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From the Other Side of the Camera, Redux

A news crew from CBS Sunday Morning came to Boston earlier this year for two days to film a segment for "Aging in America: Stuck in the Middle," an interesting look at this country's crisis in long-term care and how the Village model can be a solution. (See www.beaconhillvillage.org for a link to the program.) Rita Braver puts BHV members Karen Garvin, Roger Cox, and Susan McWhinney-Morse at ease before filming begins. Susan's living room is once again transformed into a film studio and captured on a monitor set up in her study, as it was for the PBS NewsHour shoot last year. (See "The Villager," Behind the Scenes, There's No Place Like Home, Fall 2013, Vol. 1, No. 1).

From Beacon Hill to Capitol Hill



THE 6TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Village to Village (VtV) Network was held in Washington, DC at the end of September. Oversubscribed, anticipation ran high among the 280 people lucky enough to have signed up early. On the agenda: new plans to establish a self-funded, self-sustaining organization and a day of advocacy on Capitol Hill.

It is hard to remember that in 2002 there was only one village with 60 members (ours in Boston). Today, there are 140 open villages with 30,000 members linked together in a network of organizations that believe in and support the village concept. We have become a national movement, known for our innovative model and our ability to help change the experience of aging in America.

The first order of business: introduce the creation of our new network. For the past six years, villages across the country connected through a web-based organization, enabling us to share experiences, assist new villages in development, and exchange information. Largely funded by support from the MetLife Foundation, VtV proved to be an invaluable tool that helped create the Village Movement. The MetLife grant ended earlier this year, however, leaving the network to develop a new business plan and find new funding sources by year end. The new plan was enthusiastically endorsed at the conference, but funding was still uncertain.

Last summer, a founding member of BHV offered the new network an extraordinary gift: a \$100,000 challenge grant of which \$40,000 had to be

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Who is that lady on the bike?

WHO IS THAT LADY WHO rides a bike decorated with seasonal flowers in the early morning across the Longfellow Bridge? While she loves big flowery hats, when riding her bike she always wears a helmet ... and a smile ... always a smile. She is Joan Doucette.

Joan lives on Mt. Vernon St. with her husband Harry Fisher. Once she speaks, you quickly realize that Joan is English and you are immediately impressed by her vigor. Full of ideas and energy, Joan works part-time as an administrator at MIT, entertains dinner guests 3-4 times a week, leads a variety of BHV groups, and attends many Village programs.



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From the Executive Director

Dear BHV Members:

The fall is always busy at Beacon Hill Village. As village members, we gathered as a national movement in Washington at our annual conference; as a group of Massachusetts villages with a regional meeting in Newton; and as a Village here in Boston at our annual BHV member meeting.

As always, the Village continues to offer interesting choices and opportunities to explore, connect, and enjoy, as well as provide trusted resources and help when needed. Over the last three months, together we have:

- Participated in a wide variety of social, cultural, educational, and fitness programs on more than 75 occasions. We've conversed with sports agents, attended baseball games at Fenway, enjoyed roof-top cocktails overlooking the Charles River, soaked up outdoor classical music at Tanglewood, and explored the North End and Charlestown on foot.
- Taken advantage of personalized transportation services in the form of 50 rides and 200 grocery shopping trips, which means more than 400 bags of groceries carried by our dedicated drivers. (See related story, pg. 6.)
- Supported each other with visits, errands, service referrals, and check-in calls more than 550 times.
- And to add to the excitement, we re-ignited widespread interest in the village movement with BHV's latest national television exposure on CBS Sunday Morning, which can be viewed by visiting our home page. As we prepare for the colder weather, I hope you all have a chance to take advantage of the many opportunities for community and support that we offer each other as members, staff, and providers.

With warm regards,
Laura Connors



Fifteen members of BHV, including Joan Doucette (left), Tina DiMaggio (back to camera), and Betsy Peterson (top right), joined another 50 members from other villages across Massachusetts to discuss the issue of ageism with MA Secretary of Elder Affairs Ann Hartstein.

