This Week in Neighbors News . . .

Despite the fact that this past week was spring break the previous two weeks were quite busy for Harvard Neighbors. On Friday the 13th the Cultural Traditions group held their Spring Celebrations meeting where they dyed eggs, sampled traditional Irish coffee, and learned more about spring traditions. This past Wednesday the Out and About group went on a docent led tour of the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum. A big thank you to Monica Hexner for hosting yet another successful museum tour! If you are interested in museum visits and art tours join the Out and About group on the website!

On Thursday, the After Hours group hosted a movie night at Harvard Neighbors and the group enjoyed the classic Breakfast at Tiffany’s. If anyone else is interested in hosting a movie night please email neighbors@harvard.edu

Wine Tasting, Annual Meeting

Join us for a wine tasting! The wine tasting has been rescheduled for Friday, April 3 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Neighbors room at Loeb House. The tasting will feature several different kinds of wine as well as a selection of dishes prepared by several of our members. The tasting will be led by our Harvard Neighbors wine expert, Jose Lopez. The cost for the tasting is $15 in advance and $20 at the door. Please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing us with your RSVP at neighbors@harvard.edu. We hope to see you there!

Also coming up is the annual meeting. The annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7 at the Harvard Faculty Club, located at 17 Quincy Street, from 5 to 8 pm. Light hors d’oeuvres will be served as well as beer and wine. Our president, Aileen Grunder, will preside over a short business meeting to include the election of board members for next year and the End of Year Report. Following the business meeting, our speaker this year will be John Palfrey, the Head of School at Phillips Academy, Andover as well as the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Knight Foundation and President of the Board of Directors of the Digital Public Library of America. Palfrey is also the director of the Data + Society Research Institute. Palfrey’s research and teaching focus on new media and learning and he has written much on internet law, intellectual property and the potential for technology to strengthen new democracies across the globe. Previously, Palfrey served as the Henry N. Ess Professor of Law and Vice Dean for Library and Information Resources here at Harvard. We hope to see you there for this end of year celebration!
Harvard Art Museums Lectures and Workshops

The Harvard Art Museums will host some exciting events and workshops within the next couple of weeks. The first of these workshops is the Materials Lab Plaster Workshop on Saturday, March 28 from 11 am - 1 pm at the Harvard Art Museums. For this workshop guests are encouraged to explore the different uses of plaster in art. The workshop will be lead by artist Robert Baart with research curator Francesca Bewer. There is a $15 materials fee and registration is required. More information here:

http://www.harvardartmuseums.org/visit/calendar/materials-lab-plaster-workshop-24

On Wednesday, April 8 from 6-8 pm in the Menschel Hall the Harvard Art Museums will host a lecture entitled, Fragments of a Lost Past of Evidence of a Connected History? The Role and Concept of Islamic Art in the Museum Context. This lecture, given by Stefan Weber, director of the Museum of Islamic Art at Berlin’s Pergamon Museum, will cover the history of permanent exhibitions of Islamic art and archaeology from the early 1900’s to present day. Select galleries will be open for an hour after the lecture. For more information visit here:


World PEAS Food Share

World PEAS Food Hub is an organization that aims to build long term self reliance and food security among farmers in eastern Massachusetts and their communities. They also strive to expand access to healthy food in underserved areas through production of locally grown foods.

World PEAS helps to distribute vegetables grown by beginning farmers who only grow organic produce. Anyone can register to receive shares of World PEAS organic and locally grown produce. They have a variety of different share sizes such as a large share which provides fruits and veggies for 4 to 5 people per week, a small share which will feed 1 to 2 people per week as well as an egg share which provides shareholders with local eggs from pasture raised chickens.

Shares are delivered to several locations around Boston including the lobby of the Kennedy School! They are still accepting share registrations so if you are interested please visit here:

http://nesfp.org/world-peas-food-hub/world-peas-csa

Send us photos!

We love seeing pictures of our members! Please send us any pictures you have of group activities and events—old and new!

Send any pictures to neighbors@harvard.edu. Please also take pictures at any events you attend and send them along to us!

ARTS FIRST: A celebration of art at Harvard

The 2015 ARTS FIRST festival is scheduled for April 30-May 3. The theme of the 2015 festival is transformation. ARTS FIRST will feature student performances inside the Art Museums’ Calderwood Courtyard as well as at other locations around campus. There will be a Performance Fair & Festival with more than 100 free events for guests to enjoy around Harvard Yard.

If you are interested in volunteering at ARTS FIRST this year please email neighbors@harvard.edu so we can direct you to the sign up sheet. More information about ARTS FIRST can be found here:

https://www.facebook.com/HarvardArtsOFA/timeline