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This final issue of 2022

is dedicated to you

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Publisher's Note

Pinch me please.

Have we seriously sent another 21 newspapers and 4 magazines out into the world this year? Has it truly been five publishing seasons since I decided to try my hand at this new career? Could I possibly love what I do any more than I already love it? And the best part of it all?

I have SO much yet to learn.

Learning as one goes might not always be pretty, or fun, but I love that I still feel like a beginner – enough, at least, to wake up most days with a little buzz of curiosity, wondering what the day will bring, what I can learn and what new things we can do for this publication, for our readers and for our advertisers.

I mean, honestly, if we already knew it all, what fun would that be?

When I ponder this kind of sentiment, my thoughts invariably turn to my grandfather, who told me a thousand times over, "Never stop learning, kid." "Be a student of life," he loved to say.

Frankly, I'm not interested in a been-there, done-that kind of experience, one that lacks that almost-nervous kind of excitement buzz. Good news is, our Tourist & Town team isn't either. We have such fun brainstorming, testing out new ideas and expanding our vision for Tourist & Town's future – a future to which we are all passionately committed.

The difference between knowing it all and being a beginner is the difference between limited possibilities and endless possibilities – and I prefer the latter.

(My grandfather must be tickled.)

At this, the five-year mark, I can say that this experience has been a beautiful lesson in being okay with not knowing – in fact, embracing not knowing. It opens the door to yet another nugget to be learned.

Thank you to our amazing and talented team, to our loyal readers and to all the advertisers and local businesses who trust us to share their news and tell their stories. You have our promise that we will continue to learn, grow and serve you the best we possibly can.

Happy holidays and best wishes for a wonderful 2023.

Kingsley Gallup
Publisher/Professional Beginner
Tourist & Town

"Be willing to be a beginner
every single morning."
~ Meister Eckhart



Publishing Calendar 2023

Issue Date	Ads/PR Due	Issue Date	Ads/PR Due
February 2	January 25	August 3.....	July 26
April 6.....	March 29	August 10.....	August 2
April 20.....	April 12	August 17.....	August 9
May 4.....	April 26	August 24.....	August 16
May 18.....	May 10	August 31.....	August 23
June 1.....	May 24	September 14....	September 6
June 15.....	June 7	September 28....	September 20
June 29*	June 21	October 12.....	October 4
July 6.....	June 28	October 26.....	October 18
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Winter Wonders at Sandy Hill Farm

by Jo O'Connor

Looking for a fantastic winter outing for family and friends? Head to Sandy Hill Farm in Elliot for Winter Wonders 2022! The light show will deliver unforgettable memories and it is the largest walk-through light show in Maine, open from November 23 to January 1, with many evening times.

This light show guides you through a one-mile trail that winds through 14 acres of beautiful, enchanted hardwood forest decorated with more than 1.2 million lights. Most of the trail is on gentle, rolling terrain with a few minor elevation changes. It will take about an hour to see everything. Visitors can go at their own pace. The displays and exhibits

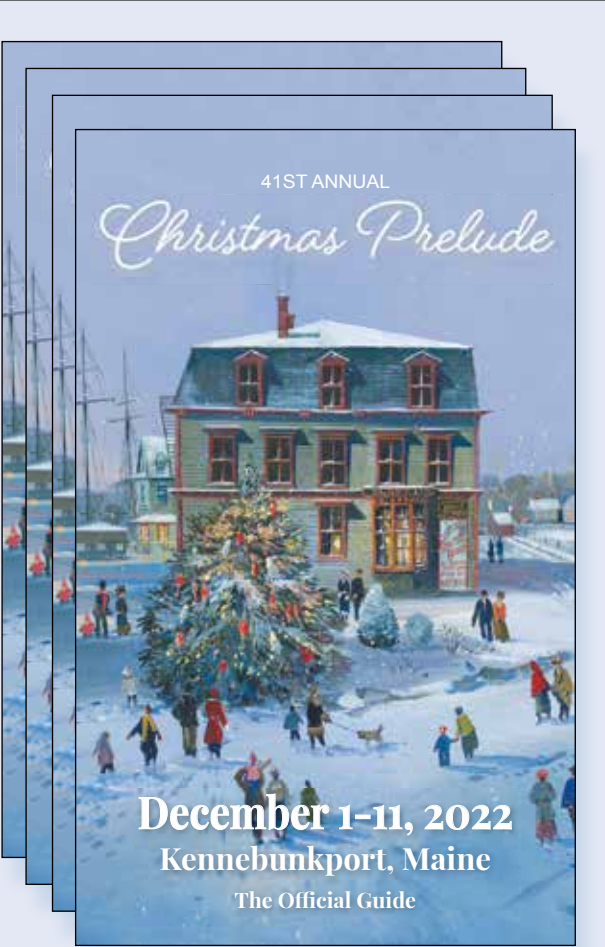
are illuminating, immersive, and some are even interactive. (Note: Trails are all compacted gravel so wheelchairs and/or strollers with all-terrain wheels should be able to navigate the paths.)

