



# Rivers Run Cottage Connections

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Osher Lifelong Learning Center  
585-292-5959

Because we live so close to the Osher Lecture facility, we feel it is important that you are kept informed regarding their free lectures. So, let's look at March.....

**March 7 - History Co-Existing with the Present Day: Preservation is a Responsibility for Revitalization: *Wayne Goodman, Executive Director, Landmark Society of Western NY is dedicated to helping our region's communities preserve and capitalize on their rich architectural, historical, and cultural heritage.***

**March 14 - Living in Afghanistan Before and After the Taliban Takeover and Adjusting to a New Life in the US *Sadaf Kohistani, an Afghan Immigrant will give you her story and experiences***

**March 21 - Leading the Mental Health Revolution Through Support, Education and Advocacy *Presented by Donna Leigh-Estes, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Rochester; her mission is to grow NAMI's connections in the community and to further the understanding that mental illness is treatable and mental health is attainable.***



Third Monday of each  
Month, 6:30 PM  
For more information  
Contact Jim Galvin

March's book is  
"There There"  
By Tommy Orange



REMINDER

Woman's Luncheon  
1:00 PM TBA

For more information  
Contact Claire Gnazzo

## THE ECLIPSE

Not to sound too repetitive and keep mentioning the April 8 eclipse, but this is probably the last time many of us will actually be able to view a TOTAL eclipse of the sun.

Consequently, we thought it might be a fun thing for us to gather at the gazebo across from the apartments sometime between 3-4:00 PM to view it together. Hopefully none of us will run off into the woods with confusion as to whether night has been bestowed upon us.

The beginning of the eclipse will start about 2:00 PM but the “total” event will occur somewhere around 3:15 PM and lasts 1 minute and 12 seconds.

See you there! And don't forget your glasses. They can be purchased at Wegmans.

## Chili Recreation Center Upcoming Events

Some of you may have small grand children and might be interested in knowing that the Chili Recreation Center is holding an Easter Egg Hunt on **Friday, March 22**. The egg hunt is between 9:30-11:00 AM with reserved hunt times. To obtain your “egg hunt time”, please register by calling 585-889-4680. Please remember to bring your own baskets to collect the eggs. In addition to the Egg Hunt, activities will be held in the Voller Athletic Center.

If you would like to give your grandchild an opportunity to join the Easter Bunny for a pizza dinner and make your own ice cream sundae, there will be a small charge of \$10 per person. That will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM.

If you and your family are interested in playing BINGO, the Chili Recreation Center is holding a “Family Bingo Night” on **March 8 from 6:30-8:00 PM** at \$6 pp. There will be music, prizes, and snacks. Please register early by calling 585-889-4680.

The Chili Recreation Center is only 15 minutes away, located at 3237 Chili Avenue.

**DONT FORGET ABOUT THE CHILI DINNER ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 AT 4:30 PM! IT'S FREE! IT'S WARM! IT'S A CHANGE TO SOCIALIZE.**

**CALL MARILYN CARLSON AT 585-235-0935 AND LET HER KNOW YOU PLAN TO ATTEND!**



## Paws or Claws

Did you know that male squirrels get smarter in the fall due to their brain increasing in size during the time of year when they must gather even more nuts than usual. Interestingly, female squirrel brains don't show the same effect. Researchers speculate that the male brains may change in the fall to act more like females' brains which function all year long. The slightly bigger brains may help male squirrels remember exactly where they have stored their nuts.



The Wine Tasting on January 27, hosted by Karen Petras and presented by James Galvín, was a huge success. Thank you both for making our last January event a success. Not only did we all have a great time, but we also learned something about the delicious wines that we sampled. I personally can't wait until the next one!

Any volunteers?

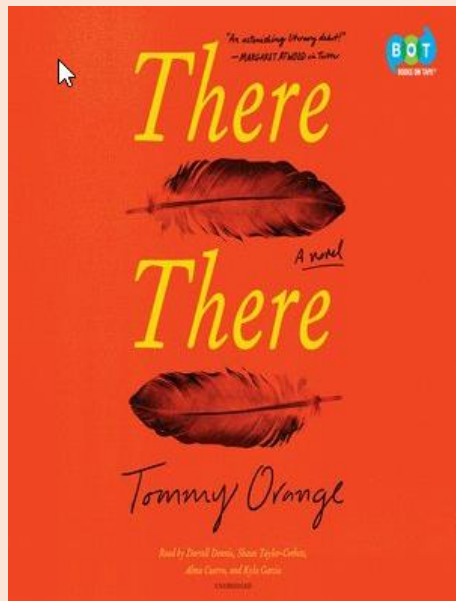




# BOOK CLUB



The RR Book Club meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM to discuss the current book selection. You can either attend in person at cottage 1203 or join the group via Zoom depending on individual comfort level or distance from Rivers Run. New readers are always welcome to join the group. Contact Jim or Charline Galvin at 585-27-8145 and let them know if you want to be included.



