

# THE VILLAGER

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## Stanton Donates Artwork to Benefit M+ Program

Talented watercolorist and BHV member John Stanton is very grateful for the security of knowing that Beacon Hill Village will be here if he needs it, because he has no family in the area. For this, and the gift of a community of support, he didn't hesitate a bit when asked to donate a series of his cards depicting Boston scenes to raise funds for the Membership Plus program.

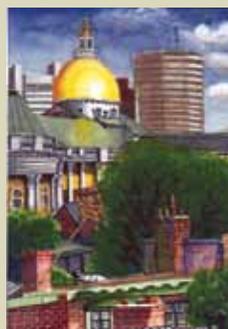


"It's nice to have my work admired and also that I can help BHV," said Stanton, who turned to painting after retiring in 1992 from a long career as an engineer at Teradyne. Always a doodler and proficient in drafting techniques, he learned to love watercolors while studying at the Boston Center for Adult Education and New England Art & Design, now part of Suffolk University.

In short order he became known for his local seasonal scenes where he combines realistic, almost photographic, renderings of lighthouses, landscapes and historic buildings with intensively colorful and often whimsical touches. In 2001, Stanton's "Lighting the State House for the Winter Holiday" won the Massachusetts Holiday Card Competition and appeared on more than 11,000 cards sold across the state. *Please continue to page 2. ►*



Dorothy Leef strikes a pose in the deCordova Museum Sculpture Park.



Note cards featuring watercolor scenes of Boston painted by John Turner Stanton, some of which hang in Beacon House, can be purchased in sets of four for a donation to M+ of \$40.00 at the BHV office. Joanne Cooper and Roberta Meyers conceived of the M+ note cards as a way to acknowledge lifetime and special events, such as weddings, birthdays, etc., while supporting M+, which is vital to BHV.

## From the Executive Director

Dear BHV Members:

As I write, it's late July and one of the hottest days of the year, but I've come to know that weather doesn't hinder the spirit of BHV members. (Remember *Valentines & Victuals* and the blizzard of 2013?) Earlier this summer, a hearty group of members didn't let the weather, in this case monsoonal rain that cancelled the Landmarks Orchestra's opening night on the Esplanade, dampen their plans to enjoy classical music and a meal together; instead, they gathered at 74 Joy Street to view a live recording of one of the scheduled works and ate their boxed dinner. A few even extended the evening with some Rummikub.



This strong spirit and community of friends and neighbors enabled Beacon Hill Village to complete a very successful fiscal year on June 30. Together we:

- Connected our members to services 450 times, shopped 800 times, arranged 280 rides, and checked in on each other 1600 times.
- Doubled our programs, events, and social gatherings for a total of 130 events, 140 exercise programs, and another 135 member-led activities.
- Increased our travel to include destinations near (Portland, Maine and Chicago) and far (Cuba).
- Added new programs and services, such as Tough Topics and Peer Resource Volunteers; shared a meal together regularly with our monthly lunches and dinners out, and our new potluck suppers.
- Grew our membership.
- Exceeded our fundraising goal by 17% due in part to our first (and very successful) Creative Kitchens Tour, attended by more than 300 guests.
- Reopened M+ (see box) to new members thanks to the generosity of several charitable trusts.

With the fall weather at our door, I look forward to new opportunities and adventures together.

With warm regards, Laura Connors

## Stanton Donates Artwork

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Modestly calling himself “a hobby artist – just someone who picked up a brush and did it,” for 20 years Stanton created popular cards, selling or just plain giving them away. Two years ago, though, he put away his brushes and retired for a second time. Now 87, the Beacon House resident is so busy taking trips with friends, attending barbecues and ice cream socials, playing Scrabble and taking part in other activities that he has no time left over to paint. ■

—Suzanne Besser

## Through M+, everyone can afford to join BHV

SINCE ITS FOUNDING more than 12 years ago, Beacon Hill Village has been committed to ensuring that older adults of all income levels have equal access to the supports needed to live active, healthy, independent lives.

Census data reveal that about 20% of downtown Boston's older adults fall into the low-to-moderate income category. UMass Boston's 2014 Aging in Boston report estimated that older renters need at least \$29,100 individually and \$40,584 per household to live independently. Yet only those with the lowest incomes (\$21,589 and \$29,100 respectively) are typically eligible for public assistance.

