



# **ResuRGence: The Way We Brrrrrrr!**

February 13-15, 2026  
Best Western Plus  
Portsmouth Hotel & Suites  
Portsmouth, NH

## Tips For an Enjoyable RG

**Badges:** Please wear your badge at all times in any of our spaces (Hospitality, 1st floor meeting rooms and boardroom, and 2nd floor suites). Many of you will think this stinks. However, this is the only way we can ensure that only paying RG attendees will be able to avail themselves of the activities, victuals, and libations that your registration dollars paid for. We trust you understand, and we thank you for your cooperation.

**Behavior:** We want NH RG to be a friendly and safe environment for everyone. Please respect the attendees, the volunteers, the hotel, and all property. Illegal, destructive, abusive, or harassing behavior will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with this policy may result in removal from the event without a refund, and/or police intervention if warranted.

**Hospitality:** Please do not carry open containers outside the RG area so that we may abide by state regulations that govern the hotel. Only attendees of legal drinking age may carry/drink alcohol. Please be mindful of the health of others with regards to food.

**Health Note:** As always, respiratory and other viruses (flu, RSV, and yes, Covid) are making their rounds. We do not require, but do welcome, masks at the RG. We will have hand sanitizer available in our spaces. As much as we are looking forward to seeing you, if you are showing symptoms of illness and/or feeling unwell, please take all measures to seek medical advice and ensure that you will not be in a position to contaminate others. For any questions or issues, please find one of the RG organizers or a member of the NHM ExComm.

**Parents and Children:** Please, no unaccompanied children under 12 in public areas after 10:00 pm.

**Pool:** Please observe the posted rules if using the hotel pool.

**Hugging:** The Mensa hug dot code is as follows:

GREEN means “Yes, please hug me!”

YELLOW means “Please ask me first”

RED means “Don’t hug me”

BLUE means “Seeking dates”

Remember that people are allowed to “violate” their own hug dot rules all they want (e.g., a person wearing a red dot can hug other people), but you should not violate another person’s hug dot.

*Please treat all children as if they have red dots* since they often decorate their badges with many colors or their favorite.

**Schedule Authenticity:** Our schedule is current as of the end of January, but is subject to change without notice. We hope nothing changes, but if it does, we will endeavor to post any changes in a prominent location in Hospitality.

**RG Time:** Our RG runs on RG Time; not all clocks are synchronized! Please be patient with our hardworking volunteers if an event gets underway a few minutes late.

**Water Bottles:** There is a fill-up station for your water bottles in the hall between the lobby and the RG check-in table. (near the bathrooms)

# **RG Schedule**

## **FRIDAY**

**3:00 pm – REGISTRATION Opens**

**4:00 pm (approximate) – All RG rooms open, Welcoming Snack in Hospitality**

**6:30 – 7:30 pm (approximate) – Dinner (Hospitality)**  
Soup, salad and homemade bread.

**7:00 – 8:35 pm – "When Harry Met Sally", 1991, (1hr35min) (R: Profanity, Sexual Dialogue) – Movie Room (292)**

Harry and Sally have known each other for years, and are very good friends, but they fear sex would ruin the friendship. Quote: "I'll have what she's having".

Directed by Rob Reiner. With Billy Crystal, Meg Ryan.

**8:30 – 9:30 pm – Ice cream floats (Hospitality)**

**9:00 – 10:00 pm Music Bingo – Rock 'n' Win! (Cedar)**  
Love music? Love bingo? Love fun? Come join us for a new twist on the classic game of Bingo! Kelly Galanis brings daily joy through music with her interactive Encore music posts on Facebook, so why not expand that with a new game!?

In music bingo, we swap numbers for song titles, creating an interactive experience for music lovers. Using a curated playlist, you'll hear a wide variety of songs with a common theme, and you'll mark your space if that song appears on your card. The best part is – cheating is totally allowed! Use Shazam, ask friends, and resort to whatever means necessary to identify the song, and the first one to call BINGO wins!

**9:00 – 11:10 pm "Superman", 2025, (2h 9m) (PG13) – Movie Room (292)**

David Corenswet in the title role, with Nicholas Hoult as Luthor, Rachel Brosnahan as Lois. Director James Gunn brings his interpretation of the iconic character and the DCU. Yes, superdog Krypto is here, but he's not Clark's dog, he's cousin Kara's dog.

**10:00 pm – Shrimp and Champagne**

## **SATURDAY**

**7:00 am Early breakfast fruit and danishes**

**8:00 – 10:00 am Omelets**

Omelet making will begin at 8. Last order will be taken at 10am.

