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How They Retired



Mayor Marty Walsh invited Beacon Hill Village members to join him for "lunch and conversation" at 74 Joy Street in late April. He was interested in hearing the issues and concerns of BHV members and answered questions on topics ranging from street safety and housing, to development in and around the city and what Boston is doing about global warming.



Colin Diver, Gov. Dukakis and BHV president Hal Carroll.

RETIREMENT MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS TO different people. In April at the Boston Public Library, Beacon Hill Village's *What's Next* program featured Gov. Michael Dukakis and former Reed College president Colin Diver, now of the Back Bay, revealing to a large crowd of BHV members and the general public how they have handled their retirement years. Both men were frank about the pitfalls and benefits those years bring.

We found out, for example, that Gov. Dukakis has not retired. He found his later-life calling when he lost a re-election for governor to Ed King in 1978. During the four years until he ran again against King and beat him, he taught at the Kennedy School. He liked it so well that he returned to teaching after leaving public office in 1990. Gov. Dukakis has been at it at both Northeastern University and UCLA ever since.

Colin Diver, on the other hand, said he went cold turkey from a decade as president of his Portland, Oregon, liberal arts college and moved back to Boston, which he had left 23 years earlier. He believed he would figure out what to do gradually, and he has. He does some consulting, teaches at Boston University Law School, plays squash and tennis vigorously and does a bit of carpentry.

The Governor said he now has more time to read than he did when he was in public office and also can take some of the weekends off now. But he

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BHV WELCOMES

BACK BAY

Fran & Michael Goldberg, Joe Massik, Maryjane & Brian Mitchell, Gordon & Susan Richardson, Bill Spring

BEACON HILL

Mitchell Adams, Anne Almy, Diana Crane, Jane Haycox, Margaret Lavoie, Alice McGuire, William O'Keefe, Geoffrey Smith, Judy & Chia-Ming Sze, Toby Webb

CHARLESTOWN

Petie Hilsinger

DOWNTOWN/WATERFRONT

Anita Baglaneas, Evvajean Mintz

MIDTOWN

Dr. Jay & Carol Marlin

SOUTH END

Mary Barrett

WEST END

Donna Jonas

From the Executive Director

Dear BHV Members:

THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN VERY busy lately, as evidenced by this chock-full newsletter. From the dozens of outings, programs, and events, to our very successful annual Creative Kitchens Tour, to hosting a series of three “conversations” about the issues people face as they retire.



Margery Eagan (pictured above with BHV board member Steve Roop) delighted a packed audience for an entertaining and informative “Conversations with ...” in March.

And while we’ve been busy with all these activities, the staff and others remain dedicated to providing expert information and linkages to a plethora of services that our members ask for each and every day in order to live healthy and satisfying lives.

And then there are the many volunteers who help run the village by serving on a committee or on the Board, by supporting the staff in the office, by caring about each other in any number of ways, and by helping to run activities and events. It can be breathtaking when one thinks about all the people who are engaged in creating opportunities for our members to live their lives as they so choose.

When our founders first opened the doors to Beacon Hill Village almost 15 years ago, they never dreamed that their “village” would become what it has become today. But we can never stop learning... never stop listening to our members. And that is why we ask our members to let us know how we’re doing... what we’re doing right, and what we could be doing differently.

I encourage our members to complete and return their member satisfaction survey if they haven’t already. You are the key to ensuring that the Village is meeting your expectations... helping you to live the life you envision for yourself. We’re listening!!

With warm regards,
Laura Connors

Tuesdays with Roberta

BY SYLVIA BLUMENTHAL



John Besser

Roberta Meyers.

IF IT’S THE FIRST TUESDAY of the month, it is time for Beacon Hill Village’s affinity group, Terrific Tuesdays (TT), at 75 Chestnut Street. Village member Roberta Meyers is at the head of the table with her shopping bag full of colorful mailers advertising all sorts of cultural events. Music, dance, exhibits, lectures – nothing seems to happen in Boston without Roberta knowing about it.

This informative and proactive group has thrived under Roberta’s leadership since 2012. Its *raison d’être* is to share knowledge of our area’s cultural events and establish a forum in which its members can plan group activities with other like-minded enthusiasts. Roberta is on the mailing list of all our city’s cultural institutions and, in turn, has her own mailing list with 87 names of BHV members who want to be informed about the city’s cultural life. The Terrific Tuesdays’ meetings are lively and often the discussions of what to see, hear and enjoy spill over into dinner at the 75 Chestnut Street restaurant.