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matched by the end of December 2014. In September, the new network had raised \$19,000 from several people who believed deeply in the movement. But who would join them? How many others truly believed in the movement?

The question was put before the conference on opening day, and eight people immediately stood and pledged their support. Then more and more. At the close of the conference the following day, the match was met. Then exceeded! In a two-day period, over 100 people had pledged their support and \$20,000+ for the movement!

We headed to Capitol Hill the next morning with energy and deep commitment to the tasks ahead. Our day began with a Legislative Breakfast, and then a marathon race to visit the offices of Senators Warren and Markey and Representatives Capuano and Lynch. Our mission: Tell each office about the Village Movement and (1) ask how we could best inform Congress about Villages as a solution to the issues of aging; (2) encourage them to vote for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and include language related to villages in the act; and (3) help the Village Movement obtain an invitation to the 2015 White House Conference on Aging.

It takes a village AND a movement to change the experience of aging. ■ —Susan McWhinney-Morse



BHV Board members Murray Frank (left) and Susan-McWhinney-Morse (right), are joined by Laura Connors for a day of advocacy on Capitol Hill.

Who is that lady on the bike?

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Joan grew up in Espom, England, where she remembers being taken out to the family bomb shelter and later sent to northern England to avoid the ravages of the war. Following school, Joan completed three years of "nanny training" and went on to work for several families. It was her work with families of the American diplomatic corps that brought her to the U.S. Having cared for the children of the American Ambassador to Hungary, Joan was invited to move to Massachusetts with the family following the Ambassador's death. Having already spent time in London, Sweden, and Paris, this was one adventure she could not pass up, and so it was that she arrived in Dedham in 1967.

Prior to meeting Harry, Joan spent several "colorful" summers traveling around the U.S. with the carnival, running the "high-striker game." Joan says she was very good at enticing people to the game with her call of "Ring-a-ding-ding; come ring my bell." She met Harry in 1980, and they have been travelling together ever since. She continues to enjoy the "children" in her life. Harry's 14 year-old grandson Jacob visits every summer, and Joan is "surrogate" grandmother to the Gurnon twins (of Charles Street Hardware fame).

Joan is a woman of many talents and hobbies, including travel, photography, kayaking, and walking, which she generously shares with her BHV family. Rummikub anyone? ■ —Tina DiMaggio

Beacon Hill Village

DECEMBER 2014 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

A reservation is required for all programs unless otherwise noted in the program description. Prices listed are per person and must be paid at time of reservation. Space is limited; BHV members have priority. Refunds will be made for cancellations received at least one week prior to an event unless tickets have been pre-purchased or non-refundable payments have been made. In that case we can make a refund only if we are able to fill your spot.

Monday, December 1 8 p.m. (6:30 p.m. for dinner) First Monday at Jordan Hall

This month's concert in the New England Conservatory's popular monthly chamber music series features works by Shostakovich, Debussy and Des Prez (Madrigals). *Take the Green "E" Line to the Symphony Hall T Station. Optional dinner (pay individually) at Pho & I, 267 Huntington Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. For concert only, meet inside Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, and look for the group. BHV members and guests. Free.*

Wednesday, December 3 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. Museum of Russian Icons



A special exhibit, *Siberia Imagined and Reimagined*, will be on view during our visit to the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA. The exhibit brings together the photographs of 50 Russian photographers whose intimate connection with Siberia is expressed in their photos and in personal comments that accompany their work. We'll explore the special exhibit on our own before breaking for lunch, after which we'll have a private guided tour of the Museum's regular collection. This trip will be hosted by BHV member Joan Doucette. *Meet at Café Vanille, 70 Charles Street, at 9:45 a.m., or Starbucks, 165 Newbury Street (between Dartmouth & Exeter), at 9:55 a.m. BHV members: \$35. Non-members: \$45. Price includes van transportation and tour. Bring your own lunch; the Russian Tea Room, where the group will eat, does not offer food for sale. Bottled water, coffee and tea available for purchase.*