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Testing (Room 297) Please arrive by 8:45 am.**

**9:00 – 10:15 am – Caffeine and Coloring – Beth Chiaet Schwartz (Board room)**

You're never too old to color! Grab a beverage of your choice from Hospitality and start your day off with this fun and simple activity. There will be coloring sheets on themes such as floral, geometric, and more. Markers and colored pencils will be provided as well.

**9:30 – 10:15 am RoadRunner, Bugs Bunny, and other cartoons – Movie Room (292)**

**9:30 – 10:30 am – Introduction to Runes –  
Tchipakkan (Badger)**

Runes are a system of writing that is now best known as a tool for divination but has been more from basic communication to magickal practice. This workshop will give an overview of what the runes have been, and can be and give you direction on how to proceed in your studies/rune practice.

**9:30 – 10:30 am – Family Adventures Among the  
Rocks in the Granite State – Dan Szczesny (Cedar)**

Author and librarian Dan Szczesny and his daughter Uma have a rocky relationship – there isn't a roadside rock or boulder they haven't explored in New Hampshire! The duo have written two field guides to special, historic or amazing rocks in the state and during this presentation, Dan will share slides and stories from that journey. Whether you're an experienced geologist or have a collection of cool stones under your bed, join Dan for a lively talk about the history of rocks in NH and how you can go visit some of these history markers yourself. Bring your own favorite rock to the meet up to show the crowd!

**10:15 – 11:15 am – Astronomy – Movie Room (292)**

Videos from Dr. Becky Smethurst and others about our solar system, and the minor planets of Sedna and Eris.

**10:30 am – 12:00 pm – Simple Tiny Stamps – Anna  
Woolf (Board Room)**

Anna will introduce you to a simple stamp making process that anyone can replicate at home with a minimum of investment in materials and tools. We will create stamps that can be printed as repeat patterns for greeting cards, gift wrap, and more. All ages welcome, including children with a participating adult.

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Cosplay Crafting (from Concept to Reality) – Sean Houde (Badger)**

Sean got into cosplay at the request of his daughter back in 2014 and has participated in multiple anime conventions in Chicago and Detroit since that time. You'll be taken on a walk through some of his efforts with a few examples on display.

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Games Around The World and Through History – Bill Zigo (Cedar)**

Humans have been playing games as long as they have had leisure time to do so. But the types of games were based on what resources and technology were available based on location and time. Bill will share some examples of games played around the world, past and present. Some were the predecessors of games we currently play and some were quite unique.

**11:15 am – 12:25 pm Comedy Videos– Movie Room (292)**

Videos with comedic touches, such as the Marsh Family, Jesse Welles, and others.

**12:00 pm – Lunch (Hospitality)**

Sandwich buffet with cold meat, cheese, bread, and green salad will be back. Please remember to use tongs for handling food

**12:30 – 2:09 pm "The Princess Bride", 1987, (PG, 1h 38m) (PG) – Movie Room (292)**

Director Rob Reiner and writer William Goldman's homage to classic fairytales. With Cary Elwes, Robin Wright, Mandy Patinkin, Billy Crystal, Christopher Guest.

**1:00 – 2:00 pm – Meet the AMC – Jon Gruebele and Rob Madeira (Badger)**

Members of the American Board of Directors (AMC) will moderate a discussion about issues facing the organization. We'll be happy to entertain your questions, comments, complaints, suggestions, challenges, and whatever else you'd like to address. The discussion is always interesting – come join us!

**1:30 pm – 3:00pm, Scrapbook Style Card Making – Liz Modesitt (Board Room)**

Join us for a session of making cards or other paper art. There will be stickers, scrapbooking paper, all sorts of paper punches, markers & pens, and even envelopes for finished products. Create a last-minute Valentine for someone, a card for an upcoming spring holiday (think eggs, flowers, and bunnies), or something else completely.

**2:00 – 4:00 pm – Hold'em Poker Tournament – Deb Stone (Cedar)**

Come try your hand (pun intended) at playing in a real poker tournament! We will play either Texas Hold'em or a combination of Texas Hold'em and Omaha Eight or Better Hold'em. Any level of experience is welcome – we are a nice group and will help you learn!

**2:15 – 3:15 pm – Award winning Short Films – Movie Room (292)**

A series of short films TBA, emphasis on comedy and science fiction.

**2:30 – 3:30 pm – Evolving Traditions – Tchipakkan (Badger)**

(“It's not weird if you've done it your whole life”). They say once is innovation, twice is doing it better, and three times is Tradition. Where do traditions come

from, why are they so important to us? Why do we not notice when they change? Traditions are rituals that ground us whether on the national stage or personal level. The more we understand them, the better they can work for us. Tchipakaan is especially fond of looking at food traditions associated with different holidays.

