

Falmouth Newcomers Newsletter



President's Message



The days are getting longer, the red-breasted robins have flown back and my crocuses are in bloom. Spring is in the air and I am looking forward to warmer days ahead.

On April 1 we will begin to collect dues for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. The board will be planning the socials and programs from May to September and it will be helpful to know how many members will be returning. Those of you who are *not* moving up to Encore, please watch for an email with an invoice and application form. You can bring the form and check to the meeting or mail it to the address listed on the form.

In March we celebrated St. Patty's Day with a luncheon at Liam Maguire's Irish Pub. Those in attendance enjoyed music provided by Liam, the company of other Newcomers and things we usually take for granted; electricity, heat and a hot meal. Thanks go to Roanne Angiello and Jane Murphy for organizing this event.

There is a lot going on in April and May. Please check the newsletter for details. Be sure to sign up early as some events have limited capacity and fill quickly.

I introduced the slate of officers for the upcoming fiscal year at the March meeting. We will have the vote at the April meeting and the installation (at the Flying Bridge) on Thursday, May 10. Look for an e-blast with details and coupon.

Please note that the next meeting will be held in the evening of Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church on Main Street in Falmouth. Our program for the meeting is "One Bite Can Change Your Life..." about tic-borne diseases.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Doris Lachapelle, President

Save the Date

- April 6**
 - Shellfishing Course
- April 12**
 - General Meeting
- April 13**
 - Newport Museum Trip
- April 14**
 - Mix and Mingle
- April 26**
 - Dirt Digger Meeting
- May 3**
 - Meet the Author (Vicki Croke)
- May 5**
 - Spring Dinner Dance
- May 6**
 - Theater Trip "The Producers"
- May 10**
 - Installation

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The Falmouth Newcomers fiscal and membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. New members may join Newcomers by submitting an application and paying applicable dues anytime during the fiscal year. For those who apply from July 1 to March 31, their first year of membership will be that fiscal year. Although the annual fee for those joining between January 1 to March 31 will be at a reduced rate, their first membership year will also be that fiscal year. For those who join from April 1 to June 30, their first year of dues and membership will be applied to the following fiscal year.

Dues and applications for returning members are due by May 31 for the following fiscal year.

April General Meeting



Our next meeting is Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Congregational Church on Main Street in Falmouth.

Deer Ticks: “One Bite Can Change Your Life...”

Larry Dapsis, Entomologist – Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

Workshop Description – Lyme Disease is the most prevalent infectious disease in Massachusetts and is now considered to be a public health crisis. In addition to Lyme, deer ticks can carry the pathogens which cause Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis, Relapsing Fever and Powassan virus, all of which can be very serious and are on the increase.

This program will review the basic life cycle and ecology of deer ticks, incidence rates and distribution of tick-borne illnesses in addition to a database under development on infection rates of ticks. A three point protection plan will be presented: Protect Yourself, Protect Your Yard and Protect your Pet. Tick-Borne Diseases are preventable.

Bio for Larry Dapsis – Entomologist since age five...B.S. Environmental Science & Biology at Fitchburg State University and M.S. Entomology at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst. Thirty-five years of professional pest management experience including Vegetables, Cranberries and Household Insects. Joined Cape Cod Cooperative Extension in 2011 as Deer Tick Project Coordinator and Entomologist and is a member of the Barnstable County Task Force on Lyme and other Tick-Borne Diseases.

Encore General Meetings

Newcomers are invited to all the Encore General Meetings.

Upcoming Encore meetings are:

April 18 - 9:30 a.m., First Congregational Church, topic: Birding by Ear, speaker: Mark Faherty, MA Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary.

Have you heard the birds singing in the mornings? Is it because they feel spring coming? What kind of birds are they? Mark will present an interactive program which will help us identify our backyard birds.

Mix and Mingle

Saturday, April 14
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.



This is a fun social (held in Newcomer's homes) and a great opportunity for members to meet and get to know one another.

Participants will bring their own beverage, as well as a hearty hors d'oeuvre (or dessert) to share.

Theater Trip “The Producers” —Green Coupon

Highfield Theater
273 Main Street, Falmouth
Sunday, May 6
2 p.m. (pick up tickets 1:15 - 1:30 p.m.)

Cost: \$18 per person **Deadline for receipt of coupons and checks: April 23**

Encore and Newcomer members are invited to sign up to attend Falmouth Theater Guild’s production of the slap stick musical, “The Producers” at Highfield Theater. Dancing, singing and lots of laughs as two producers present a show which was to make them lots of money by being a flop, which instead becomes an instant success. Reserve seats will be assigned in the order in which checks are received. Members who wish to sit together should send checks in the same envelope.