Thursday, December 4 2 - 3 p.m. Boston Public Library: Holiday Concert

The New England Conservatory will perform holiday favorites at this special concert in celebration of the season. *Meet at the Boston Public Library, Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Commonwealth Salon (1st floor). Free.*

Friday, December 5 12:30 p.m. Lunch Group: Joe's American Bar & Grill CraftBoston Holiday

Presented by The Society of Arts and Crafts, CraftBoston Holiday features outstanding artists of our time, showcasing one-of-a-kind and limited edition pieces in baskets, ceramics, decorative fiber, wearables, furniture, glass, jewelry, and other media. We'll start the afternoon with lunch at Joe's American Bar & Grill and then walk three blocks to the Hynes Convention Center to explore the work of the more than 175 craft artists on display. Join us for lunch only or for lunch and CraftBoston. *Pay individually for lunch and admission to CraftBoston (\$12 seniors; \$10/pp if we're a group of 10 or more). Meet at Joe's American Bar & Grill, 181 Newbury Street, a short walk from the Copley T Station.*



Monday, December 8 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Assembly Row Mall

Time to shop! Join BHV on this shopping trip to Assembly Row in Somerville, which features 32 outlet stores representing the first phase of the long awaited \$1.5 billion project to transform the former site of a Ford Motor plant into



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MEN'S FIRST DRINK The men of Beacon Hill Village continue their once-a-month exploration of Boston's watering holes on Thursday, December 4, at 4 p.m. The group will meet at the Parker House, where they had their first "First Drink" two years ago. Meet at 60 School Street and look for Roger Cox. Pay individually. COOKING AT THE BCAE Low Carb Gluten Free Mini Meals Thursday, Dec. 4, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. To sign up for this class, please call the Boston Center for Adult Education at 617.267.4430 and indicate that you are a member of BHV. BHV members: \$40/class. Meet at the BCAE, 122 Arlington Street.	Calendar Mailing (10:30) First Monday at Jordan Hall (8: dinner at 6:30) TBS&S/BHAC-NE (8:30-9:45) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)	Terrific Tuesdays (4:00) Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Yoga/BHAC-No.Sta. (12:15-1:15)	Museum of Russian Icons (9:45-3) Whole Foods (10:00) Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)	Meditation (8:45) Another Cup (9:30) Cooking at the BCAE (11-1) BPL: Holiday Concert (2-3) Men's First Drink (4-5:30) Power Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Pilates (12:15-1:15)	Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Lunch Group: Joe's American Bar & Grill and CraftBoston (12:30) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&S/Robyn (10-11) TBS/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Core Essentials/BHAC-No.Sta. (8:30-9:30) Yoga/BHAC-NE (9:15-10:30) Tai Chi/Dorri Li (11:45-12:45)	Core Essentials (\$5) Pilates (\$5) Yoga/BHAC (\$5) Beacon Hill Athletic Club North Station 261 Friend Street Circuit Training & Stretching/Robyn (CT&S) Beacon House 19 Myrtle Street Total Body Strength & Stretching (TBS&S) (\$5) Total Body Strength (TBS) (\$5) Muscle (\$5) Power Muscle (\$5) Stretching (\$5) Yoga (\$5) Beacon Hill Athletic Club North End 85 Atlantic Avenue Exercise/BHAC-BH (\$5) Beacon Hill Athletic Club Beacon Hill 3 Hancock Street Tai Chi/Dorri Li Beacon House 19 Myrtle Street Call instructor at 617.512.9575 for the fee for this class. Walking/Robyn 127 Mt. Vernon Street
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TAXI COUPONS Come to the BHV office on Friday, December 12, between 11 and noon, to pick up your taxi coupons at this monthly distribution. Pay \$5 for a \$10 coupon book; maximum of two books per person, per month. BHV members only. 74 Joy Street, 3rd floor. TRIP TO TRADER JOE'S Door-to-door transportation to Trader Joe's in Cambridge on Wednesday, December 17 at noon and 2 p.m. Space is limited. BHV members only: \$10. TERRIFIC TUESDAYS In December, BHV members meet at 75 Chestnut on the first Tuesday (Dec. 2) at 4 p.m. to discuss and plan outings related to the arts. All BHV members welcome! Registration not required. ANOTHER CUP BHV members meet at Panera Bread, 450 Boylston Street, every Thursday (Dec. 4, 11, and 18) at 9:30 a.m. for a cup of coffee and conversation. All BHV members welcome! Registration not required.	Holiday Party (5:30-7:30) TBS&S/BHAC-NE (8:30-9:45) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)	First Night of Chanukah Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Terrific Tuesdays Cancelled Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Yoga/BHAC-No.Sta. (12:15-1:15)	Second Night of Chanukah Trader Joe's (noon and 2) Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)	Meditation (8:45) Another Cup (9:30) Power Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Pilates (12:15-1:15)	74 Joy Street Meditation Cancelled Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&S/Robyn (10-11) TBS/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Core Essentials /BHAC-No.Sta. (8:30-9:30) Yoga/BHAC-NE (9:15-10:30) Tai Chi/Dorri Li (11:45-12:45)	
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Happy Holidays!