### **3:00 pm Tea time (Hospitality)**

We will be offering tea and baked goods

### **3:00 – 4:00 pm, Open Studio – Nicole B. (Board Room)**

Come join your fellow needleworkers and artists for an open crafts session. This means cross-stitch, embroidery, quilting, weaving, knitting, crochet, drawing or anything else not listed. Work on your projects in-progress, swap tips and tricks, and enjoy a shared love of the arts.

**3:15 – 4:37 pm – "This is Spinal Tap", 1984, (R:profanity, drug use) (1h 22m) – Movie Room (292)**  
Rob Reiner's directorial debut, this is a "mockumentary" about the fictitious British rock band in the title, and a disastrous tour. Michael McKean, Christopher Guest, known here as David St. Hubins, Nigel Tufnel.

### **4:00 – 5:00 pm – Intuitive Readings with Kelly & Tommy – Kelly and Tommy Galanis (Cedar)**

Curious about your life's path? Wondering what's in store in the coming months? Come and find guidance to the answers you seek with a fun and intuitive reading! Tommy and Kelly will provide a guided look at what's in store for you using traditional tarot, Lenormand, Oracle, and rune guides. Bring your thoughts and questions and let's see what message your spirit guides deliver!

**4:00 – 5:30 pm – Whiskey Tasting: A Wry Look at Rye  
– Bill Zigo – Speaker Room (293)**

Rye is sometimes the whiskey you've forgotten about or haven't tried often. During this presentation, Bill will give you some background on Rye, which will be followed by some sampling. Space is limited, and those who sign up in advance get first priority. There will be a \$10 fee for this event, see Bill or registrar for how to provide payment. NOTE: Some of the whiskeys will contain wheat. However, the internet says that 100% of the gluten will be destroyed in the distilling process. But, the palate cleansing refreshments will contain wheat. If you wish to participate and want something to cleanse your palate between pours, you may want to find something else (perhaps celery or cheese from hospitality).

**5:00 – 7:05 pm "Godzilla Minus One", 2023, (2h 4m)  
(PG13) – Movie Room (292)**

Oscar winner for Best Special Effects, director Takashi Yamazaki. In late 1945, just after the end of WWII, a failed Japanese pilot becomes part of the team to stop Godzilla (in Japanese, "Gorilla" and "Whale"), who was awakened by atomic bomb testing in the ocean. Godzilla brings Japan from postwar "zero" down into negative numbers.

**6:30 pm Dinner (Hospitality)**

Roast chicken with various cold salads and side dishes

FRIDAY SCHEDULE						
Time/Room	Appledore	Badger	Cedar	Movie Room (292)	Board Room	Hospitality
03:00 PM			Registration opens			
03:30 PM						Snack
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04:30 PM						
05:00 PM						
05:30 PM						
06:00 PM						
06:30 PM						Dinner
07:00 PM						
07:30 PM				When Harry Met Sally		
08:00 PM						
08:30 PM						Ice Cream Floats
09:00 PM			Music Bingo			
09:30 PM						
10:00 PM				Superman		Shrimp
10:30 PM						
11:00 PM						

SATURDAY MORNING								
Time/Room	Appledore	Badger	Cedar	Movie Room (292)	Board Room	Speaker/ Meet & Greet Room (293)	Hospitality	Other
07:00 AM								
07:15 AM								
07:30 AM								
07:45 AM								
08:00 AM								
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08:30 AM								
08:45 AM								
09:00 AM								
09:15 AM								
09:30 AM	<b>Games</b>							
09:45 AM		Intro to Runes	Family Adventures Among the Rocks	Cartoons	Caffeine and Coloring			
10:00 AM								
10:15 AM								
10:30 AM				Astronomy				
10:45 AM								
11:00 AM			Games Around the World and Through History					
11:15 AM		Cosplay Crafting		Comedy Videos	Tiny Stamps			
11:30 AM								
11:45 AM								Testing



SATURDAY EVENING							
Time/Room	Appledore	Badger	Cedar	Movie Room (292)	Board Room	Speaker/ Meet&Greet Room (293)	Hospitality
05:30 PM							
05:45 PM							
06:00 PM							
06:15 PM				Godzilla			
06:30 PM				Minus One			
06:45 PM							Dinner
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<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>					
<b>Time/ Room</b>	<b>Appledore</b>	<b>Badger</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Other</b>	
7:00 AM					
7:30 AM					
8:00 AM	Continued Games		Breakfast		
8:30 AM					
9:00 AM					
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM		Closing Ceremony			
10:30 AM					
11:00 AM					
11:30 PM	Help us clean up, say good bye until next time!				
12:00 PM		Ex/Comm meeting			
12:30 PM					