So BHV created Membership Plus, also referred to as M+, to provide access to programs and services older adults need regardless of income. M+ enables low and moderate income seniors, including those whose income may not be “low enough” for public benefits, to enjoy the wide variety of activities, social support, and access to help that Beacon Hill Village provides.

M+ members continually express their gratitude for the opportunity to be members of Beacon Hill Village. “It is a great comfort to know I can almost always find the help and resources to satisfy all my needs,” one member wrote. Another expressed appreciation for how BHV volunteers have helped her “over the bumps that come with growing older... they are my life.” Without M+, some individuals could become socially isolated and possibly lose the ability to live independently in their own homes.

BHV's board recently broadened M+ financial eligibility by adopting a two-tiered financial eligibility guideline. Effective June 1, seniors whose incomes are less than \$32,950 for individuals and \$37,650 for households will receive the current discounted membership fee and \$250 credit for programs and services accessed through the Village. Seniors with incomes up to \$52,700 and \$60,200 respectively will receive the same subsidized membership fee without a program/service credit.

M+ members who joined BHV prior to June 1, 2014 are grandfathered into the prior M+ program, with no changes to their membership. ■

# Beacon Hill Village

## SEPTEMBER 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.

**Wednesday, September 3 3 - 4:30 p.m.**

### **A Conversation with Each Other: The Massachusetts Primaries**

Join other BHV members for a conversation about the upcoming Massachusetts primaries on September 9, where you'll have an opportunity to hear the opinions of others and share yours. The races for governor (on the democratic and republican ballots) and attorney general (on the democratic ballot) are contested. A list of primary candidates is on the MA Secretary of State website.

*Location TBD. BHV members only. Free.*

**Sunday, September 7 1 - 4:30 p.m.**

### **East Boston Lunch/Sculpture/Jazz**

Set within the grounds and on the docks and barges of the historic Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina, the Harbor-Arts Shipyard



Galley has a collection of more than 30 contemporary artworks. We'll start our afternoon with lunch at an Australian pie shop, where selections include beef stew and vegetable pie as well as sandwiches and salads. After lunch, we'll tour the Gallery and then walk over to the Harvest Festival for live bluegrass music. Return is by T or water taxi. *Meet at the Maverick T Station (Blue Line) at 1 p.m. BHV members and guests. Free. Transportation and lunch are pay individually.*

**Saturday, September 13 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

### **BBQ in Beverly**

BHV members Barbara and Steve Roop have generously offered to host a BBQ lunch at their home in Prides Crossing, a historic section of Beverly. On the way to their home, our van will take a short detour for some great views of the ocean. *Meet at Café Vanille, 70 Charles Street, at 11 a.m., or Starbucks, 165 Newbury Street, at 11:10 a.m. BHV members only. BBQ and transportation: \$35.*

**Tuesday, September 23 10 a.m. - 3:30/4 p.m.**

### **The Crane Estate (Ipswich)**

A national treasure, The Crane Estate offers an opulent glimpse of the Crane family's life in the roaring 20's. Our private tour will feature beautifully appointed rooms that exemplify Crane Co. craftsmanship. The second half of the tour will be on the second floor, accessible only via a curved grand staircase. Lunch is at the Castle Hill Café. *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: \$55. Non-members: \$65. Price includes van transportation, tour and lunch.*

**Friday, September 26 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

### **Inside Haymarket**

Enjoy a private behind-the-scenes tour of Haymarket, Boston's centuries-old open air market, as it opens for the day. Learn about its history and how it has changed over time. Visit vendors and sample fruits and vegetables and cheese. *Meet at the corner of Union and Hanover Streets. BHV members only: \$25.*

**Monday, September 29 10 a.m. - 3:30/4 p.m.**

### **Fruitlands Museum**



Located in Harvard, MA, the Fruitlands Museum is a collection of five buildings of American Art and History, including Alcott's Farmhouse; the Art Gallery, featuring Hudson River School landscapes; and the Shaker Museum. Lunch is

at the Fruitlands Café. The buildings are spread out on a steep hill; a "Gator" golf cart will transport members

