

## **Co-President Message**

Searching for an inspirational quote about February, it seems that quite a bit has been written about it. Most of it about the dark and the cold. But February is also a month of candy hearts and presidents' birthdays. We watch the Super Bowl, buy (and eat) lots of chocolate, and the days grow longer. It has been a full year since we met in person as newcomers and neighbors. Each day we're closer to being able to meet again. In the meantime, stay warm and hope to see you on Zoom!

"February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March." ~ J.R. Stockton

Pat Georges

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## **February 4, 2021 7:00 pm Newcomers & Neighbors Zoom meeting**

Tim Spahr of the Cape Porpoise Archaeological Alliance, a partnership between the Brick Store Museum and the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust, will discuss the upcoming exhibition at the Brick Store Museum: **Cape Porpoise: Archaeology in the Archipelago**. He will address the archaeological discoveries made locally to build the story of indigenous peoples living here thousands of years ago. At the center of the discussion will be the dugout canoe, recently excavated in 2019 at Cape Porpoise and now in the collection of the Brick Store Museum. It was named as the oldest dugout canoe ever found in our region and what implications that has for the indigenous story here in southern Maine. (Zoom link will be sent separately prior to the meeting)

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## **Beachside Bookenders**

The Beachside Bookenders, the Club's book group, meets all through the year. For February 11, we are reading *The Power of One*, a novel by Bryce Courtenay. This meeting will be held at 5 p.m., a time change from our usual. We will meet by Zoom for the course of the pandemic. There are openings for any member wishing to join us on the second Thursday of the month, at 4; for more information, please contact Susan Gilbey.

Upcoming books: *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison  
*The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake  
*Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict

## Survey:

For the next newsletter we are taking a survey: what is a Favorite? Tell us your Favorite Anything! Bread, book, trail, Netflix show, recipe, podcast . . . anything that is your favorite! You can write one or two words (for example, Smartfood Popcorn!) or wax poetic. Perhaps some pics of things people may have done, or made, during our forced confinement. Please send any Favorite to [Peg Nelson](#) for inclusion in upcoming newsletters.

For example, this picture of active Alice's activity was shared with all Quest members on their email list:



**Shoutout to Alice for being our top class participant this year!**

**SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2020 ALICE AVERAGED OVER 40 CLASSES A MONTH!**

**(YES, THAT'S MORE THAN 1 CLASS PER DAY SOME DAYS!) SOME MIGHT CALL HER AN OVERACHIEVER.... WE CALL HER A ROCKSTAR!**

## Mount Washington Hotel and Resort postponed trip update

There has been an update to our fall trip to the Mount Washington Hotel and Resort. We felt we needed a little more time before traveling and the Inn has graciously given us the opportunity to reschedule at the same cost. The new date is September 1 -3, 2021. All deposits of the previously reserved rooms have been transferred to the new dates. If you have any conflict with the new dates, please call Catherine at 800 533-6301 directly.

10 rooms have been reserved but we still have 10 more rooms in our block which can be booked. Here's the recap: The getaway to the White Mountain hotel and resort in North Conway is open to all. It's a great opportunity to get to know your fellow newcomers. The cost is \$425 for a single occupancy; \$530 for a double occupancy. The two-night stay includes two breakfasts and one gourmet dinner on the premises. Guests have the opportunity to relax and take in the beauty at the resort and/or join in one of the many offerings such as hikes, golf, shopping, etc.

Please contact the Zarrellas if you have any questions or are interested in adding your name to the list of people who would like to go. John and Wendy



Thanks to Cindy Shaughnessy who provided this Valentine and encouraged other members to submit their art work for the upcoming newsletters.