

Greater Lexington Newcomers

Meetings 1st Wednesday 10:00 to 11:30 AM Each Month Except August & December

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Newcomers,

Today's meeting was a nice respite from strenuous gardening. I went on the Historic Garden Week Tour in Lexington this weekend and got inspired. Incredible homes, beautiful flower arrangements, and lovely gardens. A great day, the rain held off.

Ellen Martin brought some art pieces for her talk on the Lexington Rockbridge Studio Tour 2016 (May 14-15). It is amazing what one of the artists can create from paper. This is a great chance to see where and in some studios how art works are created. Some of the Studios have never been opened to the public before. The Visitors Center will have brochures. www.lexingtonrockbridgestudiotour.com

Our main business this month was nominating the board for next year.

President	Mike Lowry
Vice President	Janet Gibson
Treasurer	Nancy Wright
Corresponding Sec.	Linda McCumber

I would like to thank them for saying "Yes" when asked to serve on the board. We will be voting for this slate of officers at our June meeting.

We are starting to plan for our Annual Picnic. Please check the Activities in the Newsletter. Mark your calendar for some great events and outings coming up.

Please plan to come and support the new board next month. Our meeting is June 1.

Enjoy the rest of the month!

Jane Stange, President

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Activities

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Hospitality

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Membership

Bill Docekal

Name Tags

Marilou Schindler

Publicity

Sally Nunneley

Welcome

Kim Crudden

Membership Report



Our club increased its membership by 4 over the past two months. We welcome the following Newcomers:

Robert Vasura
517 Jackson Ave
Lexington, VA 24450
703-853-9304 rvasura@gmail.com

Linda and Arthur Kuehne
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Lexington, VA 24450
703-505-4993 kuehneal@msn.com

Malcolm MacGregor
219 N Lewis St.
Lexington, VA 24450
540-784-3503 malmacgregor65@hotmail.com

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811 S. Main St Apt. #3
Lexington, VA 24450
607-423-9645
therocksongofsongs12@gmail.com

Directory instructions:

1. Call up our Homepage, www.lexvanewcomers.org, click on Membership.
2. Click on "Click here to lookup a member" or "Print out a current Directory"
3. Our username is: **lexcomer** Our password is: **member5**

4. To print the directory, set your "Properties" to "Duplex Printing" so to have front and back printing. Choose the % you wish to see – I use 80% to print more on each page.

Bill Docekal – Membership Chair.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



"Back Home on the Farm Teas" are once again scheduled for each month through December.

Website: www.backhome-onthefarm.com
<http://www.backhome-onthefarm.com>

Address: 2915 Willow Run Road, Harrisonburg, VA, 22802

Directions: I81 North, exit 245 west on Port Republic Road. Cross S. Main Street and turn right on Route 42 North (Virginia Avenue). Travel 4 Miles - turn left onto Willow Run Road. Follow signs to Hess Farm on right.

"Fairy Garden Party Tea"

This tea is celebrating the opening of their Butterfly House! Guests will receive admission to the Butterfly House on the grounds and relax among the beauty of native butterflies and fairy gardens. Then enjoy butterfly inspired sweets and savories with a choice of hot or iced tea!

Date & Time: Tuesday, **June 21** - 1:00 pm

Carpool to leave by 11:30.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION

Wednesday, **June 8**

Contact Sharon Littley - slittley@gmu.edu
or **703-625-0870**

Information for the October, November and December Teas will be in the September Newsletter.



Tour of Maymont Estate and Gardens

(Eight newcomers' have signed up already! Please contact Shelley by Wednesday, **May 4th** if you would like to attend!)

www.maymont.org

Address: 1700 Hampton Street, Richmond, VA 23220

"Discover the legacy of James and Sallie Dooleys' extraordinary gift to Richmond throughout their spectacular home. Rarely seen early images displayed throughout Maymont Mansion give a sense of how things looked when the estate was opened to the public in 1926 - the gardens, the landscape, the buildings and the mansion. Beautiful fashions of the 1920s and "before and after" photographs bring the era to life. Stories of the amazing rejuvenation that began in the 1970s enhance our appreciation of Maymont Mansion as one of the first Victorian mansions to be preserved as a house museum, as well as one of the first four museums opened in Richmond."

