

Hamilton House Courier

July/August 2026



(1) Annual Garden Party; (2) Lecture by Dr. Hodges, Dean of Academics, US Naval War College; (3) Members enjoy make-your-own sundaes at the Ice Cream Social

Programs & Special Events

Please note any sign up or payment requirements.

– PROGRAM EVENT –

Senior Summer Camp

Friday, July 24 at 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Cost: \$15 pp | Sign up & pay at Front Desk

Deadline: Friday, July 17

Each activity is limited to 15 participants | Sign up for activity at bulletin board

A half-day camp adventure to relive those summer days of crafting, playing games, singing and snack time!

A variety of activities will take place for 45 minutes each, including making a doodle postcard, hand-weaving a wristband, crafting a 'campaign' button, lawn darts, Simon Says, and drumming/rattles/bells with song. Activities will be outdoors and indoors.

Coffee, Tea & Conversation

2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 am | DR

July 8 | August 12

Enjoy socializing with other members at this informal social gathering over tea and coffee. All members welcome!

– SOCIAL EVENTS –

Annual Summer Cookout

Friday, July 24 at 2pm-4pm

Cost: \$15 pp | Sign up & pay at Front Desk

Deadline: Monday, July 20

Join this seasonal House tradition of grillin' and chillin'! There will be hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, salads, frozen treats, beer and non-alcoholic beverages.

Try your hand at croquet and corn hole games outside and board games inside.

Attend Summer Camp and the BBQ for a full day of summer activities and fun.

August Social Event: Wine Tasting

August 13, 5-7 PM

More details to come!

This event is sponsored by **Zmanti**, a female-founded feminine health company developing innovative consumer products that provide modern solutions for timeless health needs, empowering all women to live without limits.

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Monthly Friday Social

4th Friday of each month

July's social will be the cookout

August 28 | 3 pm - 5 pm (Patio)

Light fare will be served, but members are asked to bring a beverage of choice for themselves or to share. A snack to share is also an option. Members, neighbors, and friends are all welcome.

– TRAVEL –

Trips: Sign-up is required at the Front Desk and payment due must be made at that time. Trip details are posted on the bulletin board in the Reception Area.



Roger Williams Zoo

Thursday, July 2 at 9:45 am - 1 pm (Van leaves at 10 am)

Cost: \$25 | Bring lunch or purchase lunch at the zoo

Sign up and pay at Front Desk | Senior Van Transportation—14 Max.

One-hour walking tour of the zoo, led by member Jenny Rosen.

Westerly Museum of American Impressionism

Thursday, July 30 at 8:45 am-2:30 pm (Van leaves at 9 am)

Cost: \$10pp | Lunch is self pay at Cap'n Jack's

Sign up and pay at Front Desk | Senior Van Transportation—14 Max.

Worcester Art Museum

Thursday, August 20 at 9:15 am - 2:30

Cost: \$17pp

Sign up and pay at Front Desk | Deadline: Monday, August 10 | Senior Van Transportation—14 Max.

The Worcester Art Museum houses over 38,000 works of art dating from antiquity to the present day and representing cultures from all over the world. The collection includes Roman mosaics, European and American art, and Japanese prints.

– CONCERTS –

Lisandro Miguel Guevara

Guitar

Tuesday, July 14 at 11:30 (DR)

Lisandro is making a name for himself in the area with his guitar performances of Spanish, Flamenco, Tango, Brazilian, Cuban and Afro beat music! He also plays the Ngoni, an African harp. *Dance Party anyone?!*

Ina Wolovitz

Classical piano

Wednesday, August 12 at 12:30 pm (Hallway)

Ina is a Brown University School of Engineering student who has been playing and performing classical piano and chamber music for more than a decade. Her performance will include Bach, Beethoven, maybe Schubert, and possibly Chaminade.....

Thank you member Margo Chiappinelli for suggesting this performer.

– LUNCH & LEARN –

Talking About Art: People At the Beach

Instructor: Suzanne Lewis

Tuesday, August 4 at 12 pm (DR)

Take a trip around the beaches of the world from Trouville, France in the 1860's to Cape Ann, Mass. in the 1870's, on to Valencia, Spain in the early 1900's, Coney Island, NY, in the 1920's, and 1960's San

Francisco. This 'travel' will illustrate how various artists and art movements portrayed beach culture and dress of the times.

Talking About Art is a discussion group for those who want to learn more about Art and Artists.

Hamilton House Website Training: Member Portal

Monday, July 7 at 10 am (DR)

Wednesday, August 12 at 11 am (DR)

Executive Director Chloe Clasper-Torch will lead these one-hour training sessions to help members navigate the updated features of the website, creating a log in and accessing the Member Portal. **Members are encouraged to bring a device that they can access their email and the internet** (laptop, ipad, cell phone etc.) in order to be hands-on during the workshop. While not mandatory, members are encouraged to attend and get comfortable with using the website. These training sessions will continue into the Fall.