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>MEN'S FIRST DRINK</b> The men of Beacon Hill Village continue their once-a-month exploration of Boston's watering holes on Thursday, September 4, at 4 p.m. Meet at the Lenox Hotel, 61 Exeter Street (at the corner of Boylston). Look for Roger Cox at the bar. Pay individually.</p>	<p><b>Labor Day</b> <b>BHV Office Closed</b>  Exercise Classes and Walking Group Cancelled</p>	<p><b>Grocery Shop (9:30 &amp; 11:30)</b> <b>Calendar Mailing (10:30)</b> <b>Terrific Tuesdays (4:00)</b> Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Yoga/BHAC-No.Sta. (12:15-1:15)</p>	<p><b>Whole Foods (10:00)</b> <b>Lunch Group: Assagio (12:30)</b> <b>A Conversation: The MA Primaries (3-4:30)</b> Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) CT&amp;S/Robyn (10-11)</p>	<p><b>Another Cup (9:30)</b> <b>Men's First Drink (4-5:30)</b> 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)</p>	<p><b>Grocery Shop (9:30 &amp; 11:30)</b> Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&amp;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)</p>	<p><b>Core Essentials (\$5)</b> <b>Pilates (\$5)</b> <b>Yoga/BHAC (\$5)</b> <b>Beacon Hill Athletic Club North Station</b> <b>261 Friend Street</b></p>
<p><b>East Boston: Lunch/Jazz/ Sculpture (1-4:30)</b> TBS&amp;S/BHAC-NE (8:30-9:45) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&amp;S/Robyn (10-11)</p>	<p>TBS&amp;S/BHAC-NE (8:30-9:45) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&amp;S/Robyn (10-11)</p>	<p><b>Primary Elections</b> <b>Grocery Shop (9:30 &amp; 11:30)</b> Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Yoga/BHAC-No.Sta. (12:15-1:15)</p>	<p>Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) CT&amp;S/Robyn (10-11)</p>	<p><b>Another Cup (9:30)</b> <b>Cooking at the BCAE (11-1)</b> 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)</p>	<p><b>Grocery Shop (9:30 &amp; 11:30)</b> <b>Taxi Coupons (11-noon)</b> 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)</p>	<p><b>BBQ in Beverly (11-4)</b></p>
<p><b>COOKING AT THE BCAE</b> Perfect Steak and Salad (Thursday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) To sign up for this class, please call the Boston Center for Adult Education directly at 617.267.4430 and indicate that you are a member of BHV. BHV members: \$40/class. Meet at the BCAE, 122 Arlington Street.</p>	<p><b>Walking Group: Charlestown (1:30)</b> <b>Supper Club: Trade (6:00)</b> TBS&amp;S/BHAC-NE (8:30-9:45) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&amp;S/Robyn (10-11)</p>	<p><b>Grocery Shop (9:30 &amp; 11:30)</b> <b>Terrific Tuesdays (4:00)</b> <b>Tech Help (9-12)</b> Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Yoga/BHAC-No.Sta. (12:15-1:15)</p>	<p><b>Meditation (8:45)</b> <b>Trader Joe's (noon &amp; 2)</b> <b>Travel Work Group (3-4:30)</b> Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) CT&amp;S/Robyn (10-11)</p>	<p><b>Another Cup (9:30)</b> 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)</p>	<p><b>Grocery Shop (9:30 &amp; 11:30)</b> <b>Meditation: 74 Joy Street (9:00)</b> 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)</p>	<p><b>Circuit Training &amp; Stretching/Robyn (CT&amp;S)</b> <b>Beacon House</b> <b>19 Myrtle Street</b> <b>Total Body Strength &amp; Stretching (TBS&amp;S) (\$5)</b> <b>Total Body Strength (TBS) (\$5)</b> <b>Muscle (\$5)</b> <b>Power Muscle (\$5)</b> <b>Stretching (\$5)</b> <b>Yoga (\$5)</b> <b>Beacon Hill Athletic Club North End</b> <b>85 Atlantic Avenue</b> <b>Exercise/BHAC-BH (\$5)</b> <b>Beacon Hill Athletic Club Beacon Hill</b> <b>3 Hancock Street</b> <b>Tai Chi/Dorri Li</b> <b>Beacon House</b> <b>19 Myrtle Street</b> Call instructor at 617.512.9575 for the fee for this class.</p>
<p><b>TAXI COUPONS</b> Come to the BHV office on Friday, September 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.</p>	<p><b>The Retirement Experience (3-4:30)</b> <b>Conversations with... Karen Cord Taylor (5:30-7)</b> TBS&amp;S/BHAC-NE (8:30-9:45) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&amp;S/Robyn (10-11)</p>	<p><b>Grocery Shop (9:30 &amp; 11:30)</b> <b>The Crane Estate (10-3:30/4)</b> Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Yoga/BHAC-No.Sta. (12:15-1:15)</p>	<p><b>Meditation (8:45)</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> (begins at sundown) Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) CT&amp;S/Robyn (10-11)</p>	<p><b>Another Cup (9:30)</b> 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) <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> (first day)</p>	<p><b>Grocery Shop (9:30 &amp; 11:30)</b> <b>Inside Haymarket (9:30)</b> 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)</p>	
<p><b>TRIP TO TRADER JOE'S</b> Door-to-door transportation to Trader Joe's in Cambridge on Wednesday, September 17 at noon and 2 p.m. Space is limited. BHV members only: \$10.</p>	<p><b>Fruitlands Museum (10-3:30/4)</b> TBS&amp;S/BHAC-NE (8:30-9:45) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&amp;S/Robyn (10-11)</p>	<p><b>Grocery Shop (9:30 &amp; 11:30)</b> Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Yoga/BHAC-No.Sta. (12:15-1:15)</p>	<p><b>NOTES</b></p>			

