

**UPCOMING INTEREST  
GROUP MEETINGS**

**Monday 02/05**

No classes scheduled

**Tuesday 02/06**

10:00AM English Conversation Group

12:00AM Knitting for Everyone

1:30PM English Conversation Group

**Wednesday 02/07**

10:30AM Infant and Toddler Play Group

3:00PM English Conversation Group

7:30PM MIT Women's Chorale Rehearsal

**Thursday 02/08**

09:30AM Art Explorations

1:30PM English Conversation Group

5:00PM Celtic Night

**Friday 02/09**

10:30AM Japanese Culture Group

2:00PM English Conversation Group

12:30PM French Conversation

**Monday 02/12**

3:00PM English Conversation Practice

**Tuesday 02/13**

10:00AM English Conversation Practice

12:00PM Knitting for Everyone

1:30PM English Conversation Practice

**Wednesday 02/14**

10:00AM Infant and Toddler Play Group

7:30PM MIT Women's Chorale Rehearsal

**Thursday 02/15**

9:30AM Art Exploration

1:30PM English Conversation Practice

**Friday 02/16**

2:00PM English Conversation Practice

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING**

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| <b>February 2</b>  | Groundhog Day  |
| <b>February 14</b> | Valentines Day |
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# Neighbors News

## What's New in Neighbors News

It's not a secret that English Conversation Practice Groups are our most popular Interest groups. They tend to fill up to capacity very fast at the beginning of each semester. While we are happy to accommodate everyone who expresses interest, with the



Art Exploration Group celebrating Kitty Pechet's birthday

semester under way two of the groups, the Wednesday Group

and the Friday Advanced Group have waiting lists at the moment. If you are looking to meet with fellow members and practice your English language skills, may we suggest you join some of our other popular groups: Art and Exploration, Knitting for Everyone, Out and About, Living Green or if you have infants or toddlers, the Infant and Toddler Play Group. All these group meetings offer wonderful opportunities to connect with new people, practice a favorite hobby or learn a new skill, but most importantly converse in English!



On January 29, the Out and About



Group toured the Fogg Museum. The

members were impressed by the diverse collections of art and the superb way they were presented. After the tour the group gathered at the Grafton Pub in Cambridge for a nice meal and to share thoughts and impressions.

## Coming Up

You are invited to **Celtic Night** on **February 8**, from **5pm to 7:30pm**. The preparations are underway! Our longtime members Marsha Knoll (Art and Exploration Co-Leader and leader of the Cultural Traditions Group) and Zarrin Foster (Membership committee) will lead the presentation of Celtic traditions of Scotland, Ireland, Wales,



Canada and Breton (Brittany), France. There will be funny stories, songs and traditional food and warming drinks! The event will be at Harvard Neighbors' Meeting room at Loeb House, 17 Quincy Street, Cambridge. Please RSVP to [neighbors@harvard.edu](mailto:neighbors@harvard.edu) to reserve your spot. You are welcome to bring your family and kids!

# Weekend Ideas

## Georgia O’Keeffe: Art, Image, Style at the Peabody Essex Museum

One of America’s most iconic artists of the 20th-century, O’Keeffe is best known for her desert landscapes, animal skulls and flower paintings. Few people know that O’Keeffe was also a skilled seamstress who made her own clothes early in her career. Often referred to as the mother of American modernism, O’Keeffe had a long and prolific career, gaining fame in the 1920s, first painting large close-ups of flowers with a restrained palette, then New York buildings and later New Mexico desert landscapes. In this exhibition for the first time the visitors can see her carefully designed garments dating from the 1920s to the 1980s, presented alongside key paintings and photographs of her throughout her entire career. "Georgia O’Keeffe: Art, Image, Style" is on display at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem until April 1, 2018. For more information click [here](#).



# Events around Boston

## Celebrating Black History Month

It’s time to celebrate Black History Month, the Boston way. Across the city, various organizations and programs feature performances, walking tours, gallery exhibits and more. As we celebrate Black History Month throughout February, be sure to visit these Boston-area stops. Two of the city’s major Black History landmarks include the [Abiel Smith School](#)—the first school built for African American children—and the African Meeting House, the oldest black church building in the nation. The Meeting House accommodates the [African American History Museum](#)’s exhibits and store. Both buildings are part of the Black Heritage Trail. Throughout the month of February, the [Freedom Trail Foundation](#) provides a special African American Patriots Tour starting from Boston Common on Saturdays and Sundays at 12:45pm. Costumed guides will treat visitors to the stories of revolutionaries like Crispus Attucks, Phillis Wheatley, Prince Hall and Peter Salem. [Boston Black](#), a permanent exhibit at the Boston Children’s Museum, celebrates African American culture in the city by exploring music, dance, and beauty. Designed to help children understand Boston’s diverse neighborhoods, the exhibit inspires healthy discussions about race and identity.



# Harvard Neighbors’ Winter Appeal

We couldn't be Harvard Neighbors without your support! Your contributions support our mission: “to enrich the lives of members of the Harvard community through cultural programs and events.” Thanks to generous gifts from our members, we are able to bring to you varied events and activities with no charge for participation. This fall alone our members enjoyed an Ice Cream Social, Apple Social, Cranberry Social, a Thanksgiving Demo and Celebration, Tea and Talk at Harvard Faculty Club and an awesome Holiday Party!



To our longer-term members, thanks for all you have done to make Harvard Neighbors a vibrant and welcoming community. To help sustain and expand our diverse programming at no (or very low) cost to participants, please consider continuing (or increasing) your current level of financial support. To our new members, please consider supporting our mission with a tax-deductible donation of \$10.00 or more. Click on this [link](#) to donate online. Checks are also gladly accepted! Thank you for your support!

# Happening Around Harvard

## Harvard Square Chocolate Tour



Don’t wait for Valentine’s Day to join this sweet delectable adventure through historical Harvard Square. You’ll hear interesting stories about the Square, learn fun facts about chocolate, and sample the best and most interesting chocolate treats during this hour and a half tour that includes 4-6 stops with plenty of treats and less than a mile of walking. Click [here](#) for more information .

## Crossing / Borders Exhibit at Parker Gallery, Cambridge

[The Parker Gallery](#) @ the Atrium presents Crossing / Borders, a free exhibition of work that examines personal perspectives on immigration by artists whose life and work have been shaped by this identity. It features artists from many countries and includes young film makers from RAW Arts, Lesley students and alumni, and professional artists.