Conversations in Science

Lectures will be slowing down during summer break. **Stay tuned as speakers and topics are scheduled.**

This series is in partnership with Brown University, and The the Voss Fellows Program at the Institute at Brown for Environment and Society (IBES), and The Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences (DEEPS)

250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence Series

This series will continue throughout the year to review events leading to the creation of the Declaration, analyze how this document stands the test of time, and highlight the roles of various players in a democracy, as well as highlight the role of Rhode Islanders.

The Battle of Rhode Island

Jay Waller, principal investigator/senior archaeologist
Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.

Wednesday, July 8 at 12:30 pm (DR)

On August 29, 1778 this battle, after a 20-day siege, was the first joint Franco-American military operation. It didn't end well for the Continentals, despite militias from several colonies led by General Nathanael Greene and General le Marquis de Lafayette.

Waller has been assisting the Battle of Rhode Island Association with some archaeological exploration; he will discuss the battle, archaeological methods associated with battlefield archaeology and explain

how historians & archeologists literally piece it all together.

The Franco American Alliance: The Road to Yorktown

Norm Desmarais, historian, author, professor emeritus at Providence College

Wednesday, July 15 at 12:30 pm

This presentation is based on the remarkable diaries kept by 21 year-old Louis-François-Bertrand, the Count of Lauberdière and nephew of General Rochambeau, the commander of all French forces in America. Serving as aide-de-camp on General Rochambeau's staff, Lauberdière was in the epicenter of many of the war's momentous events, and enjoyed a unique perspective of the war, meeting George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette.

Desmarais translated the diaries into his book, *The Road to Yorktown: The French Campaigns in the American Revolution, 1780-1783*, by Louis-François-Bertrand du Pont d'Aubevoye, comte de Lauberdière.

The Role of the Courts in a Democracy

Peter Neronha, RI Attorney General

Wednesday, July 29 at 12:30 pm (DR)

The Attorney General is the chief legal officer of the government, responsible for enforcing laws, advising elected officials, and representing the public interest in court. Neronha has been RIAG since 2019.

Rhode Islanders In the War of Independence

Nathanael & Catherine Greene of Coventry, RI, were a 'power couple' in the late 1700s and particularly during the American Revolution|War of Independence..

Women of the Revolution: Catherine Littlefield Greene

Michelle Girasole, founder, Fresh Adventures

Tuesday, August 18 at 12 pm (DR)

Caty Greene was born on Block Island. After her marriage to the prosperous Nathanael Greene, she helped run the family business, followed her husband to battlefield camps, and was a force to be reckoned with her entire life.

Girasole learned about Greene when she launched a digital interactive statewide scavenger hunt designed to celebrate Rhode Island's role in the American Revolution. She has since developed history stories about several Rhode Islanders.

Nathanael Greene

Jake Spencer, docent, Nathanael Greene Homestead
Wednesday, August 26 at 12 pm (DR)

Greene was born in Warwick, RI. He ran a successful business in Coventry, and was a state legislator until he left to join the Continental Army. He quickly rose through the ranks to become General Washington's 2nd in command, and most trusted officer.

Dressed in period clothing, Spencer will discuss Greene's life in Rhode Island, his military career, financial difficulties after the war and unexpected death at a young age while living in Georgia.

Regional, State and Local Issues Series

This series will include renewable energy, transportation, smart growth development strategies, senior issues, and more.

Speakers and topics TBA.

Thank you member Barry Schiller for suggesting this series. Barry welcomes members' suggestions for both topics and speakers. Diverse views are also welcomed.

– PRESENTATIONS –

The Architecture of the Negro Travelers' Green Book

Catherine Zipf, executive director, Bristol Historical & Preservation Society

Monday, July 20 at 12:30 pm (DR)

Award-winning architectural historian and prolific author, Zipf studies the underdogs of American architectural history. With an interest in race and gender, Zipf reconstructs lost or overlooked histories, providing a new, often surprising, viewpoint on the traditional narrative.

Her talk will review the Civil Rights era in RI, a history of the Green Book, and 24 related sites in the Ocean State, many still standing.

Note: The movie, *The Green Book*, will be featured at Friday Flicks on July 17.

Coco Chanel Fashion Revolutionary!

Member Kip Brott

Friday, July 17 at 11 am (DR)

From her humble beginnings to the heights of Parisian *haute couture*, this richly illustrated lecture by member Kip Brott will explore Coco Chanel's

revolutionary designs, her creation of modern chic, and her enduring cultural influence.

From the House of Chanel to the House of Hamilton, resident fashionista Kip Brott will explore how Chanel's legendary vision made an indelible mark on the history of fashion and the art of personal style!

Senior Travel –Road Scholar

Member Janet Bryant

Wednesday, July 22 at 12:30 pm (DR)

Road Scholar is an educational travel nonprofit, designed primarily for people 50+ (and sometimes their families). Janet will discuss what types of educational trips are offered and what to expect on a Road Scholar vacation, along with trip costs, itineraries, lodging, meals, etc. She will also share photos and info from three trips she's taken.

