



# Biddeford Pool Community Center

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## January/February 2023 Newsletter



A New Year with much Hope for Peace and Good Health!  
We are kicking off the New Year with assorted offerings below.

But first, a report on **Holiday Cookies 'To Go' results:**

On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during Library Hours the Functions Committee sold 72 pre-ordered boxes of Holiday Cookies and **raised \$775** for Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center, 35 South Street, Biddeford, one of the charitable organizations BPCC supports. We had 15 bakers resulting in a lovely assortment of cookies, and additional volunteers packaged the cookies in festive holiday boxes & ribbon.

Seeds of Hope services 60-80 people/day and offers:

1. Expanded Continental Breakfast & Lunch
2. Free Items - new/gently used clothing & household goods
3. Homeless Advocacy
4. Health Promotion & Education
5. Veteran Advocacy

For more information go to **[seedsofhope4me.org](http://seedsofhope4me.org)**



### Message from the President

Article I, Section 2 of the Biddeford Pool Community Center By-Laws states in part, BPCC will provide "... assistance (educational and/or charitable) to persons in need as well as charitable institutions serving residents of the greater community." Two examples illustrate how we fulfill this obligation.

One, this past Christmas 15 volunteers baked more than 900 cookies, filled 72 gift boxes with these cookies, and sold them to raise more than \$775 for gift cards that were given to Seeds of Hope. Two, we give Biddeford High School money to award to seniors going to college for a degree in an education-related field. These scholarships along with the scholarships awarded to students with ties to BPCC honor the memory of Joan Beaudry for her dedication to the community and education. The gift cards, the scholarships, and all the other assistance we provide help us fulfill our mission. But we may not be aware of how the recipients feel about our good works.

Ashley Potvin received a Joan Beaudry Scholarship when she graduated from Biddeford High School in 2007. She is currently the coach of UNE's Rugby team. I recently asked Ashley about her scholarship. She said, "Being a Joan Beaudry Scholarship recipient as a high school senior was an absolute honor. I remember being pleasantly surprised to receive the scholarship as I knew of Coach Beaudry and the Beaudry family's legacy in the athletics and education communities of UNE and Biddeford. In fact, as a fifth grader at St. James School playing basketball, I remember Coach Beaudry making a few appearances at our practices. I am forever thankful for the financial help that I received my first year in college but more importantly the distinction of being chosen to honor the life and legacy of Joan Beaudry."

A big thank you to all who make these and other BPCC undertakings possible. Let's hope we are willing and able to continue lending a helping hand.

In closing, please consider taking advantage of the BPCC offerings presented in this newsletter. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

## **Portraits of Earth Justice - Americans Who Tell The Truth ,**

uses a book of 50 individual one page portraits by Robert Shetterly. Five Tuesdays with Jeff Goldsmith discussing these writings by men and women “ living and sharing their truth in pursuit of environmental justice.” Class discussion will follow each reading assignment. This powerful and deeply moving book is an inspiration to us all and required for the class at \$30. No additional fee will be charged.

**Where? This class will be held in the BPCC Library**

**When? Tuesday mornings, 10:00am - 11:30am on the following dates:**

**January 10, 17, 24, 31, and February 7.**

**To sign up please contact Jeff using his [email: rjeffreygoldsmith@gmail.com](mailto:rjeffreygoldsmith@gmail.com).**



### **Marilyn R. Gugliucci, MA, PhD.**

Professor & Director,  
Geriatrics Education and Research,  
Division of Geriatrics,  
University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine



will present two sessions:

Jan 13 Power in Aging: Self Empowerment: Re-framing Aging in the World

Feb 17 Communication and Action: Empowerment for End of Life Preparation

Each talk will be 10-11:30 at BPCC.

Please register for these sessions or direct questions to Heather Davis

[heatherd@maine.rr.com](mailto:heatherd@maine.rr.com) 207 282 8096



## **CHILI COOK-OFF**

Hosted by Jim and Norann Oleson  
Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 (snow day 22<sup>nd</sup> )  
From 5:00 – 7:00pm

RSVP: by January 15, to [jimoleson57@gmail.com](mailto:jimoleson57@gmail.com)

Let us know if you will be bringing chili or attending as a guest only

\$10 entrance fee for everyone

50/50 raffle will be offered - \$5.00 for one ticket, \$10.00 for three tickets

BPCC will provide salad, cornbread, oyster crackers, desert, tasting cups, spoons, and seltzer water. BYOB your favorite refreshment.

Bring your best pot of chili to be judged by your neighbors. This will be a blind contest with no limit to the number of contestants that can enter. The second-floor hall holds 60 people so be among the first to RSVP.

