

BPCC 2023 Committee Reports

Creative Studio & Art Committee

Diane Noble, Chair

Marilyn Guglicci, prof. & Dir. of Geriatrics Education and Research at UNE presented

- 1) Power in Aging: Self-Empowerment: Re-framing Aging in the World
- 2) Communication & Action: Empowerment for End-of-Life Preparation

Jigsaw Puzzle & Game Swap in January, combined with the Chili Cook Off

Drawing sessions with Diane 2 Thursdays a month from 10-12noon. Donations to BPCC/HBA

Life Drawing Sessions held from January thru March with live model

Creative Writing Group held Mondays 10-11:30 January –February

Winter Theme Art Show held January thru March, Opening January 29, 2-5pm

Also, Winter Theme Virtual Art Show thru the spring

Star Gazing – the Night Sky with the Astronomical Society of Northern New England

Presentation then viewing thru their telescopes on the golf course

Mr. T's Smoke Shack food truck set up at Golthwaites, May 20, lots of rain & Sept.29, from 5-7

Dr. Sidney Springer, UNE School of Pharmacology gave a lecture on Over Prescribing

Stone Skipping Contest was held Friday, July 7 with prizes for 4 different age categories

Seaside Fair, July 15, 10-2; 17 participants inside and out, raffle, lunch, kids' activities

Artists by the Sea, July 28-July 30, Reception July 28. 16 artists, sold \$16,475/15% to BPCC

The Night Sky, Number 2 talks by Chris Sorrentino, July 12 & 19

Star Gazing Party, scheduled twice and cancelled due to cloudy/rainy skies

Gook Launch for Up for the Season, Christy Bergland & Janice Hamilton

Celtic Lands with Margaret Jones & Lisa Barstow, stories in their book

Biddeford Pool Community Center GARDEN TOUR, August 5, great success

Tricks & Tips for iPhone with Desiree Stallings.

Building Committee

Jim Oleson, Committee Chair

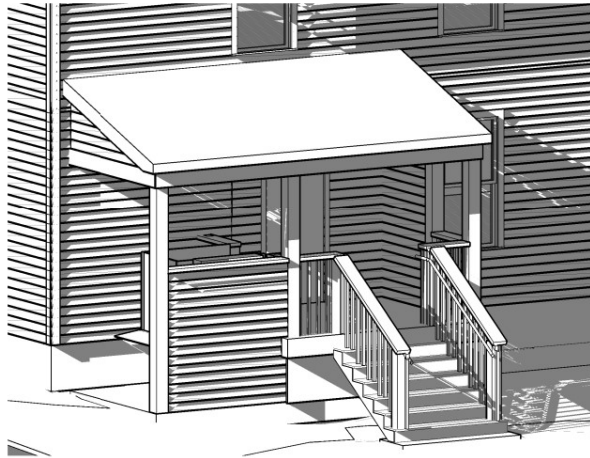
Hussey & Sons began construction of the new Universal Access Porch (UAP), which includes a wheelchair lift, at the Center on September 26th. The two front entrance decks will be replaced. Additionally, work will take place on the UAP side entrance porch and work on the north side of the building to repair mother nature's damage. This work is expected to take roughly two months.

Hussey & Sons will do all this work with as little disruption to the daily operation of the center as possible. You're understanding during the time of construction is appreciated.

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR

A NEW UNIVERSAL ACCESS PORCH

AT BIDDEFORD POOL
COMMUNITY CENTER



Communications Committee

Jim Oleson, Committee Chair

The BPCC board has approved an update to the BPCC web site which will include two new web masters. Carol Weldin and Janet Gerding have stepped forward to work as a team to bring this new and greatly improved web site to life. In 2016 the first version of the Center's web site was created and like all things electronic it has fallen behind the times.

The new website will be easier for the web masters to run. It will also accept payments for events and yearly dues. The look will be like going from a newspaper to a glossy monthly magazine. Expect to see the roll out of this new and exciting website in early 2024.

Joan Beaudry Education Committee

Committee Members: Bonnie Buechs, Tracy Callahan, Becky Marshall, Marilou Pych, Lamar Robinson, Greg Tarbox

Four candidates received this year's scholarship award directly from the BPCC:

1. Ben Hennessey:

- Grandparent: Sue Maccalous
- Freshman at University of Rochester
- 1st Application

2. Emilie Leger:

- Grandparents: Ken and Bonnie Buechs
- Senior at University of Rhode Island
- 3rd Application

3. Sabrina Martin:

- Parents: Jim and Melissa Martin
- Sophomore University of New Hampshire
- 2nd Application
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4. Nicholas Nunes:

- Nephew of Adrienne LaVallee
- Senior at University of New England
- 2nd Application

Ben, whose essay impressed everyone, is excited to begin his freshman year and to explore studies in Astrophysics and Mechanical Engineering. Emilie, returning after a two and half month summer internship in Paris, is eager to continue pursuing her passions in broadcasting, social media and hockey. Sabrina spent her summer in the Pool working at Goldthwaites, the Abenaki and babysitting. She is looking forward to returning to UNH and engaging again with Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed fraternity that focuses on leadership, friendship and service. Assisting three endodontists, seeing up to twenty patients daily, Nicholas worked as a summer intern at a Massachusetts dental office that specializes in root canals. During the school year, he'll drive back down on Saturdays to continue working at the clinic to earn extra income.

