

Biddeford Pool Community Center

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May / June 2022 Newsletter



Message from the President

We are happy to have our Community Center open to visitors, and to announce the modification of our previous protocols, (dated January 21, 2022), to reflect the improvement in our community's Covid status. At the April meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the following modifications: masks are optional at any BPCC activity and no other Covid restrictions (e.g., occupancy limits, checks on vaccination status, self-reporting of positive Covid status, sign-in requirements, etc.) are in place. The Board reserves the right to make modifications as necessary.

Also, Jen Fullmer asked me to share her note of appreciation for your support to the Afghan family.

A huge thank you to all who so generously contributed to the Hakim family registry!! And a special thanks to Laura Cobb and Rosemary LaPorte for organizing this amazing effort. We are thrilled to report that the family successfully moved into their new home at the end of April. They have settled in well and thanks to all of you, their new house has started to feel like a new home. The family passes on their sincere gratitude to all of you for the warm welcome, the generous registry contributions, other donations, warm wishes, prayers, and friendship. It takes a village and Eddie, and I are proud to be a part of this one.

Spring visit to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

Rhododendron and Azaleas in bloom

Free 'Highlight Tour' at 11:00 am

Thursday, May 26th

Depart 8:30 am - Carpooling

Cost \$22, \$18 seniors, payable by check at Gardens

Lunch available on site

To sign up contact Eve @ 282-0417 or eve@maine.rr.com by 5/19



There will be NO Memorial Day Breakfast this year.

Taste of Biddeford

Save the date for this '*thank you*' *social* from the Board of Trustees. Your financial support, understanding, and encouragement during these abnormal times has been much appreciated. Come kick off the summer with this fun gathering of friends, neighbors, and sample some of Biddeford's finest.



Lorne Wines, Nibblesford Cheese, Banded Brewing

Sunday, June 26th, 4:00 - 6:00pm

On the Community Center Lawn

Hope to see you there!

Fourth of July Parade Monday, July 4th!

Put your thinking caps on, get creative, and let's have an amazing parade.

It's been 2 long years since the last.

Parade line up to follow in Summer Newsletter.

To share any parade thoughts please contact Eve @ 282-0417 or eve@maine.rr.com



Biddeford Pool Yoga on The Beach

Join us for beach yoga starting

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, through Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Tuesday - Thursday 7:15-8:15am (weather permitting)

Bath House Beach Entrance by car Gilbert Lane Biddeford Pool, Maine 04006

All are welcome \$15 suggested donation per class. Weekly suggested donations \$50 per week.

Proceeds from Beach yoga goes to a local charitable organization.

Questions? 207-415-6955 Text or leave a voicemail.

Visit our Om ing Pigeon studio open by appointment for small groups 4-6 people.

Contact For more information and times and location.

207-415-6955

Namaste



Bridge Continues at BPC! Please join us!

We play drop-in bridge on Mondays, 1 - 4 pm. All levels are welcome.

While you don't have to RSVP, it's helpful to know how many folks are coming.

If you want to be on our drop-in bridge email list (and are not),

please let Debbie Melican know (burnsmelican@gmail.com).

Duplicate happens on Fridays, 1 - 4 pm. RSVPs are necessary to have full tables.

If you wish to play duplicate, please contact Carol Bassett (cjobmaine@gmail.com).

\$1.00 donation is appreciated each time you play.

Any questions, please contact Carol or Debbie. We wish everyone great cards!

Creative Studio



DRAWING GROUP w/Diane Noble

Drawing sessions will continue in May & June

Thursdays May 5, 12, 26, June 2

Friday, June 17

10:00am – 12noon

We will be drawing Still Life's inside, then outside when weather warms

Bring your choice of drawing supplies: Paper/sketchpad, pencils, black pens, colored pencils

No experience necessary

Limit 12 participants

Donation \$10. Per session

R.S.V.P. to Diane. dbmn27@maine.rr.com



CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

We will be meeting again to write on Monday mornings. We will start by sharing our writings on Zoom that Patricia Burke will set up for us. A prompt will be given out the day before on Sunday, you write based on the prompt.

Monday at 10:00am we read our writings and give feedback to one another on Zoom. We will hope that we might be able to meet inside at some point.

No experience necessary, just a chance to write and share. You respond to whatever comes into you're your head after reading the Prompt. You never know where your mind will take you, serious or comical. Examples of Prompts we have had are: *My Special Place; What If...., What's in the Bag? It was that Time of Year When.?*

If you are interested in joining in, contact Diane Noble dbmn27@maine.rr.com

Last Date until Fall: Mondays: May 9 Donation accepted to BPC.

INDEPENDENCE FOOD TRUCK

coming to Hills Beach

Friday May 28th from 4:45pm - 7:00pm

Location Hills Beach Park in the Pines

Please RSVP by May 25th to Brenda at Brenda.hunter1181@gmail.com or 508-612-5628 to state your preferred time slot. By selecting a time slot it will help limit your waiting time in line. Otherwise - end of line at 7:00pm

Time slots are: 4:50, 5:00, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:40, 5:50, 6:00, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 6:40, 6:50 and 7:00.

