



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BENEDICT F. GEDAMINSKI, JR. 100TH PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends:



As I write this letter, we are experiencing a classic NYC heat wave which only means that we can look forward to a lively Fall of activities and events. This year, our 214th year, we are focused on building a stronger Society and creating more efficiencies within the management of the organization. As a Society, we cannot continue to do things just because "we've always done it that way." We must embrace "Kaizen," a Japanese term meaning "change for the better" or "continuous improvement." It is a Japanese business philosophy regarding the processes that continuously improve operations and involve all stakeholders. Kaizen sees improvement in productivity as a gradual and methodical process.

We have already seen a significant increase in membership renewals through the 2018 implementation of our new Association Management System (AMS). Have you renewed?

So far this year, we have had many wonderful events. We started in February with our 3rd annual NES 1872 First Ladies' Reception at the Down Town Association. The Spring Member/Guest event was held in April and Founders' Day in May at the beautiful Colony Club. Continuing with tradition, the finalists for our 8th annual Book Awards were announced at Founders' Day.

The first half of the year culminated in our Book Awards event at the National Arts Club. This year, we changed things up by combining the Awards Luncheon with the Literary Salon, formerly held the prior evening. This year we created a single evening event celebrating the awards, and it was a huge success. Don't miss Roland Foster Miller's brilliant summary of it elsewhere in this issue.

It's now time to focus on the second half of the year and our planned events. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 18 in the Community Room of St. Jean Baptiste Church, 76th Street at Lexington Avenue. Our Fall Member/Guest party on Thursday, October 10th will once again find us at the Arader Galleries on Madison Avenue.

Let's not forget our main event, our Annual Dinner Dance on November 8th at the Metropolitan Club. This year, for the first time, we are offering special early bird pricing: Between now and September 21st, Junior and Supporter level tickets can be purchased for 2017 prices!

I look forward to seeing you at all of these events.

Sincerely,
Benedict Gedaminski, 100th President



ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

NES' 214th Annual Dinner Dance Friday, November 8, 2019 The Metropolitan Club

We are proud to return to the beautiful Metropolitan Club for our 214th Annual Dinner Dance. The Society's oldest tradition continues with this gala evening including music, dancing, delicious food and drink, an exciting silent auction, the presentation of the Reginald T. Townsend Award.

The New England Society established the Townsend Award in 1952 to recognize outstanding

achievement representing the finest

attributes of the New England

character. We are proud to

present the 2019 Townsend

Award to **Ronald Lee Fleming,**

FAICP, founder and president

of The Townscape Institute, a

nonprofit public interest planning

organization based in Cambridge,

MA. As an urban planner and designer,

preservation advocate, civic leader, thought leader

and change agent, Mr. Fleming's lifetime of work

focuses on creating livable and sustainable cities,

towns, and neighborhoods. The author of six books,

Mr. Fleming was founding chairman of the Cambridge

Municipal Arts Council, is Chair Emeritus of Scenic

America, and has served many other cultural and

civic organizations. His philanthropic work to support

initiatives to beautify and improve communities led

Newport RI to declare "Ron Fleming Day," noting:

"Mr. Fleming is a recognized authority in the role of

art in creating vibrant, livable places, adding luster to

Newport's worldwide reputation as a showcase of art

and architecture."



Founders' Day

(WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 — COLONY CLUB)



*Benedict Gedaminski,
Matthew Rimi von Barton*



Arnold Neis, Anne Elser, Jay Sherwood, Alan Frese, Anna Bulkot



Charles Bennett, Boo Grace



*Sunny Hayward,
Susan Morris*



Arnold Neis, Hilda Neis



Jay Sherwood, Benedict Gedaminski



Anna Bulkot, Judy Bliss



*Benedict Gedaminski,
Kendra Swee*



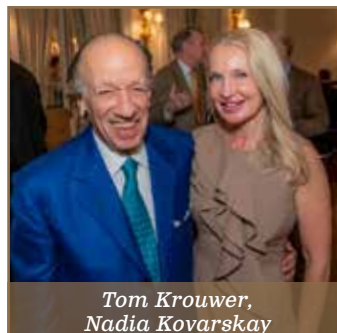
Tony Tichenor, Ron Romaine



Ellen Scordato, Roland Foster Miller



Jan Whitman Ogden, Ron Romaine, Jane Pflug



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Nadia Kovarskay*



Terry Smart, Melissa Zack, Rick Perkins

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*Kendra Swee, Geoffrey von Barton III,
Katherine Johnson, Matthew Rimi von Barton*