We also asked one common question: "How did the scholarship funds help you in past and/or might in the future?" Applying it towards tuition, school supplies, especially books was a unanimous response.

At the conclusion of each interview, we reminded all the candidates that before receiving their scholarship grant, they first must submit their 2023 Fall semester transcripts demonstrating a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and provide proof of completion for their community service.

Finally, Biddeford High School reports they gave awards to four graduates going on to pursue teaching studies. Emily Boilard, Kaitlyn Harmon-Bolding and Anna Lavigne will be matriculating at the University of Maine, Farmington. Aiden Maliski will be attending the University of Southern Maine.

Functions

Eve McPheeters, Chair

Social events offered by the Functions Committee since last year's Annual Meeting (held successfully at the Center for the first time) include the following.

October 20th - **Chile and a Movie** night featuring 'Hocus Pocus'.

November 12th - **Buffleheads Night Dinner** by Karen and Ray - net \$1,672.

December 15th - **Holiday Cookies 'To Go'** - raised \$775 for Seeds of Hope.

December 18th - **Caroling at the Center** - afternoon gathering poorly attended

Jan - Feb - Tuesday am classes with Jeff Goldsmith on Portraits of Earth Justice -

Americans Who Tell The Truth by Rob Shetterly

January 21st - **Chili Cook-Off** hosted by Jim & Norann Oleson - Tom Hamilton winner

February 11th - **Trivia & Pizza Night** with Carol Bassett - great fun!

March 18th - **St Patrick's Day Dinner** - at Center and live since Covid - net \$724.

April 21st - **Earth Day Weekend** - extended to include Climate Change.

1. Friday pm - Social with Sarah Curran, Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future.
2. Saturday am - Readings from Braiding Sweetgrass, Clean-up, and Chowder Lunch
3. Saturday pm - film 'Breaking Boundaries', and Ice Cream Sundaes.

May 16th - **Biddeford's Climate Task Force Info Session** with Tim Boston.

June 16th - **Intro to Local (Coastal) Climate Task Force Sessions** - discussing local concerns to present to Biddeford's Task Force with Jeff Goldsmith, Beth Baskin, and Eve McPheeters.

1. June 16th
2. July 21st
3. August 18th

July 4th - a **very memorable rainy-day parade** with bittersweet 'Goodbyes' to Marie Joseph sisters.

July 10th - **Ice Cream Social Farewell** at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center. Eighty attended this emotionally packed event. (cost \$612.50)

July 15th - Return of **Seaside Fair**- with crafters, kids' activities, raffle, and lunch - net \$3,000

August 29th - Second book launch of Up for the Season with readings by Jo Deupree, LeeLee Gioia, and Dabney McCoy. \$950 profits were donated to BPCC and BPCC Library.

September 21st - **'Tricks & Tips' for iPhone Use** - with Desiree Stallings

September 29th - **Mr. T's Smoke Shack** (food truck)

October 9th - Maine author **Rob Shetterly**, Portraits of Earth Justice, Americans Who Tell The Truth, speaking at Community Center.

October 13th - **BPCC Annual Meeting & Bean Supper** -at the Center

Committee Members: Sue Maccalous, Elaine Robinson, Adrienne LaVallee, Faye Cialfi, Bonnie Tallagnon, Maureen White, Alleen Eastwood, Sheri Poftak, Judy Bryce, Barbara Boscia.

Leisa's Place at BPCC Library

Sue Maccalous, Chair

The Biddeford Pool Community Center Library is located on the main level of the Center and functions with an all-volunteer staff. This past year the following have willingly offered their time in maintaining open hours as well as the occasional project: Carol Bassett, Lynne Cox, Debbie Lamb Mary Morgan, Mary & Ben Pratt, Peter McPheeters, Nancy Ost, Sheri Poftak, Margie Benedict, Susan Shorey, Shirley Stallings, Ginna Rose and Sue Maccalous. We acknowledge the recent passing of Shirley. She is missed

not only by the library but from the wider community as well. Thank you all for your time and efforts to keep our Community Library available throughout the year. It wouldn't be happening without you.

This past summer the library was open **44** days July 3rd to September 1st.

MATERIALS signed out: **Adult 151 / Children 109**

During the above months we experienced 6 days with NO adult sign outs

23 days with NO children sign outs

Throughout the past year we have had **95** OPEN days.

MATERIALS signed out: **Adult 352 / Children 158**

Overall we experienced 11 days with NO Adult signouts/60 days with NO child sign outs

During this past year our library has received generous book donations as well as financial support. There were 133 adult fiction/nonfiction books added as well as 35 children's books. We are appreciative for your continued support in all aspects of this community space.

In the next Newsletter, you will find new information regarding criteria for donated reading materials.

This summer the community was fortunate to be able to offer 4 Story Hours for the younger children organized by Robert & Blake Foster. The following individuals took part in these special evenings: Pirate Peter McPheeters, the land of *Faries* with Daisey Carroll, Ecology with Jennifer Brown- Strabley and *Bones* with Dr. Tim Foster! Thank you all for your willingness to offer these special children's programs this year.

Our Library space is quite special and enjoyed by a variety of groups. The Library is OPEN most Thursday mornings throughout the year.