

The Village News

NORTH FALMOUTH VILLAGE ASSOCIATION • VOLUME 61 • February 2022



NFVA Board Meeting

When: February 8, 2022

Time: 7pm

*Where: NFVA Junction Bldg
212 Old Main Road*

*All members in good standing are invited
to attend.*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Winter to all!

I hope you are well and warm on these chilly days. We at the Village Association are busy making plans for opportunities to connect this year. Please read on to learn about the social and volunteering possibilities. And as always, if you would like to start a club or group (think Canasta or Book Club) please contact our Community Enrichment Coordinator Ilene Karnow at wonrak@comcast.net. These winter months are a great time to meet new people with similar interests or reconnect with old friends as our lives take on a slightly slower pace.

I want to thank our Communications Team, Rich Youmans, Tracy Chapman and Anja MacDonald for keeping us informed through our e-newsletters, PDF newsletters, website and social media. I am so grateful for the time and energy you invest in keeping us all connected. Thank you.

See you around the village,

Peggy Heaslip

President NFVA

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NFVA Scholarships

Applications are being accepted from
February 1, 2022 - April 1, 2022

Download the application from
northfalmouthvillageassociation.org

Scholarship recipients will be
announced in May

Cape Cod Rocks!

*NFVA Receives Falmouth Cultural Council Grant
for Entrepreneurial Program Promoting Local History & Environment*

Cape Cod and pink granite have a long history together. Quarried in the 1800s along West Falmouth ridge (an area that

ran between what is now Routes 28 and 28A, from Route 151 to Wishing Moon Hill in Sippewissett), the lightly colored rock was first used for many local buildings. (In 2017, during repairs at the First Congregational Church in Falmouth, masons unearthed the church's original pink granite entry steps, still intact after some 140 years.)

The rock and its Cape connection gained national exposure when it was chosen for John F. Kennedy's permanent memorial at Arlington National Cemetery: The president had developed a fondness for the pink, coarse-grained stones during his trips to Cape Cod. Although the local deposits had been largely depleted by then, pieces were found and delivered from Falmouth for the memorial's construction.

The indigenous stone will now be the centerpiece of a new NFVA project, Cape Cod Rocks!, in which local pink granite will be used to create thumb tacks and magnets for sale regionally. The North Falmouth Village Association—which received a \$475 grant from the Falmouth Cultural Council to help fund the project—is a joint effort with the area-based organization Cape Abilities, which provides education, counseling, and support for individuals with disabilities. (Cape Abilities recently joined as one of NFVA's newest business members.)

The project is being spearheaded by Ilene Karnow, an NFVA board member who over the past year has initiated such regular events as Mahjong Mondays (at the Village Junction building) and the new Walking Wednesdays. The idea stems from a sailing trip she took to Maine four years ago, when she encountered the work of an artist who used Maine's indigenous rocks—quartz, feldspar, mica, and other pegmatites—among his materials

"Maine is renowned among rock hounds, and artists often use them in their work—on Etsy, you can find pages of artwork using Maine pebbles and rocks," she says.

She remembered the encounter a few months ago while brainstorming new NFVA projects, and the idea of creating tacks and magnets evolved. The project, she knew, would require many hours of repetitive piece work, and the NFVA would need help with assembly. By chance, Cape Abilities had recently opened up its new North Falmouth office on Route 28A. Given the organization's mission and its desire to engage with community programs, "it seemed to be the perfect partner," Ilene says. She made the connections, and Cape Abilities quickly came on board.

"All 15 participants at our Falmouth location are eager to participate," the Cape Abilities team wrote in a letter to the cultural council supporting the grant. "Our participants love to create art, and this project ... would allow them to do just that while also integrating with new members of the community."

Cape Cod Rocks! (continued)

The letter added that a favorite activity of the Cape Abilities participants "is to visit the beach, and they would be able to use these beach trips to source materials for this project."

According to Kevin Conniff, the current Cape Abilities liaison, the project is currently in its "research and development phase ... I am ironing out the finer logistics of assembly and packaging. I'm also researching and developing tactical methods to accomplish [the project] based on our consumers' needs here at Cape Abilities." Eventually, the Cape Cod Rocks! packages (each of which will contain several tacks or magnets) may be sold locally through Cape Abilities, although that is also part of the logistics being worked out.

The project is also becoming a greater community event. The North Falmouth Elementary School PTO is also helping to collect stones—"Students can use family trips to the beach to talk about the history of Falmouth pink granite while collecting appropriate rock specimens," said Shara Bonpietro, the liaison between the PTO and NFVA.

