



Biddeford Pool Community Center

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September / October 2023 Newsletter



We had a **VERY MEMORABLE** summer with a delightfully rainy Fourth of July parade highlighting bittersweet 'Goodbyes' with Marie Joseph sisters; a renewed Seaside Fair; a weekend of amazing 'Artists By The Sea'; and the newly created and wonderful 'Garden & Artist Tour' by team leader Sue Gorman. A big **THANK YOU** to Robert & Blake Foster for their leadership in the four Monday night PJ Story Hours and clever presentations by Daisey Carroll, Jennifer Brown-Strabley, Dr. Tim Foster, and of course Pirate Pete!

Now onto another amazing Maine season - Fall! Be sure to read below offerings.

Message from the President

The Biddeford Pool Community Center's Fourth of July parade was fantastic this year. Participants, spectators, and volunteers had a memorable time despite the weather or maybe because of the weather. To say it wasn't the greatest wouldn't adequately capture the conditions of the day. Many of us didn't look like we merely got caught in the rain; we looked like we had spent time in a pool of water, so an extra big thanks to those who endured the weather to participate in a great event.

After we finally dried off and had hot chocolate to warm up, several of us exchanged notes about the parade. During the parade, Bill Murray chauffeured Sister Aline (left) and Sister Gertrude, two of the sisters living at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center. In his note, Bill wrote: *Donna and I felt privileged to have two nuns in our car for the parade. They had a blast and were so thrilled with the sentiment and well wishes from folks along the parade route. We learned how they feel about leaving the area and where they are going. We felt humbled and privileged that they shared their feelings for this area with us. GOD BLESS THEM.*



Obviously, we made some people very happy that day. Let's keep up the good work.

Joe Valenza

Update on UNE Happenings from its President, Dr. James Herbert



Friday, Sept 8 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Riverview Tent, Biddeford Campus

University of New England President James D. Herbert, Ph.D. and his wife, Lynn Brandsma, Ph.D. invite members of the Biddeford coastal neighborhoods to join them for

An Evening Under the Tent

Gather with your neighbors and members of the UNE community to hear from President Herbert about the latest happenings on campus.

Kindly RSVP by August 26 by emailing rsvp@une.edu or by calling 207-221-4295

Any questions please e-mail Heather Davis heatherd@maine.rr.com

'Tricks & Tips' for iPhone Use

with Desiree Stallings

Thursday, Sept 21st, 2023 at BPCC

7:00pm - 8:30 pm

Bring your iPhone and questions



Mr. T's Smoke Shack (Food Truck)

Friday, September 29th, 2023

5:00pm - 7:00-pm Cash or Venmo only!

at F.O. Goldthwaite's parking area

Pulled pork, brisket, and chicken sandwiches. Mac & cheese.

Want ribs? Mr. T needs to know how many to cook!!

RSVP to Diane at 207-284-6394 or dbmn27@maine.rr.com

Annual Meeting

Friday, October 13th, 2023

5:30pm at the BPCC

Bean Supper Buffet to follow meeting

B.Y.O.B

Agenda: President's Welcome,
Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Reports,
Election of Officers



Maine author, Robert Shetterly, coming to B.P.!

Portraits of Earth Justice - Americans Who Tell The Truth.

Celebrating Indigenous People's Day and Earth Justice

See www.americanswhotellthetruth.org

Monday, October 9th, 1:00 - 2:30 pm, at BPCC

Please r.s.v.p. to Eve at 207-282-0417 or eve@maine.rr.com



From the Climate Concerns Corner: Several people came to the 'Local Coastal' Climate Task Force summer meetings with concerns as well as possible solutions. These thoughts will be presented to Biddeford's Climate Task Force to be included in their 47 'action steps' going to Biddeford City Council members for approval in September. We are hoping that you are interested enough to become involved. We will be sending out a questionnaire soon.

LEISA 's Place at the Biddeford Pool Library



Summer is coming to a close here in Maine. The weather was often the main event having a persistent influence on our activities, but we carried on nonetheless. I hope that many of you took advantage of the Pool offerings. Of course, that includes your community Library!