"We are so excited to invite people to attend Winter Wonders 2022. It is our biggest and brightest light show ever! At 1.2 million lights, it is the most illuminating and immersive show ever. You have got to see it," said owner Bill Widi.

Enjoy the one-of-a-kind, creative displays, numerous picture-taking areas and plenty of parking. Times start every 15 minutes and tickets are \$18 (3 and under is free). FMI: sandyhillmaine.com; 34 Sandy Hill Lane, Elliot



Sandy Hill Farm in Elliot will be aglow this holiday season. Courtesy photo



Be 'in the know' for Prelude!

On the following pages you will find a scattering of Christmas Prelude highlights and signature events, but it is the **Official Guide to Christmas Prelude** you need to pick up in order to be fully in the know!

Pick up a copy at your favorite Tourist & Town distribution site!

A holiday tradition continues at The Country Peddler in Wells

Sandi Johnson, the Country Peddler, passed away in August of 2022. Whether you visited the shop once



Sandi Johnson. Courtesy photo

or many times over the decades, Sandi considered you a friend and loved spending time with you in the shop.

Sandi's family and friends are continuing the shop's Christmas Open House which she loved to host every year. Come visit during Prelude weekend and share your stories and memories.

The Country Peddler is located on Harbor Road in Wells, just off Route 1 at the fire station. Don't miss this wonderful annual tradition!

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A decade of support: “A Place to Start” celebrates 10th anniversary

by Faith Gillman

When “A Place to Start” began offering services 10 years ago, founder Sally Tartre and co-founder Diana Dubea had no idea what the future would hold.

“The funny thing that Diana and I talk about is that we had no idea what we were doing but realized people dealing with a dementia diagnosis needed support,” said Tartre of the 501 c (3) nonprofit that came into being after the experience her family went through trying to navigate their mother’s Alzheimer’s diagnosis.

“I think we mostly concentrated on the day to day in the beginning. We literally started with one pen and a tiny office,” said Tartre. “We didn’t have a model to follow. There was, and still is, nothing out there like this.”

A Place to Start helps a growing, segment of the population—those dealing with dementia and Alzheimer’s—offering resources, support and socialization for caregivers and loved ones at no charge. Now located on Main Street in Kennebunk in a great space, A Place to Start has multiple programs, support groups, and much more. Governed

by a board of directors that includes community leaders and clinicians, the organization has a small part time staff and a group of volunteers who help organize programs.

In the beginning Tartre and her team concentrated on figuring out how to best assist families.

“We started by doing consultations with caregivers to help make a plan and connect them with vetted resources,” she said. “After about three years I felt like I wanted to spend more time with these families. We would do a consult and then wouldn’t see them again. That didn’t feel good. I wanted to be more available to them. I really like the Dempsey Center Model (dealing with cancer, non-medical treating the person and offering programs, support groups, etc.). I wanted to start offering that to our clients. Socialization is so important for the caregiver and the person with dementia. Fast forward to now and we are able to offer so much more. There is such a need for families to be around other people that are going thru the same journey.”

A Place to Start provides consultations with families, helping them

make a plan and connecting them with resources. The non-profit also offers programming and socialization, including luncheons, music bingo, support groups, and speakers.

“We are not an adult day program. The caregiver and the loved one with dementia come here together. We really are supporting the caregivers,” said Tartre. “It is a tough go for these folks daily. The number of clients coming thru the door has increased so much. We get referrals from neurologists, physicians, elder lawyers, and assisted living facilities. We have waiting lists for our programs and have done hundreds of consultations with families. Alzheimer’s is not whispered anymore. When we first started no wanted to say the word.”

Although she didn’t expect to be doing the work for 10 years, Tartre

is pleased with what has been accomplished.

“I am most proud of helping so many families. We started not knowing what we really were doing. What we did know is that families need support. Not much has changed for people who are diagnosed with dementia. There really isn’t much treatment and there is no cure,” she said. “It still feels as though society and the medical community do not understand all of the things that go with this disease for the patient and the caregiver. It has been hard to get people to understand the magnitude of the disease, until they are in it. I still feel this is an underserved population.”