a 22-acre mixed-use development along the Mystic River. Those who wish can meet for lunch at one of the many restaurants at the Mall. *Meet at Café Vanille, 70 Charles Street, at 10 a.m., or Starbucks, 165 Newbury Street (between Dartmouth & Exeter), at 10:10 a.m. BHV members: \$18. Non-members: \$25. Price covers van transportation.*

Tuesday, December 9 6 p.m. Supper Club: Red Lantern

Located in the Back Bay, Red Lantern features Asian cuisine and chefs who grill, stir-fry and make sushi beneath a large, gold-leafed hood that mimics the shape of a folding lantern. *Meet at 39 Stanhope Street, a three block walk from the Copley T Station. BHV members and guests.*



Wednesday, December 10 1:45 - 7 p.m. Tower Hill Botanic Garden Holly Days

Many who joined us on our tour of the Tower Hill Botanic Garden in August suggested that we return during the holiday season, when the Gardens are decorated with more than 1,500 hand-crafted ornaments from natural materials, six miles of lights, hundreds of poinsettias and a giant Bromeliad Tree. Our private guided tour will take us through glittering indoor displays and illuminated trees and shrubs in the Orchard, Entry, Lawn and Winter Gardens. After our tour, we'll have an early dinner at the Twigs Café before returning to Boston. *Meet at Café Vanille, 70 Charles Street, at 1:45 p.m., or Starbucks, 165 Newbury Street (between Dartmouth & Exeter), at 1:55 p.m. BHV members: \$45. Non-members: \$60. Price includes van transportation, guided tour and admission to the garden. Dinner is pay individually.*

Thursday, December 11 5 - 6:30 p.m. Travel Group: France & England

Joan Doucette will show pictures of her trip to the D-Day celebrations in France, D-Day tapestry in Portsmouth and the war museum in Guernsey in the English Channel. *Meet at 72 Mt. Vernon Street. BHV members only. Free.*



Monday, December 15 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. BHV Annual Holiday Party

Celebrate the holiday season with fellow BHV members at our Annual Holiday Party. Enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres and interesting conversation at this always fun and festive event. *Meet at The Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer Street, in the community hall. RSVP required. BHV members only. Free.*

Monday, December 22 4:30 - 6 p.m. Chanukah Party

Celebrate Chanukah with potato latkes, salad and dessert. We'll spin a few dreidels, have some Chanukah gelt and light the Menorah. *All BHV members are welcome to this secular celebration. Meet at 74 Joy Street, 1st floor community room. BHV members and guests. Free.*

EVEN MORE TO DO

Wednesday, December 3 10 a.m.

