Events and Activities

Just a few months ago we’ve wrapped up our spring semester with two memorable events: The Annual Meeting at Harvard Faculty Club on May 13, where we had Professor Donald H. Pfister as a guest speaker, and the second International Dinner to benefit Y2Y Homeless Youth Shelter, hosted by the Community and Outreach Interest Group.

During the summer we welcomed on board our 21st Interest Group! Belgium Culture Society Interest Group is now part of the Neighbors! If you’re interested in learning about and experiencing Belgian culture from waffle-bakes, drinks at trendy bars, and inspired lectures by Harvard-affiliates on current topics, join the group! They will meet monthly and plan to organize Belgian-inspired event for all Neighbors at our meeting room very soon.

On September 5, over 100 Neighbors and newcomers got together to enjoy a delicious ice cream cup from the Ben and Jerry’s truck, meet old friends and make new ones during our traditional Ice Cream Social.

We welcomed the first day of the Fall with our Open House and Kick Off Party at Knafel Café. The Interest groups’ leaders were busy signing members for the fall classes and programs. We heard about future initiatives and ideas for supporting organization’s activities by Harvard Neighbors’ President, Linda Braden and also from Events’ Committee Chair, Julia Cai, Vice President, Zarrin Foster and Secretary of the Board, Tasha Griffiths. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the tasty food and good conversations.

Coming Up

English Conversation Group
With the start of the Interest groups’ meetings, some of our popular classes are getting full to capacity. Is you are interested in joining English Conversation Practice groups, you have to act fast. Please check Harvard Neighbors website for registration information and specific days and times for each group or email us at neighbors@harvard.edu.

Apple Social
October is the month of apple picking and time for our Traditional Apple Social! Again, this year we will give out apples from the famous Stephen King’s Pietree orchard in Sweden, Maine. Stay tune for the locations of the event. The dates of the social are Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17.

Looking for Group Leaders!
Some of our established groups are in need of new leadership, and we’re always excited to hear about ideas for new groups. Leaders can work alone or as part of a team, and we’re happy to answer your questions! If you have an idea for a new group, please contact Harvard Neighbors, and our Interest Group committee will work with you to help get it started. The groups from previous years that are looking for new leaders are Infant and Toddler Play Group, After Hours, Living Green, Spanish Culture and Memoir Writing.

Descriptions are available on our website, if you’d like an idea of what they’ve done in the past. Our volunteer leaders are essential to Harvard Neighbors, and we’re looking forward to hearing from you!
**Weekend Ideas**

**Tour Cranberry Bogs in Massachusetts**

Cranberries grow in bogs, and while you have to head farther out of town to find them, there are plenty of spots in Massachusetts where you can tour cranberry bogs, even dive in, and haul home some fresh-picked produce. After all what would be Thanksgiving without these antioxidant-rich “superfruits”. According to the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers’ Association, 400 of North America’s 1,000 or so cranberry farms are concentrated in Massachusetts: Most are south of Boston in Plymouth County and on Cape Cod. Any drive in this region during Massachusetts’ cranberry harvest season, which typically begins the last week of September and runs through October and sometimes into November, is likely to offer views of cranberry bogs, where growers are hard at work tending and picking the state’s top agricultural cash crop. The following are four spots that offer cranberry bog tours. Plan accordingly—most require that you pre-schedule tour dates. To learn more about how cranberries grow, sustainability, and more local farms, check out the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association’s website, Cranberries.org. A.D. Makepeace Company, also host of the annual 158 Tihonet Road, Wareham, MA admakepeace.com, Cape Cod Cranberry Realty Trust, The Governor Prence Inn, 66 Route 6A, Orleans, MA governorprinceinn.com, Flax Pond Farms 58 Pond St., Carver, MA flaxpondfarms.com, Mayflower Cranberries 72 Brook St., Plympton, MA mayflowercranberries.com.

**Happening in Boston**

**Boston Food Truck Festival**

If you are in town don’t miss this fun family event on Saturday, October 5 from 11am to 5pm. Boston area’s top food trucks will come to the Rose Kennedy Greenway for one big delicious filled day! Featuring 30 food trucks, beer garden, local artisan market, live music and kids’ activities! The trucks will be setup along the Wharf District Parks of the Rose Kennedy Greenway and Admission is free.

**The Infinity Mirror Room at the ICA**

The Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston has acquired Yayoi Kusama’s LOVE IS CALLING (2013), which is now the largest “Infinity Mirror Room” piece by the artist to be owned by a North American museum. LOVE IS CALLING includes colorful, polka-dotted inflatable sculptures, which are situated on the floor and ceiling of a mirrored room. Inside the room, Kusama can be heard reading a love poem she wrote in Japanese. That poem’s title translates to “Residing in a Castle of Shed Tears.” There is no extra charge for this exhibition, but a timed ticket is needed for entrance. The ticket is valid for 30 minutes. The ICA has already sold out visits through Oct. 31. Tickets for visits in November will go on sale to members on October 8 and to the general public on October 15.

**Around Harvard**

**Lunchtime Organ Recital: David von Behren**

You are invited to a free recital at The Memorial Church Sanctuary on Wednesday, October 2 from 12:15pm to 12:45pm. Enjoy 30 minutes of organ music performed on the Fisk and Skinner organs of The Memorial Church of Harvard!

**Molinillos and Chocolate in Contemporary Mexico**

Visit the special event and chocolate tasting on Thursday, October 10, presented by the Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology in collaboration with the Fine Cacao and Chocolate Institute, the Mexican Consulate General in Boston, Fundación MUCHO Mexico City, and MassMex, as part of the 2019 New England Chocolate Festival. In this special event, Juan Alonso Rodriguez will explain how to make a molinillo, the whisk-like wooden tool that is traditionally used in Mexico to make froth in chocolate beverages. Members of the Cambridge-based Fine Cacao and Chocolate Institute will make three different chocolate beverages that participants can taste during the program. To register and for details click here.