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A week later on September 17, the Open House and Welcome party gathered us at the CGIS Knaefel Café. Everyone had a great time, enjoyed the tasty food and good conversations. Our president, Linda Braden welcomed all to the new academic year and shared thoughts about the future initiatives and ideas for supporting the organization’s activities. The group leaders were busy signing new and current members for their classes. Congratulations to Joanna Christodoulou, a member from GSE, who won a complimentary lunch for two at the Harvard Faculty Club!

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Coming Up

**Green Fall Cleaning Class**
Living Green Interest group invites you to a Fall Cleaning on Friday, October 19 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. 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.

**Apple Social**
Our traditional Apple Social is coming on October 17 and October 18! As last year the apples will come from the famous Stephen King’s Orchard in Sweden, Maine! Stay tuned for the locations of the event. Invitations are coming at the beginning of October via email.

**English Conversation Group**
We are happy to announce that the Interest Group for English Conversation Practice still has a number of limited openings, especially the Wednesday Group at 3 pm. Please check the Harvard Neighbors website for registration information and specific days and times for each group. Email us at neighbors@harvard.edu.
The Fog Sculptures

If you haven’t seen this exhibition, it will be open through October 31. Walk among the immersive sculptures, which are on display in the Back Bay Fens, Olmsted Park, Jamaica Pond, the Arnold Arboretum, and Franklin Park. Soft clouds of fog will appear from dawn to dusk, shifting their shapes over the course of the day to react to wind patterns, humidity, temperature, and gravity. The largest and most complex public art installation within Emerald Necklace is created by Japanese artist Fujiko Nakaya as a “conversation with nature” and aims to enhance the natural features of the outdoor spaces.

Mass MoCa Museum at North Adams

Housed on a restored 19th century factory campus, MASS MoCA is the largest center for contemporary visual and performing arts in the country. It’s open year round with a full schedule of live events, changing exhibitions and the Sol LeWitt Wall Drawing Retrospective. In a vast, rambling set of industrial buildings, the Mass MoCa has become one of the most exciting places in the US to experience contemporary art. The buildings are large enough to accommodate installations of an immense scale, but there are also works of quiet intimacy. While you’re there, be sure to check out the outdoor exhibits; they’re unusual and provide fabulous views of North Adams. Don’t miss a visit to another museum gem near by—The Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, MA. The collection of the Clark features European and American paintings, sculpture, prints, drawings, photographs, and decorative arts from the Renaissance to the early twentieth century. The collection is especially rich in French Impressionist and Academic paintings, British oil sketches, drawings, and silver, and the work of American artists Winslow Homer, George Inness, and John Singer Sargent.

Harvard Neighbors’ Fall 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, Spring Celebration, Celtic Night, Tea and Talk at Harvard Faculty Club and a 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!

Smith Campus Center is Officially Open!

Established in 1962, to meet and greet visitors from all over the world the mission of Smith Campus Center is to serve as the “front door” to the University by providing historical and general information about our campus to visitors, neighbors and the public. Now, after two years of renovations it is officially open and features an amazing enclosed garden of plants native to New England, living walls sprouting vines and leafy greens, and glass walls looking out onto Dunster St. and Holyoke St. The main floor is called Harvard Commons, and will be the location of lunchtime concerts and evening talks, lectures and performances by Harvard students, faculty and staff. The Moise Y. Safra Welcome Pavilion and Plaza will hold a box office for University events and campus tours. In addition to these public uses there are seven new dining options open to students and the public, Harvard guest Wi-Fi access, and a roof garden open to the public until dusk. There will also be meeting spaces for Harvard community members. The top floor is called Riverview Commons and Conference Suite, which includes a lounge and game rooms, and dining space available for Harvard members only. Be sure to check it out!