

From: rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org 
Subject: Harvard Travellers Club: October 8, 2019 Dinner & Speaker
Date: September 17, 2019 at 10:19 PM
To: HTC Reservations rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org



October 8, 2019
2019 - 2020 Number 1 / 877th Meeting
Bears Ears and Beyond
David Roberts

A full description of the program is below and also at www.harvardtravellersclub.org

Dear Club members -

With summer's travels and relaxation behind us, join us as we look forward to capturing the excitement, awe and mind-opening experiences of travel throughout the coming year.

We start with an American journey to Bears Ears National Monument, presented by our very own David Roberts.

Four items to note for October:

1. To expedite the check-in process, we recommend you have your check already prepared before you step up to the desk. However, we'll be testing a new procedure involving a table for writing checks to speed things along.
2. Here's a gentle reminder to pay your dues if you haven't yet done so.
3. A limited number of David Roberts' book, *Escalantes Dream*, will be available for purchase by cash or check on Oct. 8.
4. In order to alleviate a very tight deadline for the Harvard Club (and me...), please try to RSVP **well before** noon the Friday before the meeting. This pertains to all months, not just October.

For those of you who have already replied for dinner, thank you. I wanted to make sure you were aware of the items above.

No need to RSVP again.

Welcome to the new year!

-- Barbara Chrenko

The first meeting of the '19-'20 season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:45 and the presentation starts at 8:00. The dinner is \$71 each for members and guests.

If you are coming to the dinner, please respond **well before NOON, Friday, October 4**. Reservations received after that time may incur a \$10 late fee. Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for the dinner charge.

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Bears Ears and Beyond

David Roberts



In December 2016, the Bears Ears National Monument was created, setting aside 1.3 million acres of semi-wilderness in southeast Utah, including the richest region in the contiguous United States for prehistoric archaeological sites.

The monument was unique in American history in having been first proposed and championed by a coalition of Native American groups ranging from Navajo to Ute to Hopi and Zuni.

The book David is currently writing is about the Bears Ears, particularly the human history of this extraordinary region. During the last 25 years, he has made scores of trips to the Bears Ears and its crown jewel, the 1,200-square-mile plateau of Cedar Mesa, which has replaced the mountains of Alaska as his favorite place on earth.

He has hiked, camped, and backpacked all through the region—not only on Cedar Mesa, but on Elk Ridge, in Beef Basin, across the Dark Canyon wilderness, and along Comb Ridge, the first complete traverse of which he accomplished with two buddies during eighteen days in 2004.

The focus of his trips has always been to discover little-known ruins and rock art panels in the canyons and basins—the legacy of the Anasazi, geniuses of the vertical. Even during the last three years, after cancer severely curtailed what he could do in the outdoors, he has returned to Cedar Mesa every fall and spring. David will recount his best adventures there, complemented by a gallery of images of this unique cultural landscape. This is a meeting not to be missed.

From: rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org
Subject: Harvard Travellers Club: November 12, 2019 Dinner & Speaker
Date: October 29, 2019 at 9:31 PM
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November 12, 2019
2019 - 2020 Number 2 / 878th Meeting
Rare Plant Hunting Through Japan and China

Michael Dosmann

A full description of the program is below and also at www.harvardtravellersclub.org

Dear Club members -

The splendor of a New England autumn, with trees ablaze in yellow, orange and red, is a visual treat most all of us appreciate.

Join us Tuesday, November 12 for a different kind of plant life, as Michael Dosmann, Keeper of Living Collections at Harvard's Arnold Arboretum, guides us through Japan and China on a hunt for rare plants. Come experience the travels of a plant explorer!

Starting in November, we're trying something new to welcome and accommodate our solo and duo diners. We're initiating a Peregrinator Table. "What's that?" you might ask. The goal is to ease conversation among those of us who do not come with, or create, larger dining groups. So if you're coming to dinner on your own, or perhaps you and one guest are joining us, and you want to sit at a table to converse with other solos or duos, please note this in your RSVP. This reserved table is only open to parties of one and two, and seats are limited. So why the name Peregrinator Table? A peregrinator is someone who travels from place to place, from one country to another, and sojourns in foreign countries. Some apply the name to the solo walking person that is the symbol of the Harvard Travellers Club.