**The chili cookoff is also a great time to swap out your lightly used jigsaw puzzles and games!**



## Jigsaw Puzzle & Game Swap

Bring your old puzzles and games and trade in for some new/used ones for Winter fun.

This is combined with the Chili Cook Off on

**Saturday, January 21**

## Drawing Sessions

w/Diane Noble

upstairs BPCC

**Thursdays, 10 – 12noon**

**January 5 & 26, Feb. 2 & 16**

Bring your choice of drawing supplies No experience necessary

*\$10. per session donation split between BPCC & HBA*

For more info: [dbmn27@maine.rr.com](mailto:dbmn27@maine.rr.com)



## Life Drawing group

**Tuesdays 12-4:00 from January 17 thru March 28**

Drawing or painting from a live model. Designed for experienced artists.

Drop ins welcome. Meet upstairs

\$10 per session

Contact Linda Sullivan: [lindasullivan1725@gmail.com](mailto:lindasullivan1725@gmail.com)

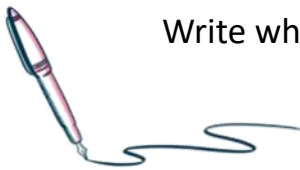
## Creative Writing Group

Write whatever comes into your mind from a prompt that is given, then share your writing with the group.

**Mondays 10-11:30am**

**January 23, February 6**

For more info: [dbmn27@maine.rr.com](mailto:dbmn27@maine.rr.com)



## Trivial Pursuit & Pizza Night

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm at the Center**

Alex's Pizza delivered! BYOB

Place your pizza order with your response

Contact Carol @ 282-2280 or [cjobmaine@gmail.com](mailto:cjobmaine@gmail.com)

Pizza charge only! Game details to follow.



# Winter Theme ART Show

*Painting, drawing, prints, photography, fiber arts  
all mediums welcome*

**January thru March**

*Downstairs and upstairs at BPCC*

**Drop off Friday, January 20, 9:30 am - 12 pm**

**Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 am - 12 pm**

**Reception Sunday, January 29, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**If you would like to participate, please respond by January 12, 2023.**

**Contact Diane: [dbmn27@maine.rr.com](mailto:dbmn27@maine.rr.com)**



## BPCC LIBRARY



HAPPY NEW YEAR! May the year ahead bring you all joy, contentment and peace in your hearts. Since we usually are a bit more “stay at home” during these next months, I suggest taking a few minutes to visit and utilize your CC Library. **The library is OPEN each Thursday morning from 10-12pm with hot coffee and treats available.** If you need to obtain something at a different time, please email or call Sue Maccalous.

We are continuing to add new items for your reading pleasure! If you'd like to suggest a title for our collection, please do! If you have relatively new used books and would like to donate them, please do. They would be most appreciated as would be an email to myself regarding what you have to offer. We have limited space so we try not to duplicate.

Thank you to all of those who have donated books throughout this past year. You can be confident that we have either added them to our collection or have forward them to a good “next home”!

See you at the Library!

Sue Maccalous @ xraychic17 @yahoo.com





**Drop-In Bridge** continues on Mondays, 1 - 4 pm, at BPCC. All levels are welcome, and a \$1.00 donation is appreciated. RSVPs are not needed but are helpful. Please contact Debbie Melican ([burnsmelican@gmail.com](mailto:burnsmelican@gmail.com)) if you would like to be added to the email reminder list, or feel free to just drop-in.

**Duplicate Bridge** happens on Fridays, 1 - 4 pm, at BPCC. A \$1.00 donation is appreciated. Advanced sign-up is required so that we have full tables. If you want to play, please contact Carol Bassett ([cjobmaine@gmail.com](mailto:cjobmaine@gmail.com)).

We'd love to have you play bridge with us!  
Carol Bassett & Debbie Melican



**Mah Jongg** is continuing on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 at the Center. We can play with 3, so hopefully we can keep it going through the winter. Please contact Lynne Cox at 978-807-2598 or email me at [m.lynnecox@gmail.com](mailto:m.lynnecox@gmail.com).



### **BPCC Board Meetings**

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

If interested in joining contact Joe Valenza @ [jvidal@gmail.com](mailto:jvidal@gmail.com).

Board Minutes may be found on the website [biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.com](http://biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.com)

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

## **People Are Asking!**

### **Are we having a July Seaside Fair??**

That depends on you!

Help is needed in the following areas:

Lunch, Raffle, Bake Sale, Children's Crafts,  
Set-up, & Clean-up.

Now is the time to start planning!

**Interested in lending a hand? Contact:  
Eve @ 282-0417 or [eve@maine.rr.com](mailto:eve@maine.rr.com)**

