

Come HOME to the END of the UNIVERSE!

New Hampshire Mensa's Granite Gathering

17th - 19th February 2023

Best Western Plus Wynwood Hotel & Suites Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Tips For an Enjoyable RG

Badges: Please wear your badge at all times in any of our spaces (Hospitality, 1st floor meeting rooms and boardroom, and 2nd floor suites) Many of you will think this stinks. However, this is the only way we can ensure that only paying RG attendees will be able to avail themselves of the activities, victuals and libations that your registration dollars paid for. We trust you understand, and we thank you for your cooperation.

Behavior: We want NH RG to be a friendly and safe environment for everyone. Please respect the attendees, the volunteers, the hotel and all property. Illegal, destructive, abusive, or harassing behavior will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with this policy may result in removal from the event without a refund, and/or police intervention if warranted.

Hospitality: Please do not carry open containers outside the RG area so that we may abide by state regulations that govern the hotel. Only attendees of legal drinking age may carry/drink alcohol. Please be mindful of the health of others with regards to food.

Health Note: We are not requiring proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test at this time. However, it is February, and this is looking like a difficult year for respiratory and other viruses (flu, RSV, and yes, Covid). We do not require, but do welcome, masks at the RG. We will have them available at registration, and will also have hand sanitizer available in our spaces. As much as we are looking forward to seeing you, if you are showing symptoms of illness and/or feeling unwell, please take all measures to seek medical advice and ensure that you will not be in a position to contaminate others. For any questions or issues, please find one of the RG organizers or a member of the NHM ExComm.

Parents and Children: Please, no unaccompanied children under 12 in public areas after 10:00 pm.

Pool: Please observe the posted rules if using the hotel pool.

Hugging: The Mensa hug dot code is as follows:

GREEN means Yes, please hug me!"

YELLOW means "Please ask me first."

RED means "Don't hug me"

BLUE means "Seeking dates."

Please treat all children as if they have red dots, as they often decorate their badges with many colors or their favorite.

The Entertainment Room: Our Entertainment Room is intended to be a casual cafe while performances are underway. Feel free to come in and out at will with your snacks and drinks.

Schedule Authenticity: Our schedule is current as of 2/5/2023, but is subject to change without notice. We hope nothing changes, but if it does, we will endeavor to post any and all changes in a prominent location in Hospitality.

RG Time: Our RG runs on RG Time; not all clocks are synchronized! Please be patient with our hard-working volunteers if an event gets underway a few minutes late.

Meet-And-Greets: Speaking of being late, If you show up at a Meet-and-Greet and no one else is there yet, please don't walk away! All too often, the first person arrives, sees an empty room, and leaves. A minute later, the next person arrives, sees an empty room, and leaves, etc. Please wait for a few minutes until everyone shows up!

Room Guide: See the back cover for a guide to what types of activities are happening in which rooms.

RG Schedule

Welcome to the NH Regional Gathering, "Come Home to the End of the Universe"! Thank you for coming to Portsmouth and sharing a weekend with us. We are very excited to be sharing our 31st RG with you!

Friday

4:00 pm - Registration, Hospitality, and Games Room open

4:00 pm - Snacks put out (Hospitality)

5:50 pm - 8:15 pm - Don't Look Up (2h 25m) <R: Profanity, Nudity, Drugs> (Movie Room 292)

A noir comedy about society's indifference to planetary threats. Two astronomers discover a comet that threatens to strike the earth and destroy all humanity, but have problems getting the elected officials or the media to take it seriously. From director Adam McKay ("The Big Short"). With Leo DiCaprio, Jennifer Lawrence, Meryl Streep, and many celebrity cameos.

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Dinner (Hospitality) Pizza and Salad

8:30 pm - 11:10 pm - Elvis (2022) (2h 40) <PG13> (Movie Room 292)

Director Baz Luhrman's ("Moulin Rouge!") biography of the King of Rock n' Roll, told from the narration of "Colonel Tom Parker" (Tom Hanks) the man who managed, and exploited him. Starring Austin Butler.

8 Oscar nominations including Best Actor, Best Picture

8:45 pm - ??? - Friendly Poker (Dealer's Choice) (Board Room)

9:00 pm - Bar opens (Hospitality)

JoAnn W. returns to serve us at the bar again this year.

10:00 pm - Shrimp (Hospitality)

We continue to kick off the weekend with shrimp.

