

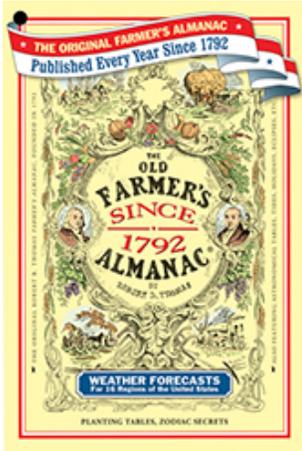


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### ALDAgram – March 2016



Spring has finally arrived, astronomically speaking. The vernal equinox arrived on Saturday or Sunday (EDT), depending on your time zone. The Old Farmer's Almanac has such interesting information. Did you know that the equinox happens at the same moment worldwide, even if our clock times reflect a different time zone? Did you know that 2016 will be the earliest arrival of spring in our lifetime in the Northern Hemisphere? It all happens because the number of days in a year isn't even.

Thank you to Marie Callahan, Renee Hecht, and Irene Kalfon,, for renewing their membership. Welcome back to Leslie Skimmings from New Hampshire. New Hampshire is one of three states that have passed hearing aid coverage for adults although Leslie is finding that many audiologists are not aware of that.

By now you should have received **the 2016 ALDA Boston ballot** via email. Please vote by **April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

### Upcoming ALDA Boston events

“Frequently Asked Questions about Service Animals and the ADA,” Myths and Facts, will be discussed at our next meeting on Saturday, April 9. We are delighted that Carl Richardson, Mass State House ADA coordinator and his guide dog Merrick as well as Carol Agate, HLAA and ALDA member and her service dog Molly will be with us to answer your questions. Just in case you may have misplaced the flyer, you'll see it below



**ALDA Boston**  
**presents**

**CART will be  
provided!**

# Service Dogs

**Carl Richardson & Merrick**

**Carol Agate & Molly**

- ◆ What kind of training do they need?
  - ◆ How are they trained?
  - ◆ How do I get one?



**Date:** Saturday, April 9, 2016

**Time:** 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Place:** Cary Memorial Library (Large Meeting Room)  
1874 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA 02420

*\* NOTE: The Large Meeting Room is looped*

Cary Library is located in Lexington Center where Bedford Street (Route 4-225) and Massachusetts Avenue meet at the Lexington Battle Green. There is metered parking behind the Library and along Mass. Ave. The Library is accessible by ramps at the front of the building and from the rear parking area. See [www.caryllibrary.org](http://www.caryllibrary.org) for specific driving instructions.



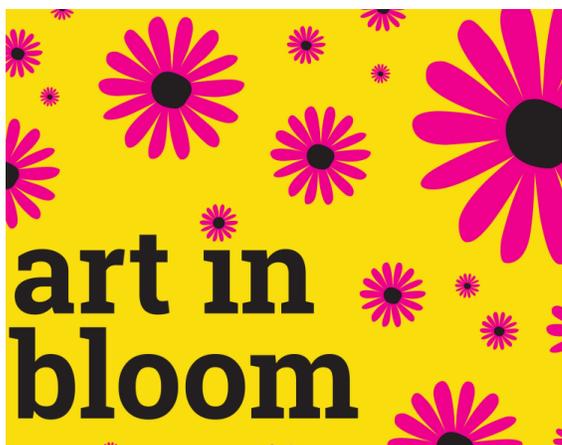
**The Annual Board Meeting and  
Election of Officers will take place  
immediately following the  
presentation.**

**For questions or to RSVP, email Francine at: [fstiegli@bu.edu](mailto:fstiegli@bu.edu)**

**Do you like to watch online videos?** If you haven't done so because they aren't captioned, what kind of videos would you like to watch if they were captioned? The Department of Justice (DOJ) would like to get a general idea of the kind of access that makes a difference.

Send your reply to Caroline Jackson [caroline.jackson@nad.org](mailto:caroline.jackson@nad.org). She is a staff attorney at the National Association of the Deaf Law and Advocacy Center (NAD).

### Museum of Fine Arts Accessible Guided Tours, 2016



We are so fortunate that Karen Moss will be leading two tours on **Friday, April 29** so that we can see a preview of Art in Bloom 2016, “an exuberant spring festival of art and floral design. Once again, garden clubs and professional designers from across New England will recreate floral arrangements inspired by the MFA’s works of art.”

Registration will open on Friday, March 25. Look for a separate announcement on how to register.

  
**COMING JUNE 5TH**

**CELEBRATION '16**