Date: Wednesday **May 25**

(NOTE *NEW DATE* - Originally planned for **Monday, May 23**. Maymont is closed on Mondays.)

Time: Meet for Carpooling at 7:45 am (place to be determined)

Arrive: Approx. 10:00 am

Garden Tour: On your own until the mansion tour, you can tour (free) the elaborate Japanese and Italian Gardens and Arboretum; or the Wildlife Exhibits \$4.00; or the Nature Center \$2.00

Mansion Tour 12:00 pm - \$5.00

Lunch: The Tobacco Company 1:30 pm, 5429 Williamson Road, Roanoke, VA 24012

www.thetobaccocompany.com <http://www.thetobaccocompany.com> Check it out for the menu!

Shenandoah Overnight Bus Tour to Lancaster, PA

Date: Friday, **July 29** and Saturday, **July 30**

Boards Lexington

Sight & Sound Theatre to see "Samson"

www.sight-sound.com

Dinner at famous Amish restaurant, Millers Smorgasbord Restaurant

www.millersmorgasbord.com <http://www.millersmorgasbord.com>

Kitchen Kettle Village

www.kitchenkettle.com <http://www.kitchenkettle.com>

Dutch Apple Theatre to see "Mary Poppins"

www.dutchapple.com <http://www.dutchapple.com>

Tour #16023

Price per person: Double: \$329 Single: \$389

See website for more information:

www.shenandoahtours.com <http://www.shenandoahtours.com>

Make your own reservations, but let me know if we have a group going! Reserve your spot with Lisa, **540-885-1528** as soon as possible. As of **April 6**, there were 16 spots available.

The Events committee is always looking for suggestions from all of you of what you would like to do. They will be meeting with the

Overnight Committee and planning more trips.
PLEASE speak up and let us all know where
and what you want to visit!

FUTURE EVENTS



July - Salem Red Sox Farm Team Game - date &
time to be determined

July 10 - Annual Newcomers' Club Picnic -
McKethan Park (Confirmed)

Need volunteers for Set up, Ordering and
Picking up chicken, Coordinating drinks,
Cleanup

August - Cedar Creek Battlefield & Belle Grove
Plantation - Authentic 1797 Manor House, sister
of President James Madison.

Stop at Route 11 Potato Chip Factory, Lunch at
Wayside Inn, Middletown

September - Appomattox Courthouse

October - Cass Railroad Tour during leaf season

November 5 - 2:30 matinee - "One Slight Hitch"
Comedy

Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg
Jan Lowry will confirm details

December 3rd - Annual Holiday Party
Lexington Golf & Country Club (Confirmed)
Ray Leinbach, Chairman

December 6th - Annual Dominion Lights at
Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
Theme this year is "Living Color"
Dinner at the Tea Room in the Gardens



THINKING OF YOU

Has a member had an operation, a new
grandchild? Is a significant anniversary coming
up, or has someone lost a loved one? Please send
me an email with the member's name, and
address if you know it, and I will send
congratulations or condolences as appropriate.
Contact mskovira3@gmail.com or call 464-
1555.

Margaret Skovira, Corresponding Secretary



FROM THE HISTORIAN

Don't forget to send your activity photos to Gary
Sullivan for the on-line photo album.

garysullivan@rockbridge.net

Treasurers Report
4/01/16 – 4/30/16
Submitted by Nancy Wright

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 4,017.93
INCOME	
Dues	75.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,092.93
	
DISBURSEMENTS	
New Member Coffee	43.29
Room Rent	60.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$3,989.64

INTEREST GROUPS

Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers. To join an interest group, call or email the contact person.

Dining In/Fine Dining Group

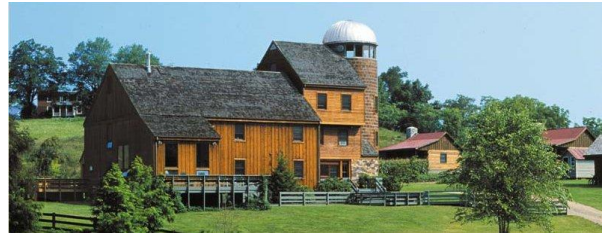


Fine Dining is in the midst our spring round of meals (April/May) and new members are always welcome to join the group!

