



Roaring 20s at the End
Of the Universe

New Hampshire Mensa's
Granite Gathering

14th - 16th February 2020

Best Western Plus
Wynwood Hotel & Suites
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Tips For an Enjoyable RG

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.

Badges: Anyone NOT wearing a badge will NOT be allowed entry into Hospitality. 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 victuals and libations that your registration dollars paid for. We trust you understand, and we thank you for your cooperation.

Hospitality: Please do not carry open containers outside the RG area so that we may abide by state regulations that govern the hotel.

Smoking: No smoking is allowed in the hotel. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pool: If you choose to use the hotel pool, please observe the posted rules.

Behavior: Please respect the property of the RG and the hotel. Illegal, destructive, or abusive behavior will not be tolerated and will be considered cause for possible eviction from the RG without refund.

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 multiple colors or their favorite.

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

Schedule Authenticity: Our schedule is current as of 2/1/2020, 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 getting things underway a few minutes 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

On the Ground Floor: Appledore, Badger, Cedar, Boardroom
Games are in Appledore
Many speakers are in Badger
Some Speakers and Entertainment are in Cedar
Hospitality is outside Appledore and Badger

On the Second Floor: Rooms 292-295
The Speaker Room is Room 292
The Meet & Greet Room is Room 293
Some Tournaments are also in Room 293
The Movie Room is Room 294
The Adult Craft Room is Room 295

On the Third Floor: Room 391 is for testing

RG Schedule

Welcome to the NH Regional Gathering, "Roaring 20s at 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 30th RG with you!

Friday

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

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Dinner (Hospitality)

We're finalizing dinner plans - more info shortly!

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Jazz duo (Cedar)

Brad Aiken (sax) and Tim Weissman (bass) will play music in the style of 1920s, two sets between 7:00 - 8:30, as background accompaniment to our Friday night Roaring 20s event.

7:00 pm - 8:45 pm - Singin' in the Rain (1952 G 1:45) (Movie Room 294)

The classic Gene Kelly musical about the transition from silent films to talkies.

9:00 pm - 10:55 pm - Chicago (2002 PG13 1:55) (Movie Room 294)

1924 Chicago, lawyer Billy Flynn (Richard Gere) helps murderesses Roxie (Renée Zellweger) and Velma (Catherine Zeta-Jones) manipulate the media. Oscar for Best Picture.

9:00 pm - 10:30 pm - Trivia - Richard Schwartz (Cedar)

We don't have a million dollars for a prize, but your team can still be the GOAT. Put your command of useless facts and figures, people, places, events and things to the test in our pub-style trivia game, hosted this year by Rich Schwartz.

9:00 pm - Bar opens (Cedar)

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

9:30 pm - Ice Cream (Hospitality)

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

11:00 pm - Bar closes for the night

11:05 pm - 11:25 pm - 3 Stooges "You Nazty Spy" (1940 PG 0:19) (Movie Room 294)

Moe, Larry, and Curly spoof the Axis powers.

11:30 pm - Shrimp and Champagne (Hospitality)

We kick off the weekend with shrimp and champagne.

11:30 pm - Movie Room closes for the night

Saturday

8:00 am - 10:30 am Breakfast (Hospitality)

Omelets for breakfast this year (until 9:30). We will have bagels, muffins, fresh fruit, and other yummy pastries (throughout breakfast) so I am sure you will find something to start your day.

NOTE: Hot Breakfast ends at 9:30. Continental breakfast available until 10:30.

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

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

Start your morning off with some colorful fun. There will be coloring sheets provided on a number of themes such as floral, geometric, and pop culture as well as a variety of coloring markers and pencils.

9:00 am - 11:00 am - Testing (Room 391)

Please arrive by 8:45 if you are testing.

9:30 am - 10:30 am Forest Ecosystem Science in NH: What are we learning? - Sarah Thorne (Cedar)

How are the scientists at Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest in the White Mountains of NH helping us solve practical problems? Come find out at a program given by Sarah Thorne, Educator for the Hubbard Brook Research Foundation. Sarah will discuss how long-term ecological monitoring led to groundbreaking discoveries, including the impacts of acid rain, bird habitat change, timber harvesting, and winter climate change. Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest occupies a 7,800-acre watershed within the White Mountain National Forest and is one of the oldest research forests in the nation.

