

RNN Newsletter

April 2019



Next RNN General Meeting

Tuesday April 16, 2019 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

@ Reading Public Library

Annual Business Meeting

After seeing what goodies Lynda Hersey has on her Hostess table and socializing, we will hear the financial report, vote for a few RNN Officers and announce new faces appointed as RNN Board members and Interest Group leaders for 2019-2020 RNN year.

If you are unable to attend this meeting make sure you have sent your absentee ballot (in email dated March 14th) to Evie Pyle by email. ewpyle@comcast.net

New Members

Please welcome our newest member Lois Bell!

Watch your mailbox for an envelope containing the form for rejoining for next year and the opportunity to sign up for Interest Groups that you may have missed. There will be an additional Interest Group for 2019-2020 – Active Outdoors.

Lend a Hand

So many have been delighted by the response they've had & the connections they've made after contacting Lend a Hand. Just send in a request by contacting:

*Rob Ward

Text or call 781-864-1257 or

*Libby Woods(galligel@bc.edu)

Call 781-944-2331

If you are having trouble logging into the Members Only portion of our website or have not yet tried it, please contact Louise Ward (louiseward27@hotmail.com) or send a note through Contact Us on the website.

The Travel Interest Group came up with this outline of plans for the coming year. Thanks for sharing this Ann Mottl. We will probably see an increase in participation with these wonderful programs.

RNN TRAVEL GROUP

Twelve of us met on Saturday, March 2, having a lively, interesting discussion on what we wanted to do and where we wanted to do it. It's not set in stone, and we're open to new and other ideas, but here's what we came up with:

MARCH 22, Friday leave 9:30 a.m. assistant planner: Kathy Dyer	<u>Paradise City</u> , Royal Plaza Trade Center Marlborough, MA \$12 Senior tickets + available discount	Award-winning show of contemporary craft and fine arts—Original works in furniture, jewelry, art glass, garden sculpture, ceramics, painting, etc.— Paradise City artists. https://10times.com/craft-show-marlborough
APRIL assistant planner: Bob Pyle	<u>Peabody Essex Museum</u> , Salem, MA Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 am until 5 pm.	Bob Pyle has a contact who knows the museum and can help us. Also , check out <i>Nature's Nation: American Art and Environment</i> , tracing environmental awareness in American art over the last three centuries.
MAY assistant planner: Ruth Goldberg	<u>Mt. Auburn Cemetery</u> , Cambridge, MA	1. Visitors Center in Story Chapel, main gate. 2. Kiosk : * Notable figures buried here *Where to spot wildlife *Which plants are in bloom *Evolution of iconic monuments . . Walking paths 1 mile loop & 2 miles outer loop.
JUNE assistant planner Stephanie Hill	<u>Siightsee Lowell</u>	Lowell National Historical Park, with Boott Cotton Mills Museum National Streetcar Museum: Kerouac Park: New England Quilt Museum: UMass Lowell Kayak Center, Merrimack River: Whistler House Museum of Art
JULY assistant planner Evie Pyle	<u>Russian Icon museum</u> Tues.–Fri.: 11am to 4pm Sat.–Sun 11am to 5pm Senior group tour, \$6 each	Jacques' Menagerie: Hnizdovsky Prints from the Christina and George Gamota Collection--July 1–7, 2019 OR Wrestling with Angels--Icons from the Prosopon School of Iconology--July 19-31 Want to learn something new and fascinating?
AUGUST assistant planner Kathy Dyer, Stephanie Hill	<u>Ogunquit</u>	Bus trip to Ogunquit, walk Marginal Way, explore the town and beaches. Have lunch or do a picnic by the sea. Bask in summer.
SEPTEMBER assistant planners Libby Woods, Ka thy Dyer	<u>Salem/ North End ferry trip</u> SeniorRate Round Trip \$41 One Way \$23	5 sailings per day from each end, beginning at around 8:00 and ending at 7:00.
OCTOBER assistant planner Kathy Dyer	<u>Taste of Vermont</u> bus from Wakefield \$129.00	A 1-day tasty tour of Vermont-- includes Cabot Creamery, tasting several varieties of cheese, a stop in Montpelier for a State House photo. Lunch at Cold Hollow, featuring products made in Vermont. See and taste fresh pressed cider and apple cider doughnuts.
NOVEMBER assistant planner Ann Mottl	<u>Boston Public Library</u> , recording studio	Join hosts Jim Braude and Margery Eagan for live tapings of <i>Boston Public Radio</i> at the BPL studio every Tuesday and Friday from 11am-2 pm. At the Johnson Building, Boston Public Library, from which we regularly broadcast hard-hitting interviews, feature programming and intimate musical performances.
FEBRUARY Planning Meeting	<u>Make tentative plans for next year</u>	