between buildings. Wear comfortable shoes! *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: \$40; Non-members: \$50. Price includes van transportation and museum admission. Lunch is pay individually.*

## **EVEN MORE TO DO**

**Wednesday, September 3 12:30 p.m.**

### **Lunch Group: Assagio**

Located in the heart of the North End, Assagio features classic Italian cuisine. *Meet at 29 Prince Street. BHV members only. Pay individually.*

**Wednesday, September 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. Space is limited, so sign up early.*

**Monday, September 15 1:30 p.m.**

### **Walking Group: North Bank Bridge/Charlestown**

Join Davida Carvin for a two mile walk across the locks over the Charles River to Paul Revere Park in Charlestown and then over what is reportedly the most



expensive pedestrian/bike path in America, the North Bank Bridge. The walk is flat (except for an incline over the bridge) on good surfaces. *Bring water and a snack. Meet at The Equal Exchange Cafe at 226 Causeway Street, near the North Station Green Line. BHV members and guests only. Free.*

**Monday, September 15 6 p.m.**

### **Supper Club: Trade**

Jody Adams, known for her support of local farms and purveyors, is the chef and co-owner of Trade, an urban brasserie in a funky, beautifully renovated old brick building. *Meet at Trade, 540 Atlantic Avenue, a block from South Station and the Federal Reserve. BHV members only. Pay individually.*

**Tuesday, September 16 9- noon**

### **Free Tech Help**

Google employee Ian Swett will hold 45-minute one-on-one tutorials with members to help them become more proficient with their smartphones, laptops or other portable devices. *74 Joy Street. BHV members only. Free.*

**Wednesday, September 17 and 24 8:45 a.m.**

### **Meditation**

Curious about the much talked-about benefits of meditation or how to go about it? A new meditation group is

forming, geared to people who are new to meditation. The group will meet on Wednesday mornings at a member's home. *Those who register will be given the Beacon Hill location of the member's home. Meditation begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. and ends in time for 10 a.m. classes or appointments. BHV members only. Free.*

**Wednesday, September 17 3 - 4:30 p.m.**

### **Travel Work Group**

Come to a startup meeting of a new BHV travel work group for a general discussion of organization and planning for specific destinations. Contact Steve Roop at [sroop@aol.com](mailto:sroop@aol.com), or just come to the meeting! *Meet at 74 Joy Street, first floor conference room. BHV members only. Free.*

**Friday, September 19 9 a.m.**

### **Meditation at 74 Joy Street**

Guided meditation led by a BHV member. No experience necessary. The group will meet at a member's Beacon Hill home; location provided upon registration. *Meditation begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. BHV members only. Free.*