Two other items to note:

1. Please mark your calendar with the dates of this year's remaining meetings:
Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr. 14 and May 19
2. We are sad to report the death of Harriet Provine, a loyal Life Member of HTC since 1986. Harriet was a woman of many interests and skills, including photography and early research in infectious diseases. She travelled widely, and especially enjoyed a stay at an orangutan rescue center in Borneo. Her obituary is attached.

Thanks to those who prepared your checks before reaching the sign-in table last month. It seemed to alleviate the line on the stairs. We are still refining this experiment, so your continued pre-preparation of checks is appreciated.

-- Barbara Chrenko

The second meeting of the '19-'20 season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:45 and the presentation starts at 8:00. The dinner is \$71 each for members and guests.

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Rare Plant Hunting Through Japan and China

Michael Dosmann

Michael Dosmann is Keeper of the Living Collections at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University - one of earth's most celebrated temperate woody plant collections. Among his many roles as Keeper is that of a plant explorer, studying species in the wild and making acquisitions to cultivate at the Arboretum for conservation, research, and educational purposes. He has conducted numerous expeditions throughout East Asia and North America, and this lecture will focus on his collecting experiences in China and Japan.

Michael is an ardent curation and collections advocate in museums and gardens, lecturing about these and related topics often, and serves on the Board of Directors of the American Public Gardens Association.

Harriet Provine

06/26/1933 - 08/08/2019



Harriet was born in Battle Creek, Michigan where her mother's family lived. During her childhood, her parents Robert C. Provine and Harriet Thoma moved several times before settling in Nashville TN, where her father was president of Ward Belmont College (later Belmont University). Here Harriet spent most of her school years, and became the oldest of five children as the family grew. She loved reading, swimming and diving; the latter interest having developed at the family summer cottage in White Bluff near Nashville. Harriet attended the college preparatory division of Ward-Belmont where she excelled in their elite swim precision swim group, and read extensively, graduating in 1951.

In 1950 while Harriet was a student at Vanderbilt University, the family built a house in Brentwood south of Nashville which Harriet's mother, a trained architect designed. While they raised chickens, Harriet completed her degree in biology in 1955.

After teaching biology at Westtown School for several years, she began work in the infectious disease lab at Massachusetts General Hospital. Her staining slides of bacteria and previous teaching experience eventually led to a part-time teaching position at the Harvard Medical School where her lectures were among the most entertaining and memorable. She then partnered with colleague Pierce Gardner to produce a book, "Manual of Acute Bacterial Infections," in 1963.

This background formed the basis for Harriet's astoundingly diverse interests: history, botany, biology, etymology, art, photography, and much else. She was constantly collecting data for some future project, and to that end amassed a huge book collection. She walked to Harvard Square, rain or shine nearly every day and swam in the Harvard pool. None who knew her will forget her amazing frugality and ability to design household items from scrap. She traveled widely, including Tasmania, Asia, and Europe, creating some beautiful and fascinating slide photos and collecting cards.

In her later years Harriet continued her lifetime hobbies: making most of her own clothes, building a workroom and storage in the attic mostly out of salvaged items, maintaining interesting plants, doing silk screening, writing a children's book, producing custom T-shirts, cooking, supporting local historical organizations, and being landlady for two apartments in her three-story house in Cambridge. Travels took her to Indonesia where she was particularly taken with a stay at the orangutan rescue center in Borneo. Even as she declined Harriet remained an entertaining conversationalist, spreading her infectious southern accent and unrestrained laughter.

Two younger siblings, John C. and William B. preceded her in death. She leaves her sister Christina Johnson of Boulder, CO and brother Robert Provine of Redmond, WA; nieces Anne Laurie Twanogowski, Gillian Johnson, Harriet and Frances Provine; and nephews, Dean Johnson, Robert Provine, Charles and Stuart Provine, and Stephen and John Provine.

Text and pictures on this site compiled by Harriet's brother Robert Provine, his wife Jean, and sister Christina Johnson.

