

Sandwich Newcomers and Neighbors Newsletter

July 2025

Wine Social: July 26

The July Wine Social will be at the home of Marge and Tom Foster on Saturday, July 26 at 5 p.m.
11, Christopher Hollow Rd,
Sandwich, 02563

Please let Marge know
by July 23 if you can
attend and whether
you will be bringing
an Appetizer or a
Dessert.



[margefoster53\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:margefoster53(at)gmail(dot)com)

Hope to see you soon.

President's Message: July 2025

Greetings!

I hope you all had a wonderful time at our annual picnic! We're so grateful to Holly Ridge



for hosting us, and for always making us feel like family. I want to also thank those of you who worked behind the scenes to organize the lawn games! As the new President of SNN, I want to again thank those board members who are stepping down after

serving a 2- year term, and to welcome our new members, Connie Hinds, Bill Daley, and Candice Murphy.

As head of Special Events, Therese Koellner created an impressive line-up of outings for the month of June, included a walking tour of Woods Hole and the National Oceanographic Institute, and a walkabout on Nantucket followed by lunch! These events are not trivial to organize, so a big "Hats Off" to Therese!

John and Sharon Hunt graciously hosted a 17-year Cicada wine social, including free entertainment by the Creature Chorus. They'll be back in 2042; Diane DiLeo, our wine social organizer is already taking booking commitments!

Additional summer activities not to be missed include Wednesday Beachcombers at Sandy Neck Beach, Bike Rides with Patty, Kayaking with Ed and Dean, and Pickleball on Mondays and Fridays. All activities are posted in our monthly newsletter, which is edited, formatted, and forwarded to you by Suzanne Hansmire. Big Kudos!

It certainly takes a village!!

Dues are DUE

2025-2026 SNN dues of \$35 per person are now due. Please send your check made out to SNN to Candice Murphy, 6 Charles Street, Sandwich, MA 02563

Have a safe and happy July 4th!
Carol

Social Events

Blithewold Manor - Gardens - Arboretum July 22

Sandwich Newcomers and Neighbors will take a July trip to Blithewold Manor - Gardens - Arboretum on July 22 (Tuesday) Location: Bristol, RI

A tranquil, seaside setting on Narragansett Bay, join SNN members strolling through the finest garden estate in New England. Explore the 45-room English style manor house. Afterward we will lunch at The Boat House in Tiverton, RI.

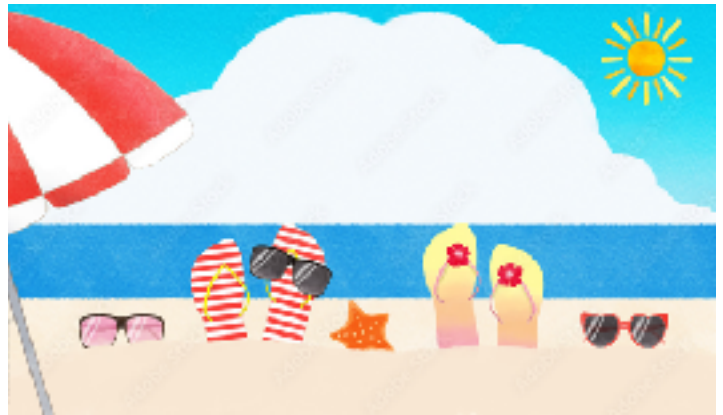
Cost: \$22 admission or free if you have an AHS or Heritage membership. We will carpool to the location. More info will follow once you sign up. If you would like to join us on this trip email Therese Koellner, [tck3939\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:tck3939(at)gmail(dot)com) Subject line : Blithewold by July 17th.

Beachcombers-Wednesdays (weather permitting)

Beachcombers meet at Sandy Neck Beach every Wednesday at 5:00 (weather permitting).

No beach permit is required after 5:00. When you enter go to the lower parking lot; use the beach entrance at the center of the parking area and look for the group set up at the bottom of the path.

We usually bring our own picnic dinners (sandwiches) and beverages. At some point soon bug spray will also be useful.



It is almost Newport Polo Time!