–VISUAL ARTS –

Seashell Trinket Dish Workshop

Member Ann Thomas

Tuesday, July 21 at 1 pm – 3 pm (DR)

Cost: \$10 materials fee to be paid directly to the instructor at the class|Sign up at Front Desk.
Deadline: July 17. Minimum: 6. Max: 12

Bring the touch of the ocean home with these hand crafted Shell Trinket Dishes. Learn to make these unique decoupaged shell dishes using shells from local Rhode Island beaches. These handmade gifts are perfect for holding treasured rings or small items.

All materials are provided.

NOTE: Please bring a hair dryer to speed up the drying process.

Zentangle Laminated Bookmark Workshop

Charlann Walker, certified Zentangle instructor

Monday, August 17 at 12:30 pm – 2 pm (DR)

Materials fee: \$12pp is paid directly to instructor.
Min 6|Max: 15|Sign up at Front Desk| Deadline: Monday, August 10.

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns using repetitive steps that transcends its own rules. The method increases focus and creativity, provides artistic satisfaction along with an increased sense of personal well-being and mindfulness. The bookmarks will be laminated.

Ongoing Activities

Please note any RSVP requirements or payment details

– LANGUAGE –

Beginner French

Instructor: Member Susan Rubin

Mondays at 9:45 am (Mural)

Class limit: 9. [Sign up at Front Desk](#)

Beginner French focuses on enhancing students' ability to understand and communicate in the language in a comfortably-paced and welcoming environment. Students are introduced to grammar, vocabulary, and basic conversation, including simple expressions for practical situations. The class practices language skills through activities with one another and the instructor.

French Conversation and Culture. This class will not be in session this summer.

Instructor: Member Sheila Zompa

Mondays at 9:50 am (DR)

German: Intermediate Study Group

Mondays at 10:45 am (Mirror)

Join a self-directed gathering of studious German language students.

Spanish II & III These classes will not be in session this summer.

Instructor: Member Alicia Elwin

Tuesdays (Mural)

Class size for II & III: 10 max

Both classes require sign up at Front Desk

Beginner Spanish I This class will not meet in July. It will return August 5-26.

Instructor: Perla McGuinness

Wednesdays, 10 am. (Mural)

This class is for anyone who has no background in Spanish. Students will learn fundamentals of Spanish, vocabulary, basic grammar rules and pronunciation.

– LITERATURE/POETRY/WRITING –

Classic Novels

Instructor: Member Joan Scheer

Thursdays at 11 am (Mural)

Classic Novels takes an in-depth look at a variety of novels that have stood the test of time, and explores novels and authors who may be en route to this distinction.

Book Club

Coordinator: Member Sylvia Danforth

Last Monday of the month at 1 pm (DR)

Monday, July 27

"Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi

A stranger named Theo arrives at the city of Golden and when he visits the local coffeehouse, he finds portraits of the people hanging on the walls. He begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. And so portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered.

Monday, August 24 *week earlier than usual*

Book Potpourri & Social

There is not a selected book for August. Each member chooses a book they have read that they would like to share with other book club members, and are welcome to bring goodies and/or drinks to share.

Poetry Writers' Workshop

Coordinator: Member Nancy Cherico

Second and fourth Mondays at 11 am to 12:30 pm

(July 13 & 27. August 10 & 24)| Mirror

This workshop is now full.

These sessions provide a supportive space to get feedback from other writers about how to enhance the work—the high points, what works, what leaves questions for the reader, and what might work better.

Poetry Group

Coordinator: Member Jerry Deschepper
Tuesdays at 10:30 am (Oak)

Each month a member will lead a discussion focusing on a poet's works and influence on the genre.

- **July Poet of the Month:** Howard Nemerov
- **August Poet of the Month:** TBA

Writing Together

Coordinator: Member Catherine Goldhammer
Fridays at 1 pm-2:30 pm (Oak)
(No sessions July 3 & 24 or August 14)

Working on a writing project and want to work in the company of others? Whether the project is a novel, poem, report, letter or journal, this is a companionable way to get some writing done. The session begins with everyone briefly describing their project, writing for 45 minutes, and wrapping up by saying how it went.

All experience levels are welcome. This is not a critique group. Work will not be read or shared.

Like Mysteries?

How about teaching a course in writing a mystery and/or leading a class in exploring Literary Mysteries? If interested, please get in touch with the program manager, Liz Kelley. Stop by the office or email hamiltonhouseoffice@gmail.com or. Thank you!

– DISCUSSION FORUMS –

Readings & Discussion **This group will meet in July. It will not meet in August.**

Coordinator: Member John Stevenson
Wednesdays at 11 am (DR)

Join a lively, weekly discussion group about a stimulating essay or short article. Titles and links to the readings are listed in the weekly ebuletin.

History Reading & Discussion

Member Mary Buczynski
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1:30-3 pm (Oak)
(July 1 & 15. August 5 & 19)

This forum is open to any topic of history from World History to the history of an industry. Contact Mary with an idea for a topic or book recommendation and the group will vote on what to pursue. buczynski.mary@gmail.com

Current Topics

Facilitator: Member Rick Tropper
Alternating Fridays at 12:30 pm (DR)
(July 10, no session July 24. August 7 & 21)

This is an opportunity for those who enjoy a good discussion to share their opinions about what they've been reading and hearing in the news. Bring a topic suggestion.

