



235 Members Strong!

# THE BOURNE BUZZ

October 2019

## ***Thoughts from the President:***

It was so nice to see a large turnout at our September meeting. Many folks signed up to go to the Hope Factory to make packets for the kids! Oct 8th starts our first lunch and learn at Keystone place at 1130 am. We will be learning about how Cranberry Industries started.

This quote reminds me of our wonderful BNN club

***“Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan ‘press on!’ has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.”***

***Calvin Coolidge***

As always please let the board now of any new ideas for programs, activities leaders and board positions.

Enjoy this beautiful season of fall!

***Karin Benedict***

BNN President



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Check out BNN's calendar of activities at [bournenewcomers.org/events-calendar.html](https://www.bournenewcomers.org/events-calendar.html)

## Event Buzz

**What:** Lunch and Learn  
**When:** October 8 11:30 - 1pm  
**Where:** Keystone Place  
**Price:** \$5.00  
**RSVP:** By October 1st  
**How:** Drop off check to: BNN  
6 Oak Ridge Dr.  
Pocasset, MA 02559



**What:** Beautiful Bourne  
**When:** November 12 5:30 – 7:30pm  
**Where:** Pocasset Golf Club  
**Details:** Local photographer, John Doble, will speak about techniques and tips for photographing the stunning landscapes, sunrises and sunsets in and around beautiful Bourne. There will be a photo contest for budding BNN photographers, so capture those late summer shots now!



**What:** Lunch Bunch  
**When:** Wednesday October 23, at Noon  
**Where:** The Stomping Ground  
Main St Buzzards Bay  
**RSVP:** Reserve your spot now as spaces are limited, latest by October 20.  
**Details:** Come enjoy the wonderful food and laugh and share memories with BNN members. RSVP to Dee Wylie at ddwylie@comcast.net or 781-424-6706



## ***Volunteer Buzz:***

A group of BNner's are volunteering at The Happy Hope Factory on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:30. This factory is part of The Message of Hope Foundation which creates activity bags for hospitalized children. We will be helping to assemble these bags. There is still time to sign up. If you would like to join us, please call or email me and I will put your name on the list. - Patty Robidoux – 508-596-4403- [Patty.jrmurph@gmail.com](mailto:Patty.jrmurph@gmail.com)

If you have any other questions about volunteer opportunities, please don't hesitate to call or send an email. - Thank you. Patty Robidoux – 508-596-4403- [Patty.jrmurph@gmail.com](mailto:Patty.jrmurph@gmail.com)

## ***Buzz around Town:***

Check out the new fall programs at the Bourne Community Center by becoming a supporting member of the **Bourne Council on Aging** and you will receive a monthly newsletter with a calendar of activities. \$10/lifetime member

**Bourne Historical Society** – Cranberry Harvest Scenic Train Ride on November 2 from 11 am – 2pm, Buzzards Bay Train Station. \$35 & \$45/pp including light snack. Email [events@bournehistoricalsociety.org](mailto:events@bournehistoricalsociety.org) or call 508-759-8167 to reserve your seats.

**Jonathan Bourne Public Library Fall Concert Series** at 7 pm, Free Admission - October 1 – North Sea Gas, November 1 - Hungrytown, December 7 – Aine Minogue

**King Richard's Faire**, Carver, August 31-October 20, Weekends, Columbus Day, 10:30 am- 6:00 pm. For more information email [kingrichardsfaire.net](http://kingrichardsfaire.net)

**BTV, CHANNEL 13** - Become a member or underwriter, visit [bournetv.com](http://bournetv.com) and click on membership for more information or call 508-759-6763.

**VALLEY FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN HOSTS – PUMPKINFEST, SAT, OCTOBER 6, 2018**  
11AM-3PM, RAIN DATE: SAT, OCTOBER 20, Cider pressing “Pumpkin Ice Cream churning”  
Pie contest – Contestants must preregister, Try your skill at fun-filled pumpkin games  
“Tasty pumpkin treats made with Valley Farm pumpkins and home grown watermelon”  
Guess the weight of the Giant pumpkins, Giant Pumpkin weigh in at 12:30pm, 1:30pm  
and 2:30pm, Free Fun Family Event, Valley Farm Community Garden, 892 County RD,  
Pocasset, For further information call: 508-563-2939, 508-563-9068 or 508-563-3845

## September Highlights:

Supper club members enjoy sunset and cocktails at back River farm.



Dirt diggers – thank you meeting.