11:00 pm - Bar closes for the night

11:10 pm - Movie Room closes for the night

Saturday

7:00 am - 9:30 am - Breakfast (Hospitality)

Continental breakfast

9:00 am - Adult Craft Room Opens (Adult Craft Room 295)

9:00 am - 10:15 am - Coloring - Liz Modesitt (Adult Craft Room 295)

You're never too old to color! Start your day off with this fun and simple activity. There will be coloring sheets on themes such as floral, geometric, and cartoons. Markers and colored pencils will be provided as well.

9:00 am - 11:00 am - Testing (Room 297)

Please arrive by 8:45 if you are testing.

9:30 am - 10:55 am - Dr Becky Smethurst, Astronomer (Approx 85 mins) <NR> (Movie Room 292)

Various short (10-20 min) videos where the British astronomer discusses issues such as the Webb Telescope.

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Mensa and the Mensa Foundation Meet and Greet (Meet/Greet Room 293)

American Mensa and the Mensa Foundation work in tandem to help fulfill the purposes of Mensa. We'll start with an opportunity to rap with our RVC and any other Mensa leaders. After that, we will segue into a chance to learn more about the Foundation, including a short discussion of how we started, where we were, where we are now and where we are going.

10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Yarn Pom-Pom Wreath - Gretchen Dodge (Adult Craft Room 295)

Come and learn how to make a yarn stash-busting pom-pom wreath! Perfect for the casual crafter or the dedicated Yarn Hoarder, this is an easy craft to make for a specific season or to show off your crafting abilities all year round. No experience required.

10:30 am - 11:30 am - Everyday Tarot for Daily Guidance - Tommy and Kelly Galanis (Board Room)

Discover more about yourself with an intuitive Tarot reading! Kelly and Tommy Galanis will help guide you through a fun and engaging reading, and help you understand how to practice Tarot in your daily life. Using both traditional Tarot and contemporary decks such as Lenormand, Marseille, and fortune cards, the couple has found Tarot as a source offering guidance in everyday life. Come learn how these fun and exciting readings can help benefit and guide you towards the answers you seek!

After our brief presentation, we will offer individualized Tarot readings to those interested.

10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Gems and Jewelry: A Buyers Guide - Joe Haber (Cedar)

Joe will provide a "Buyers Guide" for Gems and Jewelry including: terminology, myths & misconceptions, scams, and tips for buying jewelry. Attendees will better understand the Jewelry trade and will have enhanced confidence when purchasing gems and jewelry.

At the end of the presentation, lecture notes will be distributed.

11:00 am - 1:20 pm - Moonage Daydream (2h 20m)<PG13> (Movie Room 292)

A documentary on David Bowie, circa 1970s, and his many challenging images, performances, and his persona of the time.

11:15 am - 12:00 pm - New Paths through Poetry - Deb Stone (Badger)

After writing exactly one poem in her life, more than 50 years ago as a school assignment, Deb found herself suddenly finding expression in poetry in early 2021. Join her as she talks about that journey, from the first poem through to having self-published a book of poetry now in online bookstores (and her possession here today) about 18 months later. She will also do a couple of readings of some of her favorite poems.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Lunch (Hospitality)

Sandwiches and Salad

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm - Putin and Ukraine - Why? The War? Implications for the Future? - Dr. Steven Freiberger (Cedar)

The presentation will review Putin's background and his ideological development with the role of Ukraine in his thought process highlighted. The most important aspects of the war will be discussed concluding with predictions for the future and the implications for the world balance of power.

For further information please consult my resume at www.docs-books.com.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Poker Tournament - (Board Room)

Join Deb for a Hold-em (definitely TX & possibly Omaha, depending on the number of entrants) tournament (\$10 buy-in), and show your poker prowess!

1:30 pm - 3:15 pm - Fire of Love (1h 45m) <PG> (Movie Room 292)

Katia and Maurice, two French volcanologists who grew up in nearby towns, and their passion for studying "red" (hot lava) and "black" (pyroclastic) volcanos.

Nominated for Best Documentary Feature

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm - Cardmaking - Liz Modesitt (Adult Craft Room 295)

Join us for a session of making cards or other paper art. There will be stickers, scrapbooking paper, all sorts of paper punches, markers & pens, and even envelopes for finished products. The emphasis will be on spring (think eggs, flowers, and bunnies).