*Benedict Gedaminski, Roland Foster Miller,
Anna Bulkot*



Robert Morris, Susan Morris



Sunny Hayward, Richard Johnson, Roland Foster Miller



*Benedict Gedaminski, Cynthia Golding,
Laurence Golding*



*Jan Whitman Ogden,
Jose Pincay-Delgado*



*David Bender,
Barbara Bender*



*Lee Ballinger,
Douglas Winston*



*Daisy Pearson, Mark Pearson,
Katherine Johnson*



Preston Stewart, Carol Johnson



*Alexandra Owens,
Benedict Gedaminski*



*Ellen Scordato,
Roland Foster Miller*



*Jane Pflug,
Deborah Ford*



*Arnold Neis, Anne Elser, Dermod Sullivan,
Jay Sherwood*



Benedict Gedaminski



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Guests

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Annual Book Awards

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 — NATIONAL ARTS CLUB



A record number of members and guests turned out on a fine summer night for the 2019 New England Society Book Awards at the National Arts Club on Gramercy Park. On the evening of June 26, the Awards Presentations and Salon melded into one outstanding event celebrating the books of the previous year that best represent the culture, history and individualism that form the essence of New England.

The rooms were expansive and the crowd was bordered by a wonderful Arts Club exhibit: a rainbow of 19th and 20th century Central Asian prayer rugs, traditional dress and other handmade textiles made by artists still using 2,000-year-old weaving techniques. A pasta station (penne and ravioli) and popular carving station (roast aged filet of beef) were culinary winners with the gathering.

After socializing and dining, 2019 winning authors and their representatives gathered onstage for the Salon, first fielding questions supplied by Book Awards jury members and later from the audience itself. The authors explained their intentions in writing their books and offered personal observations and additional background about their books and interests.

Several NES Student Scholars added another dimension to the night. They presented the awards to the winning authors and thus linked the Scholarship Program and the Book Awards in a joint venture for the first time.

In looking forward to next year's Book Awards festivities, please consider joining the ranks of the 2020 jury readers. It's a special team, indeed, and a lively, collegial way to enjoy meeting other members.

Roland Foster Miller and Ellen Scordato, 2019 Book Awards Co-Chairs

THE WINNERS FOR 2019 ARE:

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

The Art of Curating: Paul J. Sachs and the Museum Course at Harvard
by Sally Anne Duncan and Andrew McClellan (Getty Publications)

FICTION

The Maze at Windermere
by Gregory Blake Smith
(Penguin Random House, Viking)

CONTEMPORARY NONFICTION/BIOGRAPHY

*Searching for Stars on an Island
in Maine* by Alan Lightman
(Pantheon Books)

HISTORICAL NONFICTION

*Our Beloved Kin: A New History
of King Philip's War* by Lisa Brooks
(Yale University Press)

SPECIALTY TITLE

A Naturalist at Large by Bernd Heinrich
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)



Ellen Scordato, Roland Foster Miller



Helen Denisenko, Lisa Brooks, Lillie Rose Brooks



Gregory Blake Smith



*Daisy Field-Pearson, Mark Pearson,
Leslie Middlebrook-Moore*



*Lisa Brooks, Mark Moffett,
Elyse Lightman Samuels, Gregory Blake Smith*



Marian Morrill, Alice Yurke



Celeste Perilli, Joe Scordato



*Jay Sherwood,
Jan Whitman Ogden*



Carolyn Zezima, Mark Rifkin



Ashley Bisram, Mark Moffett



*Laurence Golding,
Cynthia Golding*



*Lucille Kirk,
Jane Pflug*



Dian Ducey, Mary Bulkot, Anna Bulkot



*Oksana Tikhonova,
Edward Seidel*



*Matthew Rimi von Barton, Emily Mohr,
Geoffrey von Barton III*



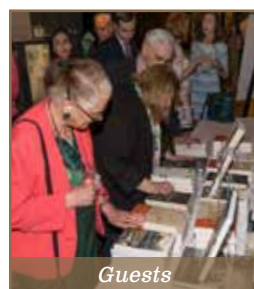
*Alexandra Owens,
Elyse Lightman Samuels*



*Welinton Vargas,
Jay Sherwood*



Guests



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Thomas Hills, Sara Champion



*Jan Whitman Ogden,
Matthew Rimi von Barton*

NES Scholarship Update

Jennifer Mitchell, Scholarship Committee Chair

As the high point of its program year, the NES Scholarship Committee held its annual scholar interviews in late July. Six outstanding applicants were interviewed and final selections made. Notifications of the awardees for 2019 will be made soon!