“See you in September “ Kick off and Activities Night



Tina welcoming the group    Patty explaining our charity    Dee promoting Lunch Bunch

**“See you in September “ Kick off and Activities Night**



Crowd intently listening



Karin awarding Sue Barlow the fifty-fifty check



Kathy, Donna and Gerri selling the raffle tickets

**Lunch Bunch** at Plane Jane's Plymouth Airport. Members enjoyed a beautiful day with good food and good people!



Looking forward to the next lunch bunch? Book your seat now as spaces are limited. Oct 23 at The Stomping Grounds see Events above for full details!



## ***Board Member Profile Meet Nancy and Alan Selchan:***

Nancy and Alan have known each other a long time, starting in Pittsburgh as students in the same 7th grade homeroom class. You might hear Alan call her "Cost", her maiden name, and Nancy gets his attention when she calls him "Bagger". He earned that nickname for his reputation as a sandbagger in a card game called Setback that he played in college.



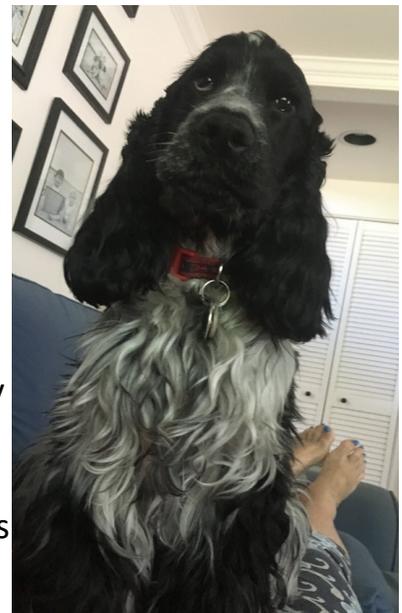
They married after attending West Virginia Wesleyan and followed careers that took them to Reading, PA, Cleveland, and eventually Boston, settling in Mansfield.

Something they enjoyed even before they married was antique hunting. They became very good at recognizing that special chair or table that could shine with a bit of refurbishing. "Almost a genetic thing" is the way Nancy describes their mutual love of old treasures.

Alan is retired now from his insurance career with Travelers and Aetna. Playing college football took its toll on his knees, but for years he enjoyed golf.

For many years after the Selchans moved to MA, Nancy taught Home Economics, then History/Social Studies in the nearby town of Sharon. But before that, during their years in Ohio and Pennsylvania, Nancy had her own retail shop featuring fiber arts. She is a skilled craftsman in spinning and weaving, including basket-weaving. When one of her three young children once begged his mom to keep pet rabbits, she naturally stipulated that they had to be angora so she could use the fur combings!

Now that the Selchans are settled in their home here, initially a summer retreat easily reached from Mansfield, they are busier than ever. They are dedicated grandparents. During the schools' summer vacation, each of their six grandkids gets one full week to experience being an "only" with his/her doting grandparents, doing a little gardening with Nancy,



joining Alan to complete a jigsaw puzzle, being treated to favorite foods and entertainment. Now there's a new draw: the rambunctious puppy Brodie!

Nancy serves on BNN's Board of Directors as Recording Secretary. She is the leader for one of BNN's book clubs, and plays Chinese Mah Jongg. She is a regular At The Bog's Trivia Night, playing on BNN's informal team. In addition to BNN's claims on her time, she is very active with The Aptucket Garden Club of Bourne, and is the Friends of the Library's Recording Secretary. Alan and Nancy both liked to get away to Siesta Key in winter but now prefer beautiful Hilton Head, their favorite destination. BNN is very grateful for their support!

### **2019-20 Board Officers:**

President:	Karin Benedict
Vice President:	Dee Wylie
Treasurer:	Gerri Parham-Andos
Asst. Treasurer	Dave Fitzpatrick
Recording Secretary:	Nancy Selchan
Corresponding Secretary:	Patty Robidoux
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Membership:	Suzanne Lasher and Marilyn Jackson
Programs:	Tina Prodouz
Publicity:	Debbie Bowen and Judy DeWitt
Communications:	Marty Smith
Hospitality:	Donna Pascarella
Nominating :	Christine Crane

Our mission is to welcome newcomers to the area; to provide existing members of the community with social activities; to provide an atmosphere of friendliness, goodwill, and helpful information for members; to provide a means for people with like interests to meet and join together for social activities, and to encourage members activism and knowledge of the community.