



Seacoast Village Project

Get Smart. Get Connected. Help Each Other Out.

February 2021 News & Events

Village News

Katsura Tree at Carey Cottage

As shared by Jennifer Lee

Hard to miss, this large specimen native to Japan is believed to have been a gift to the Careys from the Japanese delegation that had come to Portsmouth in 1905 to participate in the negotiations that ultimately ended the Russo-Japanese War. Several times during the month of negotiations, Arthur Astor Carey and his wife Agnes hosted the Japanese and Russian delegates at dinner and garden parties at their house along the banks of Sagamore Creek. A katsura tree, like the cherry tree, would have been an appropriate gift from the Carey's special guests.



In Japanese mythology, the gods descend from heaven to earth via a katsura tree. It will be a welcome neighbor to the Seacoast Village Project.

Phase 1B Vaccine Registration and Scheduling is Now LIVE!



The COVID-19 Vaccination registration and scheduling sign-ups are now live online. The two-stage process can be a little tricky. We have a Village member who has successfully navigated through the process who is available to assist anyone wanting support.

To start, go to New Hampshire Vaccine Registration site at <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/> to register. Then be on the look out for a confirmation email from VAMS (Vaccine Administration Management System). If it doesn't turn up in your inbox, be sure to check your SPAM, Promotions or Bulk Mail folders. Once you've confirmed your registration, you will be allowed to schedule your vaccination.

If you would like help navigating this process, please contact us at info@seacoastvillageproject.org.

Upcoming Events: Get Smart, Get Connected

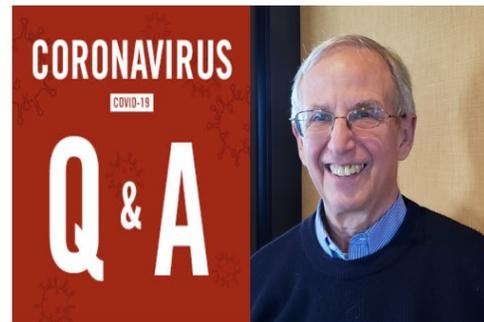
PLEASE NOTE: All events require advance registration.

For more event details or to register for an upcoming event, visit www.SeacoastVillageProject.org and click of the 'Events' tab or call the office at (603) 373-8427.

Get Smart! Lunch & Learn Session "COVID-19 Long Haulers"

Tuesday, February 2 @ noon
via Zoom

The COVID-19 Q&A with Dr. Karl Singer occurs on the first Tuesday of each month.



Sun Print Workshop

Thursday, February 11 @ 10:30
via Zoom

Create a sun print with Patty Evans in an online Zoom tutorial! The process we will be using is simple and fun. Find some objects to use to create your design, arrange them on the sun sensitive paper, expose it to sunlight for one minute, rinse in water and watch the magic happen! Register by February 8th.

Annual Check up—Financial That is!

Tuesday, February 16, 12:00-1:00pm
via Zoom

Let's get organized – this annual checkup will show you ways to gather your records and key information to create a snapshot of what you have, where you have it, and what might need attention as we start a new year. Discover how what you do now can help you and your family for years to come – they will thank you! Register by February 15.

More Upcoming Events on next page...



Happy Hour Book & Movie Discussion

Thursday, February 25, 5-6pm

via Zoom

Books bring us so much pleasure. Join us on Zoom to share the title of what you're reading (or have read), the author, and why it has meaning for you. And while we're at it, what movies/shows are you watching that others might not know about? We'll make a list of everyone's suggestions and forward it to the participants after our meeting. Register by February 24.



Village Cluster Meet-ups

Join others in your area for this month's meet-up on Zoom. This is a chance to make new connections, and if you aren't already a member, learn more about taking the next step. Register by day prior to event.

- Exeter Area: Feb. 3 & March 3
- Portsmouth Area: Feb. 10 & March 10
- Dover/Durham area: Feb. 17 & March 17.

Get Connected: Preferred Provider Resources

As winter winds and snow fly, it's important to have trusted and reliable professionals available to handle your snow removal and make small repairs around the house. Does your plow company or handyman provide exceptional service?

Recommending your contact or company to other Village members is easy! Simply fill out the provider referral form on the Village website under the 'Resources' tab and we'll handle the rest!



Help Each Other Out: Volunteering

As a volunteer-led organization, we rely on the time and expertise of our members to keep our Village moving forward. Volunteers can contribute in a variety of ways on a one-time or regular basis.



This month we need member-volunteers to help with:

Village Builders: Help with member outreach and respond to member questions.

Help us expand our preferred provider database! Work includes making calls to recommended vendors, completing datasheets and entering information into our database program.

Direct Service: The Member Service Team is looking for two people to help with telephone outreach and others to help with errands in all three service areas.

Program Support: Be part of developing our 2021 calendar of programs and events by joining the Program & Events Team.

Couriers are also wanted to deliver documents and supplies to Village members, and distribute newsletters and other Village informational materials to local community agencies.

To learn more or to sign up for one of these opportunities, go to the Village website under the 'Volunteer' tab or contact the office at (603) 373-8429.

Village Member Stories: Steve Smith



Massachusetts native and retired Hampton dentist Steve Smith moved to Portsmouth shortly before his 2016 retirement. He continues to support New Hampshire's underserved populations by regularly volunteering his skills at the Tamworth Dental Clinic.

Asked why he became a Seacoast Village member, Steve said, "As we get on in years, we tend to isolate from others. A major priority for me is my spiritual life, which includes being part of a community whose members offer and receive comfort and connection from each other. As I age, I want to live independently. My neighbors are great; we are always there for each other. But the aim of the Seacoast Village is to provide more extensive services than neighbors can." You can read more of Steve's story in the 'Member Stories' section of the Village's website.