9:30 am - 10:30 am - The Fire Burns Bright: A Story of Twin Flames - Tommy and Kelly Galanis (Badger)

Twin Flames are two people who were split into different bodies yet share the same soul. Like soulmates, they are connected on a physical and emotional level, but also on a spiritual plane. In this deep and soulful discussion, Tommy and Kelly Galanis share their story of love and discovering the twin flame within them that has burned brightly for nearly 22 years. Come and learn how their spiritual journey has helped guide them towards a healthy, loving, and positive life, and discover ways you can uncover magic and guidance to take your dreams, goals, and desires to the next level. This candid, raw, and honest talk is open to all and is intended to serve as a platform for sharing with all who join in.

9:30 am - 11:23 am - Spiderman into the SpiderVerse (2018 PG 1:53) (Movie Room 294)

Animated. Miles Morales, a Spider-man in another dimension, works with several other Spider-men from various other dimensions, including Peter Parker. Oscar for Best Animated Feature.

9:30 am - Runners meet up w/ John Lewicke (Room 293)
(Depending on weather conditions.)

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Potholders - Beth Chiaet Schwartz (Adult Craft Room 295)

Loops and looms were my favorite when I was a kid. Come regress with me. You get to keep your potholder when it's done.

10:45 am - 11:45 am - Is it Real or ?? - Joe Haber (Badger)

Joe will provide a fascinating glimpse into the world of synthetic (or lab grown) gems and imitation gems. He will show that there is a real difference between synthetic gems and imitations. In fact some materials can be both! He will also tell you why buying a synthetic gem can actually be the far better choice.

10:45 am - 11:45 am - Living the Traveling Life - Dan Szczesny (Cedar)

Join journalist and travel writer Dan Szczesny for a presentation that will cover a wide variety of world travels. Hopscotch from Hong Kong to the Grand Canyon. From Mount Everest to the Taj Mahal. For years, Dan has written about our own New England backyard as well, including books on hiking in the White Mountains and a year long study of Mount Washington. 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. Bring your own travel stories and prepare for a trip around the world!

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Spelling Bee - Dennis Higbee (Tournament Room 293)

Like spelling? Like snark? You'll find plenty of both at this year's spelling bee. Once again, Dennis Higbee and his trusty copy of Merriam-Webster's dictionary will offer heated competition and mild abuse for dedicated spellers. So challenge yourself (and

Dennis if you think he made a mistake with your word), but remember the dictionary is the final authority.

11:30 am - 11:55 am - 1920s Short Comedies: (Movie Room 294)

- One Week (1920, 25minutes) with Buster Keaton
- Big Business (1929, 20 minutes) with Laurel & Hardy
- Steamboat Willie (1928, 7min) with Mickey Mouse

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

We will have our traditional sandwich buffet. Come fuel up!

12:30 pm - 2:05 pm - The Biggest Little Farm (2018 PG 1:35) (Movie Room 294)

With care, a large support group, and a wholistic plan, a couple from LA turn a parched avocado farm into an oasis of diverse farm growing.

12:45 pm - 1:45 pm - The Weirding 20s - Tchipakkan (Cedar)

From table-tipping to divination with Mahjong tiles, from secret magical societies to Carney hucksters, Americans in the 20s were as fascinated by the occult as we are a hundred years later. Nearly every generation has a new New Age, “rediscovering” that people are psychic and magick works. Let’s look at some of the things they did, how some continued and evolved, and others passed out of use, often to re-emerge in a new form for a new generation.

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Breaking America’s Habit of Mass Incarceration - Jeanne Hruska (Badger)

The United States locks up more people, in total numbers and per capita, than any other country in the world. This is not a positive distinction. Thankfully, there is national momentum behind comprehensive criminal justice reform. Come learn how we reached this point and how we dismantle the disease that is American mass incarceration.

