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The way I see it, Mother's Day is an opportunity to count blessings not only for *having* a mom – because I sure had a wonderful one – but also for *being* a mom.

One of the things I appreciate most about motherhood is the pure enjoyment of life's simple moments.

All sorts of things try to pull us out of the here and now and steal from us simple – often silly – moments. But kids have an uncanny way of not allowing this to happen – at least not for long. In fact, when I'm with my kids, I actually find it harder *not* to be in the present moment than to be in the moment. What a gift this is.

Here's to the simple – and yes, silly – moments that make life what it is.

Happy Mother's Day!

Kingsley

Kingsley Gallup, Publisher

MOM
Happy Mother's Day

Cover Artist: Marcia Crumley
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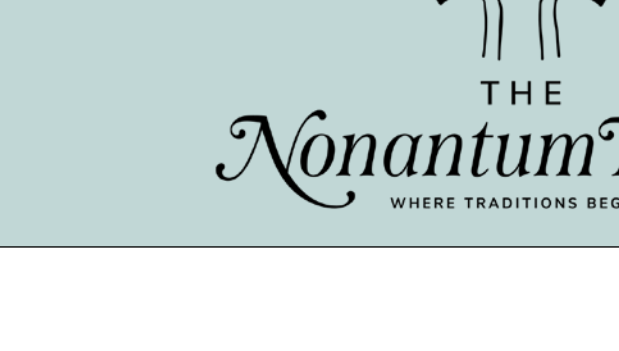
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PACK MAYNARD

Turning 100: Minnie Szykniej is still a "hot ticket"

by Faith Gillman

Minnie Szykniej is a busy woman. Whether it's working on crafts, word search puzzles, making Christmas ornaments; sewing curtains or hemming clothes for friends, Minnie – who lives in Wells with daughter Marie and cat Toby – likes to be active. And at nearly 100 she doesn't plan to stop.

"Minnie is the Betty White of Wells, Maine," said her friend "Chicken Joe" Taylor. "She is a hot ticket. Funny, sharp as a tack and always fun."

Taylor first met Minnie and family 40 years ago at the Hayloft Restaurant in Wells, when he worked at the family business.

"They came to the restaurant all the time, had a special table and were always first to cheer me on to hurl the rubber chicken at an unsuspecting diner – Minnie was in the center of it all," said Taylor.

Mary Lou and Larry Ryan of Kennebunkport describe Minnie as a "real firecracker."

"She is extremely loyal, loving and has a keen wit. She flirts with all the men," they said. "We've known her for over 30 years and are blessed to be friends of this 'ball of fire.'"

Born in Somerville, Massachusetts, on April 29, 1922, to Immaculata and Salvatore Pantano, Minnie was one of seven siblings. Growing up during the depression space was tight. She was the middle child, and the smallest, so she slept in a crib until she was five years old.

Minnie's parents were from Italy. Her father worked as a barber while her mother took care of the family, making clothes out of sheets. Minnie remembers "writing to 'Boston Santa' at Christmas time for presents and waiting for the bundles" and listening to the radio for news and entertainment. Tiny but mighty, Minnie had no problem standing up to bullies who picked on her brothers at school. She graduated from Somerville High School in 1940.

During WWII, Minnie worked at Raytheon, helping to manufacture radio tubes for the government. Her work there echoes one of her favorite quotes, although it came after the war from President John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country."

> *"She has more energy at 100 than I had at 50."*

Minnie married Edward Szykniej in 1949. The couple had two children Marie (72), and Anthony (66). Once the children came along, Minnie was a stay-at-home mother until they were in high school.

She then went to work at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford as a Unit Secretary in pediatrics, endearing herself to staff and all the little patients, especially those in need of special attention. She retired from Lawrence Memorial at 62 and she and Edward moved to their vacation home in Wells. Minnie had one grandson, John Edward, who died unexpectedly in his early twenties.

Over her life, Minnie has been involved in multiple pursuits. She loved to sing and dance and was a member of Seacoast Follies, who performed at area nursing homes. She also performed with the Coastal Capers, ran bus trips for St Mary's Church, and was "queen of the Mardi Gras" party at St. Mary's for many years. She planted flowers at the church, worked on social events and knitted prayer shawls.

"Minnie doesn't just talk about her faith. She lives it on a daily basis," said long-time friend Norm Demarais, adding: "She has more energy at 100 than I had at 50."

Minnie also took exercise classes well into her 80s, doing aerobics with local fitness instructor Judy Stark.

"I remember Minnie in class with me at age 82, could still touch her toes," said Stark. "She participated in a few Flash Mobs with us, offering enthusiastic support and attributes this to her longevity."

Those classes included Joe Taylor: "She had so much energy! After her husband passed (Edward died at age 81) Marie told me that Minnie wanted me to be her stepfather, which we laugh about all the time," said Taylor. "And you can't have Minnie without Marie."

St. Mary's Parish in Wells is planning a "Say hello to Minnie for her birthday" celebration after the 11 AM mass on May 1, which the community – and Taylor – is looking forward to.

"Think of the money I saved by canceling the male

— *continued on next page*

Above left: Edward and Minnie Szykniej were married in 1949, had two children and lived in Massachusetts until retiring to Maine nearly 40 years ago. Minnie remained in Maine after Edward died in 2002 at age 81. Above right: Marie (right) and Minnie are a dynamic duo. Commenting on their relationship, Marie said, "She is the best mother in the world and my very best friend. Such fun we have had together over the years!"

Cover Artist Marcia Crumley

My landscapes have always been celebrations of color, and my recent focus on encaustic paintings has enabled me to incorporate more depth and texture into my work. I love the meditative processes of waiting for the wax to melt, slowly building up layer upon layer of paint, fusing the surface with a blowtorch, and then carving into and scraping away the wax. Encaustics is a very tactile medium, and I use pottery tools to create texture and patterns in my paintings, bringing me back full circle to my favorite childhood pastime of throwing pottery on a wheel.

I'm based in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. My art has been featured in *The Boston Globe, Art New England, Cultural Adventures 2021*, and *Maine Home + Design*. You can see works in process and my latest paintings on social media @marciacrumleyart.

Contributors This Issue:

The warm weather season has officially started. How do we know? Because Luvee (Faith Gillman's '91 Cadillac Allante) has been unwrapped from a long winter slumber and went out for her first sunny day drive of the year. Faith's pups, Rexy and Georgy, couldn't be happier!

Jeepers peepers! It's Spring in Maine. They're singing every night in my yard and I may have to blog about them in Wandering With Val, which you can find at www.wanderingwithval.com.

Spring has sprung in Maine and along with it my raging allergies. Itchy eyes, tissues at the ready and a full head. I take solace in knowing I am not alone. As Mum would say, this too shall pass. Achoo!

Dana Pearson, a writer and musician living in Kennebunk, is feeling somewhat monochromatic this week.

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stripper I ordered," Taylor quipped.

Minnie credits her longevity to a happy family life, exercising and good diet, and "having many wonderful friends and looking on the bright side of things. Make someone's life a little better because you were there. And as Rabbi Hyman Schachtel said: "Happiness is not having everything you want but wanting everything you have."

The Serenity Prayer is one of her favorites.

"That, I believe, is truly her motto," said daughter Marie. "Basically, accept the things you cannot change and change the things you can. She used to tell me if you did something and it turned out wrong, at the time you did it, you thought it was the right thing, don't dwell on it; move on."

Minnie Szykniej will turn 100 years young on April 29. A birthday celebration is planned at St. Mary's in Wells on May 1 after the 11 AM Mass. Friends and family, including Laura Burch, are looking forward to it. "I am one of the lucky ones to have Minnie in my life," said Laura. "She is such an inspiration and has the biggest heart full of love."

"Happiness is not having everything you want, but wanting everything you have."
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Minnie as a young woman in Somerville, Massachusetts. All photos courtesy of Minnie Szykniej

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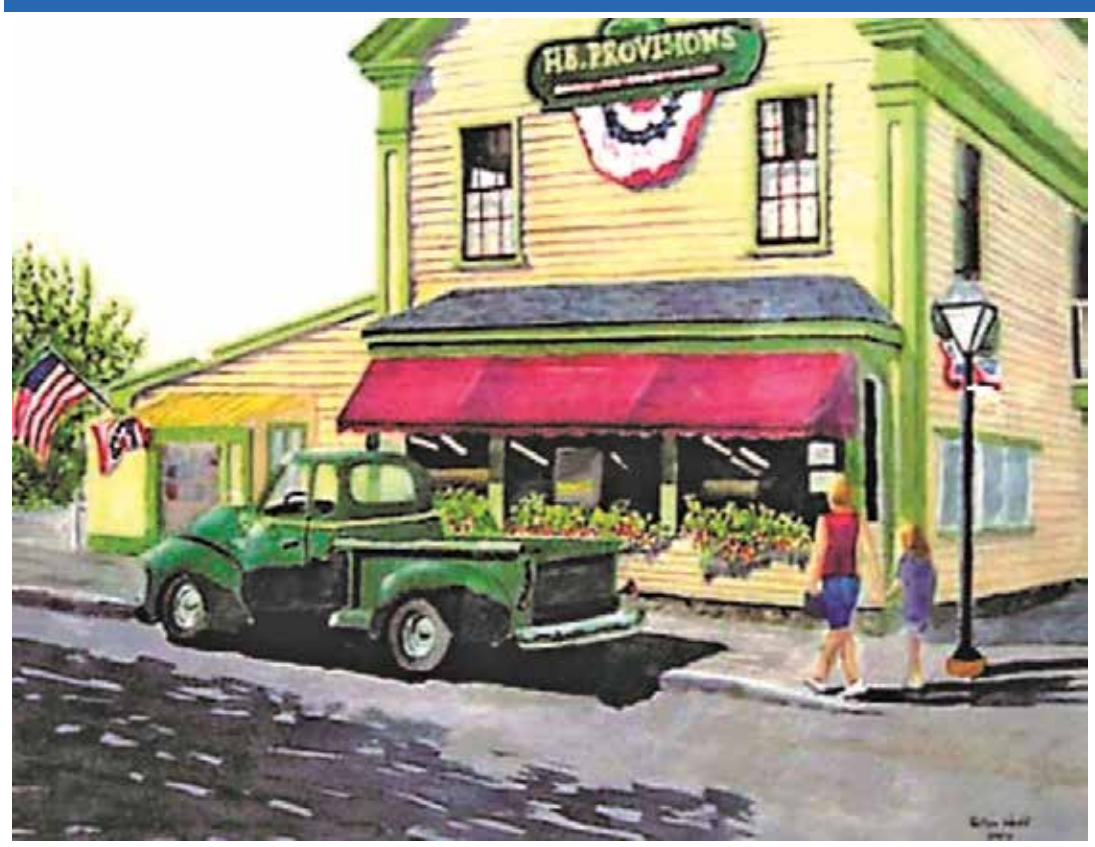

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~ A selection of coastal York County events we think you should know about~

IN KITTERY...