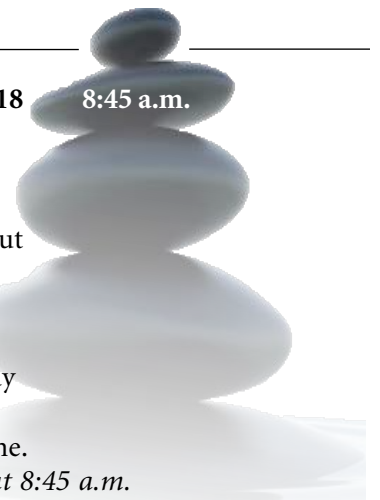
Trip to Whole Foods

Door-to-door transportation to Whole Foods in Cambridge with a driver who will carry your groceries to your door! *BHV members only: \$10. Spaces are limited, so sign up early.*



Thursday, December 4, 11 & 18 8:45 a.m. Meditation

Curious about the much talked-about benefits of meditation or how to go about it? A new meditation group has formed, geared to people who are new to meditation. The group meets on Thursday mornings at BHV member Susan Cox's Beacon Hill home. *Meditation begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. BHV members only. Free.*



Sunday, December 7 3 - 5 p.m. Rummikub with Joan and Tina

Join BHV members Joan Doucette and Tina DiMaggio for an afternoon of rummikub at Joan's Beacon Hill home. Beginners and more experienced players welcome! *BHV members only. Free.*

Reliable, Safe, and Convenient: BHV Transportation for Members

ONE OF THE SERVICES MOST requested by BHV members is transportation for grocery shopping and rides.

Grocery shopping can be a hassle for some and an anticipated social event for others. BHV offers two options to accommodate members' preferences. Members can provide a list to the office and a driver will personally shop and deliver their groceries to their home. Or, they can sign up for one of two grocery shopping trips on Tuesdays and Fridays and get door-to-door service.

Nothing compares to the personalized assistance that each member receives, from help locating and reaching that "on-the-top-way-in-the-back" item to carrying bundles into their homes upon return. Clara Balkas, a long-time member, says "Grocery shopping can be a difficult task and would be overwhelming for me to do on my own now." And grocery trips provide her with welcome social interaction. "We solve problems together, and we've become friends," Clara says of BHV driver Bob Spicer.

All drivers agree that if a member needs something, they are there to provide support and assistance. "I am here to help with each member's wants and needs," says Susanna Dorley, another driver for the Village.

BHV also offers personal driving service to make transportation an easy and convenient experience for members. Drivers take members to such destinations as a doctor's appointment, the theater, the airport, and even to visit family in other states. "It's nice to know that there is someone waiting for you when you come out of cataract surgery or get off an airplane," says Tom Moore, who also drives for BHV. "We don't just drive members to their destination. It's about making it easy for them."

Village member Martha Foreman says she has taken advantage of BHV grocery and ride services for three years. "I have used an array of ride services at BHV," Foreman says. "Some rides, like grocery trips, have been planned and others were last minute, like when I had a dental emergency."

The member's peace of mind and security is what BHV strives for. The rides are safe, reliable and convenient," Martha goes on to say. "The drivers are very caring people." ■ —Victoria Meneses



BHV driver Tom Moore (right) assists long-time members Bob Malster and Alma Berson with a ride to South Station. Tom has provided Bob and Alma with rides on many different occasions. Alma says, "It's so nice to know that Tom will be there waiting for us, whether it be after symphony at 10:00 at night, when there are throngs of people trying to hail a cab, or at the airport with our grocery order after being away for a while. He's very special."