The library is open year round on an abbreviated schedule. Beginning after Labor Day, we will **be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings**. In **October** the schedule returns to Fall/Winter hours of **Thursday mornings** only. Hours 10am-12pm for all. We hope you will have an opportunity to enjoy the wide variety of reading options which include many new publications. Stop in and browse.

Donations! We have received many book donations throughout the summer. A grateful thank you to all for the generous sharing of your favorites! In addition, we have received monetary donations earmarked specifically for library use. Thanks go to all for remembering our special little library.

In closing, a warm thank you to our "volunteer librarians" who offered their time to keep our library assessable Monday thru Friday all summer. We can't do it without these special people! As the calendar pages keep turning, many will continue to be found sitting at the desk ready to assist you with your next great read!

Next newsletter, a new list of books we all might savor.

Enjoy the Autumn
Sue Maccalous
Volunteer



Bridge continues at BPCC!

On **Mondays**, please join us for drop-in Bridge, **1 - 4 pm**. All levels are welcome. For more information, please contact Debbie Melican (burnsmelican@gmail.com).

On **Fridays**, duplicate Bridge happens, **1 -4 pm**. Because full tables are required to play, advance sign-up is needed. Please contact Carol Bassett (cjobmaine@gmail.com) if you wish to join this group.

Wishing everyone a 2 Club opener!
Carol & Debbie



Mah Jongg

Wednesdays at 1:00

Mah Jongg continues on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm at BPCC.

All levels of play are welcome and a donation of \$1.00 is appreciated.

Contact Lynne Cox at 978-807-2598 with questions or if you would like to join us!



BPCC Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the 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.org

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



Fitness Classes with Tracy

Classes will continue into September, so please reach out to Tracy to get on the mailing list. We welcome all fitness levels and all ages (over 12)! Thank you to the Land Trust for allowing us to exercise in the beautiful Yates St. Park. All donations for classes go to the BPCC. If you are interested in any virtual fitness class offerings this fall or have any questions about future classes, please reach out to Tracy as well at gtfamily@comcast.net.

The Yoga Studio

Fall sessions will move from the beach on Tuesday and Thursdays 7:15 - 8:15 am to in-studio.

Space is limited to 6 participants and you must reserve your space 48 hours in advance through text only. (207-415-6955). Leave your name and contact when reserving. I will confirm if space is available.

Private and semi private yoga sessions available by appointment 207-415-6955 (text is best).

Reiki by appointment only. Text 207-415-6955.

Fall is a time of change.

Thank you all who supported yoga on the Beach Tuesday and Thursday's with Barb this summer.

The proceeds of all the donations will be split between Biddeford Food Pantry and Saco Food Pantry ❤️

Namaste

Barb



Joan Beaudry Education Award



Four students from Biddeford High School received the Joan Beaudry Memorial Award in 2023: Destiny Noonan will be attending York County Community College, Emma Raymond, BHS valedictorian, will be attending UMO, Kalynn Provencher will be attending York County Community College and Mackenzie Day will be attending Emmanuel College. Congratulations to all these remarkable recipients who will be majoring in the Education/Child Development field.

Four candidates from the BPCC area also applied for the Joan Beaudry Education Award this year. Three candidates were past recipients and one was a first-time applicant. Interviews were held in early August and the committee will make its recommendations to the Board at the September meeting. It was a pleasure getting to know all the candidates. With their strong work ethic, impressive letters of recommendation and school transcripts, we feel confident that all 4 candidates will make excellent recipients for this award.

Each BPCC recipient is required to do 2 hours of community service. If you know of any local community service opportunities for our recipients, please contact Tracy or Greg below.

We welcome any undergraduate college students who have ties to the BPCC to apply for the Joan Beaudry Education Award. The scholarship deadline is June 1st every year. The application can be found on the BPCC website. Candidates must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and value leadership, citizenship and community service. Complete eligibility guidelines can be found here: <https://biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org/education-fund/>. If you have any questions, please contact co-chairs Tracy Callahan gtfamily@comcast.net and Greg Tarbox gftbox@gmail.com. (Biddeford High School students may apply through their guidance department but can opt to apply through the BPCC if their family are members.)