Coordinators Column

Last week we had a parking crisis at the Mast Road offices during the new Docent class. Another Docent meeting was scheduled during the morning, and the total number of cars exceeded the capacity of the parking here. I plan on announcing some measures to control for that in the future, but I wanted to use the column to address the issue/opportunity of carpooling.

It would be nice to start by advocating the use of public transportation, but here in semi-rural New Hampshire the convenience hump for most of us is too large. If I worked on campus I would be thrilled to be able to take the bus to campus. Alas, there is no stop near our office, and even if there was, the schedules are often too infrequent to overcome the convenience lure. Hopefully a solution to that challenge will emerge soon.

For the rest of the story, [click here!](#)

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March Docent Calendar

**Monday, March 3**
WADE study group meeting.  
1:00-3:00 p.m.  Jack Chamber's home. We are starting a new book:  
Oxygen: A Four Billion Year History by Donald Canfield.

**Tuesday, March 4**
March Monthly Meeting, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Durham Evangelical Church.  
Speaker will be Shelley Edmundson, UNH PhD. student, who works at the UNH Coastal Lab.  
She will discuss her current research on the Channeled Whelk.

**Sea Chantey Rehearsal**
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at MDC Classroom.

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Docent University

Learn to play American Mah Jong with Amy Richards and Kipp Freeman

March 11, 18 and 25 from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM at the Mast Road Docent Facility. Class size is limited to 12 at this time, please RSVP Dari.  
Mahjong is a game of both skill and luck that originated in China many centuries ago and was brought to the
West in the 1920's. "American mahjong (also sometimes spelled "Mah Jongg" or called "Maajh") is unique from Asian mahjong in several ways. American mahjong utilizes racks, jokers, "Hands and Rules" score cards and has several distinct gameplay mechanics and rituals. The game is generally played with 4 people utilizing 152 tiles. It is challenging, engaging and very addicting! Kipp Freeman and Amy Richards have been playing the game for many years and take great pleasure in getting others hooked.

**May 7th**
from **9:30 to 11:30 AM**

**Grand-parenting 101**
(or when to speak up and when to shut up!) This will be a presentation and discussion of the pitfalls of grand-parenting, what is new (and why) in raising kids, and how to help your kids with their parenting. Given by Skip Small, a retired pediatrician and now practicing Grand Parent, it's recommended for experienced, new, and hopeful to be Grand Parents.