– VISUAL & MIXED MEDIA ART –

The Art Studio

All members are welcome to use the art studio located on the basement level to explore their creativity in this quiet space. The studio is available when art classes are not in session. Please check the schedule. Please leave the studio in good order. *An automated 'stair chair' is available to reach the basement level.*

Watercolor Studies **Class will only meet on July 7 & 14 for two make-up classes.**

Instructor: Anne Wert
Tuesdays at 1 pm-3:30 pm (DR)

The class will learn various watercolor techniques and touch on the basics of painting, including color, value, and composition. Each class will start with a demo or lesson and end with a group critique. Artists should bring their own reference images. Some watercolor experience is recommended.

NOTE: This class is now at capacity for this session.
There is a waiting list at the Front Desk.

Hand-Building Pottery

Instructors: Kate Champa & Monia Shinn
Tuesdays at 1pm-3pm (Pottery Studio)

Cost: \$30 pp paid at the first class.*

All levels welcome. Similar to childhood days of forming playdough by hand, this class explores the joy of shaping clay and creating objects without a wheel. Students learn about shaping techniques, clay, glazes, and firing.

*The materials/kiln fee has increased to reflect actual costs.

Art Studio Group

Self-directed (assistance is available)

Thursdays at 10 am

This time is available for members who want to work on a project, but not necessarily be alone. An artist volunteer will be in the studio to offer feedback or assistance if requested. A still life will be set up for inspiration. A few art materials will be available for anyone to use.

Intermediate Watercolor

Instructor: Anne Rourke

Thursdays 1:00 pm-3:30 pm (DR)

This is a class for students with previous training or experience in watercolor. Students will be able to explore a variety of techniques.

All-Levels Watercolor Class

Instructor: Robert Ramspott

Fridays at 9:30 am - 11 am (Art Studio/DR)

(No class July 3, July 24 or August 14.)

Class size: 12. Sign up at Front Desk

Beginners are welcome, and more experienced painters will find opportunities to deepen their Practice.

This all-levels watercolor class invites creatives to explore a wide range of techniques, including washes, layering, dry brush, and expressive mark-making. Through a variety of subjects--still life, landscape, and imaginative studies--participants will develop both technical skills and personal style. Emphasis is placed on experimentation, observation, and creative risk-taking. Demonstrations and examples will guide each session, with time for individual exploration and feedback.

– HANDICRAFT –

Card Making Workshops

Instructor: Member Ann Thomas

First Monday of every month at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

July 6 & August 3 (DR)

Class size: 10. Contact Ann directly the Friday before class to join.

\$10 materials fee to be paid directly to instructor at workshop. BYO glue and scissors. All other materials/envelopes will be provided. Contact Ann to join: annthomas8432@yahoo.com, 303-619-7622.

– FILM –

Friday Flicks

Weekly on Fridays during the summer | 10 am - 12 pm (Mirror)

Members gather for a movie and popcorn!

Note: Films are scheduled at the time they are available on Netflix. Substitutions may occur.

July 3 No film

JULY 10

Je m'appelle Agneta (2026) 113 minutes

Drama/Comedy. At 49, invisible Agneta escapes her stagnant life and self-absorbed husband to au pair in France. A mix-up with an elderly man transforms her understanding of how to truly live.

JULY 17

Green Book (2018) 130 minutes

Period Drama. A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver for an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South. Director: Peter Farrelly (Rhode Islander)

July 24 No film

JULY 31

In Her Place (2024) 93 minutes

Period Drama. Chile, 1955. The case of María Carolina Geel, a popular writer who murders her lover, captivates Mercedes, a shy secretary working for the judge assigned to defend the accused.

AUGUST 7

Pavane (2026) 113 minutes Romance/Drama. Three lonely strangers meet at their department store jobs and find solace in each other's company while they explore connection and the nature of love.

August 14 No film

AUGUST 21

Bugonia (2025) 118 minutes

Dark Comedy. Two conspiracy-obsessed young men kidnap the high-powered CEO of a major company, convinced that she is an alien intent on destroying planet Earth. Director: Yorgos Lanthimos

AUGUST 28

The Lesson (2023) 103 minutes Psychological Drama.

An aspiring and ambitious young writer accepts a tutoring position at the family estate of his author idol, but soon realizes he is ensnared in a web of family secrets, resentment, and retribution.

– **FITNESS, WELLNESS & COMMUNITY** –

\$5 Drop-In Rate for Non-Members: Yoga & Tai Chi
Adults 55+ are welcome to attend! A signed liability waiver is required. Payment and waiver form must be completed at the Front Desk prior to class. We encourage members to invite friends and family to join us!

Yoga

Instructor: Sara Davidson Flanders

Mondays at 11 am (Chapel Hall & Zoom)

(No class July 13)

These weekly sessions of Anusara Yoga bring attention to specific actions to hone awareness and open subtle channels of energy. Actively moving energy through the body cultivates steadiness, strength, and freedom. Classes are in-person and on Zoom; the link is sent in the weekly ebulletin.