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Math/Science Forum - Rob Lagos (Speaker Room 292)

This will be a facilitated informal discussion group. Bring your favorite relevant topics for discussion. OR, just listen, ask questions, join the discussion, or even ask for or give help or answers to certain problems!

I will start the discussion by polling the group for different relevant areas of interest.

If nobody comes up with a preferred topic, I will select from what may include the following based on group interest:

- * Selected problem solving; probability & combinatorics; infinite sets; infinite limits.
- * Science: habitability in space and exploration; mind-reading technology and prostheses; computing; chemistry of elements.

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

Join us in the Crafts Room 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.

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - What is "SOUND" - F Houston Galloway plus demonstration Barbershop Quartet (Cedar)

What is "SOUND"? How is it produced? Study overtones, expanded sound, formants, word sounds, and chord structure. Discover what makes barbershop sound unique.

2:15 pm - 4:00 pm Award-Winning Short Animated films (Movie Room 294)

Depending on availability, various animated short films, possibly including some current Oscar nominees.

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm - A Centennial of Asimov - Ian Randal Strock (Badger)

Isaac Asimov's business card read "natural resource," and he was. Author or editor of nearly 500 books, polymath, and science fictional icon, he was also a member of Mensa. January 2, 2020, is the centennial of his birth. Ian Randal Strock worked with Isaac for the last three years of his life, and got to know him very well. Come hear tales of who he was, what he meant to science fiction, and what legacy he leaves.

3:00 pm - (Hospitality)

Cookies are always a favorite snowy day treat.

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Crocheting - Allison Rainville (Adult Craft Room 295)

Learn to crochet, or bring your own crochet project to work on and hang out with us! If you don't bring your own project, you can learn to make a crochet mouse or a snowflake to decorate with. Materials will be provided, and basic stitches and terminology will be demonstrated for those who need it.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Introduction to Dowsing - Tchipakkan (Badger)

Dowsing is a way for the subconscious to speak through the body to tell you things you don't realize that you know. Most think of dowsing as a way to find underground water and minerals, but it can also diagnose illness, find lost items, or figure out whether there's something you're allergic to in a dish. We'll play with L rods, pendulum, bobbars, and even dowsing with no tools. A useful tool for everyone.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Personal Intelligence: An intelligence about understanding personality in oneself and others - John D. Mayer, PhD (Cedar)

Many people advise us about how to live our lives: philosophers, religious figures, teachers, pundits, mental health professionals, and life coaches. What if there were a common

intelligence they drew on—a common logic they employed to understand people?...A “personal intelligence”?

3:30 pm - Poker Tournament - (Board Room)

Come join the group to play in our Hold 'em-style tournament. Buy-in \$10.

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm - Dr Becky Smethurst, Astrophysicist from Oxford (1:15) (Movie Room 294)

Dr Becky talks in 5-10 min segments about various aspects of space science, including Brian May's thesis on space dust, the speed of light, black holes, and much more.

4:15 pm - 5:15 pm - The Aviation Cocktail - a trademark of the roaring 20s. - John Perreault (Speaker Room 292)

Legend has it that the Aviation cocktail was first created in 1908, the year the Wright brothers took up their first passenger, but the first time the recipe appeared in print was 1916 in Hugo Ensslin's book Recipes for Mixed Drinks. By the end of the 20's Crème de Violette was not being commercially produced, and the drink vanished in its original form. There were many attempts to reproduce the color and flavor of the drink, but as one author put it "Things got weird". In 2007, Crème de Violette started being imported to the United States again, and the cocktail had a resurgence.