**“There There”** is a collection of stories about different people who are all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow in California. Each chapter follows a different character, describing their history and explaining why they are going to the powwow. Each of the characters is Native American, but not all of them embrace their heritage.

## **Brunch at the Silo** **Thursday, March 21 @ 11:00 AM**

Afternoon brunch seems to appeal to many of you, so we have decided to organize another one. I personally have never been to the Silo but I heard good things about it. Whether you prefer a vegan, gluten-free or lactose intolerant menu, I'm sure you will find something delicious to eat. And for those who have no restrictions, there is a wide variety to choose from.

If you would like to join us, please call Marilyn Carlson 585-325-0935 and let her know so we can make the proper reservations.



## Fun Fact About Snowflakes

Did you know that there is actually a Guinness World Record for the exceptionally large snowflakes?

On the night of January 27, 1887 a fierce winter storm dropped a snowflake 1'3" wide and 8" thick near Missoula, Montana. That was one monstrous ball of ice! However, it's important to separate snow crystals from snowflakes. Crystals come from water freezing from a gas to a solid without first becoming liquid. This is what gives them those 6-fold symmetric designs. Snowflakes can be any clump that comes down from the wintery sky. So, is "hail" really a snowflake?

It is estimated that about a million billion snowflakes fall each second, (averaged over a typical year). That's enough snow to make one snowman for every person on earth every 10 minutes.

### **GAME TIME @ COVE** Saturday, March 9, 2-4:00 PM

We had such a great time playing Mexican Train Dominoes in January that we thought it might be a good idea to try another afternoon of games.



Have you ever played Rummikub? It's one of my favorite games and so easy to learn. If you have played Rummy cards as a kid, you will surely love this game.

We will be playing in the Cove room on Saturday afternoon, March 9 from 2-4 PM. We might even supply some popcorn to munch on but you're responsible for your own drinks. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Barbara DeOca 813-892-1219 or [bdeoca@aol.com](mailto:bdeoca@aol.com) so we know how many people to plan for.



## *Looking Outside Our Neighborhood*

### **NY Museum of Transportation**

The NY Museum of Transportation was formed in the early 1970's to provide a home for Rochester area trolleys that had been orphaned with the demise of a private museum in Pennsylvania. Arrangements were made to occupy the buildings, Rochester & Eastern interurban trolley 157 was brought to the site, and a volunteer corps began to assemble. Through the late 1970's rail and ties were salvaged from the former Rochester Subway and a Federal job training grant helped with the completion of the track that loops around the building and heads to the southwest. More vehicles were added to the collection, and an archive of photos and documents was started.



In 1993, with the completion of the 1.5-mile railroad through to the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum, track car rides linked the two museums for a visitor experience unique in the nation. Joint events and cooperative activities continue between the two museums to this day.



Whether you are a kid or just a kid at heart, a Sunday trip to the New York Museum of Transportation is worth the visit. We all need to take an occasional afternoon away from the house and just enjoy nature. Opening in late May, it is located just a few miles south of Rivers Run on E. Henrietta Road. View the huge model railroad set up, examine the old trolley cars, fire trucks, and vehicles or take a unique trolley

ride through the pleasant rural scenery. The scenic 2-mile round trip ride brings back the interurban era of a century ago.

Trolleys depart promptly on the half hour from 11:30 through 3:30 PM and cost \$10 adults and \$9 Seniors.



## MARCH 2024 Cottage Calendar

- **3/9, THURSDAY, Game Day:** 2:00 PM, Rubbikub - Cove; *Reservations are not required but if you think you might attend, please contact Barbara DeOca 813-892-1219 so we know how to set up the room.*
- **3/10, SUNDAY, Chinese New Years begins**
- **3/12, TUESDAY, Craft and Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM - at Cove  
**3/12, TUESDAY, RR Board Meeting**
- **3/13, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM – Peppermints Restaurant
- **3/17, SUNDAY, St. Patrick's Day**
- **3/18, MONDAY, Book Club:** 6:30 PM – Cottage 1203; Contact Jim Galvin 585-270-8145  
*There There by Tommy Orange*
- **3/21, THURSDAY, Brunch at the Silo - 11:00 AM – RSVP Marilyn Carlson, 585-235-0935**
- **3/26, TUESDAY, Craft and Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM - at Cove
- **3/29, FRIDAY, Ladies Lunch:** 1:00 PM; Location TBA  
Contact Claire Gnazzo 585-287-6009
- **3/31 SUNDAY, Easter Sunday**



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