It isn't too much of a commitment: members attend three dinners per year and members are required to host once every 4 sessions (depending on the total number of members).

Costs for meals are split evenly among all attending each dinner so that hosting isn't a costly burden.

Contact Grace Simcoe at gsimcoe@gmail.com if you're interested in knowing more about Fine Dining.



Dining Out

The Dining Out Group will be having a summer session of dining out events. Hosts have been told to think out of the box and consider dining events that could be coupled with a luncheon or evening event or even a picnic - hike, bike ride, Boxerwood visit, theater or movie event, concert, a picnic up on the Blue Ridge, etc. This is the time to be a little wild if you like. You could even consider something a bit further than the hour ride we try to maintain. Additional hosts are encouraged to plan more activities. Non dining-out members of Newcomers are invited to join in. So far the options include:

DINING OUT - SUMMER 2016

June

Date and place TBD:

Guests: Darin and Bill Docekal (Hosts)

Note: The Docekals had planned to do an event at the Thai Restaurant in Lexington but have decided to do something else since that is one of the events already listed. Once I know the particulars, I will post this.)

Thursday, June 2nd, 5:45 pm - 8 people
Aioli Restaurant (This event is fully booked.)

29 North Augusta Street, Staunton

Website: www.aiolistaunton.com

Website: www.jenniferkirkland.net

Bert Carlson and Jennifer Kirkland will perform during dinner 6-9.

Guests

Sharon and Jack Littley (hosts) slittley@gmu.net
Rosanne Kaplan & guest rkaplan48@gmail.com
Dorothy and Tom Coker whoozie@gmail.com
Cynthia Tucker cmtucker@comcast.net
Pam and Mike Grinder grinfam@aol.com

**Sat, Jun 4 Napa Thai (Limit: 8)
24 N. Main Street in Lexington**

Guests

Pam and Mike Grinder 463-6346 or
grinfam:aol.com (Hosts)

**Wed, June 22, Fort Lewis Lodge at 7:30 pm
5:00 departure from Tractor Supply
Website: <http://www.fortlewislodge.com>**

It is on the way to Warm Springs -- about 1.5 hours from town . So let's leave Tractor Supply at 5:00 and those interested can get beer and wine at Buck's Bar and then dinner is served at 7:30. It is buffet style. It is a lovely valley with great fly fishing and lovely grounds. The inn has rooms in an old barn silo. If you have additional questions contact Caryl Cowden, Fort Lewis Lodge, 540-925-2314.

Guests

Bob Biersack and Jan Smith
janandbob@verizon.net (Hosts)
Sue Whitsitt and Fred Massey
swhitsitt@comcast.net

Directions:

Take Rt. 39 through Goshen Pass and then after Millboro Springs, stay on 39 west, go 0.7 miles and turn right on Rt. 678. There is a Ft. Lewis sign. Follow 678 for 10.8 miles, turn left on 625, go 0.2 miles to sign on left.

August

**Thursday, August 4, noon. , (max 10 guests)
Side Car, Clifton Forge, VA**

Guests

Jan and Mike Lowry
jan.lowry@hotmail.com (hosts)
Julie and Dave Goodrich hcirdoog@hotmail.com
Janet and Calvin Hale HaleJ@missouri.edu



Taste

New Wine Tasting Chair Needed

Jim Slack has retired as the chair of the wine tasting group after leading the group for three years. It is time for someone else to lead the group. Jim said that he has thoroughly enjoyed leading the group. He noted that the Newcomers' wine tasters have been an excellent and pleasant group to work with. Please consider taking over as the chair of this group.



BUNKO!

Come roll with the Bunko ladies! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in learning to play, we would love to teach you. Currently we are adding to our sub list. Please contact Sharon Littley at slittley@gmu.edu or 703-625-0870 for more information.



Pinochle Club

The pinochle club is well into its third year, and recently added a third couple, Greg and Carol Humphries, who have begun to play. While they are getting accustomed to the new rules that we play by, they enjoyed their tutored play. We are looking forward to adding a fourth couple in the near future. If you have the second Wednesday afternoon free, we would love to have you join us. Since training is provided, you don't need to know how to play. Just be willing to enjoy yourself and the company and snack provided. Call Marilou Schindler if interested. Our next play date is May 11.