Tai Chi Class will meet in July. It will not meet in August.

Instructor: Bob McManus

Tuesdays at 1 pm (Chapel Hall)

This ancient Chinese martial art is known for its slow, intentional movements, gentle exercise, and active meditation.

Zoom Exercise Class

Instructor: Jodie Piccerelli

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 am (Zoom)

Note: NO class July 16, August 4 & 6

This is a low impact class with upper and lower body exercises for active older adults. The class helps with balance, strength, preserving bone density, vitality, and mobility. Zoom link is provided in the weekly eBulletin.

Meditation Circle

Summer Coordinator: Member Lende McMullen

Wednesdays at 9:30 am (Oak)

All members are invited to enjoy this quiet and welcoming space to learn about meditation, and discover their own inner calm, peace, and connection. This summer, the Circle will be led by a different facilitator each week. Contact Lende for information: lendemcmullen@gmail.com. Lee will return in September.

Walking Group

Coordinator: Sylvia Danforth

Thursdays at 9 am

All members are welcome to walk at a comfortable pace. This group meets at the reception area and walks in the immediate area for 30–45 minutes. Wear walking shoes and bring water.

Women's Circle

Coordinator: Member Janice Arsenault

Alternating Thursdays at 1 pm (Mirror)

This group will meet offsite for the summer.
(July 9 & 23. August 6 & 20)

Women will meet and share what is on their minds in a safe, supportive environment, without judgment, allowing bonds of friendship to form. For more information contact Janice at janicedarsenault@verizon.net

Women's Health & Wellness Group

Facilitator: Member Pat Donovan

Alternating Thursdays at 1 pm (Mirror)

(July 2, 16 & 30. August 13 & 27)

Group limit: 11. The Women's Health and Wellness Group is an opportunity for women to explore life issues to share, discuss and problem-solve.

The group decides the topics. Consistent attendance is expected and essential to ensure commitment and confidentiality. Please contact Pat Donovan directly to inquire about joining: elmgroveavenue25@gmail.com

Men's Group

Coordinator: Member John Stevenson

Alternating Fridays at 12:30 pm–2 pm (Mural)

(July 17 & 31. August 28)

All male members are welcome. Conversations explore ways in which men are dealing with aging and life choices, reflecting on things learned over the years about what makes life interesting, and gaining perspective on barriers and struggles (including some continuing), all from a perspective of being "men" in today's society. Please contact John with any questions: jstevenson@uri.edu

Horticulture Therapy At-Home Kits

Certified Horticulture Therapist: Sally Gruber

July: "Three Cheers for the Red White and Blue"
To be delivered: July 21
Cost: \$25.00 per participant | **Order by: July 14**

August: "Sand Sensations"

To be delivered: Tuesday, August 18

Cost: \$25.00 per participant | **Order by: August 11**

Members order the kits to construct at home. Each personally-delivered kit includes instructions, fresh flowers and greens, accents, container, thematic poetry or music, and an edible treat!

Call or email Sally directly to order: 401-823-8077 or flowersforeveryone@msn.com

The American Horticultural Association notes that horticultural therapy in its various forms helps improve memory, cognitive abilities, task initiation, language skills, and socialization.

– GAMES –

Scrabble

Mondays at 12:30 pm (Mural)

All player levels are welcome.

Contact member Charlene Kneath with questions:
chark46@aol.com, 401-339-6922

Contract Bridge

Thursdays at 1 pm-3 pm (Mural)

All player levels welcome.

Bridge is always open to new players! If interested in joining or would like more information, contact member Joan Breen: jjj606@verizon.net or 401-521-0276

Mahjong

Fridays at 11 am-12:30 pm (Library)

All learners/players welcome

Contact member Roberta Schwartz with questions at robertadcs@comcast.net

Backgammon

Fridays at 10 am (Mural)

All player levels are welcome.

Pool Table

The pool table is located on the basement level and available for members to use at their leisure during the day. Please remember to leave the room as you have found it.

Executive Dir. Chloe Clasper-Torch & members Charlene Kneath (Board President) and Garo Emdjan attended a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast by the Mayor's Office & City of Providence Senior Services. Here with Director Sue Robbio and Lisa Cardoza, Program Coordinator

Technology Help-Desk Hours

Tech Volunteer: JD Stettin

Thursdays at 11 am - 12:15 pm

By appointment only. Sign up at the Front Desk.
(JD will be available on July 9 & 23 and August 6 & 20)*

*The Help Desk is available based on JD's schedule. These dates are subject to change. If a change to the schedule occurs, anyone who signed up will be contacted to reschedule.

Thank you for your understanding.

Genealogy & Family History Explorations

Researcher: Member Helen Litterst

Appointments required. Contact Helen at:

helenlitterst@mail.com



Members visit Lippit House Museum, across the street from Hamilton House, to enjoy "On Being American", a contemporary exhibition at the Museum this spring.



