

Welcoming in Summer at the Lobster Bake



Some of the 60+ happy Villagers enjoying watermelon after lobster at the June get-together (Photos by Betty McGovern)

Meet Village Member Sherry Rogers & The Newburyport Chamber Music Festival

Sherry Rogers, with her husband Will among the earliest Greater Newburyport Village members, impresses you with her passion for life in our area: the architecture, the history, the sense of community, and the music. Will's parents came to Newburyport in 1933. After Sherry and Will moved here in 1972 and started a family, four generations of Rogers were living together in the same house.



Their careers took them out of town for a while, she a teacher and he an attorney, but they happily returned four years ago. Having studied Atul Gawande's *Being Mortal*, and knowing some of the original Beacon Hill Villagers, they immediately became involved in the Newburyport Village as it was being formed. They value the Village concept and wanted to ensure its future existence. While they are generally busy with family and other activities, they've enjoyed Village events like the Essex River Cruise and the Dalton House get-together. "The Village provides an important alternative," Sherry says, "when we need

to make choices about getting older."

One of Sherry's passions is the Newburyport Chamber Music Festival, which runs from August 5 to 18. Four accomplished international musicians will come together to form a string quartet presenting three concerts at local churches and three intimate evenings of "Hausmusik" in private homes. Along with the joy of hearing really good musical performances right in our own town, Sherry finds the free open rehearsals and panel discussions help her learn more about chamber music and how musicians work together. With a spirit of collaboration local citizens host the musicians and local businesses and institutions host the free events. For example, at the Newburyport Art Association, this year's composer-in-residence Robert Bradshaw will talk about his original piece "A Day in the" (*continued on page 2*)

Upcoming Events

See Website for more info!

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

July 17, 1-2 pm. "Whaleboats and Whaling" with Graham McKay, Executive Director, Lowell's Boat Shop.

August 21, 1-2 pm. "A Savvy Traveler's Travel Tips" with Paula Wright.

For Village Members and Volunteers:

July 16, 6-7:30 pm, Village Dinner at Ristorante Molise Amesbury. (Separate checks as usual.) RSVP by July 12.

August 20, 12-1:30 pm, Village Lunch at Crave, Amesbury. (Separate checks as usual.) RSVP by August 16.

For Village Members Only:

July 24, 11 am, Tour of the Lowell Boat Shop. Bring a lunch. \$6 admission. RSVP by July 17.



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Savvy Traveler's Travel Tips

The August 21 Village Talk by Paula Wright will inspire you with world travel possibilities while she shares tips about traveling alone or with a partner, as a retiree, and on a limited budget. She will tell us about educational opportunities abroad or closer to home and show us how to achieve our own travel goals.

Paula will talk about her passion for travel to destinations where cultures, events, wildlife and people awaken your imagination and desire to learn more. She travels often with Road Scholar's small groups on educational adventures as well as

other individual and group travel.

Surrounded by hundreds of penguins in Antarctica, riding a camel over desert sands, immersed in nature and wildlife, caught in a category five storm off Cape Horn—these are just a few of Paula's retirement activities. An avid photographer, she'll also share spectacular photos of exotic locales she has visited.



Have an Interest to Share?

The Village helps members create ongoing interest groups. Groups to date include walking, needlework, movie-viewing, and literary themes. If you have an interest and would like to share it with others, call 978-206-1821 or email membership@greaternewburyportvillage.org to get started.

Newburyport Chamber Music Festival (cont'd from page 1)

Life of Newburyport." Its eight musical movements are inspired by eight iconic locations in Newburyport and the words of two local poets. Paintings of those 8 scenes by different NAA members will be displayed. Tickets and more information are available at newburyportchambermusic.org.

On August 7, the Festival collaborates with the local Theater in the Open for a free family event at Maudsley State Park at noon: "Storytelling, Puppets & Music" – performed again on Inn Street at 4 pm. On August 13 at 7 pm is another free informal concert in Tracy Square on Pleasant Street. Along with the other scheduled concerts, including intimate performances of "Hausmusik" in private residences, the Festival is an excellent opportunity for learning more and for personal musical growth. You may be inspired to become more involved, and the Festival website provides information about upcoming musical events, volunteer opportunities, a monthly newsletter, and more.

A Haiku Moment

Villager and poet, Ann McCrea, hosted a series of Haiku workshops in which members learned about this poetry form and crafted their own poems. Today and in upcoming issues, we will share our member's Haiku for you to enjoy.



Walking down the path
sweet scent of mock orange
recalling childhood

Carole Bishop

July Village Talk

On July 17 come hear Graham McKay, Marine Archeologist, Boat builder, and Executive Director of Lowell's Boat Shop in Amesbury talk about the history and evolution of whaleboats and whaling. Graham oversees the museum operations, program offerings, and boatbuilding operations. He teaches boatbuilding classes and instructs the museum's high school Apprentice Program, which he created as part of the Boat Shop's involvement with Mystic Seaport's restoration of the whaleboat *Charles W. Morgan* in 2012.

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To promote living well
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Lowell Boat Shop Tour

Special for Village Members Only: On July 24 at 11 am we'll be treated to a private tour of the historic boat shop. We'll see and learn about boats currently under construction and experience the museum of 200-plus years of history told through video and exhibits. Among others, we'll learn about the Banks Dory, which at one point was built by the thousands each year!

The plan is to enjoy lunch there following the tour (bring your own). Since parking is limited, please plan to carpool, or ask for a ride when you register for the event (by July 17). The museum has elevator access. Admission is \$6.

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.