Interest group updates

Koffee Klatch will be held **10:00 – 11:30 on Friday April 19th**. Join them for friendship, food & fun at Fusion Cafe.

Meditation Group will meet on **Friday, April 5th and Friday, April 19th from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.** in the Community Room at the Reading Police Station.

Travel Group will go to the Peabody Essex Museum. Date time and details to be announced.

Political Discussion Group will meet on **Tuesday afternoon April 2nd at 3:00 – 4:30 pm.** The topic this month is the Electoral College.

Men's Bridge will meet **Sundays March 3rd and March 17th from 1 to 4 pm.** Contact Dan Clark (dclark@trinitylg.com) if you are interested.

Hot Topics Interest Group - Hot Topics will have it's final meeting for this spring on Tuesday April 23. We will meet at Ann and Tom Mottl's home from 1:30 to 3:30, and the discussion topic will be *Is this China's Century?*. This topic drew the highest interest score of the four topics proposed in the survey sent out a couple of weeks ago. A video of the 30 minute talk given at the Camden Conference in February by University of Michigan Professor Yuen Yuen Ang (*How the West (and Beijing) got China Wrong*) will provide a starting point for our meeting. If you want an advanced look at Professor Ang's talk, you can find the video by scrolling down on this link

https://www.camdenconference.org/2019-camden-conference/?ihc_login_fail=true#Speakers2019.

A reminder and further details will be sent out to all members in an email. If you are not a current Hot Topics Interest Group member but would like to attend this meeting, send an email to tomottl123@gmail.com before April 16.

Film and Arts will be joining up with Travel for the Peabody Essex Museum

Shooting Pool This group will be meeting on **Wednesdays April 3rd and 17th from 7 to 9 pm** at Dave Heron's home. He has some beverages on hand, but if you have a favorite, please take it along! Contact Dave Heron to join (dbheron@gmail.com)

As an “offshoot” a few women tried their skill at pool last week. This could become a once a month event! Interested? Contact Lynda Hersey.



Save the Date

Annual Garden Party

Sunday May 19th 2 to 5 pm Rain or Shine

at the Home of Tom and Cindy Bates, 18 Fairview Ave. Reading

(More information in May newsletter)

The above all happened in town, now for Out of Town!

**CNAP Conference at Lasell, Cape Cod Community and Berkshire Community Colleges
March 29th, 2019**

Last Friday, RNN was well represented at the 3rd annual CNAP Conference held at Lasell College with remote locations at both Berkshire & Cape Cod Community Colleges. Tom Mottl is Executive Director and Founder of CNAP Alliance (Community Networks for Aging in Place Alliance) a 501-C-3 nonprofit organization and also moderated this informative “Workshop on Models for Aging in Community.” The quote of the day was “when you’ve seen one Village, you’ve seen one Village.” There are certainly commonalities across all villages, as they all support members' desire to age in place. There are, however, different models through which this goal is being accomplished. Some Villages have paid administrators and charge annual dues of \$600 & up. Others (like RNN) are all-volunteer groups with dues of \$25-\$35. Some seem to emphasize socialization and activities whereas other Villages prioritize getting services to their members, especially support for transportation needs. We, of course, are very proud of Tom and our RNN based technical crew of Paul Scharr, Peter Carcia, Mike Coltman and Steve Baumgartner who worked long and hard mastering the Zoom video conferencing technology that provided the visual and auditory connections between the three locations of Newton, Cape Cod and the Berkshires. Our own David Maroney was the photographer for the event, Kudos to all.



Tom Mottl, Moderator



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