It's **The Pine Tree Flyers** at The Dance Hall in Kittery on Saturday, April 30, 7:30-8:30 PM. Four of the finest voices in New England's traditional music scene shine a renewed light on the tunes of the northeast with excitement and respect. From festival stages and concert halls to raucous August nights at fiddle camp, the Flyers are here to make sure New England music has a seat at the table as a distinct and vital American tradition. They've toured the world playing Irish, Scottish, and Quebecois music and they bring their knowledge and technical prowess to the American music that was born from these traditions. Tickets are $15/advance and $20/door. Check out all the wonderful upcoming shows at The Dance Hall. FMI www.thedancehallkittery.org.

IN YORK ...

It's not too late to sign your kiddo up for **Earth Day Storytime** at the York Public Library, Friday, April 22, 10:30-11:30 AM. Join Ms. Molly for stories, a craft, and a nature walk on the library nature trail. Please wear weather appropriate gear for outdoors. Meet at the trailhead (on the sidewalk to the right of the library front doors). Suggested for ages 3 - 5 with a caregiver. Space is limited and registration is required. 15 Long Sands Road, York. FMI (207) 363-2818 or karey@yorkpubliclibrary.org

IN OGUNQUIT...

Did you know that Crew in Ogunquit has **Live Music Lunches** every Sunday? Come down and enjoy what the folks at Crew like to call "sing-along, dance-along, drink-along, you know you love it" kind of music. Full menu and bar available and 7 TVs to watch the games. The next Live Music Lunch is Sunday, April 24, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM. 8 Shore Road, Ogunquit. FMI www.crewogt.com

IN WELLS...

Register now for the **Wells2Kennebunk Beach Road Race,** Sunday, May 22. Online registration closes Saturday, May 21, at 1 PM. The race will begin at 8 AM. Race day check in/registration is at Litchfield's Bar and Grill, 2135 Post Road, Wells, starting at 7 AM. To register now, see www.wells2kennebunk-beach-10-miler.constantcontactsites.com/

IN KENNEBUNK...

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Spotlight on...

Seashore Trolley Museum

Opening Day is May 1 !

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195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport
www.trolleymuseum.org

IN KENNEBUNKPORT...

It's time for the next **Mid-Week Music Concert,** this time featuring the music of Sir Paul. On Sunday, April 24, 1-3 PM, Dana Pearson and Andy MacLeod will perform songs by Paul McCartney at the Town House School, 135 North Street, Kennebunkport. FMI Tickets are $15 for Kennebunkport Historical Society members and $18 for non-members and may be purchased at the door or at kporths.com/buy-tickets. Evening shows are BYOB (21 and older only). For more information, email info@kporths.com or call 967-2751.

IN ARUNDEL...

It's time for Bentley's first **Car Show** of the season on Sunday, May 8, 11 AM – 3 PM. It's a reunion of car enthusiasts showing off their special interest vehicles at the Saloon's parking lots. Following this Sunday kickoff, the next Car Show will be Tuesday, May 17, then every Tuesday thereafter, from 5 PM until dusk, through September, 2022. There are no entry fees for car show owners or spectators. Car show owners receive door prizes, spectator choice awards and a chance to win a free toolbox (valued at $1000+). Cash prizes are awarded for raffles and a portion of the proceeds of these events go to Arundel's Holiday Program for local residents in need of a helping hand during the holiday season. FMI www.bentleyssaloon.com.

IN BIDDEFORD...

For a wonderful breakfast for a great cause, head to the **Community Breakfast** on Sunday, April 24, 8-11 AM, at the AMVETS Post 1, 147 Alfred Street, Biddeford. Choose your order from a generous menu to be prepared kitchen fresh the way you want and delivered to your table. There will also be breakfasts to go. All proceeds from this breakfast go toward Maine AMVETS White Clover Fund.

IN SACO...

The **Saco Spring Craft Fair** will be held Saturday, April 23, starting at 9 AM at the Saco Grange 53, 168 North Street, Saco. Come enjoy dozens of vendors and crafters at Saco Grange #53 and bring donations for Caring Unlimited.

IN OLD ORCHARD BEACH...

For a great time, it's **Dueling Pianos** at Jimmy the Greek's on Saturday, April 23, 7 PM. This one-time event will be hosted by Jim Ciampi and Seth Holbrook. There will a $10 cover for this event. 215 Saco Avenue, Old Orchard Beach. FMI www.jimmygreeksopa.com

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~ Our newest addition to the newspaper ~

Tips, tidbits, recipes and tools. . . straight from local kitchens to you!

In DISHIN' IT, you'll find recipes and seasonal culinary cues.
In GROOVY GADGETS you'll get the scoop on kitchen tools.
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And learn from local pros in DID YOU KNOW?

"DID YOU KNOW?"

Learn to make non-dairy cheese

Learn how to make sliceable-shreddable-meltable mozzarella, dill havarti, a cheddar party ball and briny feta (all non-dairy). Flora Brown (vegan, farmer, teacher, mother) taps into her Cornell-honed knowledge of plant-based nutrition and sends you home from Frinklepod Farm with a packet of recipes and the know-how to make your own homemade cheese.

Two-hour classes held April 24 (10 AM-Noon or 3-5 PM) cost $55 per person. Class held indoors with windows open; masks optional. Frinklepod Farm located at 244 Log Cabin Road, Arundel; FMI call 289-5805.

"GROOVY GADGETS"

What's hot in kitchen tools

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(Then make yummy Avocado Toast: use FLEXICADO to slice avocado, arrange on baguette and drizzle with juice of 1/2 lime and 1/2 teaspoon olive oil. Add dash of salt and pepper.)

JARKEY "is one of the handiest tools in my kitchen," a reviewer states. Only 5 1/2 inches long, the plastic JARKEY pops open vacuum sealed jars with no twisting or straining. Even gets kudos from the Arthritis Association! ($5.95)

(Both Flexicado and Jarkey are available at Stonewall Kitchen and other fine culinary shops.)

"DID YOU KNOW?"

Foraging for Spring Ramps

Kathy Gunst, Resident Chef for NPR's "Here And Now" and James Beard Award-winning food journalist, is the author of 13 cookbooks. She also enjoys foraging for ramps in April.

Originally prized by early colonists and available only in the Spring, ramps are a cousin of onions, leeks and garlic. They taste like spring onions with a garlicky aroma.

"Somewhere south of Portland," Gunst wrote, "I was walking and saw a huge patch of gorgeous, oval-shaped green leaves streaked with white and pale pink stripes down the center. They were buried under rocks, some covered in leaves and mulch, and when I pulled them from the ground, I discovered white, scallion-like bulbs covered in thin brown skin."

"Raw ramps have an overwhelming smell, like a cross between wild onions and dirty socks, but cooking transforms them into a true delicacy. I fried the leaves and bulbs in olive oil for five minutes, then fried a few eggs on top. I made ramp pesto, I concocted a French-style tart with ramps and spring mushrooms, and I added ramp puree to sautéed sea scallops. I even made a grilled cheese and ramp sandwich. Ramps dress up even the most basic food."

You'll find more of Kathy's ramp recipes in *Notes From a Maine Kitchen* (Seasonally Inspired Recipes) or on her web site: www.kathygunst.com.

"DISHIN' IT"

Asparagus Gruyere Tart

Ingredients:
Flour
1 sheet frozen puff pastry
2 cups shredded Gruyere cheese
1 1/2 pounds asparagus
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt & pepper

Preheat oven to 400. Roll puff pastry into 16x10" rectangle on floured surface. Trim edges and place on baking sheet. Use a fork to pierce dough. Bake 15 minutes or until golden.

Remove pastry shell from oven. Sprinkle with Gruyere. Trim bottoms of asparagus to fit crosswise in the tart and arrange in a single layer over cheese, alternating ends and tips. Brush with oil, season with salt and pepper. Bake 20-25 minutes, until spears are tender.

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For a breakfast treat, serve Grandma's Rhubarb over Greek yogurt with trail mix

"DISHIN' IT"

Grandma's Rhubarb

With fresh tender Spring rhubarb now available at local markets, here's a tried-and-true recipe that's a cinch to make.

Ingredients:
3 pounds rhubarb, trimmed/cut into 3/4" slices
1 3/4 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 350. Place rhubarb in 13x9" baking dish, add sugar and toss well. Cover tightly with heavy-duty aluminum foil and bake 25 minutes. Uncover. Stir. Then, replace foil and continue cooking 20 minutes or until tender. Keeps 10 days in refrigerator.

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"One thing they never tell you about child raising is that for the rest of your life, at the drop of a hat, you are expected to know your child's name and how old he or she is.
- Erma Bombeck

Taking the time to try to tie one on

You've got your standard, you've got your butterfly and jumbo butterfly, you've got your batwing (a.k.a. slim), as well as diamond point, slim diamond, rounded club, and ribbon (a.k.a. Western). Who knew there were so many? Probably people who regularly wear bow ties. I am no such person.

Why did I feel inclined to learn about the bow tie recently? Well, without getting maudlin about it, my father died in mid-February, and my mother, ever practical and desirous of getting rid of stuff that she feels takes up valuable space in the house, leapt into action and, amidst all the activities you'd imagine taking place during such a time, bequeathed to me my father's collection of ties and bow ties (among other items of clothing and accessories). Even before my father's passing, my mother would bequeath various items to me – sometimes bequeathing bona fide heirlooms, sometimes bequeathing extra dishes or glasses, but always bequeathing stuff she wanted out of the house. There was a serious amount of bequeathing going on for years, with the transference of ties being the most recent example.

I graciously accepted the ties, even though there were several I couldn't possibly wear, due to their composition of wool, to which I am highly allergic. A shame, since Dad had some really nice wool sweaters and jackets. At any rate, I took the ties home and added them to my collection, which had received a significant boost when I was in high school, around 1979, when Dad, recognizing the resurgence in popularity of skinny ties (e.g. the Knack, the Cars, Blondie, Billy Joel, Bryan Ferry), bestowed upon me (he was more into bestowing than bequeathing) 14 of the coolest skinny ties I've ever seen. He had worn them in the early '60s, when Kennedy and the Beatles and Dick Van Dyke were rocking the look. I suppose I should be grateful for the eventual widening of the tie, which forced Dad to retire and thereby preserve his vintage stock.

All of his ties are timeless, except one, which I shudder to envision. It was as wide as a lobster bib, possessed a color scheme painful to the eyes, and was so hideous in design that Paulie Walnuts would've tossed it out as being tacky and vulgar. I would've put it in my compost bucket if I believed it was made of natural materials.

What intrigued me most about the collection were the bow ties. The only ones I previously owned were two pre-tied models, for which no manual dexterity is required. So here I now have ten bow ties at least as old as I am, mostly silk, mostly batwings (the flat-ended variety), with two beautiful diamond-pointed specimens from the 1950s that my dad picked up at Cardinal Neckwear on 5th Avenue ("The Center of the World"), most likely while visiting his Uncle Ned and Aunt Ruth, who lived in Manhattan. I would wear them proudly in honor of my father (and look good while doing so). In fact, one of the first thoughts I had while bringing the bow ties home was that I'd wear one of them at his memorial service in early April.

