

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,

The good news is the club and I survived my first meeting as your president and what a great meeting it was. The best news was we had some 9 new members and guests in attendance! Highlights of the meeting included a presentation by Debi Ratcliff, Adult Services System Manager, who pointed out some things the library and patrons can do on line from tracing your ancestors to getting books not only in print but for audio pleasure off your cell phones.

The new members this month and previous month show our club has grown and this growth has resulted in one major change for the new year and that is for the Christmas party to move to a larger venue. This year's Christmas party will be in the Mezzanine at the Virginia Horse Center on Saturday, December 3. The new venue will provide more room to move around for socializing as well as seating than was the case last year at the Lexington Country Club. The Country Club has hosted the event for several years but with the growth of the club, the new venue promises to provide more space for the very popular event. The club also is working to bring down the cost to attend this popular event that the club annually subsidizes. The decision to move the event was approve overwhelming at the September meeting.

The fall event this year will be something special. The theatre at the Southern Virginia University will be presenting the play "Steel Magnolias". The club will host a dinner at the ballroom at SVU followed by the play on Saturday, November 5. Details are to be worked out but cost to members taking part in the event for both dinner and play is expected to be around \$15 per person! If you have not been to a play at SVU, you are in for a treat. The theatre has built a reputation for excellence and the play "Steel Magnolias" is one you will remember for a long time.

Club members will want to take part in the short walking tour with historic interpretation of Jordan Point and personal tour of the Miller House Transportation Museum led by Dick Halseth later this month. Also members should check out the many other upcoming activities and events. It promises to be a busy and fun event filled fall season for the club.

We look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

Mike Lowry
Newcomer's President

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Membership Report



Welcome to the new year, and many new faces of attendees at [today's](#) meeting. Not many of you paid your dues for the new club year that started [today](#). Remember, your dues must be paid by the October meeting.

Send your payment of \$15 for a single member or \$30 for two to our new Treasurer, Aileen Spurgeon, 12 Abby Rd, Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473.

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

Marjorie and David Connolly
385 Forest Grove Road
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1469 Thornhill
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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.

Marilou Schindler – Membership Chair.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

**Pump Boys and Dinettes
Greenbrier Valley Theater
Lewisburg, WV
Friday, September 16**

Book, Lyrics and Music by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel, and Jim Wann Musical

Pull off the road on Highway 57, order up some spoonbread, some butter beans and corn and top it off with a piece of homemade pie at the Double Cupp Diner. You'll find some amiable company with the dinettes and the gas station attendants from across the road as they fill their days with music and humor. This jubilant country western musical is just good ole down home fun!

We'll meet at a local restaurant at 5:00 for an early dinner before the 7:30 show. Senior tickets (60+) are \$27 and for you younger folks, \$30, (check payable to Jan Lowry).

This is a very short turn around so e-mail Jan Lowry your reservations to jan.lowry@hotmail.com and mail your check to Jan Lowry, 51 Shepherd Drive, Lexington, VA 24450, **TODAY!**

Deadline is September 12.



**MILLER
HOUSE
MUSEUM
TOUR & BAG
LUNCH AT
JORDAN'S
POINT**

A private tour will be given to the members of the Lexington Newcomers' Club by Dick Halseth, Board President of the Miller House Museum and longtime member of the Newcomers' Club!

DATE: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

ITINERAY:

11:30 AM - Lunch

Bring a bag lunch & a drink and meet at Jordan's Point Pavilion

12:15 PM (approx time after lunch) -

Walking Tour of Island

Dick will lead us on a tour of the island to set the stage for the Museum Tour

1:15 PM (approx time after walking tour)

- Miller House Museum

Dick will give us a private tour of the Museum

DIRECTIONS: 834 Moses Mill Road From I-64W, take Exit 55 and turn left onto Route 11. Follow Route 11 toward Lexington. Cross the Maury River Bridge and turn right at the next intersection onto Stono Lane. Follow Stono Lane for 200 feet and park in the lot on the right. You can see Museum straight ahead!

