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## A Note From the President

**G**reetings, valued Quest members. I hope you've been enjoying the summer months. Now that our Encores program has concluded, you can relax through the month of August and think about returning to Quest in the fall. We have an exciting and varied lineup of classes that we're eager to try out in a hybrid environment, with some members present at 25 Broadway and others participating at the same time online from home. Our new equipment has been installed and our expanded Tech Team is about to be trained in its use.

Our seasoned Questers are returning

and some new members are knocking at our door. Classes are slated to begin on Monday, September 13, just after Labor Day and the Rosh Hashanah holidays. We can anticipate the return of such popular courses as Movers and Shakers, Science and Scientists, Foreign Affairs, and the Workshops in Poetry and Creative Writing. Debut classes will include Howard's End, Reading Black Lives, Mythology, and the Fabulous Fifties.

Our fall schedule will see a return to our Monday through Thursday morning classes from 10:30 am to noon and afternoon classes from 1:00 to 2:30pm.

In addition, we'll have a full complement of Lunchtime Activities that will include Art Talks, a Book Group, Conversations en Français, Noontime Knowledge, Fi-berarts, and Travel Talk. Fridays will again feature Museum Tours, so we have quite a lot to look forward to.

Returning Quest members will need to be vaccinated, and as we approach our start date we'll discuss 25 Broadway participation protocols. Meanwhile, take advantage of the good weather while staying safe and healthy.

— Warm regards,  
Ruth Ward

## Book Club Schedule *by Jan Goldstein*

The Quest Book Club kicks off the Fall semester with in-person meetings at 25 Broadway on September 22. Here are the dates and reading selections:

**September 22:** *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride. A completely optional second book is *Daddy Was a Number Runner* by Louise Meriwether, which has some interesting parallels to *Deacon King Kong*.

**October 13:** *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernadine Evaristo

**November 10:** *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

**December 8:** *Homeland Elegies* by Ayad Akhtar

## Editor's Note

**A**s you can see, this issue is shorter than our previous ones since everyone is busy on vacations and running around getting ready for the start of classes.

The next issue will be in September right after Quest presentations begin. We look forward to being able to gather in person and enjoy each others' company, rather than depending on *QNews* to see "who's doing what." We will all be back at Quest in one form or another.

I especially want to thank Barbara Gelber, Michael Wellner and all those members and committee chairs who regularly contribute to *QNews*. They are the backbone of *QNews* and their efforts help make this publication both informative and enjoyable.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer and gather your information to send to me in September. Let's see what's going on during the next month or so.

*Enjoy and thank you for your participation;* without you, *QNews* would not exist. — Regards, Carolyn

## Chautauqua

by Sandy Gordon



This July, we were 10 Questers at Chautauqua, most returnees, some first timers! **Caroline Thompson & Steve Allen, Joyce West, Jane Lubin, Ruth Kovner, Sandy Gordon, and Arleen Hajinlian** were returnees. **Ruth Ward and Anita Hunter** were first timers. Ruth Kovner and Anita were delighted: since they are over 90, they were guests of Chautauqua, and not required to pay the weekly entry fee.

There was dinner on the porch of the 1900's Athenaeum Hotel overlooking the lake, and then a happy hour at Arleen Hajinlian's, with scrumptious pickings. All too soon, the second week came to a close, and the farewell togetherness was hosted by those leaving. The bubbling conversation reviewing the experiences of the lectures, opera, theater, music and nature's peace, filled the air with warmth and camaraderie!

Until next summer! Sandy Gordon, a veteran of 33 summers

## Word Puzzles

by David Bernard

1. What word is made plural by putting a letter in front of it?

2. Each and every word in this list has the same unusual unique feature in common.

Here they are.

- Assess
- Grammar
- Uneven
- Banana
- Potato
- Voodoo
- Dresser
- Revive

And here's a hint. If I left one of the words off the list, it wouldn't affect the answer. What do these words have in common?

### Answer

1. "A" before YES becomes ayes... plural

2. The answer is that if you take the first letter of each of these words and put it at the end, and then spell the word backwards, you wind up with the original word.

Now before you smarties send me emails saying there are many more words you can add to this list, I know there are.

**Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.**

— Oscar Ameringer, *"The Mark Twain of American Socialism."*

## Bay Ridge, Brooklyn Bound

On a beautiful balmy day in July, the Lunchroom Rebels converged on Bay Ridge for a wonderful lunch at Sofia's Restaurant. After experiencing many restaurants in Manhattan, the group decided to try Bay Ridge for a change. A short ride on the R train landed five Manhattan residents on charming 3rd Avenue, which sports 5 blocks of outdoor seating which created a very European atmosphere. Three of us lucky ones live right here in Bay Ridge. A fun and delicious time.