I laid out my blue paisley jacket and blue shirt, then draped one of the batwing bow ties over the shirt's collar – you know, a preview. The tie, a modern diamond pattern in red, yellow, and gray, looked great. I was looking forward to sporting the classy relic. One catch: I have no idea how to tie a bow tie. My father taught me a Windsor knot (as required by law) when I was in middle school; however, the art of the bow tie was never bestowed upon me (nor was it bequeathed). A quandary. But I could learn.

Let me just cut to the chase here and say it didn't happen. With the memorial service fast approaching, I viewed several YouTube videos on how to tie a bow tie, even one by Bill Nye the Science Guy, but all I learned were new curses. I also learned that one of my father's regular ties – a blue polyester number with green pine trees made by Especially Maine in Arundel (had to be from the 1970s) – looked really good with my intended suit.

I will learn how to tie a bow tie. I just need a little more time, and perhaps direct instruction from an actual human being, which I'd be less likely to swear at. While I'd like to master the skill by Father's Day, it's more likely to be in time for Dad's birthday in September. That being said, I did inherit a pretty nice pre-tied one.

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Get the facts on climate change at Graves Library

by Valerie Marier

Dr. Katharine Hayhoe is a renowned atmospheric scientist and one of *Time's* 100 "most influential people." Lucky for locals, she is coming to Kennebunkport on Saturday, April 30, at 11 AM, to headline a free event at the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library and to discuss her best-selling book, *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*.

The Guardian described Hayhoe's book as "one of the more important books about climate change to have been written." Her credentials also include serving as chief scientist for The Nature Conservancy. She is the Horn Distinguished Professor and Endowed Professor of Public Policy and Public Law in the political science department of Texas Tech University. Additionally, she has been named one of the United Nation's Champions of the Environment and is a climate ambassador for the World Evangelical Alliance.

This "climate conversation" is also hosted by The Climate Initiative (TCI), Kennebunkport's own national climate change non-profit organization. The mission of this nonpartisan, science-based organization is to empower youth voices for climate action. Author Hayhoe serves on the advisory council of TCI.

Jono Anzalone with the TCI team from across the country meeting at Goat Island recently to discuss the impending threats of climate change in places like Kennebunkport. Photo courtesy of The Climate Initiative

Dr. Samantha Montano, assistant professor of emergency management at Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, will moderate the event. Montano teaches courses on disaster preparedness and vulnerable populations in disaster and is author of *Disasterology: Dispatches from the Frontline of the Climate Crisis*," published in 2021 by Park Row. Copies of her book will be available for sale with signed bookplates by the author.

"The library is thrilled to be part of this special event that will focus on such an important topic in today's world," said library director Mary-Lou Boucouvalas. "We are so lucky to have such noted participants in this important discussion."

The April 30 event will be held digitally via Zoom. In addition, there are 50 spots available for in-person viewing at the library. A reception will follow, hosted by the town of Kennebunkport and Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation. Boucouvalas adds, "Parks & Rec will also have an electric vehicle on site and available for test drives. How cool is that!"

"Rising sea levels, brutal droughts and intense storms are, at their core, environmental issues, not political ones," said Jono Anzalone, TCI executive director. "In the long term, all humans, regardless of income or political affiliation, will bear the burden of environmental neglect, whether it be displacement due to wildfires and beach erosion or unhealthy air and water quality. Allowing more seats at the table for climate discussion enables voices and individuals from all backgrounds to collaborate, innovate and imagine new ideas on how to tackle environmental matters at every level."

There are still seats available. To obtain a ticket, call Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library: 967-2778.

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Historical Society to host bean supper at Seashore Trolley Museum

The Arundel Historical Society will be hosting a Baked Bean and Pasta supper at the Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport on April 30 from 4:30 to 6 PM.

The supper will include beans, hot dogs, American chop suey, salads, cornbread, drinks, coffee and delicious homemade desserts. Attendees can take in historical displays and take part in the raffle. As an added bonus, there will be trolley rides included in your supper ticket. It will be a good, fun-filled night.

The supper will take place at the Seashore Trolley Museum, 196 Log Cabin Road, Arundel/Kennebunkport.

Tickets are $8 per person and children under 5 are free. Take out will also be available.

All donations from this event benefit the Arundel Historical Society.

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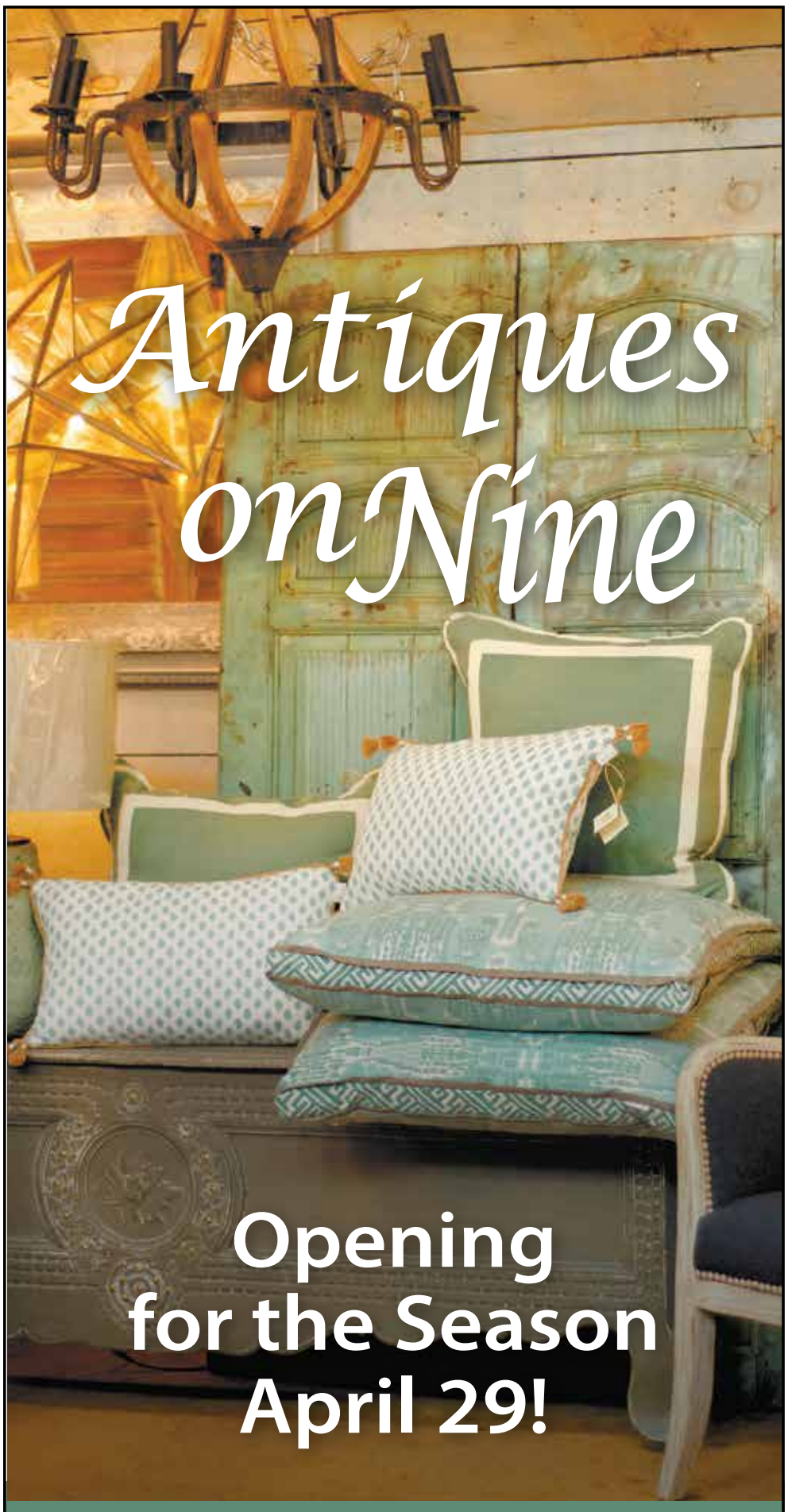

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Registration for the 30th Annual Kennebunk Beach Classic 5K, Kennebunk. Walk, jog, or run - in person! - on this USATF Certified Route on Sunday, June . Registration begins at $25, with early bird pricing until May 1 and discounts for students (18 and under) and seniors (60+). Free cotton event t-shirts to the first 150 registered runners. Teams are encouraged. Prizes and awards to top runners in age categories, and team prizes. Event proceeds support programming and outreach at The Center, a nonprofit in Lower Village that serves adults 50 and older. FMI: visit www.kennebunkbeachclassic.com or call The Center at 967-8514.

STEAM To-GO Kits for Kids, hosted by Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main Street, Kennebunk. The kits include all the supplies for a fun experiment or activity. No registration required, available while supplies last. Kits will be available in the library and curbside by request. This month, kits will include all the materials needed to create butterfly feeders. Learn how to attract butterflies to your house with recycled materials, plus interesting metamorphosis and butterfly facts. FMI or 985-2173.

Hand-picked Book Stacks, hosted by Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main Street, Kennebunk. Would you like to borrow a stack of library items handpicked by a librarian? Let KFL choose for you. A KFL library card is required. FMI email ys@kennebunklibrary.org or call 985-2173.

Thursday, April 21
Wine On-Line, sponsored by Graves Library and Maine & Vine, 5:30 PM. Join in for a fun hour of tasting, information, and trivia. For April, it will be wines from France. Please call 967-2778 to register by Wednesday, April 20. . All participants are encouraged to purchase wine at Maine & Vine in Lower Village, Kennebunk or the Wine House on Main, Main Street, Kennebunk, prior to the start time.

Best Management Practices for Landscapers and Homeowners, Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road, Wells, 10 AM-12 PM. Soil erosion can affect new or established residential properties, causing problems with lakes, ponds, streams, and wetlands. Learn how proper site design, plant selection, and other ecological considerations can control erosion on residential sites. The workshop will also include information on regulations and permits, the importance of using appropriate vegetation, and tools for creating resilient residential landscapes. This course is intended as continuing education for Certified in Erosion Control Practices, but anyone can attend. Free. FMI wellsreserve.org/calendar.

Earth Jams Outdoor Family Concert., Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road, Wells,10:30-11:30 AM. Sing along with Matt Loosigian of Earth Jams, a folk singer, guitarist, and songwriter specializing in playful, funny songs about ecology and being green. Matt will work musical magic in this interactive show on the Laudholm campus of the Wells Reserve. Loosigian captures and holds attention with his dynamic voice and charismatic performance style. Kids sing, play, and dance along as this musical wizard pulls giggles out of his guitar. Free. FMI wellsreserve.org/calendar.