There are still many variations on the recipe. The ingredients remain the same, but the proportions change. The recreation for our Roaring 20's gathering will be made from:

2 oz. of American Gin (local gins from Sheffield MA, and Sandwich MA)

3/4 oz. lemon juice

1/2 oz. Maraschino liqueur

1/4 oz. Crème de Violette

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm, Kindness Rocks - Laurie Levesque (Adult Craft Room 295)

Adults, bring your giggle-water* and join us for this sockdollager* in the craft room. This darb* event is for those who wish to paint kindness rocks, which have become hip to the jive* in recent years. For examples, Google "Smile Rocks" or "Kindness Rocks". You do not need to be an artist or have prior painting experience to create fun or beautiful rocks. You'll get three stones and a host of reference photos and sayings that will help you design your own rocks. If you plan to give any of your rocks away, you take the explanatory tags and plastic bags that will be on hand so your creation is ready for you to hide while traveling or in your hometown for some lucky person to find and enjoy. Limited to 10 adults.

**1920s slang: Giggle water: liquor, alcoholic beverage; Darb: something deemed wonderful or splendid, similar to "berries"; Berries: like "bee's knees," denotes that something is good, desirable or pleasing. "That sounds like berries to me!"; Sockdollager: an event or action of great importance; hip to the jive: trendy.*

4:45 pm - 5:45 pm - RVC Rap Session - Ian Randal Strock (Meet & Greet Room Rm 293)

Come discuss the business of Mensa -- what's going on with your organization -- with your representative on the national board of directors.

5:15 pm - 6:55 pm - Free Solo (2018 PG13 1:40) (Movie Room 294)

"Free Solo" is to climb alone, without special gear. Ales Hannold practices to climb El Capitan with no partners nor safety ropes.

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm - Gen-M Boom Plus SIG - Barb Holstein (Speaker Room 292)

Let's have a quick meet-up! Members and those interested in joining are all welcome (born 1964 or earlier). We'll introduce ourselves, brag about all the things we enjoy in life, and even take a group picture. The meeting will be brief so that we don't miss any part of dinner, the auction and the Speakeasy!

6:00 pm - Craft Room 295 Closes

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Dinner (Hospitality/Badger/Cedar)

We're finalizing dinner plans - more info shortly!

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NH Scholarship Fund Auction - Ian Randal Strock (Badger/Cedar)

Come join us for an auction to benefit NH Mensa's scholarship fund! RG-goers have donated the auction items, and I hear that we may have some \$5-bills for sale again this year. Or perhaps another empty cardboard box! Enrich your life with something new and a student's life with support for their education. It's a Win-Win!

7:00 pm - 9:05 pm - Downton Abbey (2019, PG, 2:05) (Movie Room 294)

1927, will the staff at Downton rise to the occasion of a visit from King George, or will Lord Grantham suffer a great loss of reputation?

8:30 pm - 10:30 pm - Jazz trio (Cedar)

John Eldridge (piano/keyboard), Chris Roberts (drums) and Joe Annicchiarico (acoustic bass) will play two sets of music in the style of 1920s, as background accompaniment to our Saturday night 'Speakeasy' event.

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Speakeasy / Bar opens (Cedar)

If you want to find music or the bar this year, come to the Speakeasy! The password will be provided at Registration (or find an RG volunteer). JoAnn W. will serve us at the bar.

9:15 pm - 11:20 pm - Rocketman (Movie Room 294) (2019, R, 2hr5m)

The story of the struggles of Reg Dwight, a talented pianist who changed his name to Elton John, and his fight to find his identity and sobriety.

10:00 pm (time flexible) - Werewolves of Ziggy Hollow (Badger)

Werewolves is a game of social deduction. Lycanthropy has come to the peaceful village of Ziggy Hollow. Each night, those affected secretly slaughter a villager, and each day the villagers try to lynch someone they believe is a werewolf using their wits and special powers. Rules will be taught, adults only please.

10:00 pm - Desserts (Hospitality)

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.

11:00 pm - Bar closes

11:30 pm - Movie Room closes

Sunday

8:00 am - Brunch (Hospitality)

Sunday Brunch starts at 8am with lots of breakfast treats and slowly changes over to lunch.

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

11:00 am - Special Election Meeting followed by Special ExComm Meeting (Badger)

This being an election year, there will be a Special Election Meeting for the Election Committee to present the results of the nomination period, and to let people know about any contested positions. This will be followed by a Special ExComm Meeting for the express purpose of including any non-officers who may wish to participate. You do not have to attend the RG to attend the meetings.