Sue, Chloe, Garo, Charlene, Lisa

Staff Messages

- Executive Director's Note -



Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that at this time last year I was beginning maternity leave, and now our daughter is one year old and already exploring the first floor of Hamilton House! Last summer, when we brought her home, some might remember there was a *heat wave* that week. The extreme heat as we navigated the first days with a new baby seemed to magnify everything about the incredible and daunting task before us of caring for a new life. It was also the first summer we put an AC unit in the bedroom. I know there are many difficult choices of parenthood ahead of us— *this wasn't one of them!*

As temperatures begin to climb once again, I want to encourage our membership to assess their needs when it comes to safety and the heat. Hamilton House, like many of us, slows down in the summer, but as you'll see in this Courier, we still have a great roster of classes, activities, and social events to keep members connected. The extreme snowfall and weather this winter kept many inside, which can be isolating. Likewise, high temperatures can do the same! If you need a place to cool off, members are welcome to use our air-conditioned spaces whenever they are not being used for classes. There are several locations around the city and state that act as cooling centers during heat waves, such as local libraries and other community organizations. We will continue to share resources with our members in the days ahead. *And don't forget:* frozen treats are on the Cafe dessert menu all summer!

Stay hydrated and stay cool! - Chloe Clasper-Torch

- Program Manager/Editor's Note -

Summer typically slows down a bit at Hamilton House as a few activities go on break, but many are still in session. Meditation Circle will continue with different weekly facilitators, Coffee, Tea & Conversation is a constant, the 250th Anniversary Series continues with presentations highlighting AmRev Rhode Islanders and a discussion led by RI Attorney General Peter Neronha about the role of the courts in a democracy; there's a presentation about Road Scholar senior travel options; two handicraft workshops, and concerts performed by a classical pianist and a Latin American guitarist who plays a wide range of Latin music.

There will also be a chance to relive fond summer camp memories with Hamilton Senior Camp Day on July 24! Camp will have crafts, games, snack time, drumming sessions with singing/rattles/bells, to fill the afternoon indoors and out.

When camp ends head home with new camp memories or stick around to fire up the grill and enjoy the Annual Cookout. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, beverages, dessert and more activities! Members may choose to purchase a seat at either the camp or the cookout, or both.

And let's not forget that the country turns 250 this year. Happy Birthday America - may the Fourth be with you!

- See you soon,
Liz Kelley

House Information & Announcements

July/August Closure Dates

- Friday, July 3
- Friday, July 24 (The only activities will be Senior Camp & Annual Cookout - sign up and join us!)
- Friday, August 14 (Admin Closure)

Closure Policy: Hamilton House is closed on all Federal Holidays, when the Providence Public Schools are closed for weather-related events, or if there is a city-wide parking ban. Our priority in reopening is always safety and accessibility. Notices go out via email, social media, and on our website when the building is closed.

Parking Lot Reminders:

- Please do not park in the space that has the 'Reserved Parking' sign. This space is for our 2nd floor office tenant.
- Cars **entering** the driveway have **the right of way**. Cars leaving the driveway, **MUST** back up—even with cars behind yours.
- We ask that members who do not require accessible parking, please park on the street. Street parking decals are available at the Front Desk for *members only*.

Hamilton House Café

Soup | Sandwiches | Dessert | Snacks | Coffee | Tea

Summer Hours: 11:30 am-1 pm *Café closes 30 minutes earlier*

Cash and checks are accepted at this time.

Non-member guests are welcome! The cafe menu is emailed to members every Monday. *Please note that items are subject to change based on vendor availability and popularity!*

More Kitchen Volunteers Needed!

Please consider signing up for a shift once a month, or more regularly. There are many types of support tasks and ways to help that don't only involve serving lunch, and often can be completed at flexible times. **A benefit of volunteering is getting a free lunch from the cafe!**

Donations for Rhode Island Community Food Bank

The Special Events Committee is encouraging donations for RI Community Food Bank at *all* special events. The donation box is located in the main entrance near the door.

Canned and boxed goods only. Please do not donate open, expired, or damaged items, nor include glass packaging, perishable, or prepared foods.

The collection of items will be ongoing. For any questions, please contact Special Events Chairs.

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Scenes from around the House - May & June



Thank you to Wingate Residences on the East Side for your sponsorship of the Annual Garden Party! (June 5)



Members enjoy a presentation by Chuck Alghren, Retired Foreign Service Officer, who provided an engaging overview of US diplomacy. (June 3)

See photos weekly and stay connected by following us on Facebook! facebook.com/HHLearningExchange/



Great attendance for Fall Prevention workshop on the importance of toe strength by member Pam R.. (May 18)



The weather couldn't dampen our spirits - this year we brought Providence Porchfest INSIDE! A great turnout (of all ages!) from the community, and music by two local bands: High Planes, and In Lieu of Flowers. (May 30)