Friday, April 22
Kennebunk Land Trust Earth Day Online Auction Opens! The auction will run through April 29. View items at www.biddingforgood.com/kennebunklandtrust. FMI-also see www.kennebunklandtrust.com or call 985-8734.

Fiber Arts, Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Wells, 10:30 AM. Have you been crafting during the past few months? Join every Friday to show off your latest knitting creation, get tips on your crochet technique, and just chat with old friends and make some new ones. All ages & levels of ability are encouraged to join. FMI sclaydon@wellstown.org or 646-8181.

Earth Day Cleanup, sponsored by Saco Parks and Recreation. Seeking volunteers who would like to help clean up and prepare local parks for spring and summer. Duties will include trash pick-up, weeding, mulching, raking, etc. All volunteers will also be entered into a raffle to win prizes such as local gift cards and more. Register today at www.sacorec.com. Find additional information on page 9 of this issue.

Saturday, April 23
Birding by Ear, Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road, Wells,7:30-10:30 AM. If you're experienced with visual bird identification, this course will be a good next step in building your birding skills. $30/$25. Registration required at suzanne@wellsnerr.org or 207-646-1555 x116. Co-hosted by Wells Reserve and York County Audubon. FMI wellsreserve.org/calendar.

April Community Work Day: Earth Day Trash Clean-Up, The Mount Agamenticus Conservation Region, Mt. Agamenticus Road, York, 9 AM-12:30 PM. Meet at the summit of Mount A for this annual Earth Day event. The volunteer work for the day will involve picking up trash/debris along trail heads, parking areas and roadways. Please bring your daypack, hiking/work boots, water bottle, insect repellent and work gloves. Tools and equipment will be provided. Light snacks and refreshments follow the event. Youth volunteers are welcome, but must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Spaces are limited and registration is required. To register e-mail bjankowski@yorkmaine.org. Office phone: 207-361-1102.

Poetry Reading, Kennebunk Free Library, Walker Room, 112 Main Street, Kennebunk, 2 PM. Local poets will read their works and poetry lovers will read some of their favorites written by others. Call 985-2173 or email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org to sign up for a five-minute time slot.

Sunday, April 24
Bohemian Sunday Poetry Readings, Brick Store Museum Auditorium, Kennebunk, 1-3 PM. WePoets & Verse 's Madeleine Tunison, Patricia Davenport and Quincy Moy host this popular poetry series celebrating the love of poetry in the Kennebunks. Come listen to poets read their original poetry. Welcome Kate Cheney Chappell, Marylyn Wentworth, Paul Beach, Susan O'Neil and Helen Rousseau. Visit www.wepoets.weebly.com. Admission free.

One Hour of Kid-friendly Sweat and Flow with The Daily Sweat, 65 Portland Road, Building A, Unit D, Kennebunk, 10:30-11:30 AM. Celebrate our beautiful planet's clean, natural resources flowing with your family. All ages are welcome to this special day aimed at raising awareness about global climate change. This donation-based class benefits Laudholm Farm. FMI 569-0999.

Monday, April 25
What's Your Story? Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 7 PM. Each week, our library director Mary-Lou Boucouvalas sits down with a community member and talks to them about where they came from, what they do, their interests, etc. Tune in on the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library's Facebook page or YouTube channel, or watch on the Town of Kennebunkport's cable channel 1301. FMI call 967-2778.

Tuesday, April 26
Demystifying Sea Level Rise and Flooding Projections, Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road, Wells, 12-1 PM. This class will help participants to understand various sea level rise projections and how they can be applied when addressing coastal flooding. This course qualifies for continuing education credit. $10. Registration required. FMI wellsreserve.org/calendar.

Cribbage Game Night, Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Wells, 6 PM. Calling all cribbage players! The Wells Public Library is starting up a casual monthly game night. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome to come and play, watch others play, learn the game, or just kibbitz. FMI sclaydon@wellstown.org or call 646-8181.

Wednesday, April 27
"Financial Crimes" Series, Graves Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 9:30 AM. Did you know that the Kennebunkport Health Department is celebrating its 75th year in service to the community? As part of the celebration, they are hosting monthly discussions held at the Graves Library. For April, Candice Simeoni (head of elder crimes) and a YCEATF member from Kennebunk Savings Bank will be present. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday Walk, Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road, Wells, 11 AM-12:30 PM. Explore nature through a creative lens while walking a mile or more in about 90 minutes. Free. Registration required at caryn@wellsnerr.org or 207-646-1555 ext 110. FMI wellsreserve.org/calendar.

Portside Readers, Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 7 PM. Listen to stories, poems, tales, essays, drama, songs and more by the Portside Readers. Tune in on the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library's Facebook page or YouTube channel or watch on the Town of Kennebunkport's cable channel 1301. FMI call 967-2778.

Thursday, April 28
Conversational French Language Group, Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Wells, 6:30 PM. An informal approach to practicing or re-learning French. This week the program is going to be over Zoom. The group will alternate and next session will be in person. FMI cappleby@wellstown.org or 646-8181.

Evening Book Group, Graves Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 5 PM. To be discussed is *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. All are welcome to attend. FMI 967-2778.

Saturday, April 30
Climate Initiative Talk with Climate Scientist Katherine Hayhoe, Graves Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport. Hayhoe will be speaking live from Texas (via Webinar) about her book *Save Us.* FMI call 967-2778. See page 10 of this issue for further details.

Famous quotes about moms...

"One thing they never tell you about child raising is that for the rest of your life, at the drop of a hat, you are expected to know your child's name and how old he or she is. - Erma Bombeck

"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow." - Maya Angelou

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." - Abraham Lincoln

"If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?" Milton Berle

APRIL/MAY

Arundel Historical Society Baked Bean and Pasta Supper, Seashore Trolley Museum, 196 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport, 4:30-6 PM. All donations benefit the Arundel Historical Society. See page 11 of this issue for details.

Sunday, May 1
Opening day at the Seashore Trolley Museum, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Guests with a Maine driver's license get in for $2.07, and all guests 16 and under get in free. All guests will get a free ticket to enter a door-prize raffle for a chance to win prizes donated by the local community. To take advantage of the discount above, please purchase tickets at the door. 195 Log Cabin Rd., Kennebunkport, 207-967-2800, trolleymuseum.org

Monday, May 2
What's Your Story? Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 7 PM. Each week, our library director Mary-Lou Boucouvalas sits down with a community member and talks to them about where they came from, what they do, their interests, etc. Tune in on the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library's Facebook page or YouTube channel, or watch on the Town of Kennebunkport's cable channel 1301. FMI call 967-2778.

Wednesday, May 4
Nonfiction Book Group, Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Wells, 4:30 PM. The Nonfiction book group will meet in person - all are welcome. The pick for this month is *Bicycling with Butterflies* by Sara Dykman. FMI cappleby@wellstown.org or 646-8181.

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Thursday, May 5
Mushroom Foraging, Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Wells, 5:30 PM. Want to learn more about what bounties nature has to offer us? Come to this program with the Mushroom Hunting Foundation of Southern New England. They will give an overview of edible mushrooms available in our region, and how to safely forage for and prepare them. No registration necessary. FMI nkostic@wellstown.org o646-8181.

Friday, May 6
Great Decisions Discussion Group, Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Wells, 10:30 AM. Join with other community members and our facilitator, John Randazzo, at the library for lively and informative discussions on the major global issues of our time. This month's meeting topic will be Changing Demographics and Climate Change. FMI sclaydon@wellstown.org or 646-8181.

Astronomical Society of Northern New England (ASNNE) Monthly Meeting, The New School, 38 York Street, Kennebunk, 7:30 PM. The Business Meeting, also open to the public, commences at 7 PM. To learn of any last-minute changes to our May Meeting, or to find out if the meeting is in person or via Zoom, please email asnne.astronomy@gmail.com. FMI about ASNNE, including directions and events, or to contact the club, visit www.ASNNE.org.

Saturday, May 7
"We Are One" Fundraising Event, Flow Studios, 4 High Street, Kennebunk, 10 AM-5 PM. This tattoo fundraising event will raise funds to help the children of Ukraine. The rain date for this event will be May 14. FMI visit Flow Studios' Facebook page @flowstudios11.

Rock 'n' Roll Oldies Benefit Dance, Eagle's Hall, 57 Birch Street, Biddeford, 7 PM-midnight. This is the 19th dance hosted by the Oldies Dance Group. Tickets are $10 and sell out quickly, as seating is limited. FMI and for tickets, call Bruce Martin at 284-4692. See page 14 of this issue for story on the Oldies Group's fundraising efforts.

Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15 and 21 & 22
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"It's not what you say, it's how you say it."

"Sometimes you have to do something for others... even if you have other plans."

"Wait 'til you have kids of your own."

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"Sea of Stories: History Through Art & Archives" exhibit opens at the Brick Store Museum

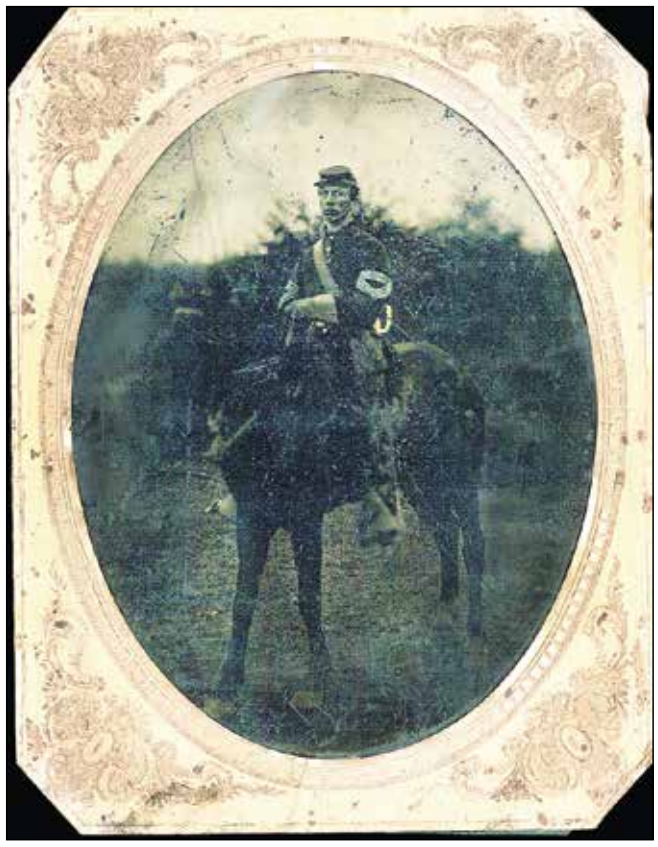
Step into Kennebunk's past through the "audio time machine" in the second-floor galleries at The Brick Store Museum at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk. The exhibition, titled "Sea of Stories: History Through Art & Archives," is now open and will run through December.

