

Welcome Laurie and Mark Tigan!

Apt. #105

Laurie Tigan grew up in Barrington RI. She moved to Worcester, MA to obtain a degree from Assumption College, with honors. At the time she was one of a few females admitted, for the first time, to the former men's only institution. After graduation, she practiced a career in education, while traveling China, Egypt, Japan, Russia, Haiti, and much of Europe. Working 30 years in teaching language arts and social studies in Tiverton RI school district, Laurie retired in Newport RI, but then moved to Worcester, MA, becoming the Executive Director of the international nonprofit chapter of Literacy Volunteers. There she established a school for 300 adult students teaching English as a 2nd language. Upon her 2nd retirement, the board inaugurated the "*The Laurie D'Amico Tigan Academy for Literacy*". Retiring again, Laurie nurtured her independent film interest and attended several Keene State College film classes. Over the last 20 years, she spent many good times in a log home she and Mark built on top of a mountain in Winchester, NH, in front of a fireplace reading novels and enjoying the multi-state view.



Born restless in Northern Illinois, **Mark Tigan** wrote in his memoir "*Making A Mark*", "...I moved to the West Coast as soon as I could see over the corn...". Having subsequently lived in California, Ohio, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, he considers himself a bi-coastal wanderer. Professionally Mark has some interesting background helping Oklahoma City recover from the terrorist bombing of the Federal building, assisting New Orleans recover from Katrina, grappling with the financing of the Basketball Hall of Fame and the Boston Seaport hotel, among others. Much of his professional life was spent as a consultant/road warrior; traveling millions of air miles. He oversaw the revitalization of old mills in Vermont, Bristol RI, and the Santa Monica, CA Pier. Most recently, he retired from teaching as a graduate school Professor of Practice at Worcester's Clark University, after twelve years. A lifelong learner and sportsman, he earned a California BA in Environmental Studies, a MA in Public Administrations, and a Massachusetts Ph.D. in Reginal Planning, trying to balance himself with college golf, amateur surfing, and fly fishing for salmon in Gaspé, Quebec.

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