12:00 pm - All the food is gone

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!

Note: Friday's grid is after Saturday's -- your editor

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

Saturday				
	Badger	Cedar	Speaker Room 292	Adult Crafts 295
08:00 AM				
08:30 AM				
09:00 AM				Coloring
09:30 AM	The Fire Burns Bright	Forest Ecosystem		Potholders
10:00 AM				
10:30 AM	Is it Real or ??	Living the Traveling Life		
11:00 AM				
11:30 AM				
12:00 PM				
12:30 PM				
01:00 PM	Breaking Mass Incarceration	Weirding 20s	Math/Science Forum	Card Making
01:30 PM				
02:00 PM	A Centennial of Asimov	What is "Sound"		Crochet
02:30 PM				
03:00 PM				
03:30 PM	Intro to Dowsing	Personal Intelligence		
04:00 PM				
04:30 PM			Aviation Cocktail	Kindness Rocks
05:00 PM				
05:30 PM	Room Change	Room Change	Gen-M Boom+	
06:00 PM				Closes
06:30 PM	Dinner	Dinner		
07:00 PM				
07:30 PM				
08:00 PM				
08:30 PM		Jazz Trio Bar open / Speakeasy		
09:00 PM				
09:30 PM				
10:00 PM	Werewolves			
10:30 PM				
11:00 PM		Bar Closes		
11:30 PM				
12:00 AM		Note: Look in Hospitality for any last minute changes!		
12:30 AM				
01:00 AM				

Saturday

Movies 294	Tournament / Meet & Greet (293)	Board Room	Special Events (391)	Hospitality	
				Breakfast	08:00 AM
					08:30 AM
					09:00 AM
					09:30 AM
Spiderman into SpiderVerse	Runners		Testing		10:00 AM
					10:30 AM
Comedies	Spelling Bee				11:00 AM
					11:30 AM
				Lunch	12:00 PM
Biggest Little Farm					12:30 PM
					01:00 PM
					01:30 PM
Short Animations					02:00 PM
					02:30 PM
		Poker		Cookies	03:00 PM
Dr. Becky Smethurst					
					04:00 PM
	RVC Rap Session				04:30 PM
Free Solo					05:00 PM
					05:30 PM
					06:00 PM
				Dinner	06:30 PM
					07:00 PM
Downton Abbey				Auction	07:30 PM
					08:00 PM
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					09:00 PM
Rocket- man					09:30 PM
				Desserts	10:00 PM
					10:30 PM
					11:00 PM
Closes	Closes				11:30 PM
Note: Look in Hospitality for any last minute changes!					12:00 AM
					12:30 AM
					01:00 AM

Friday			
	Badger	Cedar	Hospitality
04:00 PM	RG OPENS!!!		Snacks
05:00 PM			
06:00 PM			Dinner
07:00 PM		Jazz Duo	
08:00 PM			
09:00 PM		Trivia & Bar opens	Ice Cream
10:00 PM			
11:00 PM			Bar Closes Shrimp&Champagne
12:00 AM			

Friday Continued...		
	Movies - 294	Tournament / Meet and Greet - 293
04:00 PM		
05:00 PM		
06:00 PM		
07:00 PM	Singin in the Rain	
08:00 PM		
09:00 PM	Chicago	
10:00 PM		
11:00 PM	Natzy Spy Movie Room Closed	
12:00 AM	Note: Look in Hospitality for any Last Minute Changes	

RG Meal Schedule

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

Friday 6:00 pm: Dinner

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Friday 9:30 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

Friday 11:30 pm: Shrimp & Champagne

We kick off the weekend with shrimp and champagne.

Saturday 8:00 am: Breakfast

Omelets for breakfast this year (until 9:30). We will have bagels, muffins, fresh fruit, and other yummy pastries (throughout breakfast) so I am sure you will find something to start your day.

Saturday 9:30 am: Hot breakfast ends. Continental breakfast available until 10:30

Saturday 12:00 pm noon: Lunch

We will have our traditional sandwich buffet. Come fuel up to keep you going through the day of fun planned. Yes there are vegetarian options. Come check out the spread.

