

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

See You at Our Celebration Dinner!

On October 27, the Greater Newburyport Village celebrates our 6-month anniversary of providing services. Don't miss a great dinner at the Mission Oak Grill free for members and volunteers!

We'll gather in the private Steeple Hall room, starting at 6:30 pm at a cash bar (which remains open through the evening). At 7 we'll sit for dinner, which includes your choice of entrée, salad, and a glass of wine. Please RSVP by October 15 with your entrée choice: Grilled Chicken Saltimbocca, Native Butter Crumb Haddock, Grilled Steak Tips, or Vegetarian.

Bring a guest (\$50 by cash or check - RSVP). A guest who joins the Village will have that \$50 credited to membership dues!

Seating will be open at large round tables, with a board member at each table, and conversation is sure to be lively! I look forward to seeing you.

RSVP with mail reply card or to 978-206-1821 or services@greaternewburyportvillage.org.

- Paul Harrington, President
Greater Newburyport Village



BEHIND THE SCENES

Meet the Program and Events Team

Ever wonder how all those great Village events come to be? Dozens of Lunch & Learn programs and Village Talks, and many more member events and adventures ranging from historical tours and a nature/bird walk to a river boat tour or yoga class? Touring the Old South Church or spending an evening with Ben Franklin? Monthly dinners and meet-ups? All the events you read about in this newsletter? Meet

the Villagers who have brought you more than 50 events over the last two years.

The members of the Program and Events Team are (left to right) Joyce Cejka, Annette Keane, Linda Bogdanoff, Ellen Chulak, Susan Coolidge, and (out of photo) Lois Ascher. They meet regularly to brainstorm ideas for interesting speakers, scour New England locales for

educational and adventurous possibilities, discuss suggestions for programs—and do the hard work of organizing and ensuring everything goes smoothly. They've worked with dozens of individual speakers and

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Upcoming Village Events

Lunch & Learn and Village Talks – Open to the Public:

Oct. 5, 11:30 am*, Hope Church
"Scandal and Slander in the Quarterly Court" with Bethany Groff Dorau, Regional Manager of Historic New England

Oct. 26, 6:30 pm, Nbpt Library
"Tour Cedar Mesa and Grand Gulch, Utah" with Village members Barbara Dowd and Mike Prendergast

Nov. 9, 11:30 am*, Hope Church
"Newburyport Family Sails to Turkey and Back" with John and Lory Douglass, sailors and adventurers

Nov. 16, 6:30 pm, Nbpt Library
"The High Arctic: Research and Adventures" with Lon E. Hachmeister, Senior Water and Natural Resources Consultant

Dec. 7, 11:30 am*, Hope Church
"Championing the History of Amesbury's Industry and People" with John Mayer, Executive Director, Amesbury Carriage Museum

**Bring a lunch at 11:30 – talks start at 12:00.*

Greater Newburyport Village Members and Volunteers Only:

Nov. 17, 6 to 7:30 pm
Meet-up and Gallery Tour
Paula Estey Gallery
3 Harris Street
Newburyport, MA
www.paulaesteygallery.com
(See story next page.)

See the Village website for more detail on all events.

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presenters as well as many local and regional organizations.

If it sounds like a lot of work, well, it is—but mostly these dedicated volunteers talk about how gratifying the experience is, and how much fun they're having. They enjoy working together as a team as well as the events themselves, where everyone learns new things, meets new people, has new experiences. "It's all about expanding your horizons," one says, "and

exploring people and places in our area that you never knew about."

Another chimes in, "It's a pleasure to invite the public to the free Lunch & Learn programs and Village Talks, and we get such great feedback from everyone who attends."

The program speakers share the same enthusiasm for these events, often saying how much they like the lively interaction with the audience.

As challenging as it sometimes can

be, including the effort it takes to get the word out to the community, these volunteers look happily to the future and new experiences. Say hello to them at an upcoming event. Someone's always there to welcome you, and they'd love to hear your thoughts about programs and invite you to share your own ideas for things you'd be interested in. "Together we're widening the landscape."

Village Interest Groups are HERE!

Last month we said interest groups were coming this fall. Well, fall is here and the interest groups are getting underway. Bill Jaros is heading up the book club meetings and the poker night while Doug Bolick will lead the Noshniks.



Don't you love these nice crisp mornings? What a great time to curl up with a new book and then discuss it with others who also love to read. We will turn the next page on the first day/evening of our book club by discussing book selections for the coming year. All genres are up for discussion. Enjoy the discussion in the cozy environment of our leader's home while enjoying refreshments, munchies, and a roaring fire on those cold winter days.

Come to one, some, or all. Space is still available, so don't delay.

About that poker group... Bill says, "I have the chips, cards and felt tabletop. We'll play from 7:30 to 11:00 about once a month. The deal rotates and the dealer chooses the game to play. We normally save some time at the end to play some Texas Hold'em. It's really a lot of fun, lots of banter, and no one loses or wins much." So join Bill and start dealing.



And who wouldn't want to be a Noshnik? This impromptu breakfast/lunch coterie will emphasize new and overlooked eateries. Doug is heading up this group and plans to keep the operation informal. Any member can initiate a gathering, and others can join as they please. The Noshniks will first have lunch at The Noshery creperie in Amesbury. Join the pack.

Please let us know if you are interested in any of these groups by emailing us at info@greaternewburyportvillage.org. Remember, this is your village, so if you'd like to start an interest group and meet people through it, we can help!

Gallery Meet-Up for Members and Volunteers

On Thursday, November 17, from 6 to 7:30 pm, we broaden our concept of Village Meet-Ups by offering our members and volunteers a private tour of the exhibition "Home" at the Paula Estey Gallery (PEG), 3 Harris Street, Newburyport. "Home" is an invitational show addressing the sentiments of hearth, home, connection and compassion.

Our host, Paula Estey, has been an artist all of her life and feels that PEG is an extension of her purpose on this planet. Refreshments will be served. We hope you will join in the fun!

"PEG's mission is to provide our clients and visitors with the transcendent beauty of contemporary art. In doing so, our homes, commercial spaces and communities are elevated and the quality of our lives improves. We embrace a global range of participation for our art and artists. PEG believes in the power of good art to enhance, contribute and change people's lives. We sell contemporary art created by mid-career artists."

How to Contact the Village

For member services and RSVPs:

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or email a service request to:

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Remember!

This newsletter is being mailed to Village members and volunteers, but future issues will be available only through email and the Village website *unless you specifically request a mailing to your home.*

Keep an Eye Out

The magazine *Newburyport Neighbors* is running a story about our Village in its November issue. Watch for it in late October.

Our Mission

To promote living well and independently for a lifetime through community engagement and a network of neighborly support.