National Museum of American Illustration — Red Coupon

National Museum of American Illustration
Bellevue Ave Newport, RI
Friday, April 13
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per person **Deadline for receipt of coupons and checks: April 2**

This lunch and learn is a guided tour of the National Museum of American Illustration located in a 52 room mansion on Bellevue Avenue. Lunch at the Red Parrot Restaurant where you will order and pay for your own lunch. Meet at the bike path parking lot on #151. We will leave at 8 a.m. and return about 4 p.m. There are 12 steps - no elevators.

Dirt Diggers' Program - Orange Coupon

**First Congregational Church of Falmouth
68 Main Street
Thursday, April 26
Hospitality: 9:30 a.m., Lecture: 10 a.m.**

THE ADVENTUROUS GARDEN TOURIST

Do you enjoy touring beautiful gardens? Jana Milbocker, a renowned speaker, author and photographer will take you by her talk and photos to the best public gardens, nursery display gardens and other gardens in the Northeast especially CT and RI. She will inspire you to plan day trips to see those places on your own or with friends. Learn about each garden's highlights, ideal times to visit and enjoy a visual tour of each amazing destination. Jana also has a new book, The Garden Tourist, which she will have to sign and sell. You do not need to belong to a Dirt Digger group. Please see coupon in newsletter. Guests welcome! Bring a friend!

Cost: \$8 members and guests. Deadline: April 20, 2018

“Cinco de Mayo Beach Bash” Spring Dinner Dance - Blue Coupon

**Pocasset Golf Club
24 Club House Drive, Bourne MA
Saturday, May 5
6 - 10:30 p.m.**

Seating is limited. Cash Bar.
Wear your sunglasses and sombreros!



Mark your calendar & send in your coupon for the “Cinco de Mayo Beach Bash” Spring Dinner Dance!
Enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner and dancing to the music of Too Much Fun! Get your coupon in early.

Cost: \$40 for members and \$50 for guests. Deadline: April 28, 2018

Meet the Author: Vicki Constantine Croke - Purple Coupon

Falmouth Jewish Congregational
7 Hatchville Road
Thursday, May 3
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (10:30 a.m. coffee)



Honored with both a regional Edward R. Murrow Award and a PRNDI (Public Radio News Directors) Award, VICKI CONSTANTINE CROKE has been writing about wildlife for more than two decades—tracking polar bears, Tasmanian devils, and Madagascar’s top predator, the fossa.

She is the author of The New York Times Bestseller “Elephant Company,” the story of J.H. Williams and the elephants he led for the Allied Forces in WWII, “The Lady and the Panda: The True Adventures of the First American Explorer to Bring Back China’s Most Exotic Animal,” as well as “The Modern Ark: The Story of Zoos—Past, Present and Future.”

She wrote The Boston Globe’s “Animal Beat” column for thirteen years, and has contributed to The New York Times, The Washington Post, The London Sunday Telegraph, Time, Popular Science, O: The Oprah Magazine, Gourmet, National Wildlife, and Discover magazine, among others.

Group Activity Highlights

Free Shellfishing Course!

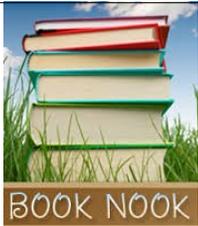
Falmouth Newcomers Shellfish Group in conjunction with the Falmouth Department of Environmental Services will be conducting a FREE 2-hour educational course for recreational shellfishing in Falmouth.

This will include: Rules, Regulations, Clothing, Tools needed, How to shellfish, Where to shellfish, How to open shellfish, How to store shellfish.

Course will be given on Friday April 6 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Gus Canty Community Center, 790 Main Street, Falmouth.

All Newcomer's and Encore members are invited as well as the general public. No shellfish license is needed.

New/Returning Members 2017-2018



11/22/63

By Stephen King

Recommended by Mary Cassidy

11/22/63 by Stephen King: Life can turn on a dime - or stumble into the extraordinary, as it does for Jake Epping, a high school English teacher in a Maine town. While grading essays by his GED students, Jake reads a gruesome, enthralling piece penned by janitor Harry Dunning: fifty years ago, Harry somehow survived his father's sledgehammer slaughter of his entire family. Jake is blown away ...but an even more bizarre secret comes to light when Jake's friend Al, owner of the local diner, enlists Jake to take over the mission that has become his obsession - to prevent the Kennedy assassination. How? By stepping through a portal in the diner's storeroom. and into the era of Ike and Elvis, of big American cars, sock hops, and cigarette smoke...Finding himself in a warmhearted Jolie, Texas, Jake begins a new life. But all turns in the road lead to a troubled loner named Lee Harvey Oswald. The course of history is about to be rewritten...and become heart-stopping suspenseful.

This book was nominated for the Los Angeles Times book prize in 2012. NPR called it King's "most ambitious and accomplished" novel. I enjoyed the read and wonder how things might now be different "what if"....

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Have you read a book that you love?

Would you or your book club like to recommend a book you have read?