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Date: November 26, 2019 at 9:06 AM
To: HTC Reservations rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org



December 10, 2019

2019 - 2020 Number 3 / 879th Meeting

An American Astronaut: Travel in Space

Tony Antonelli

Tony will talk about his missions, and about being an astronaut.
Learn more about Tony below and at www.harvardtravellersclub.org

Dear Club members -

Over the years we've explored the oceans, deserts, mountains, jungles and sky through our intrepid guests. Join us Tuesday, December 10, for another dimension as we discover what life is like in outer space, and what it takes to get there.

Coming again in December: the Peregrinatur Table! We received positive feedback about the table, which we initiated in November, so we'll continue it. It's open to parties of one or two, meant to ease conversation among those of us who don't come with, or create, larger dining groups. So if you're coming to dinner on your own, or perhaps you and one guest are joining us, and would like to converse with other solos or duos, please note this in your RSVP.

Lastly, we are sad to report the death of Townsend D. Thorndike, a member since 1989. His wife, Katherine, noted that he loved being an HTC member.

-- Barbara Chrenko

The third meeting of the '19-'20 season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:45 and the presentation starts at 8:00. Dinner is \$71 each for members and guests.

If you are coming to the dinner, please respond **well before NOON, Friday, December 6**. Reservations received after that time may incur a \$10 late fee. Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for the dinner charge.

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About Tony Antonelli

Tony is a retired Navy Captain and former NASA Astronaut who has accumulated over 4,700 flight hours in over 40 different kinds of aircraft and served as the pilot for two Space Shuttle missions: STS-119 and STS-132. While serving at NASA, Tony's leadership roles within the Astronaut Office included the Space Launch System, Commercial Crew, Capsule Communicator (CAPCOM), and Space Shuttle Propulsion.

As the Astronaut Office Lead for Space Shuttle Propulsion, Tony was responsible for all four project elements: the External Tank, Space Shuttle Main Engines, Solid Rocket Motors, and Solid Rocket Boosters. In this capacity, he held signature authority for Certification of Flight Readiness while evaluating impacts of various design changes based on ground and in-flight anomalies, obsolescence, and planned upgrades.

Tony has been honored with numerous awards, including a Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two NASA Space Flight medals, a Navy Meritorious Service Medal, NASA Exceptional Service Medal, and the NASA Return-to-Flight Award.

He is currently the Artemis 2 Mission Director for the Orion Program within the Commercial Civil Space line of business for Lockheed Martin Space. In this role, he is responsible for helping expedite human exploration strategy through the development and integration of both science objectives and human exploration goals. His efforts contribute to shaping a definitive path for sustainable human missions to Mars.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the University of Washington. He is also a Distinguished Graduate of the USAF Test Pilot School.

From: rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org
Subject: Harvard Travellers Club: January 14, 2020, Uzbekistan - Beyond the Expected
Date: January 2, 2020 at 4:50 PM
To: HTC Reservations rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org

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You are invited to the 280th meeting of the Harvard Travellers Club on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

What

Nancy Berliner, noted Chinese art and architecture historian with Boston's Museum of Fine Arts, takes us beyond the delicious sights and aromatic smells of Uzbekistan into a rich, diverse and complex region, including a deeper look at the influence of Uzbek culture on local Jews, and the impact of Jews on Uzbeki life. More comprehensive descriptions of the talk and Nancy's background are further below and on the HTC [website](https://www.harvardtravellersclub.org) at <https://www.harvardtravellersclub.org>

When & Where

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 | 6 p.m. drinks | 6:45 p.m. dinner | 8 p.m. presentation
Massachusetts Room, Harvard Club, Commonwealth Ave., Boston

RSVP at your earliest convenience, but not later than **noon Friday, January 10.**

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Reservations received after that time may incur a \$10 late fee. Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for the dinner charge.

Details: \$71 per person (members and guests alike)

Club news

The Council has elected Gail Bates to Emeritus Member. Gail, along with her late husband Robert Bates, has been a very loyal and cherished participant in Club activities for over half a century.

More about the talk

Beyond the delicious sights of turquoise-tiled domes, the myriad variety of geometric designs and aromatic spice bazaars of Uzbekistan is a rich, diverse and complex region. Arrivals, invasions and immigrations of peoples from the east, west and south over the past two thousand years contributed to the culture and manners of this landlocked

country. Buddhism from India, fabrics from Persia, Islam from Mecca, Jews from Babylonia and eastern Europe, Soviets from Russia, and today pipelines from China, together create a palimpsest very palpable in Uzbekistan today. As part of a larger project researching the Jews of Asia, this exploration of Uzbekistan included an extra deeper look at the impact of the Uzbek culture on the local Jews and the impact of Jews on Uzbeki life over the centuries.