Members of the group have travelled to Freeport, Maine, for its famed Christmas Parade. Roberta was able to arrange for discounted tickets for the play “Beautiful.” Now she is planning for TT members to enjoy tea at both the Taj Hotel and the Boston Public Library. High on Roberta’s list is a trip to Providence for TT members to visit the Rhode Island School of Design Museum and watch the WaterFire extravaganza after dark.

Roberta grew up in Dorchester where she attended the Burke High School. From there, she went on to Bentley College, gaining skills that led to employment with financial responsibility. Her work life started at the offices of the Beacon Hill Civic Association as executive director. There she discovered her love of meeting and working with a variety of people. She has fond memories of the civic association’s famed street fairs where Beacon Hill was shown as a real neighborhood and not just a place filled with “uppy” residents.

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In Memoriam: Mary Lee Cox

Beacon Hill Village

JUNE 2016 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Programs are one of the benefits of membership in Beacon Hill Village. Selected programs are open to guests of members and to prospective members who may be interested in joining the Village. Members have priority when registering for programs that have space limitations. BHV reserves the right to limit the number of programs that prospective members may attend. A reservation is required for all programs unless otherwise noted in the program description. Refunds will be made for cancellations received at least one week prior to an event unless tickets have been pre-purchased or non-refundable payments have been made and we are unable to fill your spot.

Thursday, June 2 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Rose Art Museum



On display during our visit to the Rose Art Museum on the campus of Brandeis University is a retrospective of paintings, collages, sculptures and writings by the pioneering pop and political artist Rosalyn Drexler. Also on view is Mark Dion's new permanent exhibi-

tion, *The Undisciplined Collector*, which includes objects from the Museum's permanent collection displayed in a wood paneled room. Transportation to the Museum is by commuter rail. *Meet at the ticket booth at the North Station Commuter Rail Station inside TD Garden at 1 p.m. for the 1:15 p.m. train. The Museum is 4/10 mile from the station. Return trip is on the 4:08 p.m. train. BHV members and their guests and prospective members. Senior fare is \$6.25 round-trip. Admission to the museum is free.*

Tuesday, June 7 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant



The Deer Island Sewage Treatment Plant is the centerpiece of MWRA's \$3.8 billion program to protect Boston Harbor against pollution from Metropolitan Boston's sewer systems. On our 1 1/2 hour private guided van tour of the treatment plant, we'll learn about each stage of the treatment process. To participate in this trip, you must have a valid government-issued photo ID. The deadline to register for this trip is May 24. *Meet at Café Tatte, 70 Charles Street, at 9:30 a.m., or at Starbucks, 165 Newbury Street (between Dartmouth and Exeter), at 9:35 a.m. BHV members: \$20. Non-members: \$35.*

Tuesday, June 7 noon - 1 p.m.
Bach at the Boston Athenaeum



Emmanuel music, a Boston-based collective group of singers and instrumentalists, will perform three Bach cello suites at this free concert. *Meet at the Boston Athenaeum, 10 1/2 Beacon Street, and look for other BHV members.*

Friday, June 10 2:15 p.m.
Architecture Cruise

An annual favorite! Hosted by the Charles Riverboat Company, this 90-minute tour offers spectacular views of historic and contemporary architecture along Boston Harbor, the Charles River Locks, and the Charles River Basin. Narrated by a guide from Boston By Foot and co-sponsored by BSA Space, a center for architecture and design, the tour includes a variety of landmarks, as well as cutting-edge contemporary design by today's top architects. *Meet at the Charles Riverboat Company ticket booth, located outside the Food Court at the CambridgeSide Galleria Mall, at 2:15 p.m. for our 2:30 p.m. cruise. The Mall is a short walk from the Lechmere stop on the Green "E" Line. BHV members: \$25. Non-members: \$35.*

Monday, June 13 9:40 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Georges Island

Tour Fort Warren on Georges Island, a 45-minute ferry ride from Boston. Constructed prior to the Civil War, the Fort is an impressive Third System pentagonal star-shaped-

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Coming in August!