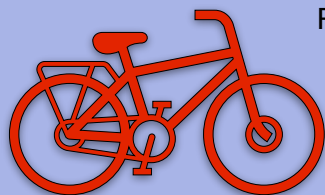
Several SNN members have attended Newport Polo in the past and it seems the fun of the event never becomes tiresome.

Newport Polo takes place about one hour from the Cape on a Saturday at 5:00, and only costs \$20 per person with free parking. Tickets are available on site. The fun is in dressing in summer nice and taking interesting snacks such as chocolate covered strawberries to share. We take little tables, candelabra, beverages of choice, lawn chairs and it is truly a happening. A tailgate space with an additional charge

of \$10 per person would be nice, but has a wait list, so we will use the lawn seating. It is all good.

September 6, 13, or 20 are possible dates. We will choose a date if there is group interest. Please email Nancy Spalding at [nanbob38\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:nanbob38(at)gmail(dot)com) if this is a summer happening event for you. It is like no other.

July BIKE RIDES



July 10: We will try once again for the Cape Cod Canal, Freezer Rd. Parking lot at 10:00. We will meet up again at 11:30. Ride as far and as long as you like. Let me. Know if you are coming please. Cancellation will be by 7:00 AM.

July 24: If I survive the first ride on July 8, the second ride will be July 24, 10:00 on the Shining Sea Bikeway in Falmouth. Meet at the 1 Depot Rd. N. Falmouth. Lunch, per usual at the Silver Lounge 11:30. Be sure to let Patty know if you will be riding.

Contact Patty Williams: [mpatty3\(at\)comcast\(dot\)net](mailto:mpatty3(at)comcast(dot)net)

Hydrangea Fest Tea Party - July 16

It's time to get your ticket if you'd like to be part of a table of SNN friends attending the Hydrangea Garden Tea Party at the Dunbar House on July 16. Please act fast as then event will sell out!

The Sandwich Arts Alliance hosts the annual event as part of the Hydrangea Festival.

We will get together at a SNN table at the 11:00 seating. (That should give everyone time to spend the afternoon viewing the Art in the Park and local gardens.)

Buy your tickets (\$60++) directly through the Arts Alliance:

<https://www.sandwichartsalliance.org/hf-tea-party.html>

and include SNN before your first name in the name bar. Ex: SNN Jane.

Suzanne Hansmire will be helping to put this table together. Please send Suzanne an email when you reserve to let her know you'll be part of the group: [shansmire\(at\)mac\(dot\)com](mailto:shansmire(at)mac(dot)com)

July Book Clubs



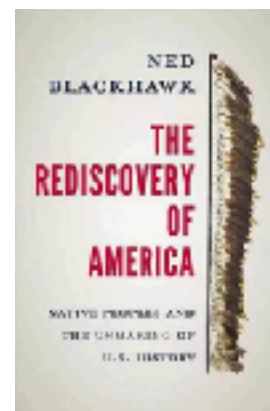
Ladies' Book Club

The book for July is The Heat Will Kill You First by Jeff Goodell. We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 8, at the home of Candice Murphy, 6 Charles St.

Please favor Candice with your intention to attend, [murphyrc6\(at\)comcast\(dot\)net](mailto:murphyrc6(at)comcast(dot)net)

Gentlemen's Book Club

The Gentlemen's Book Club will meet on July 24 at 4 pm at Ron Larrivee's home to discuss The Rediscovery of America by Ned Blackhawk.



Summer Kayaking!

The SNN Kayaking group is back in action under the leadership of Ed Houlihan (leader emeritus) and new kayaking activity coordinator Dean Coe.

Let them know if you are interested in learning or in joining the group for any of their upcoming trips!

[deancoebooks\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:deancoebooks(at)gmail(dot)com)



Ladies Pickleball Group

SNN is forming a women's pickleball group to play once a week (perhaps twice) in the future. All levels are welcome.

The group will play regularly (day of the week TBD) at the courts by the Council on Aging. Email Annie Adler if you are interested in joining in the fun.

[adleanni\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:adleanni(at)gmail(dot)com)

Subject: Pickleball

A Sail on the Liberte

- Time sensitive

Take a 3 hour sail on a schooner with SNN friends and neighbors.

