



# Biddeford Pool Community Center

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## January/February 2024 Newsletter



*May 2024 bring Peace to the World, and Good Health and Happiness in the New Year.*

### Message from the President

2023 was a very good year for the Center!!! Covid was not an issue, which meant there were lots of face-to-face activities. It is amazing how much we take for granted in our daily lives until they are withheld for some reason or another. Covid was a perfect example of an unexpected life disruptor and of course health can be another. So, get involved while you can. One thing all the activities at the Center have in common is volunteers. The very successful Garden Tour required 70 volunteers. I saw people helping during that activity that I had never seen volunteer before. If you were not one of the many volunteers to help the Center be successful make 2024 the year you get involved. Being involved is great for your health and your social calendar.

Jim Oleson  
Chief Volunteer



### The Holiday Cookies 'To Go' Sale raised \$720 for Seeds of Hope!

Many thanks to the 17 gals who baked and  
to all who placed orders.

We sold 72 boxes!

Assistant Director Amanda Lutz accepted the  
check saying "Amazing! We can't thank you  
enough".



**The Biddeford Coastal Preservation Coalition will meet Tuesday, January 9  
10:00 am, at BPCC.**

FMI contact Jeff Goldsmith @ [rjeffreygoldsmith@gmail.com](mailto:rjeffreygoldsmith@gmail.com)

### iPhone 101 – Tips & Tricks 2024

With Desiree Stallings

Combined classes for novice & intermediate users

**Thursdays: Jan. 11, 25 & Feb. 8 and 22 at BPCC, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

Please RSVP (812) 453-0527 (text) or [desiree.vanbibber@att.net](mailto:desiree.vanbibber@att.net)

Bring your class handout or one will be provided. *Donations welcome.*



### Life Drawing Sessions w/Linda Sullivan

Weekend workshops with a model - Saturday & Sunday - at BPCC. **Two-day weekend session \$24**

**January 13 & 14 - Noon - 4:00pm**

**February 17 & 18 - Noon - 4:00pm**

Bring easels and medium of choice. Set up stays up for the weekend.

**RSVP to Linda @ (860) 377-1725 or [lindasullivan1725@gmail.com](mailto:lindasullivan1725@gmail.com)**

A one day Life Drawing will be offered on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Cost \$12.



## 'Truth Tellers' Film Showing

A documentary on Rob Shetterly and *Americans Who Tell The Truth* (AWTT)

**Friday, January 19, at BPCC - \$5.00**

Soup & Sandwiches at 5:30 pm. Documentary at 6:15 pm

Please reply to Beth Baskin @ (207) 229-8210 or [bethbaskin1@gmail.com](mailto:bethbaskin1@gmail.com)

## Shakespeare's *Henry VI*, Part 1

Part 1 of *Henry VI* was one of Shakespeare's first English history plays. Shakespeare wrote this play before he wrote other plays about English kings who preceded King Henry VI such as Henry IV and Henry V. In this play more than any other English history play, Shakespeare distorts events, changes timelines, and takes liberties inserting and deleting characters from actual happenings. Additionally the title character does not appear until Act III and has fewer lines than three other characters. We will explore these issues and others by reading the text, consulting outside sources, and engaging in class discussions.



**We will meet for five consecutive Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm upstairs at BPCC starting on Jan 24.**

In our meetings we will (1) investigate the subjects of this play, (2) explore tools used to convey the message, (3) identify fictional events, and (4) have fun and perhaps learn something. A donation to benefit BPCC for each session is appreciated. The minimum number of participants is five; the maximum is ten.

**Joe Valenza—Immediate Past President—will lead the discussions. For more information or to register, contact Joe at [jjvdal@gmail.com](mailto:jjvdal@gmail.com). If you register before January 17, Joe will order a book for you and have it available by the first meeting. The cost of the book will likely be less than \$10.**

## "Film Appreciation" w/Patricia Burke & Ada Goff

**Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at BPCC, 2-4 pm**

A sharing of ideas on how to enhance your enjoyment of movies - all genres!

RSVP to Patricia - [pab@patriciaburke.com](mailto:pab@patriciaburke.com)

*Donations appreciated.*



## Trivia & Pizza

**Friday, February 9, 5:30 pm at BPCC**

BYOB, dessert & fun provided.

RSVP to Carol Bassett @ [cjobmaine@gmail.com](mailto:cjobmaine@gmail.com)

Indicate pizza choice and pay upon delivery.

Pizza by Alex



## Behind the Scenes at the Saco Museum

Hear stories of favorite artifacts,  
see hidden gems on display & in storage areas,  
see the Maine Art Education Assoc. Teachers exhibit.

**Friday, February 16, 10 am -12 noon**

RSVP to Diane [dbmn27@maine.rr.com](mailto:dbmn27@maine.rr.com) \$10 donation



## A Visit to Thailand w/Karen & Ray Wieczorek

A sharing of slides upstairs at BPCC

Sunday, February 18, 5:30 pm

Thai food offerings - \$10

RSVP to Eve @ (207) 282-0417 or [eve@maine.rr.com](mailto:eve@maine.rr.com)

## Chowder Cook-Off

Hosted by Jim and Norann Oleson

**Saturday, February 24th, 2024** (snow day 25th), **from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

RSVP: by February 17th, to [jimoleson57@gmail.com](mailto:jimoleson57@gmail.com)

Let us know if you will be bringing chowder 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, dessert, tasting cups, and spoons.

BYOB your favorite refreshment.



Bring your best pot of chowder 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!

## BPCC LIBRARY: Welcome to 2024!



Your library is open on Thursday mornings from 10-12. Stop by and have a look at what's new as several additional books have been recently added. Perhaps you have recently received books as gifts! Please share with us what you will enjoy reading in this new year!



A couple of housekeeping (or library-keeping) requests. If you borrow a book and no one is there to appropriately sign it out, please leave your name, title of the book, and authors name. We have had several books taken which can't be accounted for. In addition, *please, please* return them within a reasonable time frame. We have no "late fees". If they are newer titles, there may be others waiting to enjoy them.



*Thank you!*

\* In the next newsletter we will provide a list of titles that we would like to add to the library.

## Bridge continues at BPCC!

*Happy 2024! Eight of us opted to celebrate New Year's Day by playing bridge at BPCC.*

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

Reminder: **On Fridays, duplicate Bridge happens, 1 pm - 4 pm.** Because full tables are required to play, advance sign-up is needed. Please contact Carol Bassett ([cjobmaine@gmail.com](mailto: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

Looking for a new game to play in the New Year? Please join us Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm for this fun and challenging game! A dollar *donation* is requested.

Contact Lynne Cox, [m.lynnecox@gmail.com](mailto:m.lynnecox@gmail.com) or (978) 807-2598.



## Yoga - Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:30 am, Fire Barn, Biddeford Pool

**NO classes January 24 - February 4**

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 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 BPCC website. The amount of the reward 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](mailto:gtfamily@comcast.net) and Greg Tarbox [gftbox@gmail.com](mailto:gftbox@gmail.com).



## **BPCC Board Meetings**

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

You are welcomed to attend. Board Minutes may be found on the website

<https://biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org/>



**Center Rentals and other Requested Center Uses** please contact

Jim Oleson at (508) 641-7768 or [jimoleson57@gmail.com](mailto:jimoleson57@gmail.com).