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## JUNE CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Let NF keep you connected to the cultural life of Falmouth. Please call the office if you need a ride.

### ***Falmouth Genealogical Society***

Members of the Falmouth Genealogical Society are available to help research your family history. Tuesday, June 10, 2:00–4:00 p.m., Falmouth Public Library, Main Branch. Free drop-in session.

### ***Arts Alive***

Arts, music, dance and performances on the Library lawn. Friday, June 20, 5:00 p.m. – Sunday, June 22, 5:00 p.m. See *The Falmouth Enterprise* or go online to [artsfalmouth.org](http://artsfalmouth.org) for schedule. Free.

### ***Classic, Romantic and Modern Concert***

Irina Muresanu, violin, Karen Ouzounian, cello, and Donald Enos, piano, in a concert at Highfield Hall. Sunday, June 22, 4:00–6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for Highfield members, \$25 for non-members. Call Jennifer at 508-495-1878, ext. 2, for tickets.

### ***And coming up in July...***

### ***Cole Porter, A Robert Wyatt Lecture: July 12<sup>th</sup>***

Tickets are \$20 for Highfield members, \$25 for non-members. Call Jennifer at 508-495-1878, ext. 2, for tickets.



## **A Profile of Betty Crichton**

*By Pamela Nelson*

Although Neighborhood Falmouth's initial goal, when it was founded five years ago, was to help seniors stay in their own homes, a few of its members continue to enjoy its benefits after moving to assisted living programs. Betty Crichton is one such member. After living for several years at Dillingham Place and one year at Atria Woodbriar, Betty now feels comfortably at home at Heritage at Falmouth, while remaining connected to Neighborhood Falmouth.

Betty, who was born in Boston, was the only child of Nora and Frank Ludovici. Her mother was born in Ireland, but emigrated to America at age 5, and her father, who worked as a wool sorter in a mill in Norton and later sold insurance, was the son of Italian immigrants. Betty attended elementary school in Foxboro and completed her education in Norton. After high school, she went to work in a jewelry factory in Attleboro, where she made strain gauges. She subsequently took a job at the Foxboro Company, a leading manufacturer and supplier of devices for monitoring and automating manufacturing processes for various industries. It was there that she met her husband, Jim Crichton, who, by the time he retired, had held various administrative positions with the company.

## **TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY**

Road Scholar Exclusive Program for  
MA Villages Members, Volunteers and their friends

Philadelphia Cultural Bouquet  
3 nights, 4 days

Friday, October 24–Monday, October 27, 2014  
Call Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5315  
to request information or make a reservation.

Jim and Betty were married in 1949, when she was 26. Their wedding reception was held at the Lakeview Ballroom, which was owned by Jim and his brothers. The newlyweds loved to go dancing, and in fact, Betty had been an enthusiastic dancer at USO functions during WWII. Jim was a good dancer as well, and the couple continued to enjoy going to dances, thanks to their mothers, who cheerfully babysat for their three daughters, Linda, Susan, and Joanne.

Betty describes her husband as a man who liked to stay active. He loved working on their house and tending their gardens. He did a lot of the construction himself on the house they built in Foxboro. When they got married, Jim already owned a cottage in Popponesset, which the couple rented out for much of the vacation season. For years they enjoyed staying there during the last week of June, and they would go there on weekends to turn it over between renters. As employees of the Foxboro Company, they took advantage of many of the benefits offered by the company. For instance, they belonged to a camping group, but Betty explains that they did not "rough it" when they went camping. She and Jim had a very nice motor home, complete with kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping accommodations, and they traveled on weekends to various campsites around New England, including Vermont, New Hampshire, and

### **Phyllis K. Rubin**

*We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Neighborhood Falmouth member and longtime Falmouth resident Phyllis K. Rubin, who died at home with hospice care on Wednesday, May 28, 2014.*

*Phyllis's son Jim Rubin has said that there will be no formal service, though there will be a memorial celebration in October. Jim is happy to speak with any of Phyllis's friends. Please call the office to get his telephone number.*

Connecticut, often in groups of as many as twenty campervans. Once at their destination, the participants often ate together and went swimming, if there was a pool available. The Foxboro Company also organized trips abroad, and the Crichtons seized the opportunity to travel with company groups to Italy, France, and Holland.

After Jim retired, they built a home in Mashpee. For about fifteen years they wintered in a motor home in Winter Haven, FL, not far from Orlando. They also continued to take trips around New England in their camper van in the summer and fall. One year they went to Nova Scotia with a small group of campervan friends. The men decided it would be fun to go visit a mine, but Betty decided to skip that adventure. Instead, she stayed in the van, where she tripped and fell, breaking her ankle. When Jim got back, she insisted that they return to Falmouth Hospital, where she had surgery on her ankle a couple of days later. She remarks ruefully that she probably would have been safer going down in the mine with Jim.

