

Celebrating Village Members Born in 1920s

The Village is fortunate to have four members born in the 1920s. Shirley Gabaree, Ann Staffeld, Patricia Bashford, and Beverly Hill all lived through the Depression, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and numerous Presidents, and share many memories. An afternoon tea provided an opportunity to get these ladies together to share their stories and celebrate their lives. Sadly Patricia and Beverly were unable to join the group on August 28th when the Member Care team and Village President, Paul Harrington, spent time with Shirley and Ann. While enjoying tea, finger sandwiches, and pastries, Ann and Shirley remembered going to school in the Depression, the horror of Hitler invading Poland, FDR leading the country through tough times, the soldiers returning home, raising families, and holding jobs through the decades.



Ann, calling herself a “PK” for “Parson’s Kid,” moved a lot as a child when her father was reassigned, graduated from college as an English major, raised three daughters, held numerous jobs such as editor, technical writer, organist for three churches while living in Vermont, moved to Newburyport 12 years ago through a friend’s initiative, and found the love of her life at age 80. Ann is active in the

Newburyport cultural scene and especially enjoys chamber music and poetry.

Shirley grew up in Massachusetts, married after the war and, due to housing shortages, lived in a trailer in which her husband built their first child a crib that hung over their own bed. She worked at various positions and then in her husband’s real estate business as he managed numerous houses in Quincy and Medford, later moving to Newburyport because two of her daughters were here. Shirley made a deal with her husband: he could continue to work at the job that he loved if they spent time traveling, which was her passion. They took about 45 tours over the years! *(continued on page 2)*

Village Going Deeper Series : Getting Your Ducks in a Row

On September 25 at 4 pm at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center, Village members are invited to this special session on legal issues related to growing older. Join longtime Village Charter Member and former Board Member Doug Bolick as he answers our questions about wills, probate, trusts, homestead declaration, estate tax, living wills, power of attorney, and health care proxies. Please register by Sept. 18, as space is limited.



Members: Want a Printed Village Newsletter in the Mail?

If you’d like to receive a printed copy of the monthly Village newsletter, just let us know! Contact the Village Concierge at the telephone number or services email address to the right. Note that if you have an email address registered with the Village, you will still receive the online version.

Upcoming Events

See Website for more info!

Village Talks Open to the Public at Newburyport Senior/Community Center:

September 18, 1-2 pm. “Henry Coit Perkins, Pioneer Photographer” with Susan C.S. Edwards, Executive Director of the Museum of Old Newbury.

October 16, 1-2 pm. “Amesbury Women: Their Daily Lives at the Turn of the 20th Century” with author Edith Maxwell.

For Village Members and Volunteers:

September 17, 6-7:30 pm, Village Dinner at Portside Waterfront Restaurant and Bar. (Separate checks as usual.) RSVP by September 13.

October 22, 6-7:30 pm, Village Dinner at The Grog. (Separate checks as usual.) RSVP by October 18.

For Village Members Only:

September 24, Trip to Boston to ride the Greenway Carousel.

September 25, 4-5:30 pm, Village Going Deeper Series with E. Douglas Bolick, Esq.

October 3, 10 am – noon, Nature Walk with David Moon.

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Members Trip to Boston Greenway Carousel

Tuesday, September 24 (rain date Sept. 27)
Come with us to Boston to visit and ride on the Carousel on the Rose Kennedy Greenway designed after animals native to Massachusetts. At our May Village Talk, Jeff Briggs, the designer, sculptor and art director for this one-of-a-kind carousel, described his work involved in creating the 14 different creatures.

We will drive into Boston and ride the Carousel. Those who wish can walk on

the amazing Greenway and enjoy the gardens. Because food carts may not be available in late September, bring a lunch. The walking distance is under a half mile, but wear walking shoes.

The cost is about \$18 for the ride and shared cost of parking and tolls. We'll meet at 9 am in the Newburyport Shaw's parking lot for shared rides. Please register by September 20, as space is limited.

A Haiku Moment



splish splash
stone skims across water
rippling and rippling

Annette Keane

More Upcoming Village Events

On **September 18**, everyone is invited to the **Village Talk**. Susan C.S. Edwards, Executive Director of the Museum of Old Newbury, will present on Henry Coit Perkins: Pioneer Photographer. Edwards will explore the processes that Perkins used to produce the six views of Newburyport that have become recognized as among the earliest daguerreotypes in the United States. (For more information, see the August newsletter.)

On **October 3**, members are invited to a **Nature Walk**. Join David Moon, Director of the Mass Audubon Joppa Flats Education Center, and other naturalists in Maudslay State Park for a forest walk. We will explore the mature forest in the park, what the season has to offer, including mushrooms and bird watching. Binoculars will be useful but not crucial. We'll meet in the Maudslay parking lot just before 10 am. Please register by September 30.

On **October 16**, the **Village Talk** features local author Edith Maxwell on "Amesbury Women: Their Daily Lives at the Turn of the 20th Century." Edith draws on research and vignettes from diaries and oral histories of life-long residents to tell the stories of women living in our neighboring town when it was bustling with carriage factories, textile mills, and other workshops. Edith is a national bestselling mystery author, and her historical Quaker Midwife mysteries are set in Amesbury.

On **October 24 and October 31**, from 9 am to 12:30 pm, the **Village Going Deeper Series** presents The Art of Age-ing... the Gift of Sage-ing® Workshop. This two-part interactive workshop addresses the question: How do YOU want to "be" as you grow older? It invites you to consciously explore its nuanced answers and provides the perspective and tools to support your quest. The workshop will be held at the Paula Estey Gallery, 3 Harris Street, Newburyport. The cost is \$35 for Village members (covers both sessions); \$50 for nonmembers, if space is available. Members please register by Sept. 26.

Note: For more information on these and all Village events, please check the Event Calendar at the Village website: www.greaternewburyportvillage.org

We Want To Know If you know a member or volunteer who is facing surgery, a loss, or an important milestone, let the Village know so we can acknowledge it appropriately and offer help as needed. Please call 978-206-1821 or email membership@greaternewburyportvillage.org.



A group of Villagers recently enjoyed a tour of Lowell's Boat Shop.

Our Village's Mission

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

Members from 1920s (cont'd from page 1)

Ann and Shirley found that their careers overlapped at times: both worked at MIT in various support capacities. Ann remembered early computers with glass tubes (with actual bugs in them) that took up whole buildings. Shirley remembered the MIT engineers developing gyros for navigation and had a chance to see the inside of a B29 ready for its test flight.

Both of these ladies have the right to do what Shirley advises when asked about her longevity: "We are old enough to brag about our age." Having learned more about Ann and Shirley, the Village thinks that they both have a right to brag about a lot more than that!