The preparation leading up to this annual event involves coordination with NYC schools and New England colleges, marketing and promotion, and ongoing fundraising efforts. The application process city-wide for students begins in April, and this year we launched a new digital application process that reduces paperwork and manual processing, saving time and trees! Trying a new approach to fundraising, we launched a GoFundMe Summer Campaign program in early summer.

For the popular NES Book Awards event in June, we combined program forces for the first time as three of our NES scholars presented the award winners at the evening Salon event.

SCHOLAR UPDATES

RECENT SCHOLARS STILL STUDYING

Artur Kalandarov is a government/legal studies and Russian double major at Bowdoin College. He has been awarded the Sarah and James Bowdoin award (Dean's List) for academic achievement the past two years, and he also won the ACTR Russian Scholar Laureate award. This summer, he is interning at the Cohen Group, a DC consulting firm. He hopes to pursue a career in law after graduation in May 2020.



Rahma Ibrahim is majoring in biology and public health at Brown University and is on track to graduate in May 2022. Her extracurricular activities include working as a staff writer for The Brown Daily Herald; assisting at Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere where she serves as an advocate and speaks to representatives at the RI State House; and chairing Panels/Networking of the Brown Research Club.



SCHOLARS WHO HAVE GRADUATED AND ARE PURSUING POSTGRADUATE ACTIVITIES OR CAREERS

Christian Catacutan graduated in 2019 from Brown University as a biology major with an area of concentration in neuroscience. While in school he performed research in a cognition lab and also led a breakdancing group. His postgraduate plans are to study for the MCATs and apply to medical school.

Harrison Dunne-Polite graduated from Bowdoin College in 2019 and is working in Boston as an associate with Fidelity Investments.

Tysha Vulcain-Murrell is pursuing a master's degree in higher education at NYU following graduation from Mount Holyoke College in 2017.

Pamela Escano graduated from Brandeis in 2017 and works as a Student Affairs Coordinator at Columbia Law School in NYC.

The Scholarship Committee plans an active fall and winter of ramping up fundraising efforts and continuing ongoing marketing and promotion, plus outreach in assembling and maintaining our database of past scholars.

NEW MEMBERS

Margery "Boo" Grace

Katherine Johnson

James Leach

Carolyn Zezima

Laurie Jeffrey

Keith Knotek

Wallace Turner



1872 First Ladies' Reception

(THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 — DOWN TOWN ASSOCIATION)



Lauren Silberman, Tom Krouwer,
Mark Pearson, Daisy Pearson



Jennifer Mitchell, Ashley Picker Dubin,
Benedict Gedaminski, Katherine Johnson, Alexandra Owens



Jan Whitman Ogden,
Mary Moran



Benedict Gedaminski,
Monique Rinere



Anna Bulkot



Campbell Wentworth Smith,
Geoffrey von Barton



Jan Whitman Ogden, Matthew Rimi
von Barton, Kendall Rowsey



Katherine Johnson,
Benedict Gedaminski

Spring Member-Guest Reception

(THURSDAY, APRIL 4 — Soldiers', Sailors', Marines', Coast Guard and Airmens' Club)



Lauren Silberman, Judy Bliss, Katherine
Johnson, Leslie Middlebrook Moore



Merrie Martinson, Geoffrey von Barton,
Matthew Rimi von Barton



Alan Frese,
Lorna Livingston



Deborah Dorsey,
Don Wiss



Guest,
Benedict Gedaminski



Jennifer Mitchell,
Kendra Swee



Saralie Slonsky, Mark
Pearson, Daisy Pearson



Rick Perkins, Matthew Rimi von
Barton, Katherine Johnson



Benedict Gedaminski,
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GET INVOLVED!

Join a New England Society
committee and have fun while
helping make these great events
and programs come to life.

We want to hear from you!
Contact us at (212) 297-2194 or
send an email to nes@nesnyc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, September 18

St. Jean Baptiste Church Community Room
184 East 76th St @ Lexington Ave.

Fall Member/Guest Reception

Thursday, October 10

Arader Galleries, 1016 Madison Avenue @ 78th St

Annual Dinner Dance

Friday, November 8

Metropolitan Club, 1 East 60th St @ Fifth Ave

2017 prices in effect until September 21

Juniors and Supporters can save \$50 per ticket by registering before the Autumnal Equinox for our gala annual event. Don't miss it!

Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 11

Cosmopolitan Club, 122 East 66th St
bet. Park and Lexington Aves.