July 2026

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Room Abbreviations KEY: Dining Room - DR Mural Room – Mural Mirror Room - Mirror Oak Room – Oak Chapel Hall - Located next door at Central Congregational Church – (entrance on Diman Pl.)	Many activities will not be in session for summer. <u>July:</u> No Spanish I Beginner <u>August:</u> No TaiChi or Readings & Discussion <u>July/August:</u> No French Conversation, Spanish II Intermediate, Spanish III Advanced, or Watercolor Studies (there are 2 makeup classes)	1 9:30am - Meditation Circle (Oak) 11am - Readings & Discussion (DR) 1:30 pm - History Reading & Discussion (Oak)	2 9:00am - Walking Group 9:45am-1pm DAY TRIP-Roger Williams Zoo 10am - Art Studio Group 11am - Classic Novels (Mural 11am - NO Tech help 11am - [ZOOM] Exercise Class 1pm - Bridge Club (Mural) 1pm - Watercolor- Intermediate (DR) 1pm - Women's Health & Wellness (Mirror)	3 Closed for July 4 holiday
6 9:45am - Beginner French (Mural) 10:45am - German Intermediate (Mirror) 11am - Yoga (Chapel Hall) 12:30pm - Scrabble (Mural) 1pm-3pm - Cardmaking Workshop (DR)	7 10 am - Website Training (DR) 10:30am - Poetry Group (Oak) 11am - Exercise (Zoom) 1pm - Tai Chi (Chapel Hall) 1pm - Pottery (Pottery Studio) 1pm - Watercolor Studies makeup class (DR)	8 9:30am - Meditation Circle (Oak) 10am - Coffee, Tea & Conversation (DR) 11am - Readings & Discussion (DR) 12:30pm - SPEAKER: "250th" The Battle of Rhode Island - Jay Waller (DR)	9 9:00am - Walking Group 10am - Art Studio Group 11am - Classic Novels (Mural 11am - Tech help*by appt* 11am - [ZOOM] Exercise Class 1pm - Bridge Club (Mural) 1pm - Watercolor- Intermediate (DR) 1pm - Women's Circle (offsite)	10 9:30am - 11am -All Levels Watercolor (Art Studio) 10am - Backgammon (Mural) 10am - 12pm-Friday Flicks (Mirror) 10am - Backgammon (Mural) 11am-12:30pm- Mahjong (Library) 12:30pm -Current Topics (DR) 1pm-2:30pm - Writing Together (Oak)
13 9:45am - Beginner French (Mural) 10:45am - German - Intermediate (Mirror) 11am - Poetry Writers' Workshop (Mirror) 11am - No Yoga (Chapel Hall) 12:30pm - Scrabble (Mural)	14 <i>Order floral home therapy kit</i> 10:30am - Poetry Group (Oak) 11am - Exercise (Zoom) 11:30pm-CONCERT: Lisandro Miguel Guevara (DR) 1pm - Tai Chi (Chapel Hall) 1pm - Pottery (Pottery Studio) 1pm - Watercolor Studies make up class (DR)	15 9:30am - Meditation Circle (Oak) 11am - Readings & Discussion (DR) 12:30pm -SPEAKER: "250th" The Road to Yorktown-Norm Desmarais (DR) 1:30pm-3pm- History Reading & Discussion (Oak)	16 9am-Walking Group 10am - Art Studio Group (Art Studio) 11am - Classic Novels (Mural) 11am - NO Tech help 11am - [ZOOM] NO Exercise Class 1pm - Bridge Club (Mural) 1pm - Watercolor- Intermediate (DR) 1pm - Women's Health & Wellness (Mirror)	17 9:30am - 11am -All Levels Watercolor (Art Studio) 10am - 12pm-Friday Flicks (Mirror) 10am - Backgammon (Mural) 11am-12:30pm - Mahjong (Library) 11am-SPEAKER: Coco Chanel - Member Kip Brott (DR) 12:30pm-2pm - Men's Group (Mural) 1pm-2:30pm - Writing Together (Oak)
20 9:45am - Beginner French (Mural) 10:45am - German - Intermediate (Mirror) 11am - Yoga (Chapel Hall) 12:30pm - Scrabble (Mural) 12:30pm-SPEAKER: Architecture of the Negro Travelers' Green Book-Catherine Zipf (DR)	21 <i>Delivery floral home therapy kit</i> 10:30am - Poetry Group (Oak) 11am - Exercise (Zoom) 1pm - Tai Chi (Chapel Hall) 1pm - Pottery (Pottery Studio) 1pm-3pm- Seashell Trinket Dish Workshop (DR)	22 9:30am - Meditation Circle (Oak) 10am-10:45am -New Member Coffee (DR) 11am - Readings & Discussion (DR) 12:30pm-SPEAKER: Senior Travel/Road Scholar-Member Janet Bryant (DR)	23 9am-Walking Group 10am - Art Studio Group (Art Studio) 11am - Classic Novels (Mural) 11am - Tech help *by appt* 11am - [ZOOM] Exercise Class 1pm - Bridge Club (Mural) 1pm - Watercolor- Intermediate (DR) 1pm - Women's Circle (off site)	24 Closed for Senior Summer Camp and Annual Cookout! Camp Hamilton 10:30 am - 1:15 pm 2PM-4PM- ANNUAL COOKOUT
27 9:45am - Beginner French (Mural) 10:45am - German - Intermediate (Mirror) 11am - Poetry Writers' Workshop (Mirror) 11am - Yoga (Chapel Hall) 12:30pm - Scrabble (Mural) 1pm-Book Club "Theo of Golden" (DR)	28 10:30am - Poetry Group (Oak) 11am - Exercise (Zoom) 1pm - Tai Chi (Chapel Hall) *Last Class* 1pm - Pottery (Pottery Studio)	29 9:30am - Meditation Circle (Oak) 11am - Readings & Discussion (DR) 12:30pm-SPEAKER: "250th" - The Role of the Courts- RI Atty General Peter Neronha (DR)	30 8:45am-2:30pm-DAY TRIP- Westerly Museum of American Impressionism 9am-Walking Group 10am - Art Studio Group (Art Studio) 11am - Classic Novels (Mural) 11am - NO Tech help 11am - [ZOOM] Exercise Class 1pm - Bridge Club (Mural) 1pm - Watercolor- Intermediate (DR) 1pm - Women's Health & Wellness (Mirror)	31 9:30am - 11am -All Levels Watercolor (Art Studio) 10am - 12pm-Friday Flicks (Mirror) 10am - Backgammon (Mural) 11am-12:30pm - Mahjong (Library) 12:30pm-2pm - Men's Group (Mural) 1pm-2:30pm - Writing Together (Oak)

