



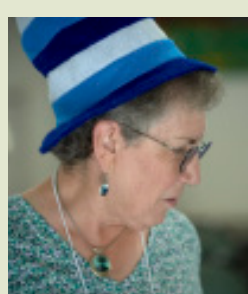
PVSC

Voice

Learning for the Fun of It!

October 2023

Who keeps us ticking?



Ann Torrey

At the *Annual Meeting/Party*, Ann Torrey became our President and Suzanne Gordon our Vice-President. Valerie Levy and Lin Lufkin will continue as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Our committees are the real heart of PVSC. These wonderful folks gather course ideas, find instructors, organize special presentations, make sure you know what's going on, organize our annual party, and keep us solvent, partly by energetic publicity and recruiting of new members. Our hard-working committee chairs put in amazing numbers of hours to ensure that you have courses you'll love:

Curriculum: Judy Hakola

One-Day Presentations: Shelia Zahm

Member Services: Judy Chandler and Pam Briggs

Finance: Rosemary Parsons

Publicity: Fran Day

JOIN US?

Joining a committee is a great chance to meet new people and help to keep the courses coming. To pitch in, just call Sheila at 659-1359.



NEWS AND MORE NEWS!

CALENDAR CHANGE

The Board has voted to change our calendar year from the traditional fiscal year, July through June, to the calendar year. We hope that will be more logical and easier to remember. **Your current membership runs to December 31**, so you'll need to re-up in January, just in time for winter courses.

Remember!

The new membership year now begins in January, so be sure you're all signed up.



SLIGHT FEE INCREASE

Inflation is biting us everywhere we turn, whether we're buying eggs or a car. It's hit PVSC too, in the form of increased web fees, printing, and other costs. We hate to do it—we haven't raised any costs to members since our founding in 2002—but in January, course fees will have to go up \$5, to \$35.

FUN FALL COURSES

Fall courses are well underway, with an exceptional variety of topics. Members are studying the soil, walking through scenic local areas, exploring the Wildlands Preserve, and messing about with fungi, among other activities. Some are in-person, some are online, and some are a combination—something for everyone!

If you didn't sign up for a course this fall, we understand. There's a lot to do at this time of year, from family activities to getting ready to head south. But keep your eye open for our winter offerings. Rumor has it there will be some unusual subjects then!

HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE SURVEY?

You should have received an email request to complete an online survey/questionnaire by now. It's very important for our future that you take a few minutes and answer some important questions about your membership and experience. *Thank you!*



Valerie Levy (left) and Fran Day pitching cornhole bags at the annual party in September.

THE VOICE WANTS YOU!

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE EXPERIMENTING WITH VOICE FOR MEMBERS

We want it to have more color—and more of you! So you're invited to share your creative work with all of us. Travel photos, perhaps? A collage or painting you did in a PVSC class? Or a piece of your needlework or other craft? Take a photo!

We want writing, too: book reviews, short essays, special journal entries, musings, poems, stories.

Send us your stuff! Photos, including photos of art/craft pieces, should be JPGs, preferably 250 pixels/inch or more. Written work should not exceed 300 words.

Send to Anita Kurth: kurth@maine.edu.

Theme in Yellow

I spot the hills
With yellow balls in autumn.
I light the prairie cornfields
Orange and tawny gold clusters
And I am called pumpkins.
On the last of October
When dusk is fallen
Children join hands
And circle round me
Singing ghost songs
And love to the harvest moon;
I am a jack-o'-lantern
With terrible teeth
And the children know
I am fooling.

~ Carl Sandburg



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