Ordering will be done on site at the truck. See menu here: <https://independencetruck.us/>

Outside seating will be available at the park in the Pines or you can take it home to go



Creative Studio



ECO Maine Tour

Come learn more about Recycling, & sorting, Waste to energy
Why recycle?

FREE tour 10:00am – 11:30am

Wednesday, May 25

Meet at **ECO Maine**, 64 Blueberry Road, Portland, *Airport exit off of Rt. 95*
rsvp to Diane Noble. dbmn27@maine.rr.com

A tour down Memory Lane

MOTORLAND MUSEUM TOUR

Rt. 1 Arundel

Friday, June 10

10am – 11:30am



Come experience a guided tour of the unique collection of autos at the museum.

Cost: \$10 if we have 15+ people

\$12 if we have less than 15

RSVP by June 6th to Diane Noble dbmn27@maine.rr.com

Ogunquit Museum of American Art

Tuesday, June 21

11:00am -12:00 + eat lunch

Come together to view one of Maine's little Art Museum GEM. Located on Shore Road in Ogunquit, it has four rooms of exhibits and wonderful sculpture and gardens on the grounds looking over the rocky Shoreline. Carpool or drive yourself and meet at 11:00am for a 45-minute tour with a docent, then time on our own to wander the grounds. There will be one docent for every 10 people, so reservations are a must.

The cost is \$9.00 per person.

<https://ogunquitmuseum.org/>

Bring a lunch and eat outside on the lawn benches.

RSVP to Diane Noble at dbmn27@maine.rr.com by Friday, June 17

Donations appreciated to BPCCC for all of the above activities.

Artists by the Sea

Biddeford Pool Community Center

"Winter Kaleidoskope"

Please join local artists for a showcase of winter themed art pieces. The show will be hosted virtually at artistsbythesea.net beginning on March 15, 2022 and will run through mid-summer. We will continue to update the site as new pieces become available.

A percentage of all sales from the show will be donated to the Biddeford Pool Community Center.

More information coming on our in-person Artists by the Sea show end of July/early August.

Leisa's Place at Biddeford Pool Community Center Library



The library continues to be open each Thursday from 10-12pm.
This schedule will continue until the last week of June.

As we look forward to the summer months and the various activities of the community, I would like to put out an inquiry for a volunteer or group of volunteers who would like to offer a program for younger children this summer. This could easily be a "one time" activity of your own choosing. It could take place inside the library, out in the CC yard or elsewhere within the village surroundings. Last year children enjoyed outdoor movies, a scavenger hunt, stone skipping contest, crafting (the kids really like that and we do have many supplies on hand) or a Story time for younger children also at a time of your choosing....maybe in the morning! For those who may not be familiar, for many years we successfully held Story Hour on Monday evenings. In the last few years (pre Covid), attendance had diminished greatly. Therefore, the thought of someone(s) doing something new seems a possibility. Please let me know if you would like to offer something along these lines! Please call SueMaccalous @ 617-671-5977 to let us know of your interest.

As I write this information today, the plan for the immediate time frame is to have the building fully open. I am hopeful that we have several volunteers to then staff the library most weekdays throughout July and August. We will continue to remain open for 2 hours each day. Exact times to be determined in cooperation with our volunteers. In the meanwhile, we can offer you several new reads. Please stop by to find something you will enjoy and perhaps share with others. Once again, there is a list of books at the end of this document we would like to add and would gratefully receive if you'd like to make a donation. Or perhaps you have read something recently that you're anxious to have others enjoy... Thank you



Anthony Doer	Cloud Cuckoo Land
Kate Quinn	The Rose Code
Janet Skeslien Charles	The Paris Library
Ta-Nehisi Coates	The Water Dancer
Isabel Wilkerson	Caste
Isabel Wilkerson	The Warmth of Other Suns
Abi Dare'	The Girl with the Louding Voice
Louise Penny	The Madness of Crowds
Alex Michaelides	The Maidens: a Novel
Diana Gabaldon	An Echo in the Bone
Diana Gabaldon	Written in my Own Hearts Blood
Diana Gabaldon	Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone (New)
Paul Doiron	Dead By Dawn
Paul Doiron	One last Lie
Silvia Moreno-Garcia	Mexican Gothic
Pascal Mercier	Night Train to Lisbon



BPCC Board Meetings

Board meetings being held by Zoom on third Wednesday of each month at 4 pm.

If interested in joining contact Joe Valenza @ jvidal@gmail.com.

Board Minutes may be found on the website biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.com

Center Rentals and other Requested Center Uses should contact Jim Oleson at
(508) 641-7768 or jimoleson57@gmail.com.