



February, 2014

Coming Activities...

Winter Program Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th, 7 p.m.

The SNN has made a special effort to bring a celebrated speaker to Sandwich for our Winter Program Meeting. We are co-hosting this meeting with the Sandwich Garden Club. We want to fill the Glass Museum with gardeners, lawn tenders, tree trimmers, mulch makers, perennial pruners, friends and family, guests and neighbors. Tom Strangfeld is a nationally known landscape design artist who has many humorous and interesting reflections on home horticulture. We are sure you will enjoy his presentation and his insight. Bring your neighbors, your friends and enjoy a fun evening. Come early for refreshments.

Sandwich Newcomers & Neighbors' Winter Program Meeting will be held jointly with the Sandwich Garden Club on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sandwich Glass Museum. Refreshments served at 6:30 pm.

Our speaker will be Tom Strangfeld, a noted landscape designer who has planted trees in the Boston Public Gardens, and appeared on the PBS series "This Old House." He installed a landscape, complete with a cave, for Aerosmith's Steven Tyler. Tom has lectured at the Arnold Arboretum and Radcliffe Seminars and is a former president of the Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association.

He will talk about "The Taming of the Yew" which is a lighthearted look at how so many of our homes are surrounded by SFBs -- short, fat, bushy shrubs like yews, junipers and boxwoods. He will offer suggestions on how we can improve our own landscapes. His presentation includes outrageous visuals of pruning, wrapping and other tortures that homeowners inflict on their plantings." Tom will become a neighbor of Sandwich when he moves full-time to his home in East Harwich.



The Lanes Bowl and Bistro

Thursday, February 6th at 5 p.m. Join us for a fun evening of bowling and dining at **The Lanes Bowl and Bistro**, a boutique bowling venue in Mashpee Commons. Beth Houlihan has reserved 20 spots for Sandwich Newcomers to bowl from 5 to 7 p.m. and then enjoy pizza or other light fare at the Bistro at 7 p.m. Wait service is available, if you become thirsty while bowling. The cost is \$25 per hour, divided by the number of people assigned to a lane (usually 5 or 6). Shoe rental is \$4. Various size and weight balls are available. This event was a hit last year, so check your calendars and let Beth know if you'd like to join in on the fun. ebhouli@gmail.com or 508-833-9144.

Wine Social

Saturday, February 15th at 7 p.m. Our Wine Social for February will be held at the home of Bill and Tricia Daley, at 6 Evergreen Drive. Please contact Tricia to let her know you would like to attend, and whether you will bring an appetizer or a dessert. Bring your own Beverage, and little valentine hearts will be welcomed as well. paintdaley@aol.com or 508-420-6243.

Ladies Brunch

Tuesday, February 25th, 11:30 to 1:30 Danka Piekarski at 33 Woodridge Road will be hosting the Feb. brunch. There is a guest limit of 12. Please contact her at danusiapiekarski@gmail.com or 203-885-4481. Let Danka know what you will bring for the meal: main dish, vegetable or side dish, salad, fruit or dessert. Please reply by Feb. 18th. Brunch Coordinator: Patti Fattori

NEW GROUP: Going Beyond. How Do You Want to be Remembered? For DIYers. This six session group will discuss obituary writing. We will go beyond the fill in the blank obituary: "She passed away on, She was the daughter of, He attended, He worked as, etc. We will study obits, listen to a segment of NPR's Hear & Now, share personal stories, discuss ways to describe a life, write a six word memoir and draft our own obituary. Limited to 8. First meeting Wednesday, Feb 26th 3-4 p.m. Contact Barbara Gaughan @ barbaragaughan12@comcast.net or 781 572-1321.



Recent Activities...

Regrets that we didn't thank all the hosts from our December activities, as well as the activities from January. Thanks to Patti Fattori for arranging the Christmas lunch, to Anne Sayer and Wade for the holiday party, Jean Gustafson for the Ladies holiday dinner and 'swap', and to Margo Mancinelli for the Pizza party in November as well as organizing the Rep Theater in Providence. Thanks as well to Tom and Catherine Morrison for hosting holiday treats after the town tree lighting and carol sing. Our club depends on the good will and cheer of our members.



Sandwich Profile... Rebecca Foley and Mario Furtado

By Wade Sayer, Editor

'Try something new. Try the unusual. Go somewhere interesting and fun.' These might be the bywords of Rebecca Foley and Mario Furtado. They love adventures and seek out new experiences, develop new skills, and love to learn about what others have done or are doing.

"Mario and I love going to good movies. I used to direct an Indie movie club through the Library, where we went to a foreign or independent movie once a month, and then met to discuss it after viewing it. It was a fun group, but I found I was dedicating too much time preparing notes and background material for each movie," Rebecca told me. She is a teacher who cares deeply about her students, and prepares fastidiously for them. Retirement is near, but she isn't quite ready to stop teaching. She teaches four sessions of English Second Language students at the Cape Cod Community College.



Rebecca and Mario have unusual and fascinating backgrounds. She moved all around the country while growing up: Kentucky, southern California, Washington, DC, and El Paso, Texas. She studied English Literature, Spanish and History. Finally, she received her Master's degree from the Citadel in South Carolina.

Mario was born and raised in the Azores, a citizen of Portugal. He learned horticulture, agriculture and construction business on those beautiful islands. He was recruited into the Portuguese army, and served nearly three and a half years, two of them fighting in Angola against terrorists and guerrilla revolutionists. He learned more about politics of the world, and after building successful business in the Azores, he moved to Massachusetts in 1980. He started his own landscaping and construction business, working on homes and commercial buildings. Mario is very accomplished working with tools and in building construction. He was also active in professionally translating Portuguese to English and English to Portuguese.