Bring picnic food and purchase beverages onboard.

When: August 7, afternoon

Cost: \$55

If you are interested: Email Therese Koellner, [tck3939\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:tck3939(at)gmail(dot)com) Subject line: Liberte by July 10 so we can secure the ship.



PLAN AHEAD

We have reserved 38 tickets for this year's Cape Cod symphony Holiday Program on Sunday, December 7 at 5:00. Our September newsletter will have more information on how to reserve and purchase your tickets.

Join the Social Committee

Let's make plans for the coming year! If you are interested in contributing to planning social events for our club over the coming year let's get together in August and create some exciting possibilities! Email Therese Koellner [tck3939\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:tck3939(at)gmail(dot)com) Subject line: Social by July 31.

Around Town...



The Sandwich Arts Alliance will once again participate in the Annual **Hydrangea Fest.**

If you would like to help out, please contact Marie Luck:
[mallucky\(at\)hotmail\(dot\)com](mailto:mallucky(at)hotmail(dot)com)

For tickets or more info visit [Sandwich Arts Alliance](#)

Here are a few of the upcoming events:

Hydrangea Garden Tea Party

Dunbar House Tea Room
1 Water Street, Sandwich
Wed., July 16, 2025
11:00 am and 2:00 pm
Tickets: \$60/pp

Open Art Studio Tours

July 17, 10 am - 4 pm
Tickets: \$5 per studio - pay at the door limited.

Hydrangea Art Classes

July 12 or July 19
Mixed Media Hydrangea
with Jacqui Hawk: two-hour class
creating a mixed media vase of
hydrangeas using quality collage

Hydrangea Garden Tours

CL Fornari's Garden Tour

July 15, 10 am-4 pm
2 Lawrence Pond Lane, Sandwich
Tickets: \$5 ~ pay at the garden

Jana Dillon's Garden Tour

July 18, 10 am-4 pm
110 Tupper Road, Sandwich
Tickets: \$5 ~ pay at the garden

Sunset Pond Party

Lakefield Farms Club House
21 Great Hill Road, Sandwich
Thurs., July 17, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Tickets: \$35/pp
Includes: Unlimited gourmet Montilio's
wood-fired pizza, (vegan and gluten free
options), Salad and dessert, Live
entertainment by Cape and Islands
Entertainment, Cash bar service
Parking is limited ~ book your tickets
early!

Blooming Artisan Fair

July 16, 10 am-4 pm
Mill Creek Park -
Across from Historic Town Hall ~ 130
Main Street
This is a free event!

Sandwich Glass Museum

Glass Gathering and 3rd Annual Glass Bazaar
July 25 -27

Community Announcements

Volunteer Opportunity

The American Lung Association has reached out to ask if anyone from our group would be interested in helping out at the 41st Annual Autumn Escape Bike Trek. The trek will be held Friday, September 26, 2025, through Sunday, September 28, 2025.

Volunteers can help for 1-3 days. Food and Accommodations are provided to volunteers who come for 2- 3 days. Food is provided for those helping for 1 day too.

The bike trek starts and finishes at Camp Burgess, 75 Stowe Road in Sandwich, MA each day.

If interested, please reach out to:

Judy Deane <Judy.Deane@lung.org>

ALL Class Schedule will come out this month

Cape Cod's ALL: Academy for Lifelong Learning, is an organization with something for everyone, and many SNN members have participated by either taking or teaching some of the interesting class offerings.

The print catalog will be available soon, or check out the website for a list of the upcoming offerings:

<https://www.capecodall.org/>



You're invited!

Let's celebrate animals and people thriving together, on the Cape and around the world.

Play Fun Animal-themed Games **Explore** IFAW's Dolphin Rescue Trailer **Meet** Animal Experts and Rescuers

Learn all about the animals we save. ...plus enjoy refreshments, face painting, temporary animal tattoos, ice cream, and more!

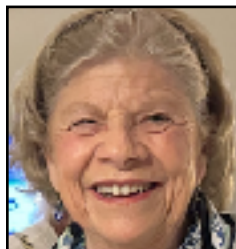
Please RSVP via email to info@ifaw.org or call (800) 932-4329.

