

## Anniversary Celebration Coming Soon!

**Save the date!** On October 27, the Greater Newburyport Village celebrates our 6-month anniversary of providing services with a dinner at the Mission Oak Grill. Best of all, this great dinner is free for members and volunteers! Put this on your calendar now to be sure to keep the evening open.

## Meet Member Annie Tunstall

Village member Annie Tunstall delights in the Lunch and Learn programs and dinners with other members and volunteers. The joys of making new friends and socializing, she says, are one of the great benefits of the Village—though not something she had originally anticipated.



Photo by Barbara Dowd

A year ago Annie and her husband Richard learned about the Village from a newspaper story and discovered that they knew Village founder Hugh Kelleher. Their primary interest at first was their desire to continue living in their own home in Amesbury, after more than 20 years engaged in that community. Sadly, this past winter, Richard succumbed to illness,

We'll gather in the private Steeple Hall room at Mission Grill, starting at 7 pm (6:30 for cash bar drinks). Dinner includes choice of entrée (including vegetarian) plus salad and a glass of wine. Please RSVP ahead of time with your choice of entrée. **Watch for more information in the October newsletter and on the Village website.**

leaving Annie to rebuild her life and care for their home. Since joining the Village in March, she's needed some volunteer help with her extensive garden, and she's very happy to know so many other services are available if needed.

Annie has a wide range of interests, many of which she's looking forward to sharing. She enjoys nature walks (like this summer's Village birding walk) and loves to travel (as a tour director in the past she led many trips to Egypt and other sacred sites). She enjoys a variety of music and played accordion in a contra dance band. She looks forward to the Village interest groups starting up this fall. But mostly she enjoys people—making new friends and seeing old ones—and the members and volunteers who have come to know her are similarly enthusiastic about her.

Annie recalls a notecard from a friend after her husband's passing, especially the phrase "as you begin to re-weave the fabric of your life..." That, she says, is what she's doing now within the Village. If you haven't met Annie yet, introduce yourself at the next Village event. Annie is also looking for a travel companion for trips within the U.S. and overseas. With her perspectives and experience, they'll be fascinating trips!

## Upcoming Village Events

**Members Only Event:**  
**Historic New England's Collections and Conservation Center**  
**Thursday, Sept. 8, 10:30 am**  
*RSVP immediately!*

Village members are invited to a private, behind-the-scenes tour. The storage center houses over 60,000 historic artifacts. Cost: \$15 (\$5 for Historic New England members). 151 Essex Street, Haverhill, MA

**Village Dinner for Members and Volunteers:**  
**Sept. 27, 6 pm**  
**Mission Oak Grill**  
See story on back page.

**Lunch & Learn and Village Talks – Open to the Public:**

**Sept. 14, 6:30 pm, Library**  
"Calling All Cat Lovers: Get to Know The Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society" with MRFRS Executive Director Liz Pease

**Sept. 28 11:30 am, Hope Church**  
"Elephant Orphans: A Glimpse into the Power of Love" with Dr. Mary Baures, author and trauma expert

**Oct. 5, 11:30 am, Hope Church**  
"Scandal and Slander in the Quarterly Court" with Bethany Groff Dorau, Regional Manager of Historic New England

**Oct. 26, 6:30 pm, Library**  
"Tour Cedar Mesa and Grand Gulch, Utah" with Village members Barbara Dowd and Mike Prendergast

See the Village website for details.

## Village Interest Groups Coming This Fall

Many members have said they want to join interest groups and meet new people, so starting this fall, new groups are forming.

The book club will be a great way to get together with others while sharing your love of reading. The book genres chosen will depend on the interests of those in the group, so the decision is yours. Join us for all or any discussion.

Want to join a poker night group for a low-stakes, fun night out with others

who like the game (but are not professional players)? One night a month, relax, banter, and enjoy refreshment and munchies.

Would you like to be a Noshnik? This impromptu breakfast/lunch coterie will emphasize new and overlooked eateries. Any member can initiate a gathering, and others can join as they please. The Noshniks will begin at The Noshery creperie in Amesbury. Yum!

Ever wanted to learn to play the guitar? Let us know who you are.

Many are interested in walking or gardening. Want to lead one of these interest groups? Let's get started while we have some nice weather.

Remember, this is *your* village, so if you'd like to start a group, we can help! Let us know if you are interested in any of these groups by emailing [info@greaternewburyportvillage.org](mailto:info@greaternewburyportvillage.org) and we'll work on getting things organized. Tell us your ideas.

## Food! Friends! Fun!

Our recent members and volunteers dinner at Not Your Average Joe's was a big hit for making new friends! (Photo by Barbara Dowd)

**Join us next for dinner at Mission Oak Grill!** We'll be kicking off the fall season in style with friendly folks, good food, and a warm ambiance.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 27

**Time:** 6 pm (full dinner menu or special half-price bar menu before 7 pm)

**Location:** 26 Green Street, Newburyport

**Cost:** Only your own meal and beverages

**RSVP:** By September 20 – call or email us (see below, left)

Take a break from your kitchen to enjoy a meal together. September is a great time to reconnect and share your summer stories and fall plans. The menu includes excellent steak and seafood specialties, great salads, and some

vegetarian dishes. They are also known for their extensive wine collection. See menus online at [www.missionoakgrill.com](http://www.missionoakgrill.com). Checks will be separate to avoid confusion. Seating is limited so please RSVP as soon as possible.



## Special Chair Yoga Class for Village

After Chris Morton's popular Chair Yoga session this past June, some of our members asked for more classes. So Chris is now offering a 12-week course for Village members and volunteers this fall, every Thursday morning at 10 am from Sept. 15 through Dec. 15 (except Thanksgiving Day). The cost for the full series is \$156. This special Village course depends on at least eight people signing up. If you are interested, please express your interest no later than September 8 by calling or emailing us.

Check the Village website—or give us a call—for class location, attire, and more detail about this class.

## Did you know?

... that Village members can request a wide variety of volunteer services such as:

- ✓ removing window air conditioners for the winter
- ✓ helping you set up a new "smart TV"
- ✓ picking up your prescription at a local pharmacy
- ✓ giving you a ride to a social engagement or Village event
- ✓ helping you move things into storage
- ✓ checking on your home while you're traveling

**Just call us if a volunteer might be able to help!**

## Remember!

**This newsletter and the October issue will be mailed to Village members, but future issues will be available only through email and the Village website unless you specifically request a mailing to your home. Contact us to continue receiving the newsletter by mail.**

Check the website often for more detailed news about upcoming events.

Meet other Village members through Village events and by browsing the Member Portal Directory.

## How to Contact the Village

### For member services and RSVPs:

call 978-206-1821

or email a service request to:

[services@greaternewburyportvillage.org](mailto:services@greaternewburyportvillage.org)

### For information:

call number above or email:

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