# Creativity Day

by Beth Callender



## Quest Creativity Day

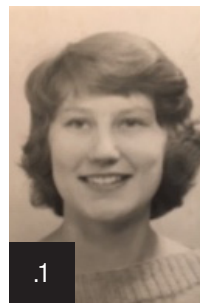
Our second Creativity Day on Zoom was a rousing success for both creators and viewers! While we miss the intimacy of being in the same room, we've discovered there are advantages to Zoom. Through Zoom, authors can show their words while presenting their work and artists can show work that they wouldn't be able to bring to Quest. We also added performance to the event with dance, song, a dramatic

monologue, and even cabaret! We look forward to using what we've learned to make our live events even more successful once we're back in-person!

If you weren't able to join Creativity Day it's not too late to see the show. [Click here](#) to see and hear the work of 24 talented Questers! Due to a technical glitch, you won't see the presenters in the video window but you will see and hear their work.

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| 1. Ze'eva Cohen: Dance          | 15. Helen Saffran: Poetry          |
| 2. Michael Russo: Photography   | 16. Roberta Feldhusen: Cabaret     |
| 3. Betty Farber: Poetry         | 17. Gary Friedland: Works on paper |
| 4. Frieda Lipp: Monologue       | 18. Karen Neuberg: Poetry          |
| 5. Andrea Irvine: Drawings      | 19. Frank Montaturo: Photography   |
| 6. Barbara Gordon: Poetry       | 20. Rosalie Regal: Sculpture       |
| 7. Mary Ann Donnelly: Poetry    | 21. Steve Koenig: Poetry           |
| 8. June Jacobson: Song          | 22. Paul Adler: Painting/Drawing   |
| 9. Mary Beth Yakoubian: Jewelry | 23. Beth Callender: Works on paper |
| 10. Richard Byrd: Poetry        | 24. Wayne Cotter: Poetry           |
| 11. Linda Rothstein: Prose      |                                    |
| 12. Deborah Yaffe: Photography  |                                    |
| 13. Lenny Leventon: Song        |                                    |
| 14. Victor Brener: Painting     |                                    |

### Who Am I?



We turned back the hands of time and sent high school & college pictures and now expect you to recognize who we are... Can you guess?

The answer is on page four.

## High Tea

by Donna Ramer



While this summer has been hot and humid, Questers have been gathering to enjoy food, culture and, most importantly, each other. So on Thursday, July 15, **Judy Hampson, Carolyn McGuire, Ellen Shapiro, Pam Gemelli, Donna Ramer, Nancy Richardson, Sheryl Harawitz, LinZ Redding, Diane Reynolds and Stephanie Butler** gathered at Lady Mendl's, housed in a Georgian brownstone on Irving Place, for high tea and high conversation.

Carolyn enhanced the experience by crafting delicate tulle fascinators with white and green flowers for each of us. (Fascinators are light, decorative headpieces consisting of feathers, flowers, beads, etc., attached to a comb or hair clip and very popular at public and private events in Britain.)

The British tradition of High Tea began in the mid 1700s as an afternoon meal usually served between 3 and 4 o'clock as a meal for the working man, taken standing up or sitting on tall stools, thus 'high.'

Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, is credited with High Tea as we now know it: tea with cakes, scones, cheese on toast, lemon curd, clotted cream. In 1840, the Duchess requested a tray of tea, bread and butter, and cake to be brought to her during the late afternoon to stave off hunger pains before dinner, which wasn't served until 8:00 pm. This became a habit of hers and she began inviting friends to join her.

### Here I Am...

1. Juennifer Jolly

**Why is 'abbreviated'  
such a long word?**



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## Who's Doing What



Ah, that first hug! After more than an 18-month hiatus, Nila, daughter of **Yona Rogosin**, greets Yona at the Oakland Airport for a long awaited visit this summer while granddaughter Sabine takes their photo.

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**Betty Farber** has no time to write a poem for this issue. She's visiting her family in Missouri including her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She hasn't seen anyone in over a year and a half so it's a very busy trip... She plays "Go Fish" and watched a Dr. Seuss movie. Heard all about school classes. Walked the dogs & walked in the park. Great fun.

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**Cindy Hoddeson** and **Arlynn Greenbaum** on beautiful Lake Kezer at Quisisana Resort in Maine in early August.



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**Mary Beth Yakoubian** finished writing a memoir about her mother's last five years, 2000-2005. It's called "There's Nothing Wrong With Her" and is available on Amazon and BN.com.

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Hampton Sighting: Dining at "Trumpets on the Bay" on a gloriously perfect summer evening **Leslie Goldman**, **Gale Spitalnik**, **Marilyn Weiss**, and **Sybil Cohen Glazer**



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**Leslie Goldman** (left) **Gale Spitalnik** (right) treating **Arlynn Greenbaum** (center) to fine dining and a respite from the hot city in Quogue in July.

## More Art from Marilyn Weiss

Two of **Marilyn Weiss's** paintings have been placed, and are on view, in a brand new, very upscale, Victorian Bed and Breakfast, on the North Fork called *The Harvest Inn*, in Peconic, Long Island.

*Moments in Time*



*Summer's End*

