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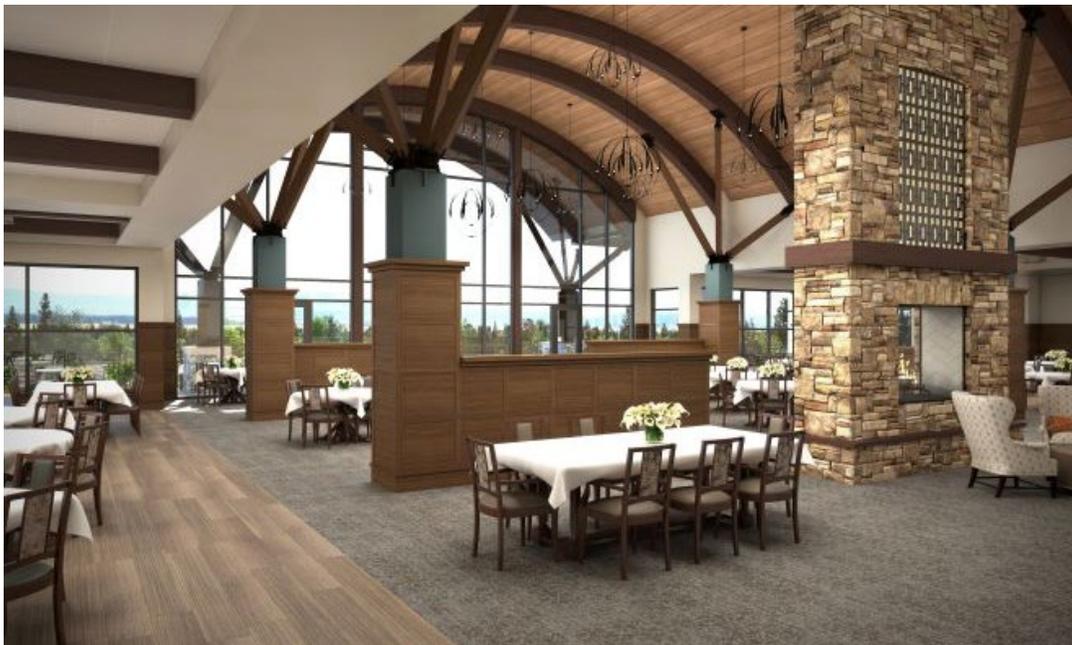
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### **HISTORY OF THE ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT**

**By Legacy Member Bill Burchill**

Legacy's design uses extensively the "Arts and Crafts," or "Roycroft," or "Mission" look in its interior and exterior building features and in its interior appointments such as furniture, lighting fixtures, and windows throughout the public spaces. Elizabeth talked about the Arts and Crafts movement of the late 1800's and its application at Legacy during our Members' Event on May 4. Sue and I were particularly drawn to this Legacy feature, because one of the founders of the Arts and Crafts movement, Elbert Greene Hubbard, Sr., is my first cousin, three times removed. That is, he is the first cousin of my great grandmother on my father's side.

You can see wonderful examples of Roycroft art and design in the Legacy architectural computer renderings of the public gathering space and main dining room shown below.



You can also see Roycroft art and design extensively displayed at the Omni Grove Park Inn and at the Annual Arts and Crafts Exposition held at the Inn each February. The original lamps and furniture in the Inn's public spaces were produced by the Roycroft Shops.

I have admired Elbert Greene Hubbard, Sr.'s talent, art, and philosophy for nearly fifty years since my grandmother introduced me to it shortly before her one hundredth birthday in 1976. She gave me her original-edition copy of Elbert Hubbard's Scrap Book, his collection of prose and poetry published in 1923 at the Roycrofter's shops.

Elbert Greene Hubbard, Sr. was born June 19, 1856, in Bloomington, Illinois. He had little formal schooling. In the late 1880s, after a six-week stint at Harvard, he traveled to England to research his Little Journeys to the Homes of the Great, soon to be published by J. P. Putnam & Sons. He

founded the Roycroft Press in 1895, and two years later he began building what was to become the Roycroft Campus in East Aurora, New York. His essay, "A Message to Garcia," in 1899 catapulted him and the Roycroft to fame and enough fortune to build his Roycroft campus bigger and better, eventually employing nearly 500 artisans. He died on the *Lusitania* in 1915.

The picture at right of my famous cousin, Elbert Greene Hubbard, Sr., is displayed in the Sammons Wing of the Omni Grove Park Inn across from the Resort Boutique (next to the restrooms). A picture of his son, Elbert Greene Hubbard, Jr., (my second cousin, twice removed) is also displayed there.

I hope that you, too, will enjoy and appreciate my cousin, Elbert Greene Hubbard, Sr.'s, contribution to the beauty of Legacy. Please take the time to preview it in the book, "Legacy at Mills River, Next Generation Retirement Living," at the Omni Grove Park Inn (GPI), and at the GPI Annual Arts and Crafts Exposition next February.



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