Beauport Brunch & Tour: Sign up by June 16

Tanglewood: Sign up by May 16

See June Calendar page for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>TAXI COUPONS Come to the BHV office on Friday, June 10, between 11 and noon, to pick up your taxi coupons at this monthly distribution. Pay \$5 for a \$10 coupon book; maximum of two books per person, per month. BHV members only. 74 Joy Street, third floor.</p> <p>TRIP TO MARKET BASKET Door-to-door transportation to Market Basket in Chelsea on Wednesday, June 1, at 10 a.m. and noon. A driver will help carry your groceries! Space is limited. BHV members only: \$10.</p> <p>TRIP TO TRADER JOE'S Door-to-door transportation to Trader Joe's in Cambridge on Wednesday, June 15, at 10 a.m. and noon. A driver will help carry your groceries! Space is limited. BHV members only: \$10.</p> <p>TERRIFIC TUESDAYS BHV members meet on Tuesday, June 7 at 4 p.m. at 75 Chestnut Street to discuss and plan outings related to the arts. All BHV members welcome! Registration not required.</p> <p>MEN'S FIRST DRINK The men of Beacon Hill Village continue their once-a-month exploration of Boston's watering holes on Thursday, June 2, at 4 p.m. Location TBD. BHV members and their guests. Pay individually.</p> <p>MAIDENS & MARTINIS Join the women of Beacon Hill Village for a drink on Thursday, June 9, at 4:30 p.m. at The Pour House, 907 Boylston Street. If interested, please contact Louise Haddock by email (lh.9800@gmail.com) or text or phone (617-447-9800). BHV members and their guests. Pay individually.</p> <p>MEDITATION Meets every Monday and Thursday at 8:45 a.m. (except as otherwise noted on the calendar) at the Beacon Hill home of BHV member Susan Cox. BHV members only.</p>	<p>NOTES</p> <p>Meditation cancelled Total Fitness w/Cindy (11-noon)</p> <p>6</p> <p>Meditation (8:45) Georges Island (9:40-1:45) Total Fitness w/Cindy (11-noon)</p> <p>13</p> <p>Meditation (8:45) Total Fitness w/Cindy (11-noon)</p> <p>20</p> <p>Meditation cancelled Tech Help (9-noon) Total Fitness w/Cindy (11-noon)</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (9:30-1) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Back Bay (10-11) Bach at the Boston Athenaeum (noon-1) Terrific Tuesdays (4:00)</p> <p>7</p> <p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Back Bay (10-11) River House Cocktail Party (5:00)</p> <p>14</p> <p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) HarborArts Outdoor Shipyard Gallery (9:45-2) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Back Bay (10-11)</p> <p>21</p> <p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Back Bay (10-11)</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Market Basket (10 & noon) Total Fitness w/Cindy (11-noon)</p> <p>1</p> <p>Total Fitness w/Cindy (11-noon)</p> <p>8</p> <p>Trader Joe's (10 & noon) Total Fitness w/Cindy (11-noon)</p> <p>15</p> <p>Total Fitness w/Cindy (11-noon)</p> <p>22</p> <p>Total Fitness w/Cindy (11-noon) Lunch Group: State Street Provisions (12:30)</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Meditation (8:45) Rose Art Museum (1-4:30) Men's First Drink (4:00)</p> <p>2</p> <p>Meditation (8:45) Maidens & Martinis (4:30)</p> <p>9</p> <p>Meditation (8:45)</p> <p>16</p> <p>Meditation cancelled Talking to Your Doctor: How to Get the Most Out of Your Appointment (2-3)</p> <p>23</p> <p>Meditation (8:45)</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Tai Chi (noon-1)</p> <p>3</p> <p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Taxi Coupons (11-noon) Tai Chi (noon-1) Architecture Cruise (2:15-4)</p> <p>10</p> <p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Smell the Roses: Kelleher Rose Garden (10:00) Tai Chi (noon-1)</p> <p>17</p> <p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Tai Chi (noon-1)</p> <p>24</p>	<p><i>Coming in August!</i></p> <p>BEAUPORT BRUNCH AND TOUR Sunday, August 21 (Rain Date: August 28) 8:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. <i>Sign up by June 16</i> Enjoy an elegant morning brunch on the terrace of Beauport, the Sleeper-McCann House, overlooking Gloucester Harbor. Catered by Beach Gourmet, the brunch will include quiche, fresh fruit, croissants, sticky buns, and mimosas. Afterwards, we'll tour the house, the summer home of one of America's first professional interior designers, Henry Davis Sleeper. This is a public event, but they have graciously agreed to set aside 12 tickets for our group, but only until June 16, so please let us know before that date if you'd like to join us. BHV members: \$70. Non-members: \$85. Price includes van transportation, brunch, and admission to and tour of the Sleeper-McCann House.</p> <p>TANGLEWOOD Sunday, August 21 8:45 a.m. - 7 p.m. <i>Sign up by May 16</i> We are once again partnering with Cambridge at Home and Wellesley Neighbors for a day trip to hear the Boston Symphony Orchestra perform at Tanglewood. The concert features Berlioz Overture to Beatrice et Benedict; Tsontakis Sonnets, Concerto for English horn and orchestra; Saint-Saens Piano Concerto No. 5, Egyptian; and Prokofiev Suite from Romeo and Juliet. BHV members, their guests, and prospective members: \$140. Price includes transportation by private chartered bus, tickets in the shed, and a boxed lunch. Meet at Café Tatte, 70 Charles Street. Reservations required by May 16.</p>
<p>HEALTH & WELLNESS: Beacon Hill Athletic Club (\$5/class) North Station, 261 Friend Street: Aerial Conditioning (Fri at 8:30) North End, 85 Atlantic Avenue: Total Body Strength (Mon at 8:30 and Fri at 8:15); Muscle (Wed, Thurs at 8:30); Stretching (Wed, Thurs at 9:30); Yoga (Fri at 9:15) Beacon Hill, 3 Hancock Street: Senior Conditioning (Tues, Thurs at 10)</p>			<p>Total Fitness w/Cindy Sullivan Beacon House, 19 Myrtle Street, Mon & Wed, 11 a.m. - noon. \$5 for BHV members</p> <p>Total Fitness w/Cindy Sullivan - Back Bay Junior League, 117 Newbury Street, Tues, 10 - 11 a.m. \$5 for BHV members</p>	<p>Tai Chi w/Joshua Grant Beacon House, 19 Myrtle Street, Fri, noon - 1 p.m. \$150 for BHV members for 10-session class Individual classes: \$20/class Email Joshua at gulong16@gmail.com for more information.</p>		