**Monday, September 22 3 - 4:30 p.m.**

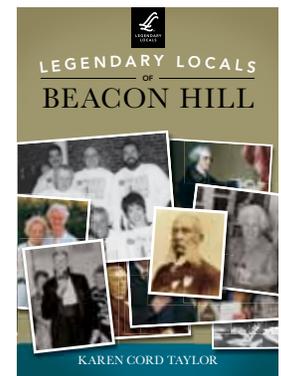
### **The Retirement Experience**

Interested members are invited to join a conversation about The Retirement Experience that began some months ago. In June, a small group of members began the conversation with a discussion of what each person was seeking and what the search meant to them. *Meet at Beacon House, 19 Myrtle Street. BHV members only. Free.*

**Monday, September 22 5:30 - 7 p.m.**

### **Conversations with . . . Karen Cord Taylor**

The people who built Beacon Hill, cared for it, prospered in it, protected it and today make it one of Boston's best neighborhoods all have stories worth telling. Karen has gathered images of these people and told their stories in *Legendary Locals of Beacon Hill*, to be published in September by Arcadia Publishing. Karen, the former owner of *The Beacon Hill Times*, will share the fun and frustration of compiling a book like this and will present some of the book's photos as well as show some images that did not get into the book. *Meet at King's Chapel Parish House, 64 Beacon Street. BHV/BHS members: Free. Non-members: \$20.*



# ‘I Didn’t Know BHV Did That...’

THAT OFFHAND COMMENT LED TO the suggestion for this article: What does BHV do that people may not know?

While talking to BHV staff and others to learn what members may not be aware of, I discovered the backstory that may well be the more interesting story of what makes our Village special. True, it offers many services provided that might seem like another Angie’s list such as referral for an electrician, someone to shovel out your car, a baby-sitter for your grandchildren, or a caterer for a party, but there is a difference.

While the biggest categories of requests for services are for rides, grocery shopping, and for help with technology, many are well out of the ordinary. There was the call asking for help in moving a 6-foot cactus plant safely and another from a member at a remote hunting and fishing lodge with no internet connection who wanted to know who won the presidential election.

*The BHV staff, in collaboration with members, has created a culture of caring that extends to volunteers and even many service providers.*

At times, a call asking for a particular service may begin with a conversation with Patricia Butler or Suzanne Hudson of Member Services that can shed new light on the issue behind the initial request. A member who was leaving home during a remodeling project requested a referral for someone who could help with moving. That conversation led to a discussion of some broader issues involved, such as getting rid of clutter and possessions that were no longer needed and, yes, Member Services knew of someone to help with that.

When people join BHV, they often discover more than they expected. In meeting with the staff, I discovered a group of skilled professionals who take enormous pleasure in connecting with members to meet even the most mun-



Members John Sears and Dodie McGrath have found different ways to use the services of BHV since the very early days of the Village. Bob Spicer helps John with his grocery shopping (below) while Susana Dorley takes Dodie McGrath to vote (above).

dane request with a thoughtful and personalized response. One couple called from out of state to say they were returning home to an empty refrigerator. They gave a shopping list to a staff member who arranged for a driver to meet them at the airport with the groceries requested, drive them home and help them in.

The BHV staff, in collaboration with members, has created a culture of caring that extends to volunteers and even many service providers. Bob Spicer, one of the drivers for BHV has said, “Assisting BHV members has enriched my life and I love every minute I can be of value.”

So move over, Angie, the ever-growing list of Village services as well as the full calendar of programs and activities come with a heavy dose of heart. ■ —*Muriel Finegold*



## BHV Answers the Call

A BHV member found herself in the hospital unexpectedly. When the call came into the office, staff assumed she was calling to arrange for some help at home or grocery shopping upon being discharged. “No, no,” said the member. “I need for someone to pick up my apartment key, go there and get my winning ticket, and cash it in at the track.” And the village “answered the call.”

# New Places, New Roles Roger and Susan Cox

“I reinvent myself every time we move,” says Susan Cox. But husband Roger, having retired from a 35-year career, is now on his first reincarnation.

The Coxes’ roots are in Middlebury, Vermont. Susan, the teacher’s child, met Roger, the farm boy, in high school. Through all the moves to follow, the original Cox homestead has remained the family’s haven.

