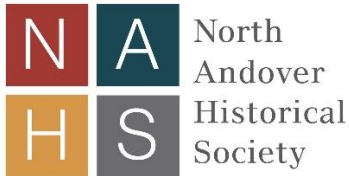


January 1, 2025

Please feel free to share this newsletter, or give others my email address (mentalchatter@yahoo.com) so they can get on the (blind carbon copy) mailing list. This newsletter began in Feb., 2021, during a long-term involvement in an anti-racism conscious-raising group. We supported and challenged one another in our own education through dialogue, books, movies, articles, podcasts, workshops, etc.

We stand in solidarity with all those working to end racism, inequality, war and imperialism, while also supporting efforts to build power in working class communities of color. Collective and individual liberation for all!

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY POTENTIAL ADDITIONS BY THE 25th of EACH MONTH



800 Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover, MA 01845



Dawnland (Documentary)

- Tuesday, January 7, 2025
- 6:00 PM 8:00 PM
- North Andover Historical Society ([map](#))

The first government-sanctioned truth and reconciliation commission in the U.S. investigates the impact of Maine's child welfare practices on Native American communities.

[View Event →](#)



The Massachuset Nation: An Evening with Thomas Spirit Tree Green

- Thursday, January 9, 2025
- 6:30 PM 8:00 PM
- North Andover Historical Society ([map](#))

In this lecture Mr. Green will highlight the interactions between the indigenous people of the Massachuset Nation and European traders, including The Great Dying, when 90% of the Massachuset Nation was decimated by plague. He will describe what was happening within the hierarchy of the bloodline Sac'hemship just prior to English colonization and introduce the audience to Nanepashemet and his wife, the Squaw Sac'hem, who were pivotal leaders in the early twilight of what was to become America.

[View Event →](#)

LIVE VIRTUAL LEARNING
AND PRACTICE WORKSHOP

TRANSFORMATIONAL CONVERSATIONS:

MOVING FROM FEAR TO CURIOSITY



Thursday, January 16th

4-6pm PT / 7-9pm ET

\$50 per person ~ link below

30% off for groups of 8 or more



[Registration Link Here](#)

Is there a way to improve our ability to have conversations that connect and rebuild trust with family, friends, and coworkers? **Yes!** Even when there's tension and mistrust? **Absolutely!** ★ **30% off**

for groups of 8 or more ★ [Registration Link Here](#)

pro tip: invite someone to attend with you so you can keep the practice going

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

32ND Annual Martin Luther King Event

“Protecting Freedom, Justice & Democracy in the Spirit of Nonviolence”

MLK Commemoration Breakfast

*January 20, 2025 at 9:30am
The Senior Center, 333 High Street Nbpt*
with

Keynote Speaker

Katrina “Kat” Hobbs Everett, M.Ed.

Presentation of the Nancy E. Peace Action Against Prejudice Award

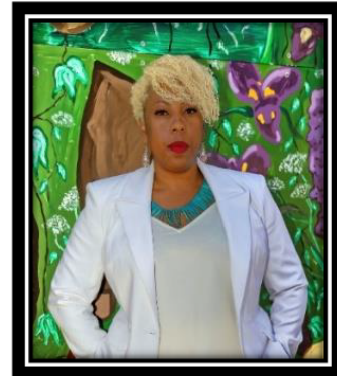
Poet: *Rhina P. Espailat*

Singer: *Jahmo Chavez*

Blessing: *Rabbi Alex Matthews*

Benediction: *Reverend Rebecca Bryan*

Katrina “Kat” Hobbs Everett M.Ed. is a constructive deconstructionist, anti-racist, educator, entrepreneur, curator, activist, writer, and spoken word artist. Kat serves as a City Councilor in her hometown of Haverhill, MA and made history as the first Black woman and first woman of color to ever be elected into this office. Kat ‘s personal mission statement is to “Constantly Cultivate Community”.



Dominican-born Rhina P. Espailat is a bilingual poet, short-story writer, essayist and translator who has founded successful workshops, published 20 books, teaches creative writing to both adults and adolescents, and is a frequent speaker at schools and other cultural centers.