More about Nancy

Nancy Berliner, noted Chinese art and architecture historian, is the Wu Tung Senior Curator of Chinese Art at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Until 2012, she was Curator of Chinese Art at the Peabody Essex Museum, spearheading and curating the relocated Yin Yu Tang, a 200-year old rural Chinese house, and authoring *Yin Yu Tang, the Daily Life and Architecture of a Chinese House*, selected as a Notable Book of 2003 by the *New York Times*. She serves as an interpretive and curatorial advisor to the World Monuments Fund on the Qianlong Garden, Forbidden City, conservation project in Beijing.

From: rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org
Subject: Harvard Travellers Club: February 11, 2020, Ethiopia, Namibia, The Bahamas
Date: January 28, 2020 at 9:32 PM
To: HTC Reservations rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org

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What

Living next to drug smugglers in the Bahamas. Exotic, many-faceted Ethiopia. Tackling the remote Skeleton Coast of Namibia. All conjure up images and stories of adventure, which members Lindsay Pearce Cowan, Marilyn Stempler and Barbara Chrenko will share with you **Tuesday, February 11** for the 281st meeting of the Harvard Travellers Club.

Read more about the presentations below and on the HTC [website](https://www.harvardtravellersclub.org) at <https://www.harvardtravellersclub.org>

When & Where

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 | 6 p.m. drinks | 6:45 p.m. dinner | 8 p.m. presentation
Massachusetts Room, Harvard Club, Commonwealth Ave., Boston

RSVP at your earliest convenience, but not later than **noon Friday, February 7.**

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Details: \$71 per person (members and guests alike)

Club news

Please welcome our new members when you see them:

Torin Koester of Cambridge
Erik and Jody Saarmaa of Boston
Thomas Townsend of Boston

More about the talks

Bahamas - by Lindsay Pearce Cowan

What do you do when drug smugglers move in next door? Run and hide? Look the other way? My family decided not to leave their dream house despite not-so-dreamy neighbor

Ethiopia - by Marilyn Stempier

Ethiopia is an extremely mountainous country rich in history and a study of contrasts. From the fertile highlands to the Simiens. From ancient rocks to iPhones. From 12th century churches carved directly into solid rock in Lalibela to the Chinese-built sparkling skyscraper in Addis Ababa, and lots in between, Ethiopia nurtures its past while looking to the future.

The Skeleton Coast / Namibia - by Barbara Chrenko

From the tallest, orange sand dunes in Namibia to its Skeleton Coast, once you leave Mowe Bay behind, you're on your own. The ocean accompanies you north, the dunes challenge route-finding inland. The landscapes are varied and utterly inspiring, the desert elephants very cute. And what did the Himba tribe offer you?!

From: rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org
Subject: Harvard Travellers Club meeting: March 10, 2020 - Thwaites Glacier, Antarctica
Date: February 27, 2020 at 10:01 AM
To: HTC Reservations rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org

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What

Carolyn Beeler, journalist for *The World*, spent two months embedded on an icebreaker in Antarctica with scientists as they raced to understand how fast the Thwaites Glacier, linchpin of the West Antarctic ice sheet, might collapse, and what it might mean for our future. On **Tuesday, March 10** she shares her experiences, both on and off the ship, and some of their findings.

Read more about Carolyn's presentation below and on the HTC [website](https://www.harvardtravellersclub.org) at <https://www.harvardtravellersclub.org>

When & Where

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 | 6 p.m. drinks | 6:45 p.m. dinner | 8 p.m. presentation
Massachusetts Room, Harvard Club, Commonwealth Ave., Boston

RSVP at your earliest convenience, but not later than **noon Friday, March 6.**

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- Please state whether you will attend the dinner or only the talk

Reservations received after that time may incur a \$10 late fee. Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for the dinner charge.

Details: \$71 per person (members and guests alike)

Club news

Hearty congratulations to John Flender and Dr. Michael Weidman on reaching their 50th year of membership!