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

Saturday 6:30 pm: Dinner

We're finalizing dinner plans- more info to follow!

Saturday at 10:00 pm: Desserts and more Desserts

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 8:00 am: Sunday Brunch starts at 8am with lots of breakfast treats and slowly changes over to lunch.

Many Thanks to Our Presenters!

Joe Annicchiarico (bass in Jazz Trio) is a bassist, theorist, and arranger who hails from Newburyport, Massachusetts. Joe has a wide range of musical interests and has received a Master of Arts degree in Music Theory from Tufts University as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Double Bass Performance from the University of New Hampshire. As a bass player he is currently a member of the Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra and is in demand as a bassist for theater groups all over New England.

John Eldridge (piano in Jazz Trio) is an alumnus of Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH), where he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in their joint program with the Cleveland Institute of Music. Now working primarily in musical theatre as a keyboardist, conductor, sound designer, and/or music director, he has performed at North Shore Music Theatre, Reagle Music Theatre, Wheelock Family Theatre, Seacoast Repertory Theatre, Gloucester Stage Company, Arlington Friends of the Drama, and Pentucket Players, where he is the resident music director. John has performed as a pianist, percussionist, and vocalist with orchestras, wind ensembles, jazz bands, and choruses across the United States, Canada, England, Scotland, and Japan. He lives in Bradford, MA with his wife Shannon and son Benjamin. www.johneldridgemusic.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 22 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.

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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 forty years and has taught classes in Gem Identification.

Dennis Higbee

Dennis has been a member of Boston Mensa for over 15 years. He enjoys beer, games (including Pub Trivia), karaoke, good conversation and beer. ("You said beer twice." "I like beer.")

Jeanne Hruska is the Political Director with the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire. She manages the ACLU-NH's legislative work, including testifying on dozens of bills every session. Prior to the ACLU-NH, she served as a senior advisor at the U.S. State Department, where she promoted democracy and human rights in central Africa, and helped coordinate U.S. sanctions policy. She has served as a policy advisor on multiple electoral campaigns. Jeanne received her JD from George Washington University Law School, and her BA from the University of Southern California. She was born and raised in New England.

Jazz Duo: Brad Aiken and Tim Weissman are two jazz musicians based out of New England.

Tim has played bass with some of the best players in the region as a member of the Massachusetts Army band. Tim frequents the top jazz clubs in Boston playing with different groups at venues such as Wally's and The Beehive.

Brad has played with big bands around New Hampshire such as the Compaq Big Band, and the Freese Brothers group. Brad

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has been the saxophonist for the Buddy Holly and Piano Men musicals at the Palace Theatre.

Brad and Tim have been playing together for years after joining forces at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and always enjoy sharing their music for eager ears!

Rob Lagos is a computer programmer analyst and statistician. He works at United Health Group, and is also co-authoring the book, *Older Autistic Adults: The Lost Generation*. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from UCLA in Chemistry and Computer Science. He is also a virtuoso pianist and has tutored privately in mathematics and physical science. He is the Publications Officer and Editor of the *MaineScene* newsletter for Maine Mensa.

Laurie Levesque

Laurie is a part-time artist living in the Exeter, NH area. Though she prefers soft pastels when working en plein air, she also 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, the Pastel Society of NH, and the Central Mass Pastel Society as well as these FaceBook groups: Smile Rocks, NH Rocks, and Art Abandonment.

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John D. Mayer, Ph.D. is a Professor of Psychology at the University of New Hampshire. He has served on the editorial boards of academic journals and has published more than 140 articles, books and tests in psychology, including the Mayer-Salovey-Caruso Emotional Intelligence Test. He is a fellow of the American Psychological Society and a member of the Association for Research in Personality. His work has been covered by the New York Times, Time Magazine, NPR, the

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BBC, and Scientific American Mind. He has lectured around the world on the topics of emotional intelligence, personal intelligence, and personality more broadly, and blogged for Psychology Today. He is author of “Personal Intelligence: The power of personality and how it shapes our lives,” and two textbooks. He lives in Durham, New Hampshire.