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Home on the Road - Dan Szczesny (Badger)

Join travel writer and journalist Dan Szczesny for a far-reaching talk and slide presentation on living life on the road. We'll hop-scotch from Hong Kong to the Grand Canyon. From Nepal to Northern England. From our own backyard, Quebec City, to the White Mountains and everything in between. This presentation covers some of the most common travel issues – how to eat, how to not get sick, how to prepare for culture shock and more. Dan's talk will also look at how he works on the road, the best ways to involve your family and behind the scenes of how his travel memoirs take shape. Join us with your own travel stories and come be at home away from home! Check out www.danszczesny.com for more on his books.

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm - Design and Construction of My Selkie Scope - Joe Dechene (Cedar)

Join Joe on his journey to create a telescope that can do it all: Birding, observing, astrophotography, wide-field, close-up. The actual telescope will be on display.

3:00 pm - Snack - (Hospitality) - Cookies.

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Gen-M Boom Plus SIG Meet&Greet - Barb Holstein (Meet/Greet Room 293)

Let's meet for a group photo and a chance to speak in person instead of in Zoom! Everyone Baby Boomer Plus invited.

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Open Studio - Cathy Segedy (Adult Craft Room 295)

Come join your fellow needleworkers and artists for an open crafts session. This means cross-stitch, embroidery, quilting, weaving, knitting, crochet, drawing or anything else not listed. Work on your projects in-progress, swap tips and tricks, and enjoy a shared love of the arts.

3:15 pm - 3:55 pm - "Dug Days" & other short films (40 mins) <TV-G> (Movie Room 292)

"Dug", the "talking" Golden Retriever from "Up", and various stories about his new life with Carl at a new home.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Wine Tasting (tickets required) - Jim Poserina (Badger)

This event requires pre-purchased tickets (\$20). If interested, see Deb Stone, Registrar, by Saturday at 12:30 to see if tickets are still available.

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Presentation Karaoke - Lisa Maxwell (Cedar)

Join us and test your brain at some quick thinking and storytelling.

In this game, a series of volunteers will each give a brief presentation based on images/slides they have never seen, in front of a live audience. The presenter is not allowed to see the slides before presenting, must speak to each slide without skipping and should tie them into a cohesive theme, based on a pre-assigned topic. Prizes awarded for creativity and humor based on audience vote. We welcome non-participants to be in our audience. This can be both challenging and hysterical. Don't miss it!

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Paint and Sip - Laurie Levesque (Adult Craft Room 295)

Want to try your hand at painting in a no-stress environment? Bring a beverage and your enthusiasm to this paint-n-sip event and follow along as the instructor walks the group through a painting from start to finish. As there's limited space, you must sign up to join us (adults only). Acrylic paint and supplies provided.

4:00 pm - 5:55 pm - "Live. Die. Repeat" (aka "Edge of Tomorrow") (1h 55m) <PG13> (Movie Room 292)

Tom Cruise plays a soldier who keeps reliving the same battle against invading aliens, in the hope of finding a path to victory.

5:30 pm - Craft Room 295 Closes

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Dinner (Hospitality/Badger/Cedar) Catered BBQ. Pulled pork, chicken, ribs, baked beans,

coleslaw, cornbread.

6:00 pm - 7:40 pm - The Princess Bride (1h 40m) <PG> (Movie Room 292)

Director Rob Reiner and writer William Goldman's homage to classic fairytales. With Cary Elwes, Robin Wright, Mandy Patinkin.

7:30 pm - TBD - Evening Skygazing with Joe Dechene (Parking Lot)

View astronomical objects such Jupiter, Venus, Andromeda galaxy, Pleiades, Mars, and other astro objects. Bundle up! It can feel colder than the wind chill implies. Weather permitting.

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Master Rhythm Trio (Cedar)

Join us for a Bluesy, Jazzy, Funky good time with the Master Rhythm Trio.

Based out of Manchester, NH, they have played in the New England area for about eight years. Led by Luke Moss on drums, with Ken Clark, organist (http://kenclarkorgantrio.us/) and Alec Derian on bass.

Master Rhythm Trio can be found at all kinds of venues - weddings, private parties, cafes, restaurants. And now you can hear them here at the NHRG! For more info or to contact the group, go to Ludwigluke.com.