RSVP BEFORE September 14 to Shelley Undercoffer at sunder4@juno.com or 540-461-0623

OCTOBER



**CASS
SCENIC
RAILROAD
TRIP**

Whittaker Station – 4 mile, approx. 2 hour round trip excursion

Departing the Cass depot, this steam engine trip takes you to Whittaker Station, located 4 miles up the track from Cass. Whittaker Station is the location of the authentic logging camp recreated by the volunteers of the Mountain State Railroad & Logging Historical Association, where passengers will have a 30 minute layover to enjoy the views. A concession stand and restrooms are also available at Whittaker Station.

DATE: Tuesday, October 11, 2016

CARPOOL: Meet at Tractor Supply parking lot at **7:45 AM** (Please let Sharon know if you can drive)

TRAIN DEPARTS CASS DEPOT: 11:00 AM

COST: Senior \$35.00

Need Reservation and Check NO later than September 20th

MAIL CHECK TO: Sharon Littley, 120 Spring Ridge Lane, Fairfield, VA 24435

PHONE: 703-625-0870

EMAIL: slittley@gmu.edu (Please put in subject line: CASS Railroad Trip)

CAMELOT presents **INTO THE WOODS**
Saturday, 29 October at 1:00 pm
at the Historic Masonic Theatre and
Amphitheatre in Clifton Forge
Tickets:\$18-\$20

Reservations and money need to be in by next Newcomer meeting, 5 October. (If I see the seats are going fast I will let everyone know that I am moving up the date)

The Historic Masonic Theatre is a recently restored Beaux Arts building built in 1905 known as The Mason Hall and Opera House. A beautiful setting for: **INTO THE WOODS**

One of Sondheim's most popular works, Into the Woods takes everyone's favorite storybook characters and bring them together for a timeless, yet relevant, piece... and a rare modern classic. The Tony Award-winning book and score are both enchanting and touching. The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results. Boasting an impressive cast of local and regional actors, CAMELOT has been enchanting audiences for years. They are from right here in Buena Vista!

NOVEMBER



**REPEAT" FUSED GLASS
PLAYDATE! REQUESTED
BY MEMBERS!**

The Fused Glass "Play Date" is an informal workshop in Fused Glass led by owner, Karla Rodgers. Even if you've never seen glasswork before, you can create your own glass art. The

Play Date session is typically 90 minutes long. Adults will select a glass project, choose their own glass and then learn to cut and grind the glass and assemble it for firing and slumping. Price is according to type of glass you choose and project. They have several standard projects from sun catchers to large bowls. (**Note: All participants must wear closed toed shoes for safety.**) For more info, please go to their website.

DATE: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

TIME: 4:30 – 6:00 PM

PLACE: Renegade Art Glass Studio & Gallery
142 Old Buena Vista Road
Lexington, VA 24450

DIRECTIONS: Turn onto Old Buena Vista Road, and drive about ½ mile. Studio is on the right.

CONTACT: Sharon Littley,

PHONE: 703-635-0870 or

EMAIL: slittley@gmu.edu (Please put in subject line Fused Glass Play Date)

WEBSITE: <http://renegadeartglass.net/>

**NEWCOMERS' FALL EVENT DETAILS,
MENU, etc WILL FOLLOW IN AN EMAIL
IN OCTOBER!**

Dinner and Play

The Lexington Newcomers' Club provides a portion of expense for a fall event for all members. This year, the odd year of not holding the October Fest, we are offering a dinner and a show.

EVENT: Southern Virginia University_Play:
"Steel Magnolias" Dinner before show in SVU
Ballroom

DATE: Saturday, November 4, 2016

DINNER TIME: 5:00 PM

PLAY TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Southern Virginia University,
Chandler Hall, 1 University Hill Drive
Buena Vista, VA

CONTACT: Shelley Undercoffer

PHONE: 540-461-0623

EMAIL: sunder4@juno.com (Please put
in subject line SVU Event)



TEA & COFFEE SOCIAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, November 6th

ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER? The Newcomers Club periodically holds a Tea & Coffee social event to welcome our newer members. Our last one for 2016 will be held Sunday, November 6th from 3-5 pm at Bill and Pat Anthony's home at 506 Jackson St in Lexington. We encourage all new 2016 members to attend! This is a great opportunity to network with other new members and also meet some veteran members in a relaxed setting.