**7:30 – 8:53 pm "Spinal Tap II", 2025, (1h 27m) (R: profanity, crude humor) – Movie Room (292)**

After many years, the director/narrator of the original film has the band get together for one more gig. A “mockumentary” sequel about a fictitious aging rock band. Rob Reiner’s last film. Cameos by Paul McCartney, Elton John, Garth Brooks.

**8:00 pm Dessert – A celebration of Mensan sweethearts (Hospitality)**

**8:00 – 10:00 pm Let’s Get Our Jam On! 🎵 (Cedar)**

Join us Saturday night from **8:00–10:00 pm** for an open, informal **music jam session**—no auditions, no pressure, just good vibes and great sounds.

Bring your **instrument(s), voice, electronic gear, percussion, hand drums, shakers, ukuleles, harmonicas, or musical curiosity**, plus any song ideas you’d love to try. We’ll start setting up around **7:30 pm** (or as soon as dinner wraps up) and begin jamming as soon as we’re ready. We’ll wrap up and break down at **10:00 pm**.

If you arrive a bit early, settle in at **7:45 pm** for a special treat: **Robert Lagos** will be warming up the room with some **classical piano music** before the jam begins.

Don’t play or sing? Perfect—you’re officially invited as our **much-appreciated audience**. Come listen, hang out, and enjoy the spontaneous magic that happens when Mensans make music together.

All styles welcome. All skill levels encouraged.

**Rock on—and jam boldly.** 🎸 🎤 🥁

**9:00 – 11:30 pm "Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol 3", 2023, (2h 30m), (PG13) – Movie Room (292)**

Desperate to find a cure for a threat facing Rocket Raccoon (voice of Bradley Cooper), the Guardians battle the High Evolutionary, who created Rocket from a baby raccoon. A film about connections and loss, featuring Rocket's origin as a special alien experiment. Chris Pratt, Chukwudi Iwuji, Karen Gillan.

**10:00 pm Chocolate and More Chocolate (Hospitality)**

## **SUNDAY**

**7:00 am Brunch (Hospitality)**

Brunch will start with breakfast items and slowly transfer over to lunch items

**10:00–11:00 am – CLOSING CEREMONY (Badger/Cedar)**

Have you had a good time this weekend? Join the RG team as we close things out. We will hear about upcoming events, and give thanks to everyone who contributed to this RG. Oh, and some last minute hugs are definitely in order. We really hope you had fun!

**11:30 am Cleanup will start**

We would love some help cleaning up if you have a little time.

**12:00 pm NH Mensa Special ExComm Meeting**

Per our by-laws, the ExComm will meet to hear the report of the election committee after the closing of nominations. Non-NH Mensa members are welcome to observe.

## Speaker Biographies

**Tommy and Kelly Galanis** are soulmates, twin flames, and a power couple who enjoy learning and discovering all things that fascinate and bring wonder. Highly in tune with premonition, sensation, and higher power, they have focused their energies on intuition and empathy to help guide others with finding their destined path. They love to play and enjoy board and video games, acting, baking, learning, and discovering together, and they have done this for their entire 27+ years together.

**Jon Grubele** is the Chair of the American Mensa Board of Directors (AMC). He previously served three terms as American Mensa Regional Vice Chair and was both AMC Second and First Vice Chair. He's a former LocSec, long term Proctor, and a Life Member. Jon has co-chaired Chicago Area Mensa's "A Gathering of Gamers" (AGOG) Regional Gathering and has chaired and participated as a member on various national Committees. His background is in international marketing, IT, and management of a Fortune 100 company. He is a process and quality improvement expert.

**Sean Houde** is an IT network engineer by trade, but in his own home is the carpenter, plumber, electrician, and mechanic, as needed/able. A Freemason and Shriner, he can be found driving a little yellow Jeep with the Renegades in summertime parades across southern Maine to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

**Rob Madeira** met his wife, Erin, at a Mensan event in Albany, New York over a decade ago. They enjoy traveling to Mensa events to see friends as well as meet new ones. They also go on adventures to find the world's best cocktails and whisk(e)y. The Madeiras do enjoy Madeira, but their home bar consists of well over 1,000 bottles, mostly being whisk(e)y. Other things they do with their Mensa qualified brains include: figuring out how to use tools they've never used before to finish their house addition; crafting tasty, affordable, themed cocktails for the Gen Y suite at the Annual Gathering; and attempting to perfect a homemade smash burger. Rob runs a small tech company. He was recently elected RVC1 and remembers free time fondly.