While the work is rewarding, it does come with challenges.

“Trying to educate the public about what we were all about is one. Unfortunately, if you have not experienced dementia with a loved one or a friend you do not realize the magnitude of the diagnosis,” said Tartre. “Another is raising money. We don’t charge anything for consultations or programs, everything is free. We rely on donations, community support and fundraisers. Covid was hard because we couldn’t have our major fundraiser, but with that said, the community have been very supportive as the years have gone on.”

Tartre wants anyone dealing with Alzheimer’s to know a Place to Start can help.

“If you had a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s and

feel lost and alone come see us,” she said. “We are a very welcoming place. People are nervous about coming in but once they do they keep coming back. It’s a very upbeat environment and a pretty simple concept: We provide a place where the families going thru a dementia diagnosis are not alone. They share a meal, come to a music performance, attend support groups, come to listen to speakers, make friends and feel supported.”

Tartre and her team connect people with resources, follow the journey and are “in the trench with them.”

“People always say it must be depressing, not at all. We love what we do, it is such a rewarding job,” she said. “One of our clients summed it up the other day when she was leaving, “When I come to a Place to Start, I feel accepted.” We try to give clients and caregivers a couple of hours to have some fun surrounded by others going through the same journey.”



‘A Place to Start’ on Main Street in Kennebunk just celebrated its 10th Anniversary on Nov 12. The nonprofit offers free support services to families affected by Alzheimer’s and dementia.



FMI: A Place to Start is located at 41 Main St, Suite 2 in Kennebunk. To donate, call 207-502-7238, email info@aplacetostartfordementia.org or see APlaceToStart-ForDementia.org

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Our vendors will also be selling jewelry, art, photography, books, gift items – and comfort food!

One of our special guests will be The New School in Kennebunk, who will host a grab n' go baked potato bar fundraiser – with all the fixin's!

HOLIDAY DEPOT DAYS

Saturday, November 26

Saturday, December 3

Saturday, December 10

Saturday, December 17

Follow us on IG @touristandtown for updates and hours.

12 Depot Street, Kennebunk

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Holiday Showcase premiers at Brick Store Museum

The Brick Store Museum's annual Holiday Showcase is a month-long event which pays special homage to the region's independent artists and fine crafters. The Holiday Showcase will open on Saturday, November 26, and end on Tuesday, December 21.

Over twenty regional artists have joined the showcase to show off paper art, jewelry, basketry; custom drawings, sculpture, fiber and textile works, photography, handmade soaps and sachets, candles; accessories, wood carvings and more.

During the entire month, admission to the museum will be free courtesy of sponsor H.M. Payson, as a holiday gift to our communities. Visitors will be able to visit

the museum's newest exhibitions and shop for locally-made gifts and artwork supporting both individual artists in York County and the Brick Store Museum's educational mission in the community.

The museum also has an option for those not comfortable coming indoors. Artwork and special pieces will be featured on the museum's social media feeds and via its new online store, the Museum Mercantile, which can be found at www.brickstoremuseum.org.

The Holiday Showcase is open anytime the museum is open (closed only Mondays). FMI visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or go to the museum's front desk at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk.



Be sure to visit the Holiday Showcase, a celebration of local arts and crafts. Courtesy photo

Illustrator to read *Dasher* at Brick Store Museum

Illustrator Matt Tavares will visit the Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk on Saturday, November 26, at 10 AM for a reading of his children's book *Dasher* and a Q&A afterward. Tavares will be signing copies of *Dasher* and another of his books, *The Night Before Christmas*, and both will be available in the museum's store. This event is free and open to the public as part of the museum's Tree Lighting open house that day.

Tavares' work is featured in the museum's newest exhibition, "The Great State of Illustration in Maine," a collaboration with Illustration Institute. The exhibit features

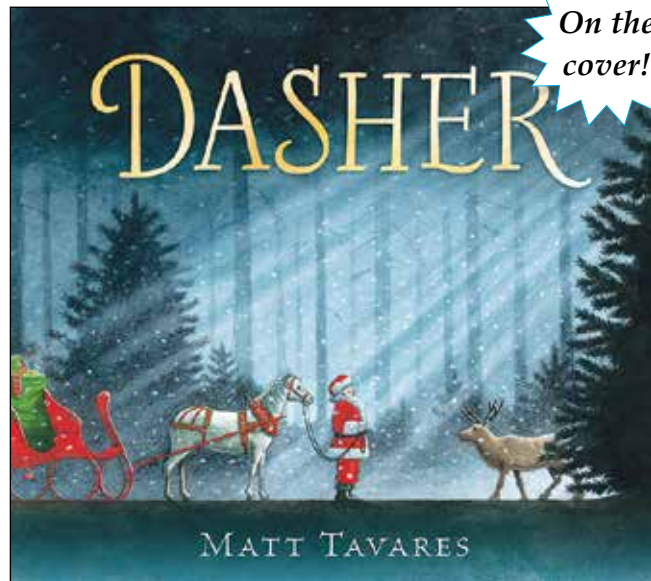
over 80 historic and contemporary illustrators who call Maine home.