We hope you will join us November 6th for refreshments and hors d'oeuvres, plus great fun and fellowship. Please watch for your personal invitation in the mail!

For questions or comments, please send an email to Phil Crudden (pcrudden@gmail.com).



LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDEN

2016 Dominion GardenFest of Lights Tour: “LIVING COLOR”

Dinner: Robins Tea House

A holiday tradition featuring more than half-a-million twinkling lights, hand-crafted botanical decorations, model train, firepit with s'mores and hot chocolate (for purchase). This year's GardenFest theme explores color: how the world's kaleidoscope of colors speaks to us, impacts nature and influences culture. Enjoy a phenomenal light show, all in **Living Color!** Holiday caroling throughout the Garden between 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at various Garden locations. Our world communicates through color and you'll find a rainbow of sparkling colors at this year's GardenFest of Lights. Color touches every facet of our life: The shades of fruits and vegetables signal the peak of ripeness for doses of color-coded nutrients. Pollinators seek flowers and nectar based on color cues. Minerals collect and form colors in gemstones, while flowers and foliage offer pigments for dyes that transform fabrics and papers. Even our moods are influenced by the wide-ranging colors from a spectacular winter sunset to half-a-million sparkling lights in a brilliant kaleidoscope of color. See colorful translucent butterflies in flight, stained glass-inspired illuminations, sparkling white light transformed into a brilliant rainbow, floating flowers opening and reaching toward “sunlight,” fields of brightly colored blooms waving in the moonlight, illuminated spheres dancing in the sky!

DATE: Tuesday, November 29, 2016

TIME: Dinner in Robins Tea House in the Garden at 5:00 PM

PLACE: Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
1800 Lakeside Avenue
Richmond, VA 23228

CARPOOL: Meet at Tractor Supply parking lot at 2:45 PM (approx. 2 hours to Richmond)

COST FOR GARDEN TOUR: Seniors (age 55+ \$11.00) Pay at garden entrance

COST FOR DINNER: Choose from Tea House Menu, dutch-treat

CONTACT: Sharon Littley **RSVP BEFORE OCTOBER 29th FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS**

PHONE: 703-635-0870

EMAIL: slittley@gmu.edu (Please put in subject line Lewis Ginter Light Tour)

WEBSITE:

<http://www.lewisginter.org/visit/dominion-gardenfest-of-lights/>



Butterfly House at Back Home on the Farm

BACK HOME ON THE FARM TEAS

OCTOBER - Fall Harvest Tea

The search is on for the perfect pumpkin in our pumpkin patch, but at our monthly tea, we have already found them! Celebrate all things fall, a little spice, wondrous varieties of apple goodies, join us for a cup of mulled spice tea or cider, and fall inspired soup, savories, and sweets

DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2016

TEA TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 PM

PLACE: Hess Farm
2915 Willow Run Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

CARPOOL: TBD (approx. 1 hour from Lexington)

COST: \$20.00

CONTACT: Sharon Littley **RSVP BEFORE OCTOBER 5th**

PHONE: 703-635-0870

EMAIL: slittley@gmu.edu (Please put in subject line OCTOBER Tea)

WEBSITE: <http://backhome-onthefarm.com/>

NOVEMBER - Today I Am Thankful For... Tea

The holidays are just around the corner. Now is the time to enjoy friends with a 4-course tea of delicious fall savories and sweets! Join us with friends to relax and enjoy some time together before everyone gets so busy.

DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2016

TEA TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 PM

PLACE: Hess Farm
2915 Willow Run Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

CARPOOL: TBD (approx. 1 hour from Lexington)

COST: \$20.00

CONTACT: Sharon Littley **RSVP BEFORE November 2nd**

PHONE: 703-635-0870

EMAIL: slittley@gmu.edu (Please put in subject line NOVEMBER Tea)

WEBSITE: <http://backhome-onthefarm.com/>

DECEMBER My - Favorite Things Tea

It is Christmas time at the farm – make some memories with friends and family! Don't miss the last tea of the year! Take a break from Christmas shopping and join us for a delightfully afternoon tea of memory making sweets, savories and tea!

DATE: Thursday, December 19, 2016

TEA TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 PM

PLACE: Hess Farm
2915 Willow Run Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

CARPOOL: TBD (approx. 1 hour from Lexington)

COST: \$20.00

CONTACT: Sharon Littley **RSVP BEFORE December 7**

PHONE: 703-635-0870

EMAIL: slittley@gmu.edu (Please put in subject line DECEMBER Tea)



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 irmox@yahoo.com or call 804-839-4671.

Linda McCumber , Corresponding Secretary

Treasurers Report

7/01/16 – 8/31/16

Submitted by Nancy Wright

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 2,999.29
INCOME	
Dues	7.50
Picnic	<u>405.00</u>
Income Subtotal	412.50
TOTAL	\$ 3,411.79
	
DISBURSEMENTS	
Website	107.40
Other (stamps)	9.40
Picnic	<u>263.44</u>
Expense Subtotal	380.24
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 3,031.55



FROM THE HISTORIAN

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

garysullivan@rockbridge.net

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

Do you enjoy visiting with a small intimate group of friends over a delicious meal? Then please consider joining the "Fine Dining Group"!!

As a participant you'll be a part of the three dinners during the year at members homes. I coordinate the dining assignments so that at each dinner you're eating with a new group (usually around 8 people at each meal).

Members of Dining In should be prepared to host one time during the year. Hosts determine the menu, coordinate with their guests to choose a suitable date and time, and assign recipes for the meal. Hosts generally find it easy to come up with a theme for the dinner and members should be prepared to be open to trying new cooking experiences and recipes!

The cost of each dinner is split evenly among the participants so hosting isn't a financial burden. You needn't be a "couple"... singles welcome!

I'll be sending out the request for Host to sign-ups for the Fall, Winter, and Spring dinners soon, so please contact me, Jane Stange, at 703-969-4023 or pstange@embarqmail.com with any questions or to have your name added to the list.



Dining Out

The Dining Out group extends a hearty welcome back to everyone and especially to those who are

new members to our organization. The Dining Out club gathers together in small groups up to eight individuals to eat out at nearby restaurants. Each member of the club is expected to host one of these intimate groups by setting up a reservation at a restaurant and letting Dorothy Coker know the particulars of the arrangement you've made (restaurant, address, date, time, website if available, restaurant phone number and the number of guests the restaurant can handle. Each guest will pay for their meal and tip separately being careful to adhere to the restaurant's policy with regard to tipping for groups.

When I have received the information from all hosts who have signed up for a quarter, an email will be sent to the members of the group who will be asked to submit up to three choices of restaurants they would like to attend and I will assign everyone to one of the choices depending on a first come, first serve basis. After two weeks time to allow all members to sign up for a venue, if openings still exist and you have indicated an interest in attending more than one venue in any given quarter, you will be assigned to one of your other choices and an email will be sent to notify you of this.

Hosts will remind guests who have signed up for their venue about a week in advance of the event and set up car pool arrangements if desired. Hosts will follow up with the restaurant to confirm the reservation. All guests are responsible for their own bills and tips. Please try to remember to take some photos of the event and submit them to the newsletter.

Events will be scheduled for three of the quarters and potentially for the summer if members like that option. I am requesting all members sign up to host for one of the quarters now so that is all set up though I won't need to name of the restaurant until we get within a month of your quarter. I will send out reminders to the hosts who have agreed to host when I'm ready for that.