August 2026

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3 9:45am - Beginner French (Mural) 10:45am - German - Intermediate (Mirror) 11am - Yoga (Chapel Hall) 12:30pm - Scrabble (Mural) 1pm-3pm-Cardmaking Workshop (DR)	4 10:30am - Poetry Group (Oak) 11am - NO Exercise (Zoom) 12pm-Lunch & Learn "Art Talk"-People At the Beach-Suzanne Lewis (DR) 1pm-3pm - Pottery (Pottery Studio)	5 9:30am - Meditation Circle (Oak) 10 am Spanish I Beginner (Mural) 1:30pm-History Readings & Discussion (Oak)	6 9am-Walking Group 10am - Art Studio Group (Art Studio) 11am - Classic Novels (Mural) 11am - Tech help *by appt* 11am - [ZOOM] NO Exercise Class 1pm - Bridge Club (Mural) 1pm - Watercolor-Intermediate (DR) 1pm - Women's Circle (Offsite)	7 9:30am - 11am -All Levels Watercolor (Art Studio) 10am - 12pm-Friday Flicks (Mirror) 10am - Backgammon (Mural) 11am-12:30pm - Mahjong (Library) 12:30pm - Current Topics (DR) 1pm-2:30pm - Writing Together (Oak)				
<u>Sign up for Zentangle</u> 10 9:45am - Beginner French (Mural) 10:45am - German - Intermediate (Mirror) 11am-12:30pm - Poetry Writers' Workshop (Mirror) 11am - Yoga (Chapel Hall) 12:30pm - Scrabble (Mural)	<u>Order floral home therapy kit</u> 11 10:30am - Poetry Group (Oak) 11am - Exercise (Zoom) 1pm-3pm - Pottery (Pottery Studio)	12 9:30am - Meditation Circle (Oak) 10am Spanish I Beginner (Mural) 10am-10:45am- Coffee, Tea & Conversation (DR) 11am- HH Website Training (DR) 12:30pm-CONCERT: Ina Wolovitz (Hallway)	13 9am-Walking Group 10am - Art Studio Group (Art Studio) 11am - Classic Novels (Mural) 11am - NO Tech help 11am - [ZOOM] Exercise Class 1pm - Bridge Club (Mural) 1pm - Watercolor-Intermediate (DR) 1pm - Women's Health & Wellness (Mirror) 5-7 pm - Social Event	14 CLOSED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DAY				
17 9:45am - Beginner French (Mural) 10:45am - German - Intermediate (Mirror) 11am - Yoga (Chapel Hall) 12:30pm - Scrabble (Mural) 12:30pm-Zentangle Bookmark Workshop (DR)	<u>Delivery floral home therapy kit</u> 18 10:30am - Poetry Group (Oak) 11am - Exercise (Zoom) 12pm-SPEAKER: "250th" Rhode Islanders in the War of Independence /Catherine Greene - Michelle Girasole (DR) 1pm-3pm - Pottery (Pottery Studio)	19 9:30am - Meditation Circle (Oak) 10am Spanish I Beginner (Mural) 1:30pm-History Readings & Discussion (Oak)	20 9am-Walking Group 9:15am-2:30pm DAY TRIP- Worcester Art Museum 10am - Art Studio Group (Art Studio) 11am - Classic Novels (Mural) 11am - Tech help*By appt* 11am - [ZOOM] Exercise Class 1pm - Bridge Club (Mural) 1pm - Watercolor-Intermediate (DR) 1pm - Women's Circle (Offsite)	21 9:30am - 11am -All Levels Watercolor (Art Studio) 10am - 12pm-Friday Flicks (Mirror) 10am - Backgammon (Mural) 11am-12:30pm - Mahjong (Library) 12:30pm-Current Topics 1pm-2:30pm - Writing Together (Oak)				
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