With free admission for the month of December, the museum invites children to come enjoy its children's story times: Matt Tavares on Saturday, November 26, and a reading of *The Polar Express* on Saturday, December 10.

Visitors are also invited to explore the Holiday Showcase featuring Maine artists and crafters and discover new exhibitions.

For more information on illustrator visits and programming, visit www.brickstoremuseum.org.

"The Great State of Illustration in Maine" will run through February of 2023.



On the cover!

Author and illustrator Matt Tavares will be reading his book *Dasher* and signing copies of his books at the Brick Store Museum on Saturday, November 26. Courtesy photo



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All Aboard the Christmas Prelude Trolley!

Take an adventure to Kennebunkport this holiday season to enjoy Seashore Trolley Museum's Christmas Prelude Trolley Rides!

Operating on Friday-Sunday, December 2-4 and 9-11, take a beautiful wintry ride on the museum's heritage railway aboard heated trolleys decked out in live holiday greens and lights. Back at the Visitors' Center enjoy delicious hot chocolate, holiday craft activities for kids and kids at heart, roasting marshmallows and s'mores, and a gingerbread house modeled after our Visitors Center and trolleys on display!

Santa will be on campus and available for photos during the following dates and times: Sunday, 12/4 from 3PM-5:30PM, and Saturday 12/10 & Sunday 12/11 from 9:30AM-12PM and 1PM-5:30PM.

Tickets are only \$12/ person and children ages two and under are free.

This event will be held rain, light snow or shine. Due to COVID-19, the museum is only selling a limited amount of tickets for each trolley departure time to prevent overcrowding. A Mobilift will be available to help guests with mobility challenges access the trolleys.

Seashore Trolley Museum's heritage railway is approximately 3 miles from downtown Kennebunkport and does not connect with downtown Kennebunkport. Their trolleys are the real deal and operate on a railroad, not paved roads.



Trolley No. 434 from Dallas, Texas, is decked out and ready for passengers during Kennebunkport's Christmas Prelude Trolley Rides this December at Seashore Trolley Museum. Photo by Fred Hessler



Enjoy a heated, decked-out trolley ride with family and friends this holiday season at Seashore Trolley Museum. Courtesy photo.

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A Sampling of Local Tree Lightings

Kennebunk
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Celebrate the 34th annual “Christmas in Kennebunk” as Santa lights the Christmas tree. Enjoy free refreshments provided by local groups and merchants, caroling performed by the Kennebunk High School Chamber Choir and ice skating with Santa & his elves at the Waterhouse Center (weather permitting)

Kennebunkport
Tree Lighting Ceremony in Dock Square
Friday, December 2, 5:30 PM
& Friday, December 9, 5:30 PM
Tree Lighting Ceremony in Dock Square officially begins the season. Join in Christmas caroling with the Kennebunk High School Chamber Choir, followed by the lighting of the tree.

Ogunquit
Friday, December 9
Perkins Cove at 6 PM, Veterans Park at 8:15 PM

Wells Holiday Tree Lighting
Friday, December 2, 6 PM
Wells Town Hall, 208 Sanford Road, Wells
Wells' 3rd annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony includes a meet and greet with Santa, performances from the Atlantic Harmonies singing group, Touch A Truck, where kids of all ages will have the chance to explore a Wells Fire Truck, cookie decorating, ornament decorating, a hot cocoa bar and more! FMI email rkelley@wellstown.org.