Thanks to all who participate. All members from prior years remain on the distribution list until I am notified otherwise. New members interested in joining the Dining Out Club can contact me, Dorothy Coker, at [540-348-6248](tel:540-348-6248) or by email to cedarbranchhollow@gmail.com to be added to the list.

I look forward to the coming year but as I have been doing this now for four or five years, this will be my last year so I'll be looking for someone else to take over this responsibility for the 2017-2018 year. Please consider whether this is an area of interest for you and let me know.



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 703-625-0870 or slittley@gmu.edu for more information.

Pinochle Club



The pinochle group is seeking another couple to play pinochle. Since all three couples are not available to play each month, you may only play every two months. We play two games that takes about forty five minutes a game. Refreshments are served by the hosting couple half way through the playing time. We have discovered that day time works best, and have been playing from 2-4. New players are encouraged to learn. The game is easier than bridge, and just a little more difficult than Hearts or Spades. For information, call Marilou Schindler 291-2992.



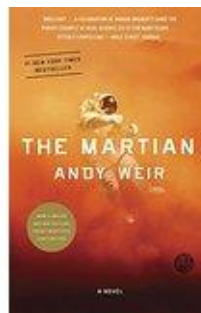
Canasta Group

Canasta meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in one of the regular members' home. At this time we have an additional 8 members who are on a substitute list and who are called when a regular will be absent from the monthly game.

Someone might be interested in starting another canasta group since there seems to be some interest by Newcomer members who are not in the canasta group as a regular or on the substitute list. Also, because of the current long substitute list, each substitute does not have an opportunity to play very often. I can help someone who wants to start another canasta group with names of Newcomer members who have expressed an interest.

Cynthia Tucker, [540-463-3344](tel:540-463-3344),
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, September 28 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Paula Zimmerman. After a few months of nonfiction, we will switch to fiction and go out of this world with *The Martian* by Andy Weir. For those of you who have not seen the movie, it is the story of astronaut Mark Watney, a member of the first group of people to walk on Mars. Mark, believed to be dead, is left behind when the crew is forced to leave Mars and return to Earth. It is the story of his will to stay alive and his resourcefulness to overcome impossible odds. Nora Gaty will lead the discussion.

Fourth Thursday II Book Club

The purpose of this book club is to share our love of literature and enjoy the variety of literary tastes (fiction and non-fiction) brought to the table by our fellow members. We enjoyed getting together for an August meeting this year.

Our August meeting was held at the home of Katherine Schenker. She led the discussion of the book *Gorky Park*, a 1981 crime novel written by Martin Cruz Smith set in the Soviet Union. This is the first of eight books in the “Arkady Renko” series: *Gorky Park* (1981), *Polar Star* (1989), *Red Square* (1992), *Havana Bay* (1999), *Wolves Eat Dogs* (2004), *Stalin's Ghost* (2007), *Three Stations* (2010), *Tatiana* (2013)

The story follows Arkady Renko, a chief investigator for the Militsiya, who is assigned to a case involving three corpses found in Gorky Park, an amusement park in Moscow, who have had their faces and fingertips cut off by the murderer to prevent identification. Despite being born into the nomenklatura himself, Renko exposes corruption and dishonesty on the part of influential and well-protected members of the elite, regardless of the consequences. A short episode of the book takes place in the United States, but when exposed to western capitalist society, he finds it to be equally corrupt and returns to the Soviet Union (while he may have found corruption in the West, in Red Square, it is stated that he returned to the Soviet Union in order to protect his love interest, Irina, from also being forced to return).
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorky_Park_\(novel\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorky_Park_(novel))

Our book club gave this crime novel a 3.1 overall rating out of 5.

Our next book is written by the British novelist Alexander McCall Smith of the No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency series (17 novels): *Friends, Lovers, Chocolate*. It is the second in the Isabel Dalhousie series of 11 novels. It will be held at the Henderson’s home on September 22nd.



Yellow Slipper

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.

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