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2025 TEA TALK SERIES



Sundays February 2 - 23 | 2:00 PM | 2025 EWH Tea Talk Series

The Art of War: Conflict and the African American Philosophy

Drawing inspiration from Sun Tzu's **The Art of War**, which offers a holistic approach to victory in conflict and life, our 2024 Elinor Williams Hooker Tea Talk Series presents a unique framework to explore how African philosophies of war, strategy, resilience, and collective action influenced African American history. The series also examines how African cosmology provided psychological resilience and survival strategies for those enduring oppression.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Things They Carried: An African Philosophy on War, Surviving Enslavement and Citizenship

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Hopes and Impediments: War and Strategies for Belonging

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The Great Migration: Military Service and the Shaping of a Diversified New Hampshire

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Eyes on the Prize: Protests, Movements, and the Road Ahead

Read more [here](#)

<https://blackheritagetrailnh.org/elinor-williams-hooker-tea-talks-2025/>



Until Feb 23, 2025 | Currier Museum of Art | Manchester

Jean-Michel Basquiat and Ouattara Watts: A Distant Conversation

The exhibition “Jean-Michel Basquiat and Ouattara Watts: A Distant Conversation” is on view at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester through Feb. 23, 2025.

The two artists first met in 1988 at the opening of Basquiat’s solo show at Yvon Lambert Gallery in Paris, which was held only seven months before his death. Following this first encounter, they quickly established a strong intellectual connection and artistic partnership. One point of synergy was their shared interest in African cosmology and culture, and another was the challenging art scene they faced in the 1980s.

Although the story of their brief friendship is well known in contemporary art circles, this is the first exhibition to present the two artists’ work in dialogue in one gallery space.

Read more [here](#) and [here](#)

Photo Credits: *From left, Ouattara Watts’s “Beyond Life,” 1990; Jean-Michel Basquiat’s “Procession,” 1986; Watts’s “Intercessor #0,” 1989; and Watts’s “Botanique,” 2004, at the Currier Museum of Art. Credit...Morgan Karanasios/Currier Museum of Art*



GREAT Opportunity to further your Commitment in Amesbury!

We are excited to invite you to join the
Amesbury Racial Justice Learning & Accountability Group

a space where allies, co-conspirators, and advocates alike can come together to learn, hold each other accountable, and create a more equitable, just, and inclusive Amesbury community.

Meetings are the **third Wednesday of each month** from 7 PM - 8:30 PM
at Union Congregational Church, 350 Main Street, Amesbury.

If interested in participating, please complete a brief form here <https://forms.gle/5dQquaDtrp45yszD8>



North Shore Trans Support

Monthly Peer Support Group for anyone 18+ who identifies as Trans, Intersex, Non-Binary, Gender-Nonconforming, or who thinks they might be.

For more information join us on Facebook



or email us at
northshoretranssup@gmail.com

2nd Thursday each month, 7-9pm, at NAGLY
East India Square Mall (Witch City Mall) Salem, MA



The Newburyport Black History Initiative



Do a Walking Tour of Newburyport's 12 Black History's Interpretive signs! Just follow this self-guided tour -- https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf12211/f/uploads/map_tri-fold_final_241113.pdf



THE TRUE, DARK HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

November 25, 2020

<https://www.potawatomi.org/blog/2020/11/25/the-true-dark-history-of-thanksgiving/>

Educators Beware: The Anti-Defamation League Is Not the Social Justice Partner It Claims to Be

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 BY **NORA LESTER MURAD**

<https://noralestermurad.com/educators-beware-the-anti-defamation-league-is-not-the-social-justice-partner-it-claims-to-be/>



For many years, Network For Social Justice has supported the MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda, including a bill to change the state flag and seal which currently depicts a settler's hand holding a sword over the head of an Indigenous figure.

That bill passed, and a next step is for Governor Maura Healey to appoint an advisory commission to design a new flag and seal. These appointments have been delayed.

You can help by [emailing Governor Maura Healey](#) to urge her to make these appointments. Below is a starter template for your email, which we encourage you to personalize:

Governor Healey, please swiftly appoint the advisory committee to design a new flag and seal for Massachusetts. A settler's hand holding a sword over the head of an Indigenous figure is not a symbol we should be teaching to our grade school children. Please see this work through to completion, so that the Commonwealth may have a new state flag and seal that stand for true peace, justice, harmony and equity between all people who now call Massachusetts home.



Healey grants Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe state recognition

November 20, 2024

- [Katie Cole](#)

<https://www.wbur.org/news/2024/11/20/herring-pond-wampanoag-recognition-executive-order>



Messaging Guidance to Challenge the Detention, Deportation and Criminalization of Immigrants

December 2024

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1i15wzuP3b3q--A6a2vGwBUaVnDvt91NggVn3XYdadDY/edit?tab=t.0>
