

## Village Members Meetup at Gallery

On March 1st, a sizable group of Greater Newburyport Village members gathered at the Paula Estey Gallery for what proved an enjoyable evening of wonderful artwork along with wine and cheese. Our host, Paula Estey, artist and gallery owner, walked us through her current show entitled "Territory, the View Where You Are." The exhibit features the macrocosmic view of painter Miranda Updike, the natural world's point of view by photographer David Stone, and the territory of family life by woodcut collage artist Jen Groeber. The evening gave us a unique opportunity to learn about the artists



and their work while enjoying time with friends. We are very grateful to Paula Estey for making this possible and look forward to doing it again in the future.

## New Location for Village Talks after March

Starting with the April 19 Village Talk, this popular series of speaker presentations will be moving to the Newburyport Senior/Community Center.

### Tales of a Wildlife Rehabilitator.

In addition to teaching his high school students about wildlife over his decades as a Triton Regional School science teacher and department coordinator, David Taylor taught them to work with injured and orphaned animals and assist in the recovery of marine mammal skeletons.



Featured in the summer 2016 edition of *Newburyport* magazine, Taylor has a reputation as a trusted and knowledgeable wildlife rehabilitator, having been involved in the rescue and care of thousands of animals throughout his life.

**Pentucket Teachers Make Poland Personal.** Beginning with the awe and inspiration they experienced reading *Diary of Anne Frank* as young girls, and through their evolution as middle school teachers of the Holocaust, Pentucket teachers, Cheryl Martin and Janet Eppoliti have learned much about this significant event in world history. Their drive to dig deeper into understanding the Holocaust is taking them to Poland this summer to participate in The Poland Personal Study Seminar offered by Classrooms without Borders. Join this Village Talk as Cheryl and Janet share their profound experiences in the classroom and their hopes for their summer adventure. (Talks, cont'd)



## Upcoming Events

**The Village Watch Party (which was cancelled due to the blizzard) will be rescheduled this summer.**

Newburyport Senior/Community Center. Open to the public. Watch future newsletters.

### Village Talks – Open to the Public:

**March 29, noon, Hope Community Church, 11 Hale St.**  
"The Tales of a Wildlife Rehabilitator"  
With David Taylor.

**April 19, 1 p.m., Newburyport Senior/Community Center**  
"Pentucket Teachers make Poland Personal" with Cheryl Martin and Janet Eppoliti.

**May 17, 1 p.m., Newburyport Senior/Community Center**  
"Newburyport's Waterfront: Industrialization, Decay and Rebirth"  
With Skip and Marge Motes.

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### Greater Newburyport Village Members & Volunteers Only:

**March 16, 6 p.m., Member and Volunteer Dinner: Mission Oak Grill, 26 Green Street, Newburyport. RSVP by March 12.**

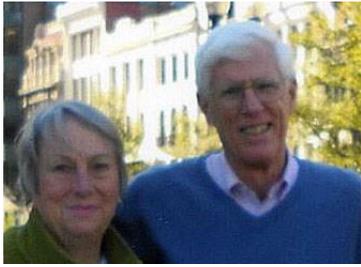
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**See the Village website for more detail on all events.**

## Village Talks, continued

**Newburyport's Waterfront: Industrialization, Decay, and, Rebirth.** Local historians Skip and Marge Motes have studied, written and



lectured on Newburyport's maritime heritage and emerging industrial waterfront. Drawing upon primary sources and the rich photographic resources of the waterfront, their presentation features selections from more than forty photographs and maps, as they take us on a unique journey from 1870 to the present – including intriguing history-detective discoveries uncovered in their thorough research.



**Newburyport Villagers Meetup in Tucson, AZ.** From left: Barbara Dowd, Mike Prendergast, Kate Derrick, Tom Lochhaas.

## Meet Village Member Lois Ascher

“Community” is a word Lois Ascher uses frequently, whether in reference to the Village movement, teaching her college students about urban culture, her volunteer work with Boston's West End Museum where she also serves on its board of directors, or in general discussion of modern life.

Asked about why she joined the Greater Newburyport Village, she refers to Sebastian Junger's book *Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging* to explain how modern society is losing its tribal connection and sense of community. When she received the first mailing from our incipient Village, she says, “I couldn't sign up fast enough.” She joined for the sense of community, people taking care of each other, like family, a sense of belonging—which she contrasts with the “institutional” type of care provided by other services to people as they age. She's also volunteered early on with the Village organizers and now assists with the Programs and Events team. She says it's as much for the pleasure of being with like-minded people as for the work itself: people in the approximate same age group, with much in common, including shared experiences and values.

Professor Ascher has spent most of her life in the area, a graduate of Wheaton College in literature and history who went on to graduate work at Northeastern. In 1973 she became the first woman faculty member at Wentworth Institute of Technology. She tells a delightful story of how there was no woman's bathroom in her building at first, so she enlisted a male professor to guard the door of the men's room when she was inside. And guess what: that helpful man later became her husband! She still teaches her urban cultures studies course at Wentworth and really enjoys her students, whom she considers to be the embodiment of the possible.

In 2001 she and her husband moved to Newburyport from Marblehead—again for the sense of community. They had long come to Newburyport for the community theater at the Firehouse, and she particularly loves long walks through the South End. Her son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren live in New York, and much of her extended family is on the West Coast, but she's now referring to the Village as her new extended family.

One day soon she'll likely retire, and she's looking forward then to even more community involvement. In the meantime, she says, “I am happily part of a movement.”



**Lois Ascher with her students**

## Our Mission

**To promote living well and independently for a lifetime through community engagement and a network of neighborly support.**

## March Village Dinner for Members and Volunteers

Come in out of the cold and step into the warm, inviting atmosphere at Mission Oak Grill on Thursday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy some old and new friends.

Space is limited to 20. Bring a friend and introduce them to the wonderful world of the Village!

The bar menu is half price until 7:00, so bring your appetite! As usual, we will have separate checks. Hope to see you there! Please don't forget to RSVP by March 12!

## How to Contact the Village

### **For member services and RSVPs:**

call 978-206-1821

or email a service request or RSVP to: [services@greaternewburyportvillage.org](mailto:services@greaternewburyportvillage.org)

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