Fort Warren at Georges Island

RIVER HOUSE party



James P. Kelleher Rose Garden



Sculpture at HarborArts Shipyard Gallery



fort, made with stone and granite. Lunch on the Island (bring your own; food will not be available for purchase) before returning to Boston on the 1 p.m. ferry. *Meet at Long Wharf-North Pier, on the north side of the Long Wharf Marriott, next to Christopher Columbus Park, at 9:40 a.m. for the 10 a.m. ferry. The closest T stop is Aquarium on the Blue Line. BHV members: \$13. Non-members: \$15.*

Tuesday, June 14 5 p.m.

Cocktail Party at River House

Join us for our third annual cocktail party on the rooftop of River House, pot-luck style. Please bring an appetizer/hors d'oeuvre or a bottle of wine or other beverage. *Meet at River House, 145 Pinckney Street. Registration required. BHV members and their guests: \$5 (to cover the cost of rooftop rental).*

Friday, June 17 10 a.m.

Smell the Roses: Kelleher Rose Garden

Join BHV members Ken & Cynthia Scott on a walk through the James P. Kelleher Rose Garden in the Back Bay Fens. Part of the Frederick Law Olmsted-designed Emerald Necklace, the Rose Garden is home to 3,000 rose bushes that should be in full bloom during our visit. Afterwards, there's an option to visit the MFA and perhaps grab a bite to eat. *Meet outside the front entrance of the MFA, 465 Huntington Avenue, at 10 a.m. The Rose Garden is less than 1/2 mile from the MFA. BHV members and their guests. Free.*

Tuesday, June 21 9:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.

HarborArts Shipyard Gallery

BHV member Sylvia Blumenthal will lead a tour of the HarborArts Shipyard Gallery, an outdoor collection of more than 30 contemporary artworks set within the grounds and on the docks and barges of the historic Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina in East Boston. The group will take the Blue Line to Maverick Square; from there it's about 6/10 mile to the Shipyard Gallery. On the way, you'll walk through Piers Park, a waterfront park with spectacular views of downtown Boston. Lunch at KO (Australian) Pies, which serves a variety of savory pies. Raindate: June 28. *Meet outside the Bowdoin T Station (off Cambridge Street) at 9:45 a.m. BHV members and their guests. Free.*

Thursday, June 23 2 - 3 p.m.