West Kennebunk
Saturday, December 3, 6 PM
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Christmas by the Sea, Ogunquit Friday & Saturday, December 9 & 10

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Friday, December 9
6 PM: Tree Lighting in Perkins Cove
7-8 PM: Concert at the Ogunquit Baptist Church (Atlantic Harmonies Choir)
8:15 PM: Tree lighting in Veterans Park

Saturday, December 10
9:30 AM-2 PM: Artisan Craft Fair at the Dunaway Center
3-4 PM: Ogunquit Christmas Parade
4 PM: Bonfire on the Beach
4:30 PM: Fireworks on Main Beach
7-8 PM: Concert at the Ogunquit Baptist Church (Seacoast Men of Harmony)

Festival of Trees Friday, November 25 - Thursday, December 29 Saco Museum, 371 Main Street, Saco

The Festival of Trees at the Saco Museum is gearing up! The Festival of Trees has become one of the premier Holiday events in Southern Maine. Come vote for your favorite tree and try your luck at various raffle prizes. There will also be silent auctions for items featured on the Artist Tree. You could win a tree, gift certificates, dinners, local crafts, local services and more! Raffle tickets are \$5 for 3 tickets. Winning tickets will be drawn on Thursday, December 15, at 4 PM. All raffle and sale proceeds benefit the community programming efforts of the Dyer Library/Saco Museum. The Festival of Trees is free to the public and opens the day after Thanksgiving. Several special events including Children's Craft Day, Tea with Mrs. Claus, Visit with Santa and the Final Raffle Day will also be featured, so please mark your calendars. (See special events in the calendar in this issue.) FMI www.sacomuseum.org.



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I know what I'm getting for Christmas, because I already got it. A sheep dip. Let me explain.

But first, two notes: 1. A sheep dip is not something you bring to a cocktail party with a bag of chips; and 2. I am going to try my hardest not to make any sheep puns

in this column (wish me luck).

When it became clear that we wouldn't be able to swing a trip to Europe this past summer, Diane – you know, my wife – proposed a radical idea: that I head over to Britain on my own when she returned to school in September, so that I could visit our friends Harry and Heather in Wales. And, to make the trip truly

worthwhile (since she intuited I had long fantasized about this sort of thing), she suggested I go over for at least a couple of weeks and tie in some exploring before and after seeing our friends.

Best. Wife. Ever.

Because I was not keen on being away from her for so long, it took a few weeks for me to agree; however, as soon as I did, I dove headlong into plotting out what

Christmas came early this year

turned out to be a fantastic 18-day adventure, from which I am about to cull just one memorable event: the sheep dip.

Why focus on a sheep dip? Well, oftentimes the best parts of a getaway are the unplanned bits, and the two unplanned bits that stand out are: sitting in with the Dunblane Folk Club my first night, trading songs with locals for a couple of hours on a borrowed Martin acoustic; and witnessing a sheep dip. But since I've played music for many years and never seen a sheep dip, the sheep dip has the edge. So there you go.

Having flown into Edinburgh, I was spending my first several days in Scotland, which I had never visited before. One night was to be spent at Innishewan Farmhouse, a working farm on an 18,000-acre estate on the River Dochart in the Highlands. Lovely spot. Getting out of my car, I was greeted by hundreds of sheep that were penned in beside an enormous barn across from the guesthouse.

Great Britain is lousy with sheep, which is fine by me, as I find them amusing creatures, particularly when they baa in various pitches and keys. When I shared my views with Shona that afternoon, she told me that her sheep were scheduled to be dipped in the morning.

I was thrilled. A bona

fide sheep dip in the Scottish Highlands! I was going to witness "convenient and effective sheep scab and ectoparasite control" in action. This sort of thing happens just once a year. Could my timing be better? Could I be luckier? I didn't even know I had wanted to witness such a procedure until informed I could. Finally, my sheep had come in. (OK, that's one.)

After breakfast, I walked over to the barn, where one of the four sheep-dippers greeted me and led me out back (walking through substances that would remain stuck in the treads of my shoes until being rinsed in a puddle later that day) to their mobile operation (i.e., an especially large truck). There I was greeted heartily by Neil Fell, who owns the mobile sheep dipping operation based out of Durham in the north of England. He said his crew dips about half a million sheep throughout Britain every year – and today they'd be dipping a thousand.

Fell improved upon the historically time-consuming and messy operation by inventing the mobile rig that he allowed me to climb up on to get a good look. Maybe it's because my Uncle David was one, but I've always had a high respect for farmers and great interest in their routines. And here, in the country where the sheep dip was invented nearly 200

years ago, I got to see a modern version of one. Not your typical tourist attraction.