Liz Modesitt

Liz has been an active member of Mensa for over ten years, first in the New Hampshire chapter and now in Boston Mensa. Currently she is Recording Secretary for 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. Liz lives in Cambridge, MA with her husband Dennis Higbee (also of Boston Mensa) and Missy-cat.

Allison Rainville

Allison has been working with fiber arts for over 20 years. She started in the mid-1990s with cross stitch, moved on to quilting in the late 2000s, and adopted crocheting as her travel craft in 2015 after injuries forced her to abandon hand-quilting. She is a member of Belknap Mills Quilters Guild in Laconia and Fishnet Crocheters, based in Lexington, MA. When she’s not working with various types of fabric and string, she teaches high school, does a fair amount of nature photography, and is working on getting herself to all 50 states by the time she turns 50.

Chris Roberts (drums in Jazz Trio) earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Plymouth State University where he studied percussion with Tim Gilmore. While there, he also studied with Randy Hogancamp, and John Floyd and studied composition and arranging with Romeo Meloni, and Rik Pfenninger. Chris has taught at public schools in Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire with all ages.

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Chris has performed with the Tall Granite Big Band, Joy Spring Jazz, New Hampshire Pipes and Drums, Musicians of Wall Street, New England Wind Ensemble, New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra, All New England Inter-Collegiate Band, and in various musicals throughout the United States.
<http://www.crobertsmusic.com>

Richard Schwartz is trying his hand at trivia hosting for the first time after many years of DJ-ing and herding entertainers at our RG. He won the trivia contest at one of our RGs in the '90s, so he figures he's qualified.

Ian Randal Strock (www.IanRandalStrock.com) is the owner and publisher of Fantastic Books (www.FantasticBooks.biz), formerly an editor at Asimov's Science Fiction magazine, Analog Science Fiction and Science Fact, Artemis Magazine, Baen Books, Science Fiction Chronicle, and many more. He is the author of "The Presidential Book of Lists" (Random House) and "Ranking the Vice Presidents" and "Ranking the First Ladies" (Carrel Books). His short fiction has appeared in Analog, Nature, and several anthologies. He's been a member of Mensa since 1982, a life member since 2019, and the RVC of Region 1 since 2017. As RVC, he serves on the Executive, Communications, and Financial committees, and chairs the Licensing Committee. He lives in New York City, and was previously the president of Greater New York Mensa.

Dan Szczesny is a long-time journalist, author and speaker living in New Hampshire. He's written several books of travel memoir, fiction and poetry. His latest book, The White Mountain, won the 2019 New Hampshire Writer's Project award for outstanding work of non-fiction, and won the People's Choice award for non-fiction that year as well.

His new book, "U & Me: Reflections from the Fatherhood

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Frontier" will be released on June 2020 under Hobblebush Books.

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. He calls Manchester, NH his home base where he lives with his wife and daughter.

Tchipakkan is an artist, healer, and pagan author of Divine Cookies and other cookbooks. She teaches RunValdr, Reiki, Huna healing, herbalism, and dozens of divination systems; and knows more about Anglo-Saxons than anyone needs to.