8:00 pm - Ice Cream Sundaes (Hospitality)

8:00 pm - 10:20 pm - Everything Everywhere All At Once (2h 20m) <R: Adult language and graphic humor> (Movie Room 292)

An absurdist science fiction comedy/drama. A woman running a laundromat must harmonize with the alternate universe versions of herself to save the multiverse. With Michelle Yeoh, Key Huy Quan, Jaime Lee Curtis.

11 Oscar nominations including Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Director

8:45 pm - ??? - Friendly Poker (Dealer's Choice) (Board Room)

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Bar opens (Hospitality) JoAnn W. will serve us at the bar.

10:00 pm - Chocolate (Hospitality)

Chocolate and lots of tasty goodies. Come try a sample of everything or just take a piece of your favorite.

10:30 pm - 12:20 pm - Weird: the Al Yankovic Story (1h 50m) <TV14> (Movie Room 292)

From the master of song parodies, this film is a parody of Rock Biopics, a tongue in cheek "biopic" about the rise to Phenomenal Fame by Al Yankovic, soon named... WEIRD Al Yankovic. Daniel Radcliffe as Weird Al, Rainn Wilson as Dr. Demento, and actress Evan Wood as Madonna.

11:00 pm - Bar closes

12:20 pm - Movie Room closes

Sunday

7:00 am - Continental Breakfast (Hospitality)Potentially followed by or including left-overs.

10:00 am - Closing Ceremony and Awards (Badger)

How has this RG been? Have there been hugs you've missed giving?? Join RG Chair Deb Stone as she closes this RG out!

10:00 am - Meet & Greet Room & Speaker Rooms Close

12:00 pm - All the food is gone!

We are depending on you! Come Eat!

12:00 pm - Hospitality Clean-Up

What a great RG!! Come help us clear it out!!

1:00 pm - RG ENDS - THANK YOU FOR COMING!

| | Friday | | |
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| | Movies - 292 | Hospitality | Board Room |
| 04:00 PM | RG OPENS!!! | Snacks | |
| 05:00 PM | | | |
| 06:00 PM | Don't Look Up | Dinner - | |
| 07:00 PM | | 2 | |
| 08:00 PM | | | |
| 09:00 PM | | Bar opens | Friendly |
| 10:00 PM | Elvis | Shrimp | Poker |
| 11:00 PM | Movie Room Closed | Bar Closes | |
| 11:30 PM | | | |
| 12:00 AM | Note: Look in Hospitality for any Last Minute Changes | | |

| | Sunday | | |
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| | Hospitality | Badger | |
| 07:00 AM | | | |
| 08:00 AM | Brunch | | |
| 09:00 AM | | | |
| 10:00 AM | | Closing Ceremony | |
| 11:00 AM | | | |
| 12:00 PM | All Food Gone Clean up | | |
| 01:00 PM | RG is Over - See you Next Year! | | |

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| | Saturday | | | |
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| | Badger | Cedar | Testing / Misc. Room 297 | Adult Crafts 295 |
| 08:00 AM | | | | |
| 08:30 AM | | | | |
| 09:00 AM | | | | Coloring |
| 09:30 AM | | | | |
| 10:00 AM | | | Testing | |
| 10:30 AM | | Gems and | | |
| 11:00 AM | New Paths through | Jewelry | | Wreath |
| 11:30 AM | Poetry | | | |
| 12:00 PM | | | | |
| 12:30 PM | | Putin and - | | |
| 01:00 PM | | Ukraine | | |
| 01:30 PM | | Oklaille | | Card |
| 02:00 PM | Home on the Road | Callia Caana | | Making |
| 02:30 PM | | Selkie Scope | | |
| 03:00 PM | | | | Open |
| 03:30 PM | Wine Tasting | | | Studio |
| 04:00 PM | | Presentation | | Paint and |
| 04:30 PM | | Karaoke | | Sip |
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| 08:00 PM | | Trio | | |
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| Movies 292 | Meet &Greet / Speaker (293) | Board Room | Parking Lot | Hospitality | |
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| Dr. | | | | | 09:30 AM |
| Smethurst | Mensa & | | | | 10:00 AM |
| | Foundation | Tarot | | | 10:30 AM |
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| Moonage | | | | | 11:30 AM |
| Daydream | | | | Lunch | 12:00 PM |
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| | | Poker | | | 01:30 PM |
| Fire of Love | | Texas Hold 'Em | | | 02:00 PM |
| | | TIOIU LIII | | | 02:30 PM |
| | Gen-M | | | Cookies | 03:00 PM |
| Dug Days | Boom Plus | | | | 03:30 PM |
| Live. Die. | | | | | 04:00 PM |
| Repeat | | | | | 04:30 PM |
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| Princess | | | | | 06:00 PM |
| Bride | | | | Dinner | 06:30 PM |
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| | | | Sky | | 07:30 PM |
| | | | Gazing | Ice Cream | 08:00 PM |
| Everything Everywhere | | | | | 08:30 PM |
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| Weird | | † | | Bar Closes | 11:00 PM |
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| any last minute changes! | | | | 12:30 AM | |
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RG Meal Schedule

