading books. My favorite book is Markings by Daghammerskull, a famous statesman and a spiritual father to me. I read a lot of poetry and write it. Another favorite is anything by Rumi.

*Do you have a favorite book or series?*

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens. It makes sense that I was an English Lit major.

*What actor would play you in a movie?*

Reese Witherspoon or Meg Ryan

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*If you wrote a memoir, and you should, what would the title be?*

*"Off-centered But Not Unglued"*

*Do you have any ideas for how Greenwood could be a stronger and more connected community?*

I think people should start gathering and taking walks in the evening. In Delaware, we know we don't have any mountains or even hills but because of that, we have beautiful and breathtaking sunsets. It would be a nice way to mingle with your neighbors while walking around town with the sun setting in the sky. A good way to end a day. I believe bad builds on bad and good builds on good. If you're committed to the good you'll find it. I'm committed to seeking out all of the good in Greenwood and there is a lot of it.

Also, I think we need to have rollerblading parties in the middle of town!

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