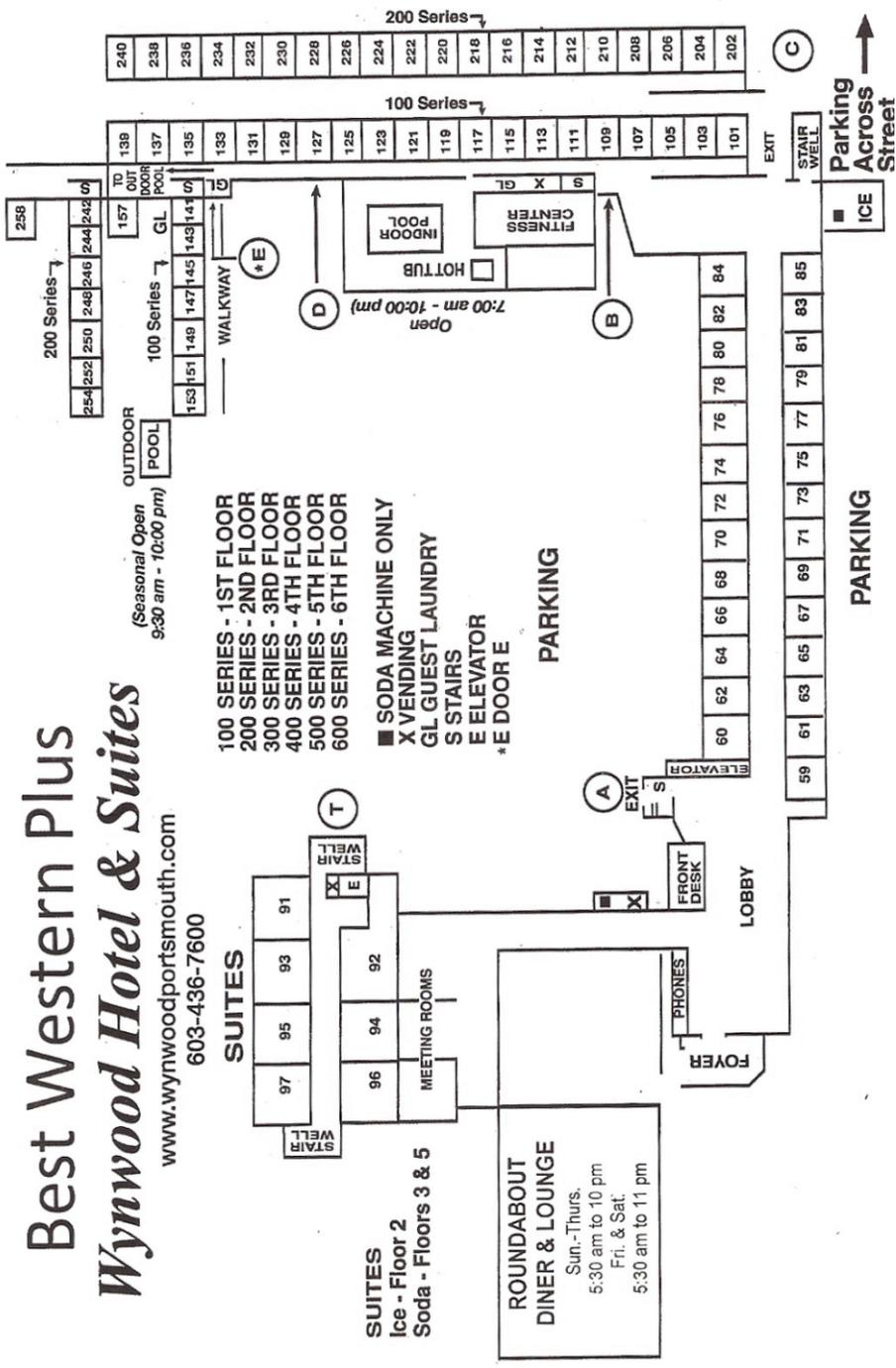
Sarah Thorne is an Educator with Hubbard Brook Research Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works to sustain and enhance the Hubbard Brook Ecosystem Study in New Hampshire, in partnership with the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station, the National Science Foundation's Long-Term Ecological Research Network (LTER), the Hubbard Brook Consortium, and many colleges, universities, and other research institutions.

Before this, Sarah taught biology, field ecology, and climate science at Prospect Mountain High School in Alton for 14 years. Prior to her teaching career, Sarah worked for 20 years as a land conservationist with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and Trust for NH Lands. She also volunteers for the Squam Lakes Conservation Society and is a board member of the Five Rivers Conservation Trust.

Bill Zigo, aka Ziggy, is a member of Mid-Hudson Mensa, the Games Room co-chair, and the national SIGHT coordinator.

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

Second Floor

297 NOT BEING USED THIS YEAR	295 Adult Craft Room	293 Tournaments / Meet -and- Greet	291 Hospitality Prep
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Third Floor

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