After gaining her teaching certificate, Rebecca set off to see the world as well. She taught in Kenya and learned a great deal about emerging nations and the problems their populations face. She returned to take up teaching in Boston, and then on to the Cape. Rebecca has always loved dogs, and while walking her dogs each day, she met Mario, who made a point of seeing her while she was dog-walking. They were married in 2003. They moved to Sandwich in 2007, and love their home backing up to the State Forest on one side and the Heritage Gardens nearby on the other. They have worked hard to reclaim stone walls, build new flower beds and pruned shrubs around their lovely yard. They most recently built a pergola in their back yard, next to their salt water pool.

When asked about their experiences traveling, they both break into big smiles. They love new places, and continue to return to the Azores to see his family. They have seen 'all the islands' of the Caribbean, prefer to travel to Europe and cruises around the world. They have cruised on a luxury yacht from Du Bai to Singapore, from Singapore to Vietnam to Hong Kong. They loved visiting Reykjavik, Iceland and love the Scandinavian capitals, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, and Oslo. Their smiles widen when talking about Amsterdam and Paris and Istanbul. "And," Mario exclaimed, "we still have lots of places around the United States we want to see, Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, Yosemite Park..."

How they will find the time is hard to imagine. Rebecca is learning knitting. They are kayaking. Mario decided to learn to play the guitar, while Rebecca decided she would learn to play piano. And they still find time to walk and play with their Portuguese Water Dog, Cocker Spaniel and Pekinese.

Regularly Scheduled Activities...

The **Women's Daytime Bestsellers Book Club** will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10 – 12 noon at a members home. The books and locations are posted on the SNN website. Coordinator: Sue Federico, suefed693@hotmail.com or 508-888-1250

The **Women's Evening Book Club** meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at a member's home unless otherwise indicated. . Coordinator: Sheryl Lajoie at 508-833-8577.

February 11	<u>Where Did You Go, Bernadette</u> by Maria Semple	Sheryl Lajoie 508-833-8577
March 11	<u>Orphan Train</u> by Christina Baker Kline	Lorraine Jablecki 508-833-1077
April 8	<u>Kitchen House</u> by Kathleen Grissom	Jean McCann 508-888-3829
May 13	<u>The Shoemaker's Wife</u> by Adriana Trigiani	Danka Piekarski 203-885-4481
June 10	<u>One Summer America</u> by Bill Bryson	Sandy Horsman 508-419-1647

Gentlemen's Poker: Meets every other Thursday at member's home, at 6:30. Coordinator: Charlie McCarthy at kc.mm@hotmail.com or at 508-420-9208.

Girls' Night Out: The group meets one or two evenings a month for a movie followed by refreshments at a local restaurant. Jean McCann has agreed to be Coordinator and bring a fresh look to this group. She will send out details approximately four days prior to the scheduled date identifying the activity and meeting time.

Brunch: Every other month a member hosts a brunch at their home where everyone contributes a salad, vegetables, main dish or dessert. This is a great way to socialize and share recipes. Some brunches are for ladies, some for all. Coordinator: Patti Fattori at Pattif1927@yahoo.com or 774-413-5015.

Lunch Out: A lunch is scheduled several times a year at different restaurants followed by another activity, such as shopping, sightseeing or a walk. This activity is open to all members. Coordinator: Barbara Gaughan at 781-572-1321

Mah Jongg: Mah Jongg is played Tuesdays at 1 pm at the Sandwich Senior Center, Quaker Meetinghouse Road. If interested, contact coordinator Jennie Zantuhos at jzngz@verizon.net.

Men's Bridge: Men's Bridge meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Please call Dick Clabault 508-420-0282 to be added to the meeting list.

Couple's Bridge: Couples' Bridge meet the 2nd Friday of each month at 7 pm. Contact coordinator Jean McCann at 508-888-3829 or jeanmccann40j@comcast.net) for more information.

Kayak Caucus: Sliding quietly through the Cape's bays, ponds, marshes and rivers. All levels of kayaking welcome. Coordinator is Ed Houlihan, ebhouli@gmail.com

Biking: Riding the pathways and rail trails of the Cape, lunch at a local favorite. Patty Williams, Coordinator. Mpatty3@comcast.net

Golf: Shoot them long and straight and make new friends. Lorraine Jablecki is our Coordinator for Ladies Golf. hjablecki@comcast.net

The next Board Meeting will be March 19th at the home of Joanne Westerhouse.

For Your Information...



Talk of the Town Speakers Series - February 26th "Cape Cod and the War of 1812" with Jim Coogan, author, columnist and lecturer—Glass Museum Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30pm, program begins at 7.

Sandwich Soul and Chorus Concert – February 28th at Sandwich High School Auditorium.

Talk of the Town Speakers Series – March 26th “100 Years Ago: Constructing an Engineering Marvel” with Samantha Gray, Park Ranger, U.S.Army Corps of Engineers –Sandwich Glass Museum, Hirschmann Theater, 129 Main St. Sandwich, MA. 508-888-0251 Seating is limited. Doors open at 6:30pm, program begins at 7.

COTUIT CENTER FOR THE ARTS

What the World Needs Now: A Musical Tribute to Burt Bacharach
March 7-16

A musical tribute to Burt Bacharach featuring Ruth Condon, Anthony Teixeira, Tom Tracy, Sarah Swain, Cerise Bynoe, Emily Wade Adams and special guests.



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