October was a month full of activities at the Neighbors! We had three editions of the traditional Apple Social at three locations: Kennedy School of Government, CGIS and Gutman Library at Harvard Graduate School of Education. Over 130 new and current members enjoyed the organic apples from Stephen King’s orchard in Maine. Our Interest Group Living Green had their first workshop for this academic year. The theme was “Fall Cleaning” and the participants learned how to make eco-friendly products for their homes, shared tips and recipes and received samples of natural laundry detergent and multi-surface cleaning paste.

On October 25th members of Out and About Interest Group went on a Historical Tour of Cambridge and on November 7th they visited the Museum of Medical History and Innovation at MGH. On October 31, Harvard Neighbors’ Membership and Outreach Committee organized the second and very well attended Bulb Planting Workshop. The participants planted their own pots with early spring tulips! November started with our Thanksgiving Demo and Celebration and Tea and Talk with Professor Patricia Graham, a leading historian of American education and former Dean of Harvard Graduate School of Education. The theme of the Talk was: “Wit and Character: Goals for our schools” and guests who attended the event at Harvard Faculty Club really enjoyed the discussion and Q and A session at the end. The Thanksgiving Demo and Celebration event was as usual festive and the home made dishes by our volunteers were delicious! Cranberry Social was the last big event for the month of November before the Holiday Party in early December. A lot of Harvard affiliates stopped to learn about our programs and get a bag of free organic cranberries for Thanksgiving.

**Recent Activities**

**English Conversation Group**

We are happy to announce that the Interest Group for English Conversation Practice still has a limited number of openings, especially the Tuesday Group at 1:45 pm. Please check the Harvard Neighbors website for registration information and specific days and times for each group. Email us at neighbors@harvard.edu.

**Giving back to the community**

Community Service and Outreach Interest Group will meet on Monday, November 19 at 4pm at Harvard Neighbors meeting room to decorate pies that will be donated to homeless shelters in Cambridge. All members are invited to join the meeting.

**Harvard Neighbors Holiday Party**

You are kindly invited to celebrate the Holidays with us! Please join us for light fare, drinks and Holiday cheer on Friday, December 7 from 5pm to 7pm at Harvard Neighbors meeting room at Loeb House, 17 Quincy Street, Cambridge. If you have a signature dish, please feel free to bring it and share with the guests! We hope to see you there!
Weekend Ideas

America’s Hometown Thanksgiving Festival
See the history of Thanksgiving brought to life as Pilgrims, Native Americans, soldiers, patriots, and pioneers take to the streets of Plymouth. Highlights include a parade, a harvest farmers’ market, a “portal to the past” historical village, a food festival, and concerts. The festival dates are November 16 and 17, 2018. For schedule of the events, click here.

Thanksgiving Weekend Festival at Martha’s Vineyard
The island of Martha’s Vineyard takes on a quaint charm during the holiday season and transforms into nothing short of a winter wonderland. Holiday shopping opportunities abound at the Holiday Gift Show at Featherstone Center for the Arts, where shoppers can purchase unique, hand-crafted gifts from November 16-December 16. The work of talented local artisans is on full display at the Vineyard Artisan Festival (November 23-24 and December 15), where you can pick up everything from clothing and ceramics to jewelry and fine art. While a ceremonial tree lighting certainly isn’t unique to Martha’s Vineyard, the Oak Bluffs Tree Lighting (November 28) exemplifies the Vineyard’s alluring small-town atmosphere. A crowd gathers in the cool ocean air – hot cocoa in hand – as the Vineyard Brass Ensemble performs carols and the colorful lights of the town tree wash the streets with a warm Christmas glow.

Events around Boston

Boston Made: Arts and Crafts style Jewelry and Metalwork at MFA
With more than 75 glittering baubles and other decorative artworks, this MFA exhibit highlights Boston’s role as a hotbed of the 20th-century Arts and Crafts movement, including works by prominent female artists Elizabeth Copeland and Josephine Hartwell Shaw. The exhibition opens to public on November 17.

Celebrate! with Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers
On Friday, November 23 from 10:30am in honor of Native American Heritage Month, the JFK Library highlights the nation’s history and culture, inviting visitors to join tribe members for a Powwow. To register for this event click here.

Where to Volunteer in Boston
Many places around Boston could use your helping hands this Thanksgiving—and all year long. Boston has plenty of long and short term opportunities to warm hearts as the weather turns colder by giving the gift of service around the city. Serving meals, rounding up donations, and tutoring are just a few of the chances you have to give back. You can also donate until the end of November to the Greater Boston Food Bank Holiday Meal Drive.

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!

Happening Around Harvard

A Journey Through Kitty Pechet’s Painted Gardens
Harvard Neighbors’ Arts and Exploration Group’s Leader Kitty Pechet, who is also a renowned artist, invites you to her studio for a celebration of New Life and Hope! The event is on Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18 from 12pm to 6pm at Studio C-422, Brickbottom Artists Association, 1 Fitchburg Street, Somerville.

Programs at Harvard Memorial Church
Harvard Memorial Church located in the Yard is hosting the weekly meetings of Harvard Neighbors Infant and Toddler Interest Group and has a Christian educational classes for children ages three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday Services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To learn more: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/churchschool

Animal-Shaped Vessels from the Ancient World
The Harvard Art Museums offers free admission to all visitors from 1 to 5pm every Wednesday from through January 2, 2019 in recognition of the generous grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in support of their current exhibition, Animal-Shaped Vessels from the Ancient World: Feasting with Gods, Heroes, and Kings (on view September 7, 2018–January 6, 2019).