Friday 4:00 pm: Hospitality Opens with snacks and beverages

Friday 6:00 pm: Dinner

Pizza and Salad.

Friday 10:00 pm: Shrimp

We continue to kick off the weekend with shrimp.

Saturday 7:00 am - 9:30 am: Continental Breakfast.

Saturday 12:00 pm noon: Lunch

Sandwiches and Salad

Saturday 3:00 pm: Cookies are always a favorite snowy day treat.

Saturday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm: Dinner

Catered BBQ. Pulled pork, chicken, ribs, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread.

Saturday 8:00 pm: We will be serving ice cream sundaes with all the fixings. Come get your favorite treat, sit and enjoy with lots of good conversations

Saturday at 10:00 pm: Chocolate

Desserts and more desserts. Yes, this means chocolate and lots of tasty goodies. Come try a sample of everything or just take a piece of your favorite.

Sunday 7:00 am: Continental Breakfast and likely eventually leftovers

Joe Dechene is an avid telescope maker receiving Stellafane (a gathering of amateur telescope makers) awards for mechanical, optical, and craftsmanship. He's made a telescope for each of his kids and can now enjoy observing with a scope of his own. He likes to use his homemade telescopes for astrophotography and observing. He is a member of Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston and currently serving as president of New Hampshire Astronomical Society. He participates in Sky Watches in the Nashua area. Joe works in the field of technical innovation, quality, and new product development. He also likes bicycling, hiking, photography, and playing ice hockey.

Gretchen Dodge is currently studying to be a music educator at the University of Hartford. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with loved ones, mentoring students, reading, playing board games, and running a small knitting Etsy shop named The Handmade Harmonies. Gretchen mostly lives in Hartford, CT, but when school is not in session she lives in Rumney, NH.

Dr. Steven Freiberger is a retired historian having taught for over forty years. His area of expertise is diplomatic history with a Ph.D in Middle East conflict. His research and teaching also include European history and has focused on modern warfare including Russian expansion since WWII. He has accumulated a number of teaching awards including Humanities education and the National Teaching Award by the Organization of American Historians. Steve also earned a Fulbright Fellowship studying in Israel. He greatly enjoys interacting with students. His other interests include serving as a volunteer at Strawbery Banke role playing Mr. Shapiro in the Shapiro House, teaching at OLLI NH since moving to the Seacoast, and interacting with people through his book review website at www.docs-books.com.

Tommy and Kelly Galanis

Soulmates, lovers, and best friends, Tommy and Kelly Galanis are a married couple whose twin flames have been burning brightly for 25 years. Highly in tune with premonition, sensation, and higher power, they use their spirituality as a guide towards leading a successful, happy, and peaceful life. They consider it their mission to support and help others discover their confidence towards building a positive and fruitful life. By day, Kelly is a higher education administrator at Holyoke Community College and is currently pursuing her doctorate at Bay Path University. Tommy is a senior software developer at Westfield Gas + Electric/Whip City Fiber and is the LocSec and Editor for CT & Western MA Mensa.

Joseph Haber is a Graduate Gemologist and a member of the Accredited Gemologists Association. Joe sells gems, jewelry and crystals from his business, "Middle Earth Treasures." Joe has been intimately involved in the gem and jewelry industry for over fifty years and has taught classes in Gem Identification.

Dennis Higbee has been a member of Boston Mensa for over 15 years. He enjoys games (including Pub Trivia), karaoke, good conversation and loves cats.

Laurie Levesque is a part-time artist living in the Exeter, NH area. Though she prefers soft pastels when working en plein air, in the studio she creates landscapes, seascapes, urban scenes and abstracts with watercolor, ink, acrylic, oil, collage, and mixed media. Laurie is a member of the Seacoast Art Association, NH Plein Air Artists, Pastel Society of NH, and Central Mass Pastel Society. http://laurielevesque.com

Lisa Maxwell

When not working as an Agile Coach and Manager of a team of Scrum Masters, a musician and French horn teacher, a cat wrangler (Natasha, Mocha, Max, and Jasmine), or mistress of the house, Lisa volunteers her time to our local NH Mensa chapter when and where needed.