Roger’s sales position with Toledo Scale meant a career on the road. At home with four children, mostly in Pittsburgh, Susan was active in ‘everything’ from the schools to the League of Women Voters. Then the company moved to Columbus. Time to reinvent herself.

She opened a small business selling her own designs: invitations, cards, commissioned portraits of people’s houses. But, yearning to paint what she, not others, wanted, she enrolled in Ohio State’s art program. There, she says, her “fresh, unselfconscious” style evolved into something “more subtle” and sophisticated.

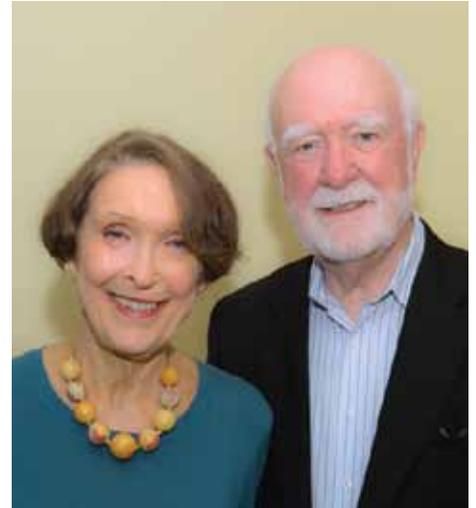
The couple’s move to the Hill in 2007 following Roger’s retirement triggered not only more reinventions but a surprising role reversal, too. “Always the social one,” Susan now retreats to her studio three days a week to paint. “Roger has become the connector,” she says. “The ambassador. We walk down Charles Street and people know him, not me.”

“It all began with the Village,” explains Roger, “the first organization I’d ever joined.” Most of the couple’s social life has evolved from his participation in the Wednesday morning Second Cup.

When, as a new member of BHV’s Program Committee, Roger was challenged to design an activity specifically for men, he recalled the weekly trips he and a friend, both newly retired, had made to unique niches of Ohio, such as a small family museum displaying a local steelworker’s hand-carved fire engines alongside his wife’s 75,000 button collection. These so-called “geezer trips” became the inspiration for First Drink, a monthly gathering of BHV men at taverns around town.

This is not to say that Susan has retreated from the world. Not only does she administer Reiki once a week to patients at Brigham and Women’s Hospital she also leads a weekly BHV meditation group and created the charming pen-and-ink drawings for the Creative Kitchens brochure this spring.

May the Coxes continue to evolve without moving from Beacon Hill. ■ —*Penny Bragonier*



## BHV BOARD NEWS



Joining the newly expanded BHV board of directors are members Doug Fitzsimmons and Karen Garvin, both of Beacon Hill; Joanne Cooper, West End; and Murray Frank, South End. Right: Nancy Mayo-Smith stepped down after nearly 10 years. She served as Clerk of the Board, chaired the Nominating and Volunteer Committees, and was a member of several other committees over the years. Thank you Nancy. We are all grateful for your years of service.

### BHV WELCOMES...

#### Back Bay

Joanna Cavitch, Mary Lee Cox, Betty Glick, Patricia Harriell, Frances Mack, Nancy Scheldrup

#### Beacon Hill

Margot Birnbaum, Rita Horgan, Henry & Joan Lee, Ned Lynch

#### Midtown

Henry Wood

#### North End

Margaret Warner

#### West End

Jeffrey Steinfeld

### IN MEMORIUM

Janice Bacon, Delores LaPointe, Jane Noel, Louis Novick, Malcolm Weiss

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THE VILLAGER *design by Joanne Legge*



Clockwise from upper left: Ken Scott, Roberta Meyers, Barbara Goodwin-Papesch, and Virginia Soule with seven other BHV members enjoy "Supper Club" at the Paramount. Ken and Cynthia Scott, Cynthia Alcorn, Davida Carvin, and Joan Doucette are all decked out for a tour of Wilbur's Chocolate Factory on a member-organized trip by train to Freeport, Maine. Judith Rosenmeier and Marion Nierintz enjoy the indoor gardens at the Blithewold Mansion in Bristol, RI. Richard Jewett, Madge Sargent, Joan Gladstone, and Murray Frank take a break to "catch some rays" during a tour of the Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.