Falmouth artist Carrie Fradkin has offered to contribute her creative skills for the packaging designs. And North Falmouth resident Laurie Leitner, who has 40 years' experience in sales, customer joint-development projects, and marketing strategy and planning, has volunteered to help with marketing and distribution. The 300 Committee Land Trust has also offered its support: through its Mock Moraine trails, visitors can walk where the former granite quarries were located.

Eventually, the Cape Cod Rocks! project will also feature organized stone-gathering trips through which students, families, and individual community members can learn about the history of pink granite in the region.

"It would be a way for families to participate and learn more about the town's culture," Ilene says. And, in so doing, continue the legacy for future generations.



Ilene Karnow at Cape Abilities

Around the Village



Puzzle Library Coming Soon!

Donate your gently used puzzles at the Junction (212 Old Main Road), Mondays 1pm-3pm, Thursdays 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Lending hours will be posted on social media and on the building once we are up and running. PLEASE do not leave puzzles outside the building.

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NEW EVENT!

WALKING WEDNESDAYS

Ilene Karnow has launched a new walking group that meets Wednesday mornings at the parking lot on County Road (near the bike path). The route begins along the bike path, then cuts over to Old Main Road and loops back to County Road and the lot. Typically the walk takes about an hour or less (although, if there's time and the walkers have the interest and energy, the route could be extended down to Megansett Beach). This is a great way to exercise, get some fresh air, and meet your neighbors.

If you're interested, RSVP to:

Ilene Karnow at wonrak@comcast.net

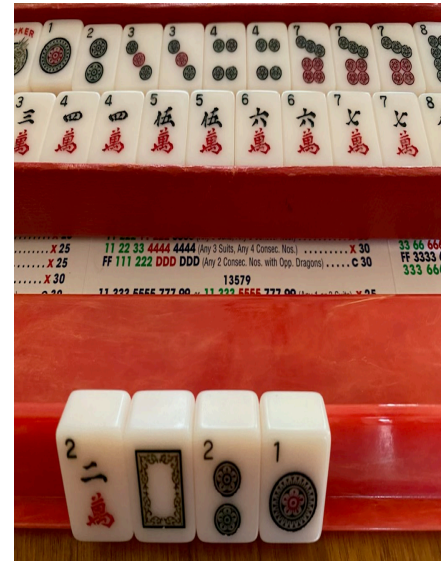


LET THE GAMES CONTINUE!

Mahjongg Mondays

When: Mondays from
1-3 pm

Where: Junction
Building - 212 Old Main
Road
Beginners and Observers
welcome



This activity is for **Vaccinated Members Only**.
Please RSVP to Ilene at wonrak@comcast.net

NFVA to Begin Accepting Scholarship Applications in February

Scholarship Team Seeks Chair, Volunteers

Every year, the North Falmouth Village Association awards four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating North Falmouth high school students. The major consideration when awarding scholarships is service, either to the school or to the community. The application form will be available in February on our website northfalmouthvillageassociation.org, but it's time for hopeful seniors to begin thinking about their own service, as well as the answers to such questions as "What is your proudest accomplishment?" "Who is your greatest inspiration and why?" and "What are your future plans?"

All applications will be reviewed by the NFVA Scholarship Team, which currently seeks a new chair as well as volunteers, who will evaluate the applications and award the scholarships.

If you're interested in helping:

Contact NFVA president

Peggy Heaslip at peggyheaslip@gmail.com

Welcome to All Who Joined NFVA in the Last Year

The North Falmouth Village Association had a tremendous 2021 for membership—and 2022 is off to a great start. Below is a list of all individual and business members who joined over the past 12 months.

We're all stronger together!

Individual & Family Members

Diane Anastasia	Joanie Linsky
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On Pointe Digital



Welcome to Our NEWEST Business Member, Cape Abilities

Cape Abilities, the regional agency that for over 50 years has been helping people with disabilities to achieve meaningful and valued roles in the community, recently opened an office in North Falmouth (on Route 28A). Cape Abilities provides a range of programs—from home care and shared living arrangements to community, employment, and transportation services—with the goal of "creating an inclusive community for people of all abilities." It also recently partnered with NFVA on our Cape Cod Rocks! project (see page 2 of this newsletter). To learn more about its many good works, visit its website, capeabilities.org.

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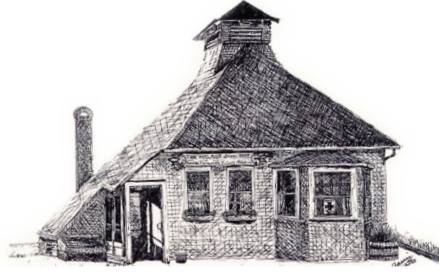
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