Talking to your Doctor:

How to Get the Most Out of Your Appointment

Kate Sciacca, RN, will give you tips on questions you might want to ask your healthcare professionals and how to better understand their responses as well as when it might be advisable to see a specialist. Kate will be available to meet with members one-on-one to check their blood pressure and other vital signs and to discuss health care questions after the presentation. *Meet at 74 Joy Street, first floor conference room. BHV members only. Free.*

Monday, June 27 9 a.m. - noon

Tech Help

BHV member Stan Berman will hold 45-minute one-on-one tutorials with BHV members to help them become more proficient with their portable Apple devices. Call the office to sign up for your private session. *Tutorials are at 74 Joy Street. BHV members only. Free.*

Wednesday, June 29 12:30 p.m.

Lunch Group: State Street Provisions

Opened in December 2015, State Street Provisions is a contemporary restaurant with rustic charm. The restaurant offers a selection of salads, soups, sandwiches, and pizza and a raw bar. *Meet at 255 State Street (at the intersection of State Street and Atlantic Avenue on Long Wharf). BHV members and their guests. Pay individually.*

A Volunteer Resource

BY DONNA PETRO



Volunteer Donna Petro and friend on Duckling Day.

FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY VOLUNTEERING, VolunteerMatch.org is a resource to keep you informed about what's going on and who needs help. Sign up on their website, identify where you want to volunteer by zip code and check off what you're interested in doing from a long list of choices.

Once you sign up, you'll start receiving occasional emails with volunteer opportunities that match your interests. If there's one you'd like to volunteer for, click on "Learn More" and Volunteer Match will contact the organization for you. Once they notify the organization, it will contact you directly to confirm.

One of the opportunities I like to volunteer at is Duckling Day put on by the Friends of the Public Garden. I responded to Volunteer Match's email and got a return email from FOPG right away.

If you're interested in Duckling Day, don't hesitate. It's a wonderful event held every Mother's Day on the Boston Common. More than a thousand little ducklings and their families re-enact the duckling parade from Boston's favorite children's book, *Make Way for Ducklings*.

Read all about it by visiting <http://www.boston-discovery-guide.com/duckling-day-parade.html>.

Many BHV members have other organizations they like to work with, and it would be terrific for them to share information about those organizations as well.

Another of mine is Food for Free, which saves food from being wasted. It gets it to people who might otherwise go hungry. Check it out at foodforfree.org and see different ways you can help. ■

BHV exercise now offered in the Back Bay!

Cindy Sullivan, left, conducts a new weekly exercise class at the Junior League space at 117 Newbury Street on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Susan Cox, Connie Hill and Glenda Tall are regulars. Call the office for more information or just show up with your sneakers!



Stan Berman

How They Retired cont'd. from page 1.

is unlikely to ever stop teaching because his talented and active students give him such satisfaction.

Mr. Diver said one change for him is that when he lived on a salary he knew his income depended on him. Now, living on retirement savings, he is wary of Wall Street, yet dependent on the people who run it.

This program is one of three this spring that explores how to make decisions about a time in life when most people are expected to retire. They are open to the general public as well as members. ■

A DRINK AND FRIENDS



Members gathered for First Drink in April at Emmet's Irish Pub on Beacon Street. This BHV "men's group" meets on the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at a different "watering hole" each time. From left, John Besser, Charley Davidson, Doug Fitzsimmons, Herman Woerner, Roger Cox, Curt Anderson, Bob Bramson, Ken Scott, Murray Frank and Ed Pinkus.

The Village Visits Costco

COSTCO IS A STRANGE CONCEPT TO most urban dwellers. Stores in this warehouse club chain occupy vast, bare-bones buildings in vast parking lots and sell vast packages of goods. Members sign up at either \$55 or \$110 annually.

Its formula doesn't work easily for Beacon Hill Village members. Costco might offer shoppers five boxes of Colgate toothpaste or six dozen eggs. Our families are mainly singles and couples. How will we consume those eggs before they spoil?

Our places are typically small and have limited storage. Where will we keep those toothpaste tubes?

Many of us don't have cars. Multiple items of the same product come in large packages. How will we get the goods home?

