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AUGUST CULTURAL AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Enjoy the cultural life of Falmouth with help from NF. Many of our volunteers are already planning to go to these and other activities around town. If you'd like to go too, we'd love to get you a ride and give you a friendly person to sit with. **Please call the office if you are interested and need a ride.**

Falmouth Town Band Summer Concerts

Thursday evenings 7:30 p.m. through August at the Music and Arts Pavilion, Marina Park, next to Falmouth Harbor. All concerts are free of charge and open to the general public. Bring your chair or blanket to enjoy these outdoor concerts.

'Cape Cod Moments' An Exhibition by South Cape Artists, Opens August 9

Chafin Fine Art Gallery, 233 Main St, Falmouth, (508) 540-5000. Free opening reception August 9, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Show runs through the end of September.

Bluegrass Festival: Sunday, August 10, 3:00 pm

Highfield Hall & Gardens Bluegrass Music Festival brings on foot-stomping fun for the whole family. Food vendors will be on hand, as well as Cape Cod Beer for adults, or bring a picnic to enjoy on the lawn. Admission is by free will donation.

Lobster on the Lawn, St. Barnabas Church Mondays through August 11th, 5:00 p.m.

The meal consists of a lobster roll, chips and your choice of beverage. Dessert is a slice of pie. The price is \$15.00 and children's meals are available.

H.M.S Pinafore by Gilbert & Sullivan: Aug.12-16,
College Light Opera Company (CLOC), tickets \$35,
call 508-548-0668 for reservations



Nan Logan with a Rajasthani wedding turban from a trip to India.

Meet Nan Logan

A Profile by Pamela Nelson

"You can't save the world," says Neighborhood Falmouth volunteer Nan Logan. "But you need to do *something*." For Nan, doing "something" has ranged from knocking on doors on behalf of Deval Patrick during his gubernatorial campaigns to joining 20 other international volunteers in a "Habitat Housing Build" in a village in Rajasthan, India, last winter. Regarding her participation in a Cape Cod group devoted to working to end gun violence, she says, "We are trying to find common ground with sportsmen and gun groups, to find a basis for engaging in conversation. As part of my desire to blur the edges, I took a gun safety course and now have a 'license to carry.' Of course, I never want to own a gun, but I appreciate that my gun safety teacher insisted that we go to a firing range and actually shoot." With a wry smile, she adds, "I'd rather go walking."

Nan was born in Columbus, Ohio, the youngest of three children. Her father was chairman of the Chemistry Department at Ohio State University. Nan recalls the chemical smells wafting through his office when she visited him as a child, before the days of stringent laboratory ventilation safety measures. For years her family summered in northwest Wyoming, in a hand-hewn log cabin in a valley at the foot of the Grand Tetons. "It was the Lost Boys in Neverland," Nan says. Even now, living not far from the sea, she says she sometimes misses mountain contours.

Nan attended the lab school affiliated with Ohio State University for 14 years, beginning with its two-year kindergarten. The school was committed to teaching foreign tongues as living, spoken languages, and Nan got a sound foundation in French. A political science major at Denison University, she spent her junior year abroad in Paris studying at the Institute des Études Politiques, under the auspices of Sweet Briar College. The core curriculum included French art history, with weekly slide-illustrated lectures and guided tours through the Louvre. She laughs when recalling that Jacques Chirac was one of her political science tutors.

Using her fluency, Nan taught French in independent secondary schools in Providence for 15 years. She learned Spanish so that she could offer a choice in language education at one small Providence school, and she spent a summer in Spain in an immersion program to become comfortable with speaking and teaching Spanish. She also taught English as a second language to Southeast Asian refugees in the 1980s. "Providence was welcoming a number of the Hmong. There were twelve different Hmong family groups, as well as Laotian, Cambodian, and Vietnamese immigrants. I was helping them with job placements. It was like going on a trip to Southeast Asia every time I went in to work. We were invited to their festivals and to dinners. It went on for a couple of years until the money for that program ran out."

DATES TO REMEMBER

August is so busy with everything else, that there are no special Neighborhood Falmouth activities. Mark your calendar for these Fall activities

**Meet for Lunch and Meet for Breakfast:
See you in September!**

Meet for Breakfast: September 8th

Our regular monthly Meet for Breakfast will be Monday, September 8, at Friendly's at 9:00 a.m. All members, volunteers, and guests are welcome. We order from the menu, and individual checks are provided. Please call the office if you need a ride or to reserve a place.

Meet for Lunch: September 10th

Wednesday, September 10th, 11:30 a.m. Enjoy the company of other NF members at British Beer Company in Falmouth Heights for lunch. All members, volunteers, and guests are welcome. We order from the menu, and individual checks are provided. Please call the office if you need a ride or to reserve a place.

NF Book Club: September 23

Book Club meets at 2:30 p.m. on September 23 at Vicky Cullen's home to discuss *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes and to plan future meeting dates and book selections—new ideas welcome! Books should have audio versions available.

NF Fall Gathering: October 25th

Members and Volunteers! Please hold the date for our annual Fall Gathering Luncheon on Saturday, October 25, at the First Congregational Church at 12:00 noon. Enjoy the opportunity to share a meal with other members and volunteers and we'll have some entertainment following the meal.

In her mid-thirties, Nan decided it was "time to get serious" about a profession. She enrolled in a night school technology class and was surprised at the degree of satisfaction she derived from working with computers. Encouraged by her future husband, Phil Logan, she earned a master's degree in computer science at the University of Rhode Island while he was working on his Ph.D. in resource

economics there. Phil had been active in the Peace Corps, spending time in Fiji and Tanzania, and Nan, a self-styled Peace Corps groupie, met him through mutual Peace Corps friends. They both dreamed of “living in exotic places, doing exotic things.”

In 1984, Phil took a position at NOAA in Woods Hole as a fisheries economist while Nan worked at Brown University on a prototype of the Internet and the World Wide Web. Most of Nan’s jobs were of short duration, ending when funding ran out. At age 52, she landed her first permanent job, she says, as a “techie” for a data management group at the Bureau of Fisheries in Woods Hole. By then, she and husband Phil had a ten-year-old son. They bought a house on Woods Hole Road, not far from the village, with a view on clear winter days of Vineyard Sound out back over the trees. Their son attended Falmouth Academy, and Nan enjoyed working on the cutting edge as science embraced rapidly evolving computer technologies.

Now that Nan and Phil have retired, they can travel to the exotic places they once discussed and dreamed about. In summer, they prefer to stay in Woods Hole, taking short cruises of several days’ duration in their sailboat. In winter, with the sailboat hauled, they can travel abroad. Nan’s mother’s family always held the view, shared by her mother and her two sisters, that “there’s a world out there and one can go and have adventures.” Nan’s mother taught in China, one sister taught in India, and the other in Hawaii. Nan and Phil are mulling over various destinations for this coming winter, including India or Tanzania. Phil has also mentioned both Iran and Burma. Deciding where to go is part of the adventure, it seems.

Neighborhood Falmouth was launched the year that Nan retired, and Nan thought that she would enjoy being a volunteer. “I was aware that it was out there, and I missed contact with people of my parents’ generation. ‘I

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could drive,’ I thought.” She connected with a French-speaking charter member of the organization and helped her with shopping and running errands. Now Nan watches for requests from members in the Woods Hole-Quissett-Sippewissett area, which can be inconvenient for many volunteers. Of her connections with NF members Nan says, “I’ve met so many remarkable people through Neighborhood Falmouth – people with the most wonderful spirit. I enjoy doing outings with them.” And Neighborhood Falmouth is fortunate to have Nan as a member of our volunteer corps!