Upcoming Interest Group Meetings

Monday 02/03
10:00PM English Conversation Practice
12:00PM German Conversation

Tuesday 02/04
12:00PM Knitting for Everyone
3:30PM English Conversation Advanced
5:30PM French Book Club

Wednesday 02/05
10:30AM Infant and Toddler Play Group
3:30PM English Conversation Practice

Thursday 02/06
9:30AM Art Explorations Group
11:00AM Spanish/English Conversation

Friday 02/07
3:30PM English Conversation Practice

Saturday 02/08
11:00AM Spanish/English Conversation

Sunday 02/09
12:00PM German Conversation
10:00PM English Conversation Practice

Monday 02/10
12:30PM French Conversation

Tuesday 02/11
10:00PM English Conversation Practice

Wednesday 02/12
3:30PM English Conversation Advanced
1:45PM English Conversation Practice
12:00PM Knitting for Everyone

Thursday 02/13
3:30PM English Conversation Practice
10:30AM Infant and Toddler Play Group

Friday 02/14
9:30AM Art Explorations Group
11:00AM Spanish/English Conversation

Saturday 02/15
11:00AM Spanish/English Conversation

Sunday 02/16
12:00PM German Conversation
10:00PM English Conversation Practice

Monday 02/17
12:30PM French Conversation

Tuesday 02/18
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Thursday 02/20
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11:00AM Spanish/English Conversation

Friday 02/21
3:30PM English Conversation Practice

Saturday 02/22
11:00AM Spanish/English Conversation

Sunday 02/23
12:00PM German Conversation
10:00PM English Conversation Practice

Monday 02/24
12:30PM French Conversation

Tuesday 02/25
3:30PM English Conversation Advanced
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12:00PM Knitting for Everyone

Wednesday 02/26
10:30AM Infant and Toddler Play Group
3:30PM English Conversation Practice

Thursday 02/27
9:30AM Art Explorations Group
11:00AM Spanish/English Conversation

Friday 02/28
3:30PM English Conversation Practice

Saturday 03/01
11:00AM Spanish/English Conversation

Sunday 03/02
12:00PM German Conversation
10:00PM English Conversation Practice

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Events and Activities

With the semester already in full swing, available spots for the popular English Conversation Practice group are filling up quickly. Some groups have very limited availability. You need to be a Harvard Neighbors member to attend the classes. If you have not already done so, please sign up for Harvard Neighbors Membership by clicking the “My Profile/Login” tab and entering your information. After your membership is confirmed, you may enroll in any of the Interest Groups. Join the English Conversation Practice Group by visiting our website and click on “English Conversation Practice Group” under the Interest Group tab, then click on “Request Membership”. You will receive a Registration Form to fill in and email back to us. Please note:

You must wait for the Group Leader to contact you before you can attend the first session! We have no rules on perfect attendance, but for your own benefit we encourage you to come to all the group meetings. Out and About Interest Group invites you to join them and celebrate 150 years at the Museum of Fine Arts on Wednesday, February 5. All admission is free on that day.

They will meet at the museum’s Huntington Entrance at 10:15 am and plan to join the MFA milestones 15-stop highlights tour that starts at 11am. Because it is a special day, please be on time so the group can sign up for the free tour as it may reach capacity early. Then, if you have time, join them for a lunch together in the museum. RSVP to neighbors@harvard.edu to reserve your spot.

The Spring Tapestry Of Japan
After the enormous success of the evening of Daily Traditions and Thought of Japanese in December last year, Japanese Culture Interest Group will host another exciting event on Friday, March 6, from 5pm to 6:30pm. The theme will be the Springtime in Japan with its sounds and colors, taste and songs and seasonal cuisine! Look for an invitation in your emails shortly!

Also in March, Belgium Culture Interest Group are preparing a Waffle Bake afternoon. We are waiting our Filipino Culture Interest Group to announce a date for a Karaoke Night! Let’s not forget to mention another March event, Neighbors’ first Tea and Talk for the year. The Speaker will be Dr. Meral Ekinoglu, a long time member of Harvard Neighbors whose scholarly endeavor is based on problem-centered research in postwar architecture history, politics of gender, multiculturalism, diversity and inclusion. The of the talk topic will be “Women and Gender in Architectural History”. We plan to have the event on March 9, a day after March 8, the International Women’s Day, celebrating around the globe the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Stay tuned for details and invitation.

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Our mission is to enrich the lives of members of the Harvard community through cultural and educational programs and events.
Valentines Day at Boston Public Library!
Nothing says romance like the library. A Valentine’s Day well spent starts with the Boston Public Library’s art and architecture tour. Stroll through one of Boston’s best buildings for an hour, learning about the genius of two very different designers: Charles Follen McKim and Philip Johnson. The tour also points out some of the BPL’s jaw-dropping art that’s hidden in plain sight. Did you know there are works by John Singer Sargent adorning the walls?
Either before or after the tour, it’s imperative to order two hot chocolates at the Map Room Café. They’re best enjoyed in the courtyard, so bundle up. If you’re feeling fancy, there’s also the option to sit for high tea in the Courtyard Restaurant.

Chili Cook-off at the Square
The renowned 12th Annual ‘Some Like it Hot’ Chili Cook-off returns to Harvard Square on Saturday, February 1st, 2020 – a precursor to the Super Bowl! Come to this festive, fun and FREE outdoor event! It’s going to be a ‘balm’ 45 degrees and eating chili is a delicious way to warm the senses and your body! Sample chili from Harvard Square’s HOTTEST restaurants between 1:00pm – 2:30pm in front of Bluestone Lane, 27 Brattle Street. Taste them all and vote for your favorite! While you are there, enjoy Harvard Square’s favorites, Grooversity, as they pump up the crowd with their infectious and heart-stopping percussion combining Brazilian grooves like Samba and Axe with Funk, Rock, Jazz and Hip Hop.

Jeffrey Rediger, M.D. at The Harvard Coop
A talk cured by Jeffrey Rediger on Thursday, February 6 from 7pm, offers a deeply researched argument for shifting the medical focus from the “silver” bullet approach to certain diseases and to give more support and power to something more individual and far-reaching. For details click on the link.

Lunar New Year Parade in Chinatown
Boston has the third largest Chinese community in the U.S., and the Chinese New Year celebration here is one of the biggest in the Northeast. Thousands of visitors flock to Boston’s Chinatown and Theater District to view lion dancers, accompanied by drums, cymbals, and firecrackers. It’s also a chance to try other great food besides Chinese food. The Parade route goes around Kneeland Street, Essex Street, and Harrison Ave. Usually, the parade includes a dragon dance, and there are also a couple of “lions,” a Buddha, and music bands with gongs and drums to set the rhythm. Smaller Lion dances occur during and after the parade in multiple locations. Performers are going through local businesses in Chinatown collecting red envelopes with cash. Restaurant owners also place offerings—cabbages and oranges—in front of the door for the dancers. Head to Chinatown on Saturday, February 1 starting at 11 am to enjoy energetic dancers, bursting firecrackers, and red lanterns symbolizing prosperity filling the streets as the annual parade marches through the neighborhood. Gaze at puppeteers maneuvering large, vibrantly colored lion costumes during the lion dances, which will take place in multiple locations, stopping at local businesses to spread good fortune. Afterwards, check out the Chinese New Year Cultural Village in the China Trade Center for other festivities, including additional performances and scrumptious Chinese snacks.