### **Lisa Maxwell**

When she's not working as an Agile Coach, Lisa can usually be found making music, teaching French horn, or managing the important things in life—like cat wrangling (Mocha, Max, and Jasmine) and maintaining the illusion of being mistress of the house.

She enjoys the intersection of structure and creativity, firmly believing that the best music (and the best ideas) happen when people listen, collaborate, and aren't afraid to improvise.

Lisa is delighted to help bring this jam session to life and looks forward to seeing—and hearing—what unfolds.

**Liz Modesitt** has been an active member of Mensa for twenty years, first in the New Hampshire chapter and now in Boston Mensa. She enjoys spending time with her family, doing arts'n'crafts, baking, watching NFL football & NHL hockey, and being a social butterfly. Currently Liz lives in Clinton, MA with her husband Dennis Higbee (also of Boston Mensa) and Missy-cat.

**Dan Szczesny** is a long-time journalist, author and librarian living in New Hampshire. In addition to several other books: travel memoirs, fiction, essays, and poetry, Dan wrote two books with his daughter, *NH Rocks That Rock: An Adventure Guide to Twenty-Five Famous Boulders of the Granite State* and *More NH Rocks That Rock: Memorial Stones*. Both are field guides and Patch Quest projects that encourage families to visit off-the-beaten-path places around the state to learn about geology and history.

Dan has also written for a wide variety of regional and national publications, including the Main Line Times, Philadelphia Weekly, Christian Science Monitor, Princeton Packet, Pennsylvania Magazine, Appalachia Journal, New Hampshire Magazine, New Hampshire Home, Manchester Ink Link, Monadnock Underground, AMC Outdoors and [Huffington Post](#).

In 2000, he moved to New Hampshire to cover the Presidential Election. In 2001, Dan became Associate Publisher of The Hippo, now the state's largest Arts and Entertainment journal. Dan is currently the director of Griffin Free Public Library in Auburn, N.H. He is available for interviews at [danszczesny@gmail.com](mailto:danszczesny@gmail.com).

**Tchipakkan** is an artist, writer, healer, and eclectic pagan/heathen/rustic, quietly but openly pagan for the last 50 years, author, host of the podcast show Otherworldly, and co-founder of Changing Times, Changing Worlds conference, Tchipakkan uses every means she can to empower people and get them to realize their inner strength, beauty, and talent.

**Anna Woolf**

Since the late '80s, my primary studio practice has been focused on creating wheel thrown pottery. Together with husband Neale, we create pottery primarily for Coastal Maine summer shops. In my role at Schoodic Arts for All, I have the pleasure of connecting a wide range of visual and performing artists, and often find myself on charming little artistic tangents. Tiny stamp making is my most recent tangent, and I'm excited to share this with fellow creatives. I have a B.A. in Ceramic Sculpture from Goddard College, a M.Ed. from Antioch New England, and am currently the Artistic Director at Schoodic Arts for All.

**Bill Zigo** – Ziggy moved to Albany and became a member of MoNNY in 2023. When he's not doing his Mensa job as international SIGHT coordinator, he can often be found at gatherings in the games room, running a game or two of Werewolves, or looking for the next great whiskey to sample.

# Food

I am happy to say that the RG is back to supplying all our meals which are all served by volunteers and much is prepared by volunteers. --Elizabeth Becker

## Friday

4:00 pm Welcoming Snack

6:30 pm Dinner of soups salad and homemade bread.

Please remember to use tongs for handling food.

8:30 pm Ice cream floats.

10:00 pm Shrimp and champagne.

## Saturday

7:00 am Early breakfast fruit and danishes.

8:00 am Omelet making will begin. Last order will be taken at 10am.

12:00 pm Sandwich buffet with cold meat, cheese, bread, and green salad will be back. Please remember to use tongs for handling food.

3:00 pm Tea time. We will be offering tea and baked goods.

6:30 pm Dinner roast chicken with various cold salads and side dishes.

8:00 pm Dessert – a celebration of Mensan sweethearts

10:00 pm Chocolate and More Chocolate

## Sunday

7:00 am Brunch will start with breakfast items and slowly transfer over to lunch items.

11:30 am Clean up will start.

## **This Year's Staff**

RG Co-Chairs.....	Richard Schwartz and Sue Barnes
Program Chair.....	Holly Green
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