
Co-President Message

*"April is the cruellest month
Breeding, lilacs out of the dead land
Mixing memory and desire,
Stirring, dull roots with spring rain."
T. S. Elliot*

April may be cruel in trying to awaken the land for its springtime growth. Sort of like that time of day after the alarm goes off but before we've had our morning coffee. Yet when we awaken to the renewal that comes with it, flowers, warmer temperatures, time spent outdoors, it becomes a time of joy. We celebrate a gentle season of newness and renewal.

Our club definitely seems to be getting a case of spring fever. Our amazing Program Committee has come up with the innovative new idea of a road rally for April. After that we are planning to start having meetings outdoors again. Such fun ways to celebrate spring by being outside in the warmer weather yet staying safe till we can be together again. As vaccinations steadily increase, we hope to be able to have our meetings back indoors once the weather turns colder again as it always does.

For now, have a great month of April! Stay safe. Show up and have fun at the Road Rally and the evening meeting. Things are getting better - no fooling.

Theo Rohrs and Pat Georges

Thanks to Steve Georges for
sharing his blooming photo!



April 8, 2021 7:00 pm Newcomers & Neighbors Zoom meeting featuring: the winners of the Covid Compliant Road Rally

Hi Newcomers! Our program for the April meeting will be a bit different. Members who would like to can enjoy a COVID safe activity. We invite you to leave the comfort of your home to enjoy a spring drive participating in a "Road Rally" *before* we see you on Zoom at 7p.m that evening. Hopefully you are intrigued. Here's how it will work:

Beginning at **noon on Thursday April 8, 2021 (rain or shine)**, KPTA Webmaster (Peg Nelson) will email members a set of clues to six different locations in our area. Try to solve the clues. If you are still stumped, a second set of clues will arrive in your inbox at 12:15 and a final set will arrive at 12:30. We are hoping that many of you will want to participate in the Road Rally once you read your email. Solve the clues and start your ride to the destinations. Or, if you don't want to get in your car, you can still have fun solving the clues at home; *you just won't be eligible to win a prize.*

Take a photo of each location with your phone. All of the locations have places to safely pull over or to pull off of the road. Use your blinkers/hazard lights and remember, your photos don't have to be "magazine quality" just good enough to prove you were there!

The last stop is 34 Fletcher Street Kennebunk to show us your photos. As you pull into the driveway, **please don't get out of your vehicle.** A Newcomer will meet you (wearing a mask). We will be wearing gloves and have wipes to be able to touch your phone safely.

Show us 6 correct photos and you will get an individually wrapped cookie as a reward. We will record your name and enter you in a drawing. At our evening Zoom meeting, we will draw the names of **THREE lucky Road Rally participants who will win one of the following gift certificates:**

\$100.00 Village Tavern, Kennebunk
\$50.00 Allison's, Kennebunkport
\$25.00 Mike's American Café, Arundel.

You can use your gift certificate once you feel comfortable "dining in" or for "take out."

At the beginning of our Zoom meeting that evening we will review the clues and reveal the correct locations and find out who the winners are! After that we will have our usual business meeting and chat time.

Now don't you want to get out for some fresh air and participate in the fun???

Beachside Bookenders: Our next meeting is April 8 at 5:00 p.m. The book is *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake. We are still meeting by Zoom, so if you're a new member who would like to join us be sure to let me know your email. Zoom has worked well; we can include our members who are enjoying warmer weather in the south. Our May book is *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict. Susan Gilbey

Bridge at Duffy's Resumes playing bridge at Duffy's on Wednesday, April 7 from 1:30 to 3:30. We also will meet for lunch before that, since Duffy is nice enough to provide the room. I have sent the announcement to the list from last year and wanted to make sure that anyone who wishes to hear about it is added to my mailing list.

Lunch and bridge will be in the back room at Duffy's and masks will be required when walking around the restaurant. Most if not all our players are fully vaccinated, so the mask is not needed while playing. Tom Boak.



Thanks to Cindy Shaughnessy who continues to share her artwork with us and encourages other members do likewise for the upcoming newsletters.