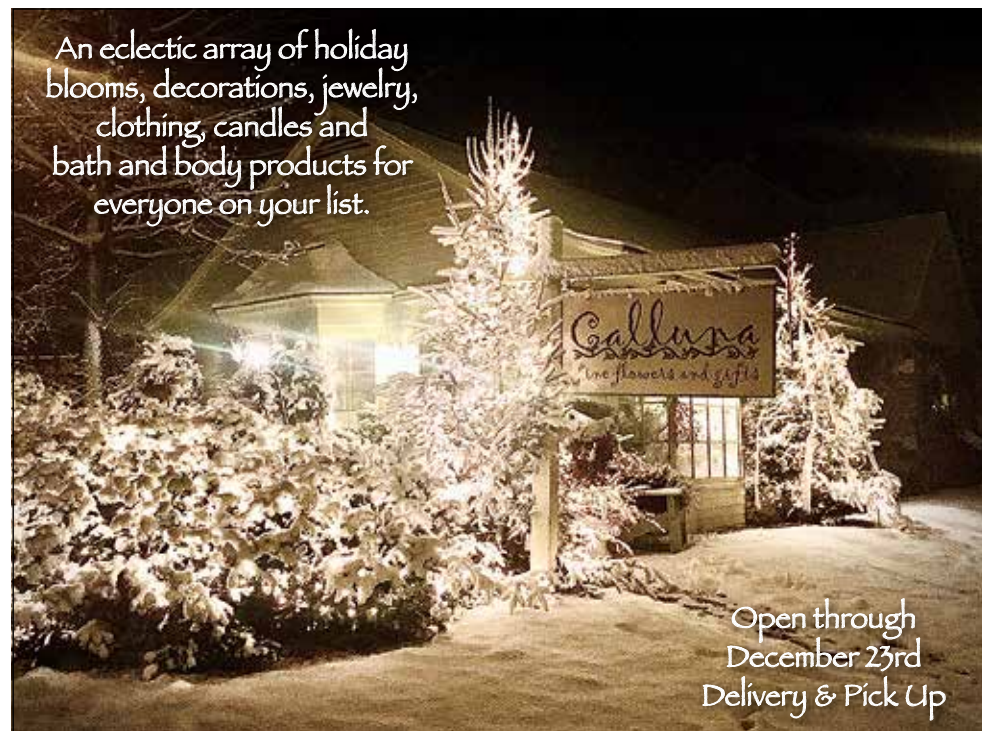
What happens is this: the sheep (most compliant, some ornery and confused) are corralled toward a single-track ramp leading up to the rear of the bed of the truck, where they're led into a cage until no more can fit (somewhere between 15 and 20 at a time). The cage, which takes up the back half of the truck, is then lowered like an elevator into the hidden tank of dip so that the sheep are completely immersed for several seconds. Fell raises the cage, then repeats the procedure a couple more times. (Sort of like what happens to Vesper Lynd at the end of *Casino Royale*, except that no sheep drown. Or have sex with James Bond. We hope.)

When the cage is back in its original position, Fell opens a rear door facing the cab so that the sheep may leap out gratefully, shake like wet dogs, and jog down another ramp so that they can return to their fields.

It was awesome. And yes, I am easily amused. The point is, I needn't play the childish game of wondering what I'll be getting for Christmas this year, because I unwrapped it in the Scottish Highlands. And that's not baaa-aaa-aa-aaad.

(Sorry.)

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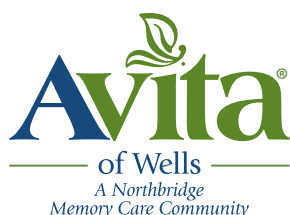
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Maine Women in the Arts announces award recipients

Maine Women in the Arts' annual Awards Show returned this year after a hiatus and was held September 30-October 2. Over 40 local artists participated in showing their best new work.

Artwork was judged in a variety of categories by professional artist Nancy Davison. Nancy is best known for her black and white linoleum cuts and aquatint etchings of architectural landscapes. She is a life-long volunteer in the arts and is treasurer of the Ogunquit Arts Collaborative/Barn Gallery and is a member of Boston Print-makers.

Five awards were presented by the judge and show viewers voted on "People's Choice." Mary Nickerson received the first place "Best

in Show" award for her oil painting, Barnstable Harbor. Second place was awarded to Norma Johnson for One Step at a Time and third place went to Mary Elizabeth Grady for Standing Together. In addition, Marie Wilson-Lago and Andrea Roth-Kimich both received honorable mention. "People's Choice" went to Ellen Pelletier for her pastel, Evening Colors.

The objective of Maine

Women in the Arts is to promote and give exposure to local artists and their work. FMI visit www.mainewomenarts.com.