Call Marilou at 291-2992 for more information or the date and location of the next play.



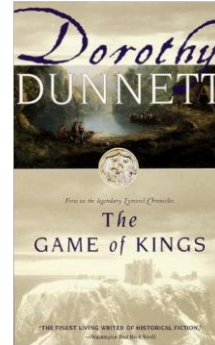
Canasta Group

Canasta meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested in joining or being a sub, please contact Cynthia Tucker, 540-463-3344 or cmtucker@comcast.net.

Fourth Thursday Book Club (closed to new members for now)

The Fourth Thursday Book Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 28 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Terry Fridley. The past three months we read memoirs. For May, we will

switch to the novel form and read *God Help the Child* by Toni Morrison. It is a provocative novel about the way the sufferings of childhood can shape the one's life. Paula Zimmerman will lead the discussion.



Fourth Thursday II Book Club

In April, the Fourth Thursday II Book Club met at Ron Patrick's home to discuss the novel *The Game of Kings* (First in a series called The Lymond Chronicles) by Dorothy Dunnett. Mike Quarles was the moderator.

The Lymond Chronicles follow the minor Scottish nobleman Francis Crawford of Lymond, a dark star whose gravitational charisma pulls in everyone around him: friends, lovers, enemies (and some who are all three at one time). We see him through a kaleidoscope of viewpoints over the course of the six dense, continent- and decade-spanning novels (NPR).

Generally readers either love or hate this book. Love: Thrilling, exciting, compelling, intricate, and can't wait to read the next in the series. Hate: Obtuse, confusing, pretentious, archaic, and can't read another word past page 50.

If reading *Shades of Grey* is like eating cotton candy, then reading *The Game of Kings* is like eating a sirloin steak with a spoon. It can be a great source of protein but it is a difficult task to get it.



Thunder Ridge Overlook

Hiking Group

The Newcomers Hiking Group hikes every Friday weather permitting. If you would like to be on the email list just email Don Brooke, donbrooke@gmail.com, or Debbie Maurer, mountaintoppers@exede.net.



Yoga Group

The Newcomers' Yoga group meets weekly on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 in the Fitness Center at Kendal. The Center is down the hill and behind the main building, but we are requested to park our cars in the guest parking lot, anywhere on the circle.

Our class is appropriate to all levels, and individual needs are addressed with modifications. Bring your mat, wear some comfy clothes, and join us for an hour of gentle stretching, conditioning and strengthening in a union of mind, body and spirit.

Please call Helen Moore at 850-240-5619 if you have any questions.

CALENDAR

MAY

- 3 Yoga
- 4 Club Meeting**
- 5 Mother's Day High Tea*
- 6 Hiking Group
- 10 Yoga
- 11 Pinochle
- 13 Hiking Group
- 17 Yoga
- 18 Bunko
- 20 Hiking Group
- 24 Yoga
- 24 Canasta
- 25 Tour of Maymont*
- 26 4th Thursday Book Club
- 26 4th Thursday II Book Club
- 27 Hiking Group
- 31 Yoga

JUNE

- 1 Club Meeting**
- 3 Hiking Group
- 7 Yoga
- 8 Pinochle
- 8 Fairy Garden Party Tea*
- 10 Hiking Group
- 14 Yoga
- 15 Bunko
- 17 Hiking Group
- 21 Yoga
- 23 4th Thursday Book Club
- 23 4th Thursday II Book Club
- 24 Hiking Group
- 28 Yoga
- 28 Canasta

'New' Newcomers Tea Coffee Extravaganza



Linda and Dennis Andrew opened their lovely home last month to host the 'new' Newcomers Tea and Coffee Event. It was a smashing success (though no one actually got smashed)! A total of seventeen recent members attended along with nearly as many veteran members, and all enjoyed the food and fellowship for the afternoon. Our special thanks to Linda and Dennis and to the veteran members who provided the delicious culinary fare. We hope to continue these 'welcome' events in the future and are always on the lookout for volunteers to host. Please contact Phil Crudden at pcrudden@gmail.com for more information.