Liz Modesitt has been an active member of Mensa for fifteen years, first in the New Hampshire chapter and now in Boston Mensa. She enjoys spending time with her son Drew and other family members, doing arts'n'crafts, baking, watching NFL football, and being a social butterfly. Currently Liz lives in Cambridge, MA with her husband Dennis Higbee (also of Boston Mensa) and Missy-cat.

Deb Stone has been a member of American Mensa for almost 39 years, and a life member for about the last 24. She has been a very active volunteer for almost all of those years, holding numerous positions on her local group ExComms wherever she lived, helping to run over 30 RGs, helping to run 3 AGs including as co-chair of the 2014 Boston AG, and serving as RVC1, Treasurer and Chair of American Mensa at different times. She is currently Vice President and Trustee of the Mensa Foundation.

Dan Szczesny is a long-time journalist, author and speaker living in New Hampshire.

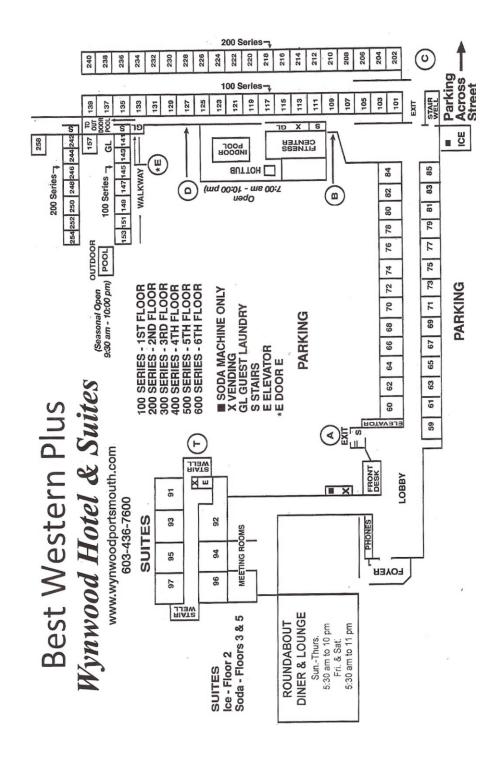
He's written several books of travel memoir (The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie, Mosquito Rain), fiction (Sing and Other Stories) and poetry (Invincible One, Poems) and an essay collection on fatherhood (You & Me: Reflections on Becoming Your Dad.)

His book, The Nepal Chronicles, about a month-long trek to Everest Base Camp and marriage in Kathmandu, won the 2016

New Hampshire state library award for Outstanding Work of Non-Fiction.

Dan began his career in Buffalo, New York, but in 2000, he moved to New Hampshire to cover the Presidential Election. In 2001, Dan became Associate Publisher of The Hippo, now the state's largest Arts and Entertainment journal. He's a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club's 4,000-footer club and has written extensively about the outdoors and hiking. He has camped in the Grand Canyon, hiked England's Coast to Coast Trail and trekked to Everest Base Camp in Nepal. Dan was a hiking guide and naturalist for Blue Hill Observatory and Science Center in Milton, Mass.

His newest book which he wrote with his six-year-old daughter, NH Rocks That Rock: An Adventure Guide to Twenty-Five Famous Boulders of the Granite State, is a field guide and Patch Quest project that encourages families to visit off-the-beaten-path places around the state.



This Year's Staff

| RG Chair | Deb Stone |
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| Programming Chair | Holly Green |
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| Program Guide Editor | Cathy Segedy |
| Technical Expert | Lisa Maxwell |
| Hospitality Angels | Ragnar Kempf, Cathy Segedy |

First Floor

Board Room

| Entertainment & Speakers (Cedar) | Speakers (Badger) | Games (Appledore) |
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Hospitality
Food and Drink, Registration,
Information Boards, etc.

Second Floor

| 297 Testing. Other if Needed | 295 Adult Craft Room | 293 Meet -and- Greet / Speaker | 291 Hospitality Prep |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 296 NOT BEING USED THIS YEAR | 294 Not Public | 292 Movie Room | 290, Elevator, Storage |