Beacon Hill Village member Joan Doucette, though, has figured out Costco. She showed fellow Village member Alfreta Barrett of the Fenway neighborhood how to do it. This editor tagged along.

The closest Costco to downtown Boston is in Everett. The drive? Fifteen minutes – tops.

The shopping baskets were twice the size of regular supermarket baskets. Joan had warned us to bring our own bags, so we tossed them into the baskets and started down unmarked aisles. Joan knew her way around and pointed Alfreta to the vitamins. Long shelves full of big bottles of vitamins were priced well, Alfreta thought, and she put some in her basket.

Joan needed Windex – the bottles were too heavy for her to lift. But a person throwing a party for 20 people would find party supplies in the right size.

Alfreta was impressed with a good quality canned spaghetti sauce. It came cheaply in packs of two large cans. This product seemed reasonable for a smaller household. A two-pack of big Cheerios boxes also seemed a reasonable size and was much cheaper than in a traditional supermarket.

Joan said Costco's bread is one of the store's best items. Laundry detergent pods seemed a good buy since they were small and easy to store. Joan is fond of the prepared foods. She frequently serves the chicken pot pie to guests.

As we shopped, some things became clear. You'd shop more effectively on your third visit than on your first when you don't know what to expect. Joan said she goes about once a month.

Most of the prices were jaw-droppingly low. Whole rotisserie chickens, for example, were \$4.99. Joan said they were good.

A BHV member could share a Costco membership with another member, since the annual fee covers two people. BHV members could divide the goods, as in each taking one of the boxes of Cheerios. Alfreta decided she would join and share membership with her daughter, who lives nearby.

Costco is supposed to have exceptional prices on hearing aids and eyeglasses, but we didn't test this. They also have televisions, plants, tires, clothes and books in addition to grocery items. The store's branded products generally get high marks from *Consumer Reports* magazine, but their customer service attracts complaints online. Buy carefully so you don't have to return anything. If you team up with others you can probably save money and get some good products. ■



Beacon Hill Village members Joan Doucette and Alfreta Barrett inspected the prepared foods at Costco in Everett.

Tuesdays With Roberta cont'd. from page 2.

After ten years Roberta moved on to the home-care industry, often representing her company at marketing expos and managing her company's table. During these stints she was able to exercise her talent for meeting new people, learning what they do and helping them understand the work her agency did. The jobs she loved most were those in which she had a lot of personal contact. Roberta admits: "I'm a people person." The love of meeting new people has remained with Roberta until this day.

Roberta retired in her late 60s, and around that time her sister bought her a membership in Beacon Hill Village because she was "sitting at home doing nothing." She met Linda McLaughlin at the Village office where she learned of

the affinity groups Linda was helping to get started. They discussed how many Villagers were interested in the arts. This was the seed that grew into Terrific Tuesdays, which so many Villagers enjoy.

Roberta is a BHV Volunteer Extraordinaire and her followers showed their appreciation with a surprise birthday party this past year. A former volunteer at the Women's Lunch Place on Newbury Street, Roberta connected the two organizations. Today, BHV has held several events there and Villagers now donate clothing, toiletries, and financial contributions to support the women served by the Lunch Place. Roberta has helped us all learn the many ways we Villagers can help others. ■

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CREATIVE KITCHENS TOUR A SUCCESS

Beacon Hill Village’s Third Annual Kitchen Tour took place on April 9 with a sunny day, a celebratory send-off lunch at the Hampshire House and several buses offering a lift to hundreds of visitors winding their way up and down and around to view eight scrumptious kitchens. This year’s tour was made possible by more than 80 volunteers and numerous sponsors, advertisers and supporters. When asked about this year’s tour, chair Atheline Nixon said she was thankful for all the hard work of her amazing committee. And we all want to express our gratitude to all our sponsors, including the following businesses: Beacon Hill Hotel and Bistro, Webster Bank, Cambridge Trust Company, Hingham Institute for Savings, Payne Bouchier Fine Builders, and Tom Kershaw and the Hampshire House.



Far left: Kitty Flather, left, was honored for starting the Kitchen Tour and running it successfully for two years. She handed it over to Atheline Nixon, right, this year.

Left: Keeta Gilmore, Suzanne Besser, and Michael Gilmore admired a floral arrangement in a kitchen on Brimmer Street.