Betty stayed in the Mashpee house for a couple of years after Jim died in 2005, following a heart attack. However, she found living alone in the Mashpee house just too lonely, and decided to sell the house and move to Falmouth.

Linda, Betty's oldest daughter, who lives in Billerica, is a nurse in a doctor's office. She visits Betty for an overnight stay every other week, and they go out together to shop and run errands. Susan, the middle daughter, worked for 19 years at the Woods Hole Golf Club. She lives in Cotuit, but winters in Florida. Joanne, the youngest, lives in Florida, where she is the office manager for a Subaru dealership. Betty looks forward to the arrival of two new great-grandchildren this summer. Two of the grandsons are "expecting," and by July, Betty will doubtless have photos of all four of her little ones in her Heritage apartment. Although Betty has moved frequently throughout her life, she says she loves being at Heritage. Since this past October, her neighbor in the next unit at Heritage is her dear friend of 60 years, Connie, and the two women enjoy meals and bingo together. She finds the staff friendly and helpful, and enjoys interacting with the other residents. Cheerful and fun-loving, Betty gives the impression that she will continue, as she always has, to look for and enjoy the best of what her surroundings offer her.

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Neighborhood Falmouth members got able help from Falmouth High students last month. Thanks to (pictured L-R) Elizabeth Palmer, Austin Lubbe, and Molly Walker, all juniors at FHS, and the rest of the participating Civic Leadership Project group. Special thanks to FHS Guidance Counselor Susannah Cronin for coordinating the service day.

Remember, Neighborhood Falmouth members can get help for periodic household and yard projects, or can connect you with professionals on our service list. Don't hesitate to call.

### **MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS: WE NEED YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS**

One of the services we offer at Neighborhood Falmouth is furnishing members with recommendations on local service providers such as plumbers, handymen, housekeepers and yard maintenance workers. If you have used someone that you would like to be on our list, please let us know. Similarly, if we have recommended a service person to you who has done a poor job, we want to know that too. Call the office so that we can keep a good, up-to-date list for everyone's benefit! Thank you!

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### **NEIGHBORHOOD FALMOUTH SENIOR DISCOUNTS**

Eastman/Ace Hardware: 10% discount to members of NF on most full-priced items and available every day. You must present your NF membership card to receive the discount.

Falmouth Taxi Company: 25% discount to Falmouth Seniors. Be sure to ask for the discount if you use their service.

Green Shuttle: \$15 discount to members of Neighborhood Falmouth.

Mahoney's Garden Center: 10% Senior discount every Wednesday.

Windfall Market: 5% Senior discount every Wednesday.

Dunkin' Donuts: 10% Senior discount anytime—you have to request it.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **How to Declutter Your Home: June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday, June 4, 2:00 p.m., First Congregational Church on the Village Green. Tired of looking at all those old boxes, pictures, clothes, dishes, etc.? Come to this presentation by Deborah Scavotto and get rid of unwanted "stuff" in your house. Sponsored by Neighborhood Falmouth. Free.

### **Watch Volleyball at Sea Crest: June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday, June 14, 9:00 a.m. There is a charity volleyball tournament at Old Silver Beach and one team, Dermatology of Cape Cod, is playing to benefit Neighborhood Falmouth. Come support the team that is supporting NF. Free.

### **Meet for Lunch: June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., Enjoy the company of other NF members. Join us at British Beer Company in Falmouth Heights for lunch. All members, volunteers, and guests are welcome. We will order from the menu, and individual checks will be provided. Please call the office to reserve a place.

### **NF Book Club: June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. We're reading *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 and Gander, Newfoundland* by Jim DeFede. New members always welcome. Call the office for location.

### **Stephanie Miele Concert: July 30<sup>th</sup>**

"Everything Old is New Again: Songs from the Stage and Screen". Vocalist Stephanie Miele and pianist Lucy Banner present a benefit concert for Neighborhood Falmouth. Encourage your friends and family to come enjoy the music. We are happy to provide rides to members. Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. First Congregational Church on the Village Green. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

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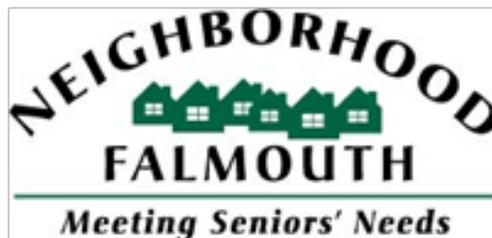
And, as a special treat for reading all the way to the end of the newsletter, here is a photo our own Laura Sonnichsen took at her hummingbird feeder last week.



Thanks to all our members and volunteers for making Neighborhood Falmouth such a terrific organization. Please make sure to tell your friends and neighbors about Neighborhood Falmouth. New members and new volunteers are always welcome.

Neighborhood Falmouth gratefully acknowledges recent support from the following merchants and organizations:

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