Mary Nickerson's Barnstable Harbor



Norma Johnson's One Step at a Time



Mary Elizabeth Grady's Standing Together

Kennebunk Free Library announces "Student Images"

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its next Speers Gallery exhibit, "Student Images" featuring photographs by students around the world facilitated by Pic-

ture Pals, an organization co-founded by Kennebunkport residents Lorraine and Paul Star and their lifelong friend Joe Highland who "has dedicated his life to helping others to have a better future."

After retiring from teaching, Paul and Lorraine, who are avid photographers and travelers, decided it was time to give back. Through

Picture Plans, they offer photography workshops for youth in low resource and underserved communities throughout the world.

The exhibit will showcase Picture Pals' student work produced during workshops in Mexico, Afghanistan, India, Nepal, Cambodia, Liberia, and the Cherokee Nation.

The students who took the photographs are between ages 15-18 and, previous to Picture Pals, had no formal training in photography. According to Paul, the students "embraced the camera and the photography courses. They prepared themselves to give the world a glimpse into their soul."

The exhibit runs from December 1 to 31 in the library's Speers Gallery at 112 Main Street, Kennebunk. The public is invited to a reception on Wednesday, December 14 from 5-7 PM. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs. FMI visit www.kennebunklibrary.org.



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The Fair will benefit Welcoming Immigrants Our New Neighbors (WIONN), a local group that supports immigrants in Biddeford and Saco.

Special Offer - Not Many Remaining!

The Graves Memorial Public Library in Kennebunkport has a limited number of copies of *Kennebunkport: The Evolution of an American Town* remaining. This 400-year history was researched and written by local historian Joyce Butler and includes people, places and events that have shaped Kennebunkport over time. Please call the Graves Memorial Library at 967-2778 for more details. \$50 per set.



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Art Guild of the Kennebunks hosts Prelude exhibit

The Art Guild of the Kennebunks helps celebrate Prelude with an art exhibit and sale at the Masonic Hall on Monday, December 5, 1 to 4 PM and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 6, 7 and 8, 10 AM to 4 PM. The Masonic Hall is located at 10 North Street, Kennebunkport.

The exhibit will feature more than 100 original works that include oils, watercolor, pastel, pen and ink paintings, as well as photography, pottery, wood carvings, art deco and "found art" items.

Linda Van Tassel, president of AGK said, "The Art Guild of the Kennebunks is pleased to take part of the Prelude festivities by presenting the art works of its members. Many Prelude visitors have discovered these paintings make thoughtful souvenir presents to take home as a memory of their time in Maine. We welcome all to enjoy the free exhibit of all original works and wish everyone a Happy Holiday."

The forerunners of the guild began in 1980 when a group of gallery owners in Kennebunk and Kennebunkport gathered to promote the arts. They had their first exhibit the following year. When the group officially became the AGK, in addition to traditional paintings, it expanded to include photography, printmaking, sculpture, textile art, woodworking, pottery and mixed media.

Each year the AGK presents a scholarship to a Kennebunk High School student who intends to pursue a career in the arts. Funds for the scholarship come from the raffle of a painting which will be awarded to the raffle

Susan Hanna, winner of the "Best in Show" at the AGK Annual Awards Exhibit in October. Her oil painting is entitled *Over the River*. Courtesy photos

winner at the end of the exhibit. This year's painting is a watercolor entitled *Spring Promise* by award-winning artist Peter Hoff.

Attendance is free. For more information call (207) 324-0527.



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Maine News Briefs

by Jo O'Connor

A huge congratulations goes to Windham native Amy Allen for being nominated this year for the first-ever songwriter of the year (non-classical) Grammy Award. For the past five years, Allen has written songs for some of the biggest names in pop music, including Harry Styles, Lizzo, Halsey, Selena Gomez and Shawn Mendes.

A big shoutout to Topsham florist Wendy Herrick, who was selected from a pool of thousands to help decorate the White House for Christmas. Herrick has been a florist for 27 years.

The town of York was named one of the 50 best places to visit to in 2023 by the travel site Travel Lemming. The coastal town came in at number 15 on the list that includes destinations from across the globe.

Jim Quimby, general manager of Saddleback ski resort in Rangeley, was inducted into the Maine Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame in a reception earlier this month.

Actor and Kennebunkport resident Patrick Dempsey visited The Ecology School in Saco last week to meet with students.

Sources: Portland Press Herald, Bangor Daily News, WBLM

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Snap, Quack, Pop! A pop-up family

by Jo O'Connor

Things are popping this holiday season at Kennebunkport's Snap, Quack, Pop! (also, known as Just Ducky). The Livingstone family of four has been in the pop-up retail business for the past six summers, and have now permanently landed in southern Maine and New Hampshire.