Using historic portraits and paintings from the Brick Store Museum's permanent collection, many of which are rarely on display, museum staff paired these portraits with archival documents (letters, diaries, etc.) – written by the portrait subjects – to allow visitors a peek inside the minds of historic townspeople. Volunteers from the Kennebunk community recorded audio performances of the documents.

When visitors use their smart phone (or a similar device loaned by the museum) and aim the camera at the accompanying QR code, the experiences and emotions related to the images and objects come to life.

For over 85 years, the Brick Store Museum has endeavored to collect, protect, and share individual and community stories. What better way to ignite personal connections to local history, art and culture than to hear the actual words of those who were here long ago? The artifacts on exhibit in "Sea of Stories" give context to Kennebunk's shipbuilding and industrial past.

The second-floor galleries are accessible by staircase. Further accessibility for the exhibit will be announced soon. The Museum is open six days per week (closed only Mondays). FMI visit www.brickstoremuseum.org.



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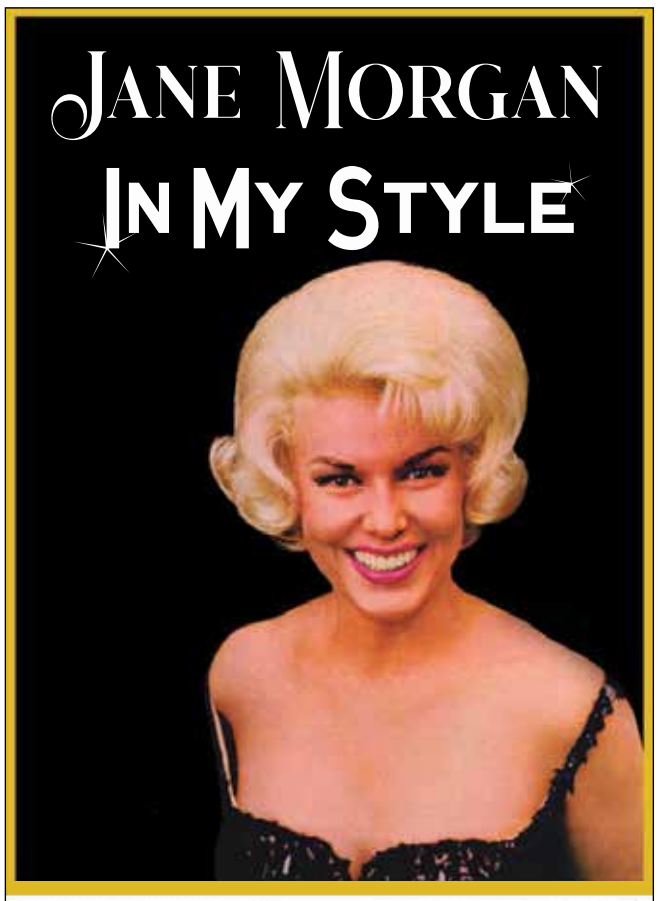

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"Meet me at the museum." Graves Library offers passes to area museums

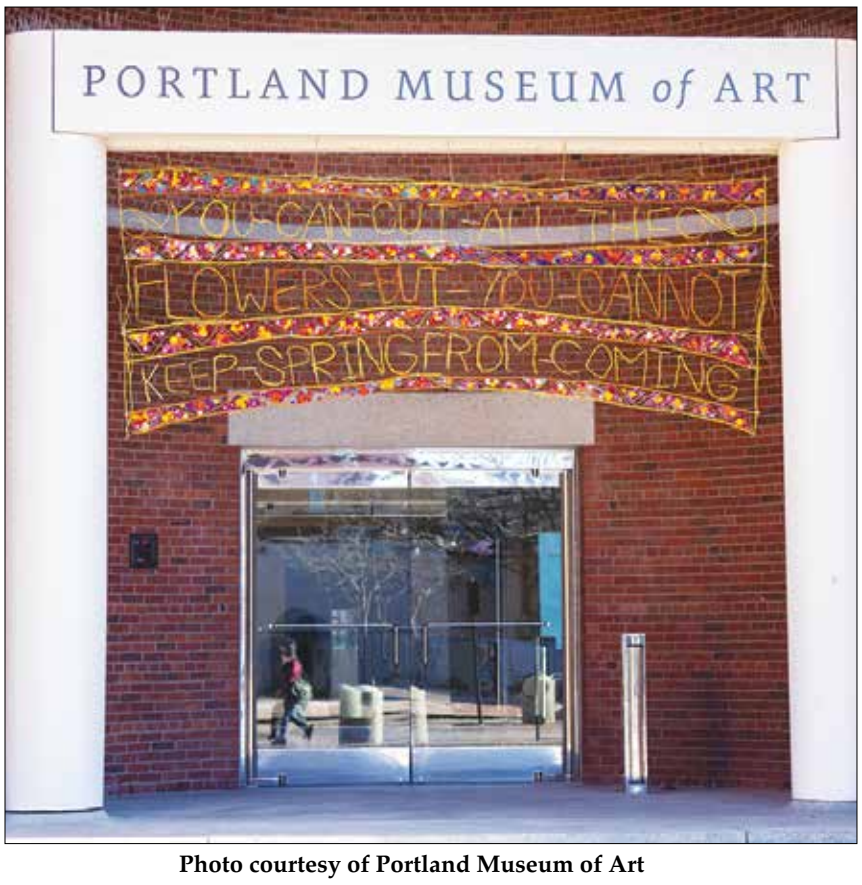
by Valerie Marier

During the Covid pandemic and subsequent quarantine, many of Maine's most popular museums and tourist venues shut their doors. They've now reopened and, thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library is offering passes to seven local treasures.

Starting May 1, all patrons and residents of Kennebunkport can call the library to reserve a specific day and pass to the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, the Brick Store Museum, the Portland Museum of Art, the Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine, the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and the Seashore Trolley Museum.

"We want all of our residents to experience these wonderful places again here in Maine," says Mary-Lou Boucouvalas, library director. "ARPA's grant continues for the next three years, and we are thrilled to share it with our community."

FMI call Kennebunkport's Graves Library (967-2778) to reserve your pass (one pass per family, per day, per museum).



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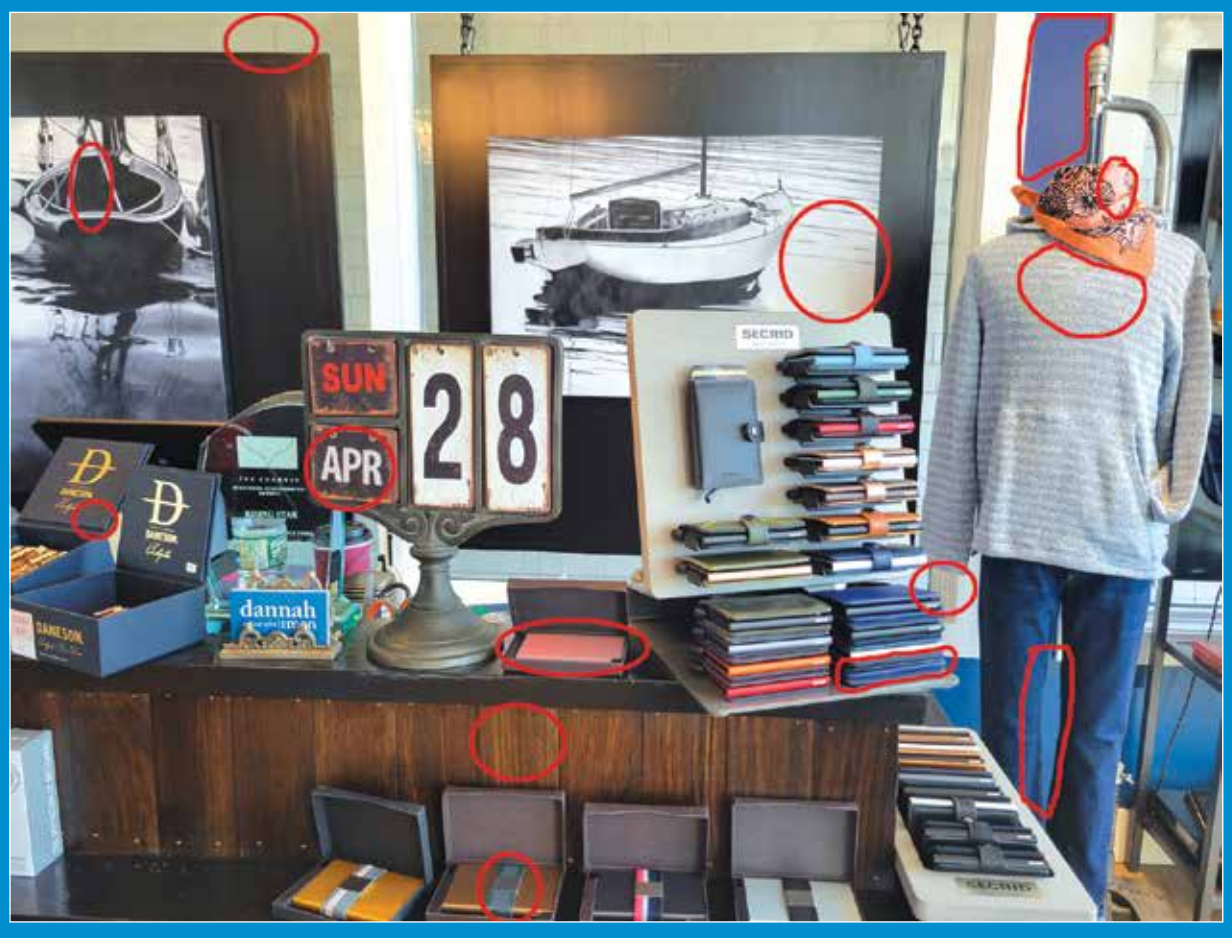

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Tide Chart
April 20 – May 4

Wednesday, April 20
High ..... 02:00 AM..10.56
Low ..... 08:24 AM.. -0.68
High ..... 02:42 PM....8.87
Low ..... 08:37 PM....0.40
Sunrise: 5:52 AM
Sunset: 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 21
High ..... 02:56 AM..10.24
Low ..... 09:23 AM.. -0.26
High ..... 03:45 PM....8.40
Low ..... 09:36 PM....0.88
Sunrise: 5:50 AM
Sunset: 7:31 PM

Friday, April 22
High ..... 03:59 AM....9.85
Low ..... 10:30 AM....0.14
High ..... 04:55 PM....8.11
Low ..... 10:45 PM....1.24
Sunrise: 5:49 AM
Sunset: 7:32 PM

Saturday, April 23
High ..... 05:10 AM....9.53
Low ..... 11:43 AM....0.36
High ..... 06:09 PM....8.10
Sunrise: 5:47 AM
Sunset: 7:33 PM
Last Qtr: 6:57 AM