Hope you can join us!

Monthly Ongoing Activities

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

Women's Book Club meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM. New members are welcome. Coordinator is Patty Williams



The Gentlemen's Book Club meets 3rd Thursday (usually but is subject to change) of each month at 4pm. Currently limited to 10 members. Coordinator is Bill Daley. Contact Bill if you would like to be added to the wait list.



Men's Poker Group meets second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7pm. Coordinator is Henry Jablecki

Girl's Night Out: Ladies go to early movie, and then supper at local restaurant. Contact Kitty Ott

Special Events (maybe with lunch or dinner): Members help plan fun outings on or off the Cape. Contact Therese Koellner with any of your ideas.

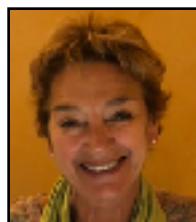
Kayak Caucus: Sliding quietly through the Cape's bays, ponds, marshes and rivers. All levels of Kayaking welcome.

Dean Coe is coordinating the events along with Commodore Emeritus Ed Houlihan. (Reach out to Dean to confirm you want to be included on the Kayak Caucus list. Please include your email address and your phone number.)

Men's Breakfast: Guys meet for coffee-breakfast and discussion of issues, large and small.

2nd and 4th Wednesday every month at 8 am. Ed Houlihan emails reminders and location.

Beachcombers: Members meet at the Local during winter months, first and third Tuesdays at 5:00. Contact Nancy Spalding for information.



Wine Socials: Wine Socials are get-togethers held in members' homes. They are typically the third Saturday of the month, with the exception of June (Annual Picnic) and

December (Holiday Party) Guests bring their own drinks as well as a dessert or appetizer to share. Please let Diane DiLeo know if you are willing to host one of these fun evenings.

Pickle Ball: If you would like to play Pickleball with other members of the Newcomers group, please contact Annie Adler for more information



July 2025

Sunday

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Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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6	7	8 1:00- <i>Ladies' Book Club</i>	9 8:00- Men's Breakfast <i>Marshland Too</i> 5:00- <i>Beachcombers at Sandy Neck</i>	10 10:00- Biking Group	11	12
13	14	15	16 11:00- <i>Hydrangea Fest Tea Party</i> 5:00- <i>Beachcombers at Sandy Neck</i>	17	18	19
20	21	22 <i>Blithewold Manor Trip</i>	23 8:00- Men's Breakfast <i>Marshland Too</i> 5:00- <i>Beachcombers at Sandy Neck</i>	24 10:00- Biking Group 4:00- Men's <i>Book Club</i>	25	26 5:00- <i>Wine Social</i>
27	28	29	30	31		



Above: After a four mile paddle around Coonamessett Pond, Newcomers Steve Blakely, Jean Dorcus, Ed Houlihan and Dean Coe enjoyed lunch at the Coonamessett Farm outdoor cafe.

Below: Martha's Vineyard trip





Right: Beachcombers had a great turnout with perfect beach weather

Below: A recent trip to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute





Newcomers had a chance to explore Nantucket from Nantucket Town out to 'Sconset. On the boat home they embraced the Nantucket tradition of throwing a penny overboard as the ferry leaves Brant Point. It's said to ensure a return trip to the island





There was a lot of fun and games, but also some Club official business at the Annual Picnic and Meeting on June 29.



The SNN's officers and chairs for the fiscal year 2025-2026 who were voted on at the annual meeting are as follows:

President - Carol Coteus
 Vice President - Mike Sullivan
 Secretary - William Daley
 Treasurer - Connie Hinds
 Social Events - Therese Koellner
 Membership - Candice Murphy
 Newsletter - Suzanne Hansmire
 Wine Socials - Diane Dileo
 Publicity/Website - Mark Ott



Thank you to Nancy Spalding, Dean Coe, Ed Houlihan, Annie Adler, and
Therese Koellner for providing photos for our newsletter!

Please send any photos of SNN events to Suzanne
(shansmire@mac.com)! We'd love to include them in our upcoming
newsletters!