More about the talk and Carolyn

You've heard it in the news recently: warm water has been found beneath Thwaites Glacier in Antarctica. What does that mean?

For two months in early 2019, Carolyn Beeler, journalist at *The World*, was embedded on a research vessel in Antarctica, whose team laid the groundwork for a five-year international research effort to answer questions about Thwaites' role in our future, research of which is now coming to light.

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Join Carolyn on her travels to and in Antarctica, aboard the icebreaker and off, as she accompanied scientists searching for answers.

Carolyn covers the environment for *The World*, where she focuses on stories about people and places impacted by climate change. She has reported from all seven continents, most recently during a two-month research expedition to Antarctica, and won national and regional awards for her breaking news and in-depth feature reporting. Before joining *The World* she helped launch the weekly health and science show *The Pulse* at WHYY in Philadelphia, and reported from Berlin for a year as a Robert Bosch Foundation fellow. She got her start in radio as a Kroc fellow at NPR.



From: rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org
Subject: Cancellation of Harvard Travellers Club March 10 Meeting
Date: March 6, 2020 at 1:20 PM
To: HTC Reservations rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org

I am sorry to have to inform you that the Harvard Travellers Club meeting for Tuesday, March 10 has been cancelled. The reported occurrence of a cluster of 3 coronavirus infections today in Cambridge suggests that community spread may already have begun locally. We do not want to risk exposing our members and their guests to this pathogen.

With regret,
Michael Greene, Treasurer

From: rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org
Subject: HTC May 19: bonus presentation! and Zoom details
Date: May 15, 2020 at 6:12 PM
To: HTC Reservations rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org



Details for accessing the Tuesday, May 19 Annual Meeting are below the description of the surprise presentation. Attached is the HTC annual report for your review.

The meeting officially **starts at 6:30**, but you are welcome to arrive after 6:15 if you would like to become more comfortable with Zoom and its tools.

NEW! We *WILL* be having a presentation after the formal part of the meeting! **Join Bill Barton** as he recounts his and Annie's **Expedition to Antarctica**. Cold seas, icebergs, penguins, elephant seals, wandering albatross, and fantastic landscapes. From Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego (Magellan's Land of Fire), out the Beagle Channel of Darwin fame, around infamous Cape Horn, then straight south across the Drake Passage to the Antarctic Peninsula, the voyage passes through the realms of great explorers. With stops on the continent and nearby islands, the vessel makes its way from west to east around the Antarctic Peninsula and into the Erebus & Terror Gulf and the sites of 1901-1903 Swedish Antarctic Expedition. This story from the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration is one of the most astounding and inspiring tales of any voyage under sail. Bill and Annie finish by heading to the sub-Antarctic isle of South Georgia, which bill describes as wildlife exploding, then disembarking in the Falkland Islands before flying home.

Topic: Annual Meeting, Harvard Travellers' Club
Time: May 19, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Subject: HTC Annual Meeting, May 19: your response is requested
Date: May 5, 2020 at 9:43 PM
To: HTC Reservations rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org



Tuesday, May 19 marks the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Harvard Travellers Club.

We will meet remotely via Zoom at **6:30 p.m.** to:

1. **review** the Annual Report, and
2. **vote** on next year's slate of Council candidates. The slate of candidates can be found in the Nominating Committee Report, which is included in the attached HTC Annual Report, which also includes:

- Secretary's Annual Report
- Treasurer's Annual Report
- Nominating Committee Report
- Permanent Fund Annual Report

We would **appreciate knowing** before Wednesday, May 13 **whether you will attend**, so we can **ensure a quorum** for voting purposes.

To RSVP, click "Reply" to this email, or write to rsvp@HarvardTravellersClub.org

You will be sent the meeting access link and **details** after Wednesday, May 13. We will open a Zoom practice session at 6 p.m. May 19 for anyone who would like to become familiar with the tools available (like Q&A) before the meeting starts.

Note that there will be no travel presentation this evening.

Survey Follow-up

A big thank you to all who completed the survey sent in mid-March. The Council is reviewing the results, and will use them to guide our planning, both strategically and in the next year. A summary of the results is attached.

Barbara Chrenko
Secretary



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