Sunday, April 24
Low ..... 12:00 AM....1.35
High ..... 06:24 AM....9.41
Low ..... 12:56 PM....0.34
High ..... 07:20 PM....8.37
Sunrise: 5:46 AM
Sunset: 7:34 PM

Monday, April 25
Low ..... 01:14 AM....1.15
High ..... 07:35 AM....9.47
Low ..... 02:02 PM....0.15
High ..... 08:24 PM....8.81
Sunrise: 5:44 AM
Sunset: 7:36 PM

Tuesday, April 26
Low ..... 02:21 AM....0.77
High ..... 08:38 AM....9.62
Low ..... 02:59 PM.. -0.06
High ..... 09:18 PM....9.27
Sunrise: 5:43 AM
Sunset: 7:37 PM

Wednesday, April 27
Low ..... 03:19 AM....0.35
High ..... 09:34 AM....9.74
Low ..... 03:48 PM.. -0.19
High ..... 10:06 PM....9.64
Sunrise: 5:41 AM
Sunset: 7:38 PM

Thursday, April 28
Low ..... 04:10 AM....0.02
High ..... 10:23 AM....9.75
Low ..... 04:32 PM.. -0.18
High ..... 10:49 PM....9.86
Sunrise: 5:40 AM
Sunset: 7:39 PM

Friday, April 29
Low ..... 04:56 AM.. -0.17
High ..... 11:08 AM....9.63
Low ..... 05:12 PM.. -0.03
High ..... 11:27 PM....9.93
Sunrise: 5:38 AM
Sunset: 7:40 PM

Saturday, April 30
Low ..... 05:38 AM.. -0.22
High ..... 11:49 AM....9.40
Low ..... 05:49 PM....0.23
Sunrise: 5:37 AM
Sunset: 7:41 PM
New Moon: 3:29 PM

Sunday, May 1
High ..... 12:04 AM....9.87
Low ..... 06:18 AM.. -0.14
High ..... 12:28 PM....9.08
Low ..... 06:25 PM....0.56
Sunrise: 5:35 AM
Sunset: 7:43 PM

Monday, May 2
High ..... 12:39 AM....9.71
Low ..... 06:57 AM....0.07
High ..... 01:08 PM....8.71
Low ..... 07:02 PM....0.93
Sunrise: 5:34 AM
Sunset: 7:44 PM

Tuesday, May 3
High ..... 01:16 AM....9.46
Low ..... 07:37 AM....0.36
High ..... 01:49 PM....8.32
Low ..... 07:40 PM....1.32
Sunrise: 5:33 AM
Sunset: 7:45 PM

Wednesday, May 4
High ..... 01:55 AM....9.17
Low ..... 08:19 AM....0.71
High ..... 02:33 PM....7.94
Low ..... 08:21 PM....1.70
Sunrise: 5:31 AM
Sunset: 7:46 PM

Note: The number for each high and low tide indicates the height in feet above or below sea level. This chart shows tides for the mid-coast of York County; tide times are a few minutes earlier to the north (Old Orchard Beach) and a few minutes later to the south (York Beach). Tides are affected by the weather and cycles of the moon; the actual times and tide heights can differ slightly from the predictions above.

MOM
Happy Mother's Day

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Kennebunkport Recreation Coming Attractions

April 27	Zumba session begins for Wednesday class. Pre-registration or walk-in welcome.
April 30	Lacrosse, ages K-2nd grade $55-$85, depending on level and package Pre-registration required
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May 3	So you want to be a Beekeeper? Class $10, pre-registration required. Fee includes a beekeeper gift.
May 15	Field Hockey, grades K-6 $55, pre-registration required
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July 25-29	Slime Week Camp $280, pre-registration required
August 1-5	Marine Science Camp $430, pre-registration required

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Art Guild announces Art Event Week with demonstration workshoops

The Art Guild of the Kennebunks (AGK) is pleased to announce "AGK Art Event Week" Saturday, May 14, to Friday, May 20. The event includes the Guild's first art exhibit of 2022 in the Bauman Family Gallery of the Brick Store Museum. It also features three art workshops, demonstrations and "Used But Usable Art Supplies Sale."

The first workshop is "How to Draw Caricatures" presented by Steve Hrehovcik on Sunday, May 15, 2 - 4 PM. Participants are requested to bring drawing pad, pencils or pens and an "improver" aka an eraser.

The second workshop is a "Mat Cutting Demonstration" presented by Jan Van Tassell on Wednesday, May 18, 11 – 4 PM. For artists interested in framing their artwork, matting is a critical part of presenting art. Van Tassell will cut mats for people who bring mats and backing. Some mats will be available for purchase.

The third workshop is a "Plein Air Workshop" by Susan Hana. It takes place at the Brick Store Museum Program Center for Monday, June 13, from 1:30 to 4:30 PM.

The art exhibit and workshops are free, and the public is invited to attend.

Linda Van Tassell, president of the AGK, said, "We are very pleased to announce the watercolor *Spring Promise*, by Peter Hoff will be this year's scholarship raffle painting. The Guild presents a $500 scholarship to a graduate of Kennebunk High School who has demonstrated a talent and interest in art. Raffle tickets can be purchased at any of the Guild exhibits throughout the year."

The "Used But Usable Art Supplies Sale" consists of art items donated by Guild members which they no longer need, but are still serviceable. It takes place throughout the show. Sale items include paints, frames, canvases, brushes, books, matting and other art supplies. Proceeds from the sale goes toward the Scholarship Fund.

For more information check the AGK website www.artguildoftheken-nebunks.com or call (207) 324-0527.

***Spring Promise*: Framed watercolor painting by Peter Hoff is this year's artwork to be raffled for the benefit of the Art Guild of the Kennebunks annual $500 scholarship fund. Raffle tickets are available at each AGK art exhibit. The painting has a natural maple frame, size 20" X 27." Courtesy photo**

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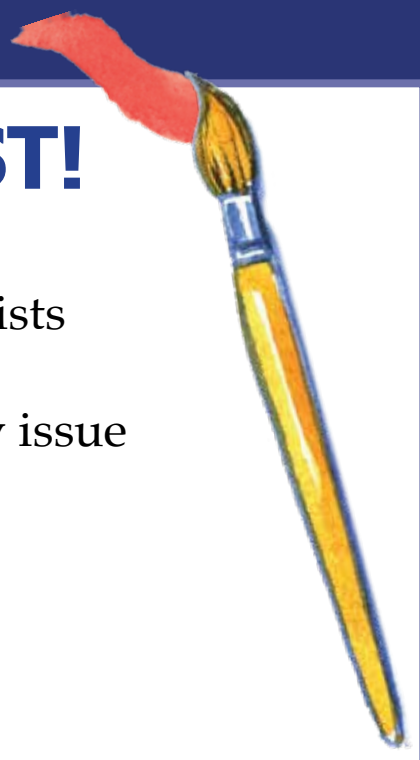

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La Dolce Vita

by guest contributor
Laura Dolce

Four years ago when we bought our current house, the market worried me so much that it kept me up at night.

So few houses were coming on the market, prices were high, plus we needed a specific type of house (ranch) that wasn't easy to come by.

By the grace of God (and our realtor, Judy Andrews!), we found exactly what we needed. And we congratulated ourselves on surviving a "tough" market.

Fast forward three years and I was helping Emily find her first home in the Hudson Valley, N.Y. The market was insane - multiple offers on properties, all above asking - and houses were staying on for only a few days, or weeks at most.

Emily's first offer on a house was something like $20,000 over asking and she still lost out, ending up as the backup offer on a house where people went $40,000 over and waived the inspection.

Things looked bleak, but Em rethought her price range and just a few weeks later found the perfect house. In her case, meeting and making a personal connection with the owner sealed the deal, along with a solid offer.

And the house she ended up with is truly perfect for her and Kelly, so we all said how great it was that she lost out on that first house after all.

Whew, we thought. Wasn't she lucky to survive this "toughest" market yet?

Fast forward to this year and things have gone off the rails. Realtor friends are begging for houses to come on the market, and working harder than ever before to help find their buyers a home.

Houses come and go off the market in the blink of an eye, selling for crazy high prices, with buyers waiving inspections, appraisals and the rights to their firstborn.

And, naturally, Sarah is searching for her first house, in the same hotter-than-hot Hudson Valley market where Emily lives.

Since she's been living home with us during Covid, some of Sarah's search has been in-person and some virtual, as Em and Kelly take us along via FaceTime as they move from house to house, room to room.

Our first in-person hunt a few weeks back involved one house that was so egregiously bad that all of us walked out, Realtor included, about 10 steps into the house.

It truly says something when the "best" house we saw that day we dubbed the "dead body" house and featured a bathtub full of dead spiders and lacy cobwebs hanging down about a foot from the ceiling all around the bedrooms.

A week later, following a virtual tour with Em and Kelly, Sarah put in a bid on her first house, in a town very near her sister. She was one of more than 20 to bid on the house. And like her sister, her over asking price bid was runner-up to one with significantly more money where the buyers also waived the appraisal.

In the weeks since, Sarah has re-grouped, rethought her price range and her expectations. She jokingly now says if the walls are standing and there's running water, that's enough amenities for her.

This week, via virtual tour by the intrepid duo of Em and Kelly, Sarah found the perfect house for her: priced right, sized right and in an ideal neighborhood in the town where her sister lives.

She put in an aggressive offer quickly and then waited through the weekend as many more did the same.

Today she'll put in her "best and final" offer - some 30% over asking - not knowing if it's enough.

And so we all wait, anxiety building. For Sarah, the source of the anxiety is obvious, between the crazy market, new homeownership and the financial commitment.

But now Em is freaked out, since she's the only boots on the ground, so to speak, helping Sarah - hundreds of miles away - choose a house.

And Dave and I (but more me, I admit) are a wreck, just watching it all play out.

While I couldn't imagine the market being worse than four years ago, last year made it clear that what we experienced was a cakewalk in comparison.

And I know Em was lucky, getting a house on her second bid, when some buyers have bid on literally dozens of homes.

The market this year, though, is simply insane, both for Realtors as well as buyers. People simply wanting their piece of the American Dream are forced to blindly bid time and again in a game of financial Battleship, hoping the next move will prove a hit.

Here in the Kennebunks, that means that more retirees can't find an affordable home to downsize into, and young families are forced to remain in the ever-shrinking rental market as home ownership grows even farther out of reach.

I know Sarah is lucky, in that she has a great job and can, in theory, afford a home in her choice of towns. But being able to afford a home and actually finding one when do many are scooped up by investors looking to flip properties I'd another thing altogether.

So for now we wait, and pray, hoping that her offer is accepted and that soon she'll have a home of her own.

And that all those searching find exactly what they need.

Laura Dolce is a former newspaper editor, longtime columnist and the executive director of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel Chamber of Commerce. She lives in Kennebunk with her husband and her dog Finn, one of her two daughters (thanks, pandemic!) and grandpup Bowie.