SMILE While Shopping (on Amazon)

If you're an Amazon devotee (or if you just like shopping on the internet), you can now support Beacon Hill Village while shopping for just about anything. Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Beacon Hill Village every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at Amazon Smile, you'll find the exact same low prices, wide selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite non-profit organization – hopefully Beacon Hill Village. Simply go to www.smile.amazon.com on your computer or mobile device and select BHV to receive donations. Call the office for more information.

BHV WELCOMES...

Back Bay

Eleanor and Henry Lodge

Jill Ward

John Ward

Beacon Hill

Corwin and Cynthia Fleming

Tom Kershaw

Rides and Groceries for the Technologically-Minded

While BHV's personal ride and grocery shopping service is precisely what some members want, there are a few other options for those comfortable and/or adventurous with the internet and technology:

PEAPOD

The Stop & Shop grocery delivery service makes it easy to order groceries online and have them delivered to your door. www.peapod.com

INSTACART

An online grocery delivery service that delivers in as little as an hour! Personal shoppers in your area pick up and deliver your groceries from your favorite local stores, including Whole Foods, Market Basket, and Costco. www.instacart.com

UBER

A ride sharing service that is more personal than a regular taxi ride. No need to carry cash or credit cards; all transactions happen online. You can track your driver's location and ETA through the interactive map so you'll know when your driver will be at your doorstep. BHV staff is happy to assist in getting you started. (Requires a smart phone and app.) www.uber.com

THE TRAVEL BUG



The BHV “Own Our Own” trip to New Haven included visits to the Beinecke Rare Book Library and the Yale University Art Gallery. Left: Village members gather for a talk by an art gallery docent. Right: Village member Frank Mead (right) captures the interest of some of his fellow BHV travelers as they explore the gallery.

SO MANY PLACES TO GO. So much to see. But how and when and where? Last month eight village members (the newly formed Travel Committee) met to give shape to these questions.

The subject of group travel, specifically Beacon Hill Village members-only travel, is a hot topic. It began in 2013 when a group of 22 members set off for New Haven, CT, to visit the newly redesigned museum at Yale University. Dubbed “on our own” because the group did not involve BHV staff but, instead, did their own research, designed their own itinerary, and then offered the plan to all village members, the trip was a great success. A trip to Cuba followed next, this time using a known travel agency to create the itinerary and make the necessary arrangements. And most recently, Philadelphia - a trip organized by Road Scholar and open to members of several Massachusetts villages. There are also the many other trips organized by our various affinity groups.

So what is next? It is up to each one of us to decide. But the Travel Committee has uncovered a number of tempting ideas and each member has offered to spearhead a conversation about one of the proposed destinations (see box). No matter where or when, it’s time to start our planning now. ■ —Susan McWhinney-Morse

TRAVEL PLANNING If you are interested in a particular destination or travel idea, contact the appropriate Travel Committee member by November 21. (Call the office for contact info.)

Chicago (a repeat)	Spring or Fall 2015	Karen Garvin
Hudson River Valley	Spring or Fall 2015	Betsy Peterson
Cooperstown (Glimmerglass Opera)	Summer 2015	Susan McWhinney-Morse
English Gardens	Spring 2015	Steve Roop
Western Mexico	Winter 2016	Larry George
Coastal Norway (by mail barge)	Summer 2015	Frank Mead
Berlin/Vienna: Music & Architecture	Late Fall 2015	Steve Roop
Intergenerational Travel	Anytime	Murray Frank
Jazz Festivals at home and abroad	Anytime	Davida Carvin



Left: Patricia Stevenson, looking happy after a morning of apple picking with BHV. Middle: Members stopped for a group photo during their tour of the Tower Hill Botanic Garden. Right: John Sears relaxed before the concert at Tanglewood on a day trip to the Berkshires with BHV and Cambridge at Home.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Left, top: Members enjoyed a late-September day at The Crane Estate. Left, bottom: Dinner after visiting the USS Constitution Museum. Above: A walk led by BHV member Davida Carvin across the Charles River locks and over the North Bank Bridge.