



Biddeford Pool Community Center

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November/December 2023 Newsletter



Message from the President

November 1, 2023

Out with the old and in with the new...

This is a saying as old as time but how does it relate to BPCC? Joe Valenza has retired after 12 years of service to the Community Center. This included four years as a Vice President to Jamie Hibbard and four years as President. During Joe's tenure he was instrumental in updating the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures documents which govern the Community Center. He also oversaw many changes and improvements including:

- A new and expanded library
- The creation of our website
- A name change (Community Club to Community Center)
- A handicap accessible 1st floor bathroom
- The addition of the statue of "Our Forebears of the Coast" to the side yard
- A major face lift to the Community Center which began October 1st

There's no arguing that Joe has left a lasting legacy, but the most important one was being involved and available once he joined the BPCC Board of Trustees. So, maybe Joe will not retire completely but he can step back knowing that the Community Center is running smoothly, like a well-oiled machine.

The new guy (me!) will have a tough act to follow but I'm looking forward to the challenge. Some of my first initiatives will be to:

- Raise dues by \$20 for both families and single memberships
- Build a new website with expanded capabilities, including online payment processing
- Reduce the number of mailings that are sent via USPS

Thank you for your support and encouragement as I attempt to follow Joe's example of community service.

Jim Oleson



The New Universal Access Porch being built.



iPhone 101 – Tips & Tricks

With Desiree Stallings at BPCC

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

November 2, intermediate users

November 16, novice users

December 7, intermediate users

We will start up again in January if interest.

Please RSVP to desiree.vanbibber@att.net or text (812) 453-0527

Bring your iPhone, first class handout (if you participated) and questions.

Donations accepted



Drawing Sessions w/Diane Noble

Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon, BPCC

November 9, 30, December 14

Bring your drawing tools, paper, and learn
some new drawing ideas/techniques

\$10 Donation split between HBA & BPCC

Trivia Night

Friday, November 10th

5:30 pm, BPCC

Pizza by Alex delivered by Peter
(pay for pizza upon delivery)

Up to 6 to a table, pick your own team or we will put you at a table

BYOB, dessert and fun provided

Please RSVP Carol Bassett@ cjobmaine@gmail.com

Indicate pizza selection



Star Gazing the Night Sky

Come join Bernie Reim from

The Astronomical Society of Northern New England

on the Golf course at B'Pool

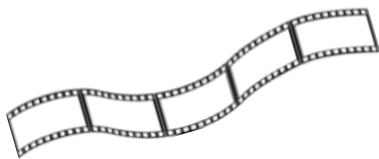
to look thru telescopes and learn
about the night sky in November

Friday, November 17 at 5 pm

Raindate, Saturday, Nov. 18

\$10 Donation





"Film Appreciation"

w/Patricia Burke & Ada Goff

Come whether you are an avid cinephile or just want to hear some ideas about how to enhance your enjoyment of movies of all genres. See a showing of an Academy Award winning short film and share what you love about movies.

Wednesday, December 6, 2 - 4pm, BPCC

Donations appreciated

Holiday Cookies 'To Go'

Thursday, December 7th, BPCC

Pick up time between 10 am and 12 noon (during Library hours)

Assorted Holiday Cookies boxed and wrapped in ribbon - \$10

Proceeds to benefit Seeds of Hope (2022 profits \$775)

Orders must be placed by Monday, December 4th

Please contact Eve @ eve@maine.rr.com or (207) 282-0417 to order a box or two of these delicious homemade holiday cookies.



Holiday Pot Luck

Pot Lucks are the Best!

Friday, December 15th, BPCC

Social 5:30 pm - Pot Luck 6:15 pm

Bring your favorite 'dish' to share - appetizer, main dish, salad, or dessert.

RSVP to Sue Maccalous@ xraychic17@yahoo.com or (617) 671-5977

by Wednesday, December 13th

Life Drawing Open Studio

will begin January 9th

and gather every Tuesday thru March 5th

We will meet upstairs at the BPCC from 12:30-3:30.

Cost is \$10/per session. A model will be present.

This is a life drawing open studio, no instruction provided.

Open to all levels and mediums.

Please contact Linda Sullivan to register or for further information @ lindasullivan1725@gmail.com



BPCC LIBRARY

The Library is now open on Thursday mornings only from 10-12pm. Closed on Thanksgiving and the week of Christmas. We have recently added several newly donated and purchased books. Stop by and check us out! Please remember to **return all borrowed books!**

While there is construction happening on the **building, if things look active, please be mindful of where you park. My understanding is the library will maintain** the usual open day throughout construction and needed repairs.

IMPORTANT INFO BELOW

At this time we are changing the guidelines for donation of materials. The library shelving space has limited capacity for all genres of reading. **As of November we will accept books with “published dates” up to 3 years earlier than the current calendar year.** It is not possible to keep everything offered. Receiving all these books necessitates someone having to move books unwanted onto another resource. For us that is either Dyer Library in Saco or Goodwill. I suggest that if you are clearing out your book shelves of years of acquired reading that you use these options as well. The Dyer Library welcomes these large book donations of any type **except for academic text books.** In addition, we are always interested in what you feel would be desirable “recently published” additions to our current offerings. Please call Sue Maccalous (617) 671-5977, with any questions regarding book donations. In addition I will attempt to offer desired titles within the Newsletter for your considered donation. Thank you all for your continued support of our library with both book and financial donations and importantly, your volunteer time.

List of desired titles:

Rules for Visiting by J.Kane
Somebody's Fool by Richard Russo
This Other Eden by Paul Harding
The Fraud by Zadie Smith
The Lonely City by Olivia Laing
An American Beauty by Shana Abe
The Saints of Swallow Hill by Donna Everhart
Cheneneville by Paulette Jiles
The Armor of Light by Ken Follett
Absolution by Alice McDermott



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, BPCC

Mah Jongg continues at 1:00 on Wednesday and a \$1.00 donation is appreciated.

We are exploring a Beginner's Group if we get any interest.

If you are interested, please call or text me at (978) 807-2598 or email me at m.lynnecox@gmail.com

Here's wishing you lots of Jokers!



Yoga - Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:30 am Fire Barn Biddeford Pool

Text me @ (207) 415-6955 with questions and for more information.

Suggested donation \$15 per class

A portion of the donation will go to the volunteer fire barn.

Namaste,

Barb



****Calling All College Students****

Joan Beaudry Memorial Education Award

Joan was a longtime Biddeford Pool resident and passionate educator. This award was created in her memory to provide assistance for any college student who has ties to Biddeford Pool Community Center. Applicants' immediate family shall be members of BPCC (grandchildren of active members are also eligible). **Candidates interested in applying MUST have applications completed and submitted no later than JUNE 1st, or forfeit**

eligibility for the year.

The application is available on the BPCC website and includes a 500 word essay describing personal goals and objectives and addressing what the student perceives his/her role in the community to be. All award recipients will be asked to give back to the Biddeford Pool community by completing some community service (minimum 2 hours). A sample list of volunteer opportunities is also available on the website. The amount of the award is based on available funds and will be no more than \$1,000 per year. Complete eligibility guidelines, application process and online application can be found on the BPCC website <http://biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org/education-fund/>. Any questions can be directed to co-chairs Tracy Callahan gtfamily@comcast.net and Greg Tarbox gftbox@gmail.com.



BPCC Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 4 pm.

If interested in joining contact Jim Oleson@ jimoleson57@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.