Rhubarb Berry Crumble

This easy dessert, breakfast, or mid-day snack celebrates the early rhubarb harvest and makes use of any berries you might have hanging out in the freezer. Use gluten-free oats to make it gluten-free. Serves: 4 to 6.

Filling:
1 pound rhubarb (about 4 large or 8 small stalks)
8 ounces frozen strawberries, raspberries, and/or blueberries, thawed and the juices saved
1/4 cup maple syrup (or more to taste)
1 tsp orange zest
2 Tbs tapioca starch (or cornstarch or arrowroot powder)

Topping:
3/4 + 1/2 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
2 T maple syrup
4 T coconut oil at room temperature
1/2 tsp cinnamon
pinch of sea salt

Preheat the oven to 350°F.
Wash and trim the rhubarb, then cut it into slices that are between 1/4" and 1/2".
Place the sliced rhubarb in a 9" deep dish pie pan.
Combine the tapioca starch with some of the thawed berry juices until the tapioca is completely dissolved and there aren't any lumps. Mix in the maple syrup and orange zest, then pour the berry mixture over the sliced rhubarb.
To make the topping, process 3/4 cup oats in a food processor to make a coarse flour. Add the cinnamon and sea salt, then the syrup and coconut oil, and pulse to combine until it forms clumps. At the end, add the remaining 1/2 cup oats and walnuts, and pulse just to combine, or mix in by hand - you want the oats to remain mostly whole.
Sprinkle the topping over the fruit mixture in the pie plate.
Bake for 45 minutes or until the topping is golden brown and the filling is bubbling.
Enjoy warm or cold!

Fun facts about *The Shawshank Redemption*

by Jo O'Connor

I love the movies. There are a handful of movies that I will watch again when they pop onto the TV, whether it's the first five minutes or the final ten. Those flicks are just that good. At the top of my list is *The Shawshank Redemption*, the 1994 sleeper classic. This 1920s prison-life tale was based on a novella (*Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption*) by Stephen King. It has become a cable staple, only to rise to be the most popular on IMDB's audience system and the most-rented movie of 1995.

Here is some trivia about one of the greatest movies ever made.

• The casting of Morgan Freeman went against what was written by King. Freeman plays Red, a fellow convict who befriends Andy and gives him guidance. In the novella, Red is a white Irishman. Obviously, Freeman is neither of those things. A bit of wit was rolled into the film where protagonist Andy Dufresne (played by Tim Robbins) asks Red why he's called Red, to which he retorts, "Maybe it's because I'm Irish."

• A young upstart actor Brad Pitt was cast in the role of the young convict Tommy. Then, *Thelma and Louise* came out. Just like that – "poof" – Pitt was thrust into the spotlight, and he decided to drop out of *Shawshank* to pursue other opportunities. Gil Bellows, who was making his film debut, took the role instead.

• According to maxim.com, Tom Hanks declined to take on the role of Andy because he was already committed to *Forrest Gump*. Tom Cruise also attended table reads for the role but turned it down.

• As one might suspect, most every King story takes place in Maine. According to yardbarker,com: "They did not actually go to Maine for shooting the film. The bulk of the movie was shot in Mansfield, Ohio, using the Ohio State Reformatory in the city for the prison in the film. Also, they didn't go to Zihuatanejo, Mexico, either. Those scenes were shot in St. Croix."

• The Academy loved the film more than initial audiences did. *The Shawshank Redemption* received seven Oscar nominations, including one for Best Picture. It did not win a single one of those awards. *Schindler's List* won the Best Picture in 1994.

• *Shawshank* has become a cable darling. By 2013, it had aired on 15 different basic cable networks and received as much airtime as any movie.

• In the film, Andy leaves a note and some cold hard cash under a white oak tree for Red that directs Red to their reunion in Mexico. Over the years, it became known as "the Shawshank Tree" and became a bit of a tourist attraction The 100 ft. oak was located in Monroe Township, Ohio. In 2011, the tree was struck by lightning. By 2016, strong winds finished the job of taking down the tree. In 2017, they cut the tree down and used it to make *Shawshank* memorabilia.

• Before this film, Freeman had never narrated anything. These days, we're used to Freeman's smooth, sonorous voice narrating a movie or TV show. Some of his better-known works include documentaries like *March of the Penguins*, the Steven Spielberg's adaptation of the classic H.G. Wells novel *The War of the Worlds* and Disney World's "Hall of Presidents" narration.

• "You can catch a glimpse of Freeman's son Alfonso in the movie. When you see mug shots of a young Red, it's Alfonso standing in for his father. You can see the family resemblance," according to yardbarker.com

• Director Scott Darabont loved the story and paid King for the rights to *Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption*. If you wondered whatever happened to the $5,000 check that Darabont signed over to King to get the rights to his novella? According to yardbarkercom, "King never bothered to cash it. Granted, he didn't need the cash by 1994, but King took things a step further. King framed the check and sent it back to Darabont. He included a note that read, 'In case you ever need bail money. Love, Steve.'"

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Neko Case
Thursday, April 28
Bending decades of pop music into new shapes, New England-based singer-songwriter Neko Case wields her voice like a kiss and her metaphors like a baseball bat.

Dionne Warwick
Friday, April 29
Dionne Warwick is a six-time Grammy Award-winning music legend who has recorded more than 75 charted hit songs and sold over 100 million records.

An Evening with Angélique Kidjo
Saturday, April 30
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Mid-Week Music covers Sir Paul

Mid-Week Music continues its mini-series of Beatles-related music this month at the Kennebunkport Historical Society's Town House School at 135 North Street.

Kennebunk musicians Dana Pearson and Andy MacLeod, after performing the songs of John, George, and Ringo, continue their fab series with another Paul McCartney show on Sunday, April 24 at 1PM. Songs will include Beatles and solo tunes, including "Things We Said Today," "Get Back," and "Hi Hi Hi."

Tickets are $15 for Kennebunkport Historical Society members and $18 for non-members, and may be purchased at the door or at kporths.com/buy-tickets. Evening shows are BYOB (21 and older only). For more information, email info@kporths.com or call 967-2751.

Andy MacLeod and Dana Pearson

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SIMON Says

Q: We are in our mid- seventies and are looking at what is a wild and crazy real estate market. Both of us are retired and are trying to figure out the best strategy to support our retirement during this time. One of the options that we have been exploring is a Reverse Mortgage. We know that this is not your venue as a real estate broker, but we have been reading your column for many years and value your perspective. Do you think that a reverse mortgage is a good option for retirees? Just wondering what your thoughts and advice is on this matter. Again, we know that you are not an expert in this but just curious as to your thoughts. Thank you, Bryan and Stephanie

A: Yes, you are correct. My knowledge and understanding of this option is fairly limited. I do have clients who have gone down this road and seem pretty satisfied with their options and results. I would recommend that you confer with a knowledgeable and experienced Financial Planner. It is truly a complicated process and you have to make sure that you understand all of the possibilities and results before you commit. I would also suggest that you talk to someone who sells the product who comes well recommended. But truly, the Financial Planner is your most important step to take.

Q: We bought our house eight years ago and are now planning to add some pretty extensive additions to the place. We have been interviewing and talking with several contractors and it seems that what we want to do is perfectly doable. The one question we have is about our Mortgage Survey. That was done when we bought the place and put in place by our lender. We have used this survey to help us plan and decide on what we can legitimately do with the property, Now the contractors that we are meeting with are saying that in order to make the right decisions and get permits from the town on the project we need to have a Boundary Survey done. I am confused. If our lender accepted and moved forward on our loan with the Mortgage Survey, why can't we use that same survey for the project. Seems weird and just an added expense. Calvin

A: Your confusion is pretty common. Most folks think that when they have a Mortgage Survey done that it gives them the total and complete picture of their property, That is not the reality. Your Mortgage Survey is an investment tool by the lender. It does not show the years of permitting that impact the property. It does not confirm the boundaries, right of ways, etc. that have been done over time. There are no guarantees with a Mortgage Survey. It is an overview. A Boundary Survey is what tells you the accurate story of the property which is what your contractors are speaking about.

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Spring is in the air! These early weeks before planting season is a great time to start planning your hardscaping. Award-winning landscape company in Ogunquit, Thomas Lynch Design, spotted this old iron fencing in our inventory and worked his magic with it.

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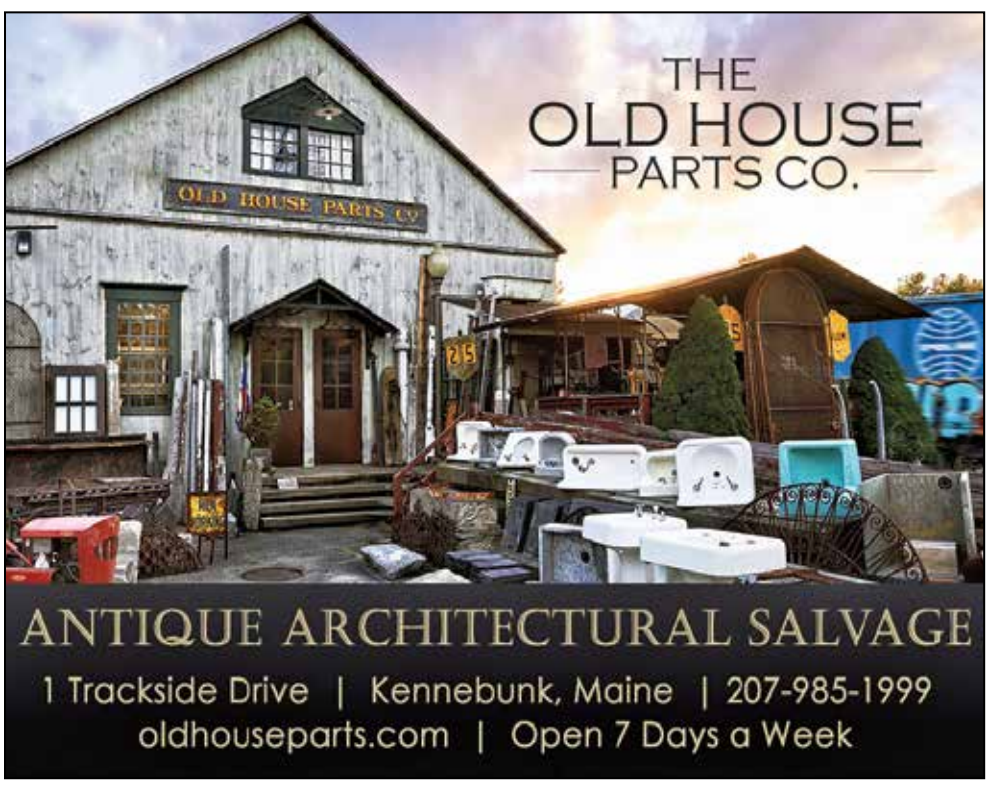

RESOURCES

Library Activities Spring 2022

ADULTS

The Evening Book Group, Graves Library, 18 Maine St., Kennebunkport. Meets the last Thursday of every month from 5 to 6 PM. FMI graveslibrary.org or 967-2778. Book Schedule: April 24 – *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. May 26 – *The Thursday Night Murder Club* by Richard Osman. June 30 – *The Lincoln Highway by* Amor Towles. July 28 – *The Painted Hous*e by John Grisham. August 25 – *Remember* by Lisa Genova.

