Neighbors News

Neighbors Activities

Community Service and Outreach Group had their first big event! On March 23, over 35 guests came to a Brazilian Cooking Demonstration and Dinner. The group’s leader Margaret Igne had prepared delicious Brazilian couscous, Feijoada, cheese, and many more! interesting facts of the Brazilian cuisine, as well as preparation technics and recipes. The culmination of the night was donating the specially cooked and packed food to the Y2Y Shelter in Harvard Square.

Looking for Committee Members!
We hope you have enjoyed the various events (tea, cultural celebrations, lectures) that Harvard Neighbors has organized this year. Perhaps you have attended activities of at least one of 17 Interest Groups, which range from Knitting to Japanese, English, French and Italian. Some groups are organized by the Harvard Neighbors Board. We are always looking for people with fresh ideas who are interested in getting more involved with the organization. The time commitment is minimal and can be tailored to individuals’ schedules. We need new people for the Events Committee (comes up with ideas and planning for events), the Interest Group Committee (monitors activities and connections across the interest groups) and the Membership Committee (maintains connections across the University to spread awareness of Harvard Neighbors and encourage new membership). You can serve on one of these Committees even if you also lead an interest group.

Please send us your name and an expression of interest, or a suggestion of someone else and a sentence on why he or she might be a good leader by Monday, April 16th. Thank you so much for your help and your interest in Harvard Neighbors.

Around Cambridge

Cambridge Science Festival
The twentieth annual Cambridge Science Festival offers more than 200 events, promising something for all ages: “Science Carnival and Robot Zoo,” “Astronomy on Tap,” “You’re the Expert”—in locations across Greater Boston. You get to engage in hands-on, creative activities directly with scientists working in a world-class research hub. Visitors can find math challenges, lab experiments, philosophical debates, activities that underscore the essential roles of math and science in food, the arts, business, education, human development—and even comedy! Most activities are free, accessible by public transportation, and open to families.

The Austen Trio Concert
You are invited to a free concert on Saturday, April 7 at 7:00pm at Paine Hall, 3 Oxford Street, Cambridge. This popular English trio will perform in North America for the first time. The concert is made possible through Harvard Provostial Fund for the Arts and the Humanities and Office for the Arts at Harvard. The program includes works by Haydn, Hendel, Dussek and Cramer. All of the music is taken directly from the archives of the Austen Family Music Books from 18th and 19th Centuries. Six of these books belonged to Jane Austen herself. For free tickets click here.
Weekend Ideas

Spring Into Health with The Arnold Arboretum
Rhoda Kubrick, Docent at Arnold Arboretum invites you on Sunday, April 8 from 11 am to 12:30pm for a wake-up spring walk through the Arboretum’s fabulous collections! With a guide, you will explore the less-traveled paths of the Arboretum on a brisk walk. You will get a chance to catch your breath and pause to hear about interesting plants along the way. Sign up for the walk! Don’t forget to dress appropriately. The event is free and for registration click here.

Art in Bloom at MFA
One of Boston’s favorite springtime events, Art in Bloom returns to the Museum of Fine Arts, from Saturday, April 28 to Monday, April 30, 2018. The event pairs masterpieces from across the collection with floral interpretations created by 50 New England garden clubs. Art in Bloom launches with an Evening Preview of freshly installed arrangements on Friday, April 27, from 5 to 10 pm. Daily events include also tours of flower arrangements throughout the galleries and demonstrations of floral arranging for your home.

World’s Free Cone Day
On April 10, 2018 between 12pm and 8pm participating Scoop Shops are opening their doors from noon to 8:00 pm, to serve up a free scoop of your favorite flavor. As a way to thank customers for their support and to celebrate 40 years of scooping the chunkiest, funkiest ice cream, frozen yogurt and sorbet, Ben & Jerry’s scoop shops are happily giving it away! The company said cones will only be limited to “the number of times you can get back in line.” Ben & Jerry’s also said customers can choose from various flavors. For the locations click here.

Swan Boats Opening Day
Mayor Martin J. Walsh will host the first ride of the season on the popular Boston Swan Boats as they open at the Public Garden lagoon on Saturday, April 14, at 10:00am. Irish immigrant and shipbuilder Robert Paget designed the Swan Boats after attending the opera Lohengrin in New York City. Fully loaded, each Swan Boat weighs three tons and carries up to twenty passengers. The Swan Boats are built on oak framed pontoons just as they were initially constructed in 1877.

Harvard Neighbors’ Spring Appeal

We couldn’t be Harvard Neighbors without your support! Your contributions support our mission: “To enrich the lives of members of the Harvard community through cultural programs and events.” Thanks to generous gifts from our members, we are able to bring to you varied events and activities with no charge for participation. This fall alone our members enjoyed Ice Cream, Social, Apple Social, Cranberry Social, Thanksgiving Demo and Celebration, Tea and Talk at Harvard Faculty Club and an awesome Holiday Party!

To our longer-term members, thanks for all you have done to make Harvard Neighbors a vibrant and welcoming community. To help sustain and expand our diverse programming at no (or very low) cost to participants, please consider continuing (or increasing) your current level of financial support.

To our new members, please consider supporting our mission with a tax-deductible donation of $10.00 or more. Click on this link to donate online. Checks are also gladly accepted! Thank you for your support!

Coming Events

Green Spring Cleaning Class
Living Green Interest group invites you to a Spring Cleaning Class on Friday, April 20 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. During the class you will learn how to make simple eco-friendly cleaners for your home made from vinegar, baking soda, olive oil and other natural ingredients. You will able to share ideas and come home with more than a dozen of recipes, sample of natural laundry detergent and “magic paste” for multi-surface cleaning. All the cleaning products the Living Green Group makes are safe for use even by kids.

Tea Testing with Julia Cai
On Friday, May 5 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, Julia Cai, Harvard Neighbors’ Events Committee Chair will lead a Tea Testing presentation themed: “An Exploration of Oolongs: Terroir and Production Methods”. The space is limited to 15 guests. Look for an invitation in your emails in late April.

Gothic Scripts and Illumination
Kitty Pechet, one of Art and Exploration Group’s leader and renowned artist is inviting you to join her class at Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Blacksmith House, Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Turn your creativity to new directions! Play space games with these easy to learn blackletter forms. Learn tricks to embellish your pages with gorgeous illuminations that flourish with your imagination. Materials cost $25 payable to teacher.