Tech Help, Graves Library, 18 Maine St., Kennebunkport. Every weekday 2:30-4 PM. If you are having trouble with your phone, tablet, computer, printer, or audiobook downloads, stop by the Business Center for a Kennebunk High School student to help you. FMI graveslibrary.org or 967-2778.

What's Your Story? Every Monday, 7 PM, on Facebook, YouTube and local TV channel 1301. Interviews with community members. FMI graveslibrary.org or 967-2778.

Great Decisions Discussion Group, 10:30–11:30 AM, first Friday of the month at the library. Lively and informative discussions on major global issues assisted by a facilitator. FMI: wellslibrary.org, 646-8181. Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Rd., Wells.

Conversational French Language Group meets weekly Thursdays for an informal approach to practicing or re-learning French. Varies between in-person at the Wells Public Library and on Zoom only. FMI: wellslibrary.org, 646-8181. Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Rd., Wells.

Cribbage Game Night, 6 to 7 PM, at the Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Rd., Wells. Casual, all ages to play or learn. Free weekly event. FMI: wellslibrary.org, or call Stefanie Claydon at 646-8181.

Fiber Arts Group meets Fridays, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM, Wells Public Library. Open to those who embroider, cross-stitch, sew, weave or quilt. If you work in fiber and it's portable, you are welcome to join. Meets every Friday the library is open. All ages and levels of ability. Share ideas, inspiration and lively conversation. FMI: wellslibrary.org, 646-8181. Located at 1434 Post Rd., Wells.

Wishful Reading Afternoon Bookclub, 2–3 PM, on the third Tuesday of the month, at the Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Rd., Wells. All are welcome to join this new monthly fiction book group. The next book discussion will be about *Good Company* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. Reserve a copy by calling the library or using the online catalog today. No registration necessary. FMI: wellslibrary.org, 646-8181.

In Stitches, Tuesdays from 11 AM–Noon, in the Walker Room, Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main St., Kennebunk. Weekly handicrafts group will take place in person on Tuesdays at the library. Masks will be required. Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour. FMI: kennebunklibrary.org or 985-2173.

Tech Time on Thursdays and Fridays from 2–5 PM. Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main St., Kennebunk. Sign up for a Tech Time appointment, required. Check-in at the circulation desk. 45-minute appointments, discuss a small amount of issues. Meet one-on-one with a helpful librarian. Learn to download library eBooks or Apps, understand a new device, or troubleshoot a piece of software – the librarians will be your guide. Bring your device with you with any associated logins that might be needed. Also, when setting up the appointment, do your best to describe the help you are looking for. Contact us at 985-2173 x4 or via email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org to set up your appointment.

KIDS & TEENS

Story Time via Facebook and YouTube, Fridays 10 AM. Join Miss Lyn or Miss Terri for stories and a craft. Pick up your corresponding craft kit to-go on the porch each Monday before. Or phone to have one set aside. Graves Library, 18 Maine St., Kennebunkport. FMI graveslibrary.org or 967-2778.

Storytime at York Public Library, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:30– 11:30 AM. Enjoy stories, movement and have FUN! Find your story spot, meet new friends, and make a craft to take home. Suggested ages 3–5 with a caregiver. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register for each date you plan to attend. FMI: Email Katie Arey at karey@yorkpubliclibrary.org or call 363-2818, ext. 1013. Visit yorkpubliclibrary.org to register. York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Beach, York.

Special Crafts-to-Go from the Graves Library, 18 Maine St., Kennebunkport. Themed crafts available for pickup on the porch every Monday from 9 AM. FMI graveslibrary.org or 967-2778.

Miss Lynn Likes! Monthly inspiring program at the Graves Library for kids, featuring picture books author and retired literary coach Lynn Smith likes. Second Monday of the month; 10 AM on Facebook, YouTube and local TV channel 1301. Graves Library, 18 Maine St., Kennebunkport. FMI graveslibrary.org or 967-2778.

Mother Goose Storytime, Mondays, 10:30–11:30 AM at the Wells Public Library. Children ages 0-24 months and their caregivers are invited to engage in lap activities, rhymes, songs, and fingerplays. Free. FMI: wellslibrary.org, 646-8181. Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Rd., Wells.

Toddler Storytime, 1–2 PM on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Wells Public Library. Ages 2-5 years old and their caregivers are invited to meet us for stories, songs, and movement, all followed by a craft. Free. FMI: wellslibrary.org, 646-8181. Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Rd., Wells.

Lego and Rubik's Cube Club, Fridays, 3–4 PM at the Wells Public Library. Build master creations with Legos provided by the library. There will be Rubik's Cubes on hand with instructions on how to solve the Cube. All ages welcome. Free. FMI: wellslibrary.org, 646-8181. Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Rd., Wells.

Teen Paint, on the first Wednesday of the month: April 6, 1–3 PM. Wells Public Library. Kids in grades 5 and up will be trying a new technique with paint each month. Prepare to get messy and make something unique. All supplies are provided. Free. FMI: wellslibrary.org, 646-8181. Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Rd., Wells.

Teen Craft, on the second Wednesday of the month: April 13, 1–3 PM at the Wells Public Library. Stop by the library to try out a new craft! Supplies provided; you bring the creativity. Free. FMI: wellslibrary.org, 646-8181. Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Rd., Wells.

Teen Gaming, on the fourth Wednesday of the month: April 27, 1–3 PM at the Wells Public Library. Each month, they will have new competitive games for you to try your hand at – from board games to DS marathons to Nintendo Switch. Free. FMI: wellslibrary.org, 646-8181. Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Rd., Wells.

The Dragon Hunters and Treasure Seekers Guild. Meets weekly on Mondays, 3:30–4:30 PM, Hanks Room at the Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main St., Kennebunk. Join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Open to new and experienced players alike! You're welcome to bring in a character from a previous game, to make a new one, or to use one of the pre-made characters provided in the starter set. All other supplies will be provided.Open to teens ages 10 and up. FMI: call Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room at 985-2173.

Sunshine
on my shoulders
makes me happy.
Sunshine
in my eyes
can make me cry.
Sunshine
on the water
looks so lovely.
Sunshine almost
always makes
me high.
~ John Denver

Points of Interest

Beach Plum Farm, Rte. 1, Ogunquit. Preserved farmhouse and barn on 22-acre saltwater farm, near the Ogunquit River. Includes the Roby Littlefield Museum. Beach Plum Farm also serves as headquarters of the Great Works Regional Land Trust. Open dawn to dusk, year-round; free admission. No dogs. FMI gwrlt.org 646-3604.

Cliff Walk, York Harbor. One-mile walk starts at the public parking lot (parking permit required) beside the Stage Neck Inn, off Route 1A. Free parking available on Rte 1A. The walk winds along the edge of rock cliffs, and offers dramatic views of the crashing surf, and views of some of York's most beautiful estates. The trail is narrow and rocky, and without a guardrail in places. Rubber-soled shoes are advised.

Fisherman's Walk and Wiggly Bridge, York. The walk is three-quarters of a mile, and starts at the George Marshall Store on Lindsay Road, near Hancock Wharf. It leads through Steedman Woods Preserve to the Wiggly Bridge, a 75-foot-long mini-suspension pedestrian bridge, then crosses Route 103 to the Sayward-Wheeler House, and ends at Edward's Harborside Inn on Stage Neck Road.

Marginal Way, Ogunquit, is a one-mile paved walkway that follows the shore from Perkins Cove to Shore Road. A favorite spot for artists and photographers, because of its scenic overlook of surf and rocky outcroppings. Paid parking is available at Perkins Cove, and also at Obed's Lot, Cottage St., at the north end of the walk. Masks required due to narrow path. Benches and handrails not sanitized. Map at marginalwayfund.org.

Mount Agamenticus in York, elev. 692, (also known as "The Big A") is the tallest hill on the Atlantic seaboard between Florida and Mount Desert in Acadia National Park. On a clear day, panoramic views extend along the Maine coast, west to Mount Washington in New Hampshire and south to Boston. A variety of trails available for hikers and mountain bikers. The summit is a popular site in the fall for watching migrating hawks, including peregrine falcons, bald eagles and osprey. Access from Mountain Road, off Route 1. Parking currently limited. READ Covid-19 update and rules before you go. FMI agamenticus.org.

Walker's Point, the family compound of former President George Herbert Walker Bush, can be viewed from Ocean Avenue, Kennebunkport. There is limited parking along the road; best viewing and easiest access is by foot or bicycle. Follow Ocean Avenue, two miles from Dock Square.

Blowing Cave - and while you're there, check out the blowing cave, just a few feet from the parking area. The hollow, about eight feet from top to bottom, extends nearly l6 feet into the rock. It fills with the incoming tide, and when a big wave rushes in, the overflow gushes into the air with an explosive roar. An impressive sight at mid to high tide and awesome during a storm.

The Wedding Cake House, 105 Summer Street, Kennebunk, is one of the most photographed structures in the area. On the National Register of Historic Places, this distinctive Federal-style brick house was built in 1825 by shipbuilder George Bourne. Bourne added the lavish, ornamental "frosting" about 25 years later. It is a private home so viewing is from the roadside only.

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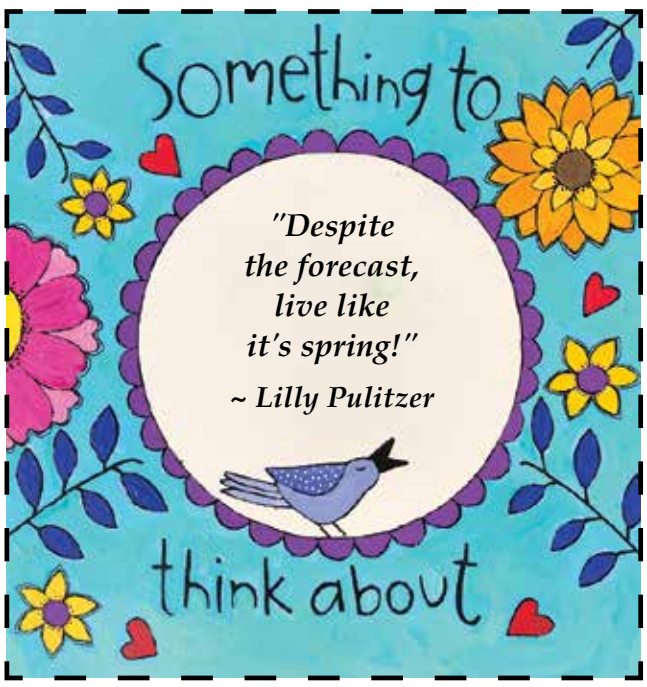

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With Photographer Bob Dennis

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