Proprietor and mom Ann Livingstone (alongside her husband Robert) found a way to give their then two high school-aged children Parker and Cee some work experience as well as to spend some family time together. Thus, they started a six-year run of summer pop-ups throughout the country. Ann has a long history in retail and food industries including Starbucks, Nespresso, Teavana and Mario Vitaly. Robert is in the publishing business.

It all started in Surfside,

Florida, with a small pop-up location that Robert secured with a handshake deal.

"And so the story begins: this is not a success story or one of marketing cleverness but just a family project that grew. Starting in high school, the kids were in charge of the themes. One year, the focus was candy and ice cream and ducks. Another year, sea-themed stuffed animals and of course, ducks. As they grew older, they enlisted the help of college roommates and the themes changed slightly. The stores grew up and so

did they. It was a wonderful bonding experience for us all," said Livingstone.

Over the following years, they have run summer pop-ups in Bay Harbor, FL, Brooklyn, NY, Old Saybrook, CT, Bristol, RI and Watch Hill, RI.

Now that Ann Livingstone has retired, she is working with the family on the 350 sq. ft. Kennebunkport novelty store.

"Retro/Nostalgia is our thing! Retro candy, recycled Legos made into jewelry and ornaments, stocking stuffers, bath bombs, tarot cards, journals and Harry Potter/Star Wars/

Marvel merchandise. And ducks! Ducks from all over the world in all sizes and themes... We cater to ages 1 to 100," said Livingstone.

And if that weren't enough, the Livingstones are opening a new Snap, Quack and Pop! 975-square-foot store in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. It opens on November 25 (seven days a week) at 123 Market Street from 10 AM- 6 PM year-round. It is the largest the "Squishables" (the trendy soft stuffed animals) store in New England.

For the Kennebunkport location, the winter hours are 10 AM-6 PM through the end of the year: closed Tuesday and Wednesday. FMI: 24 Ocean Avenue, Kennebunkport; (401) 306-8305



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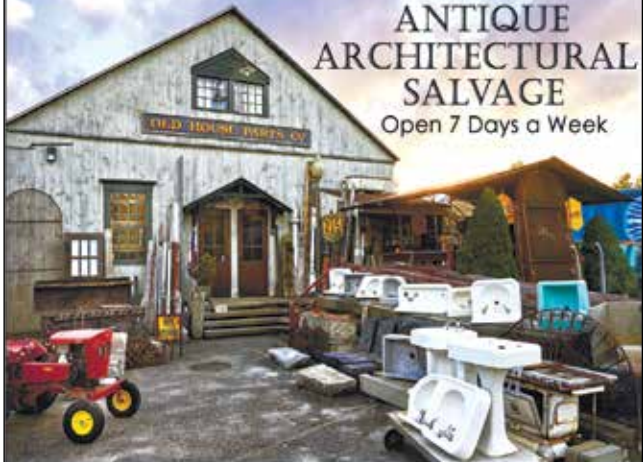
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Rob Coburn has a gray beard and a dog named Hoho but don't look for him as a mall Santa. The beard comes with age (and balding) and the puppy came with his name from the AWS. He's thankful to write about what he likes, good food and drink, and the craftspeople in our community.



Faith Gillman is happiest when she's able to share the stories of the people and places that make Maine the best place to be in every season, and is truly thankful to be part of the Tourist & Town team. faith@touristandtown.com



Steve Hrehovcik wishes everyone a happy holiday and a great new year with family and friends... and thanks for reading.



Val Marier can't wait for the first snow, a long winter's nap by the fire with our kitty Sunshine on her lap, and then the sunny shores of Vero Beach.



I love this time of year -- Sweatah Weathah. Whether it's light cotton, merino wool or classic cashmere, I'm in. Oh yeah, I am obsessed with shawls, scarfs and hats too. #feelingcozy



Last we heard, Dana Pearson is still a writer and musician living in Kennebunk. His books are often found at amazon.com/author/danapearson.



TOURIST & TOWN'S KITCHEN TALK

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THE MOST FAMOUS CROCKPOT DISH OF ALL TIME: THE MISSISSIPPI ROAST

A little history first: A Mississippi lady named Robin Chapman got creative one day and put her chuck roast in a crockpot, topping it off with a packet of dry ranch dressing mix plus a packet of "au jus" gravy, a stick of butter and a few pepperoncini. (It was a variation of a recipe she learned from her aunt who always used packaged Italian dressing. Ms. Chapman wanted something milder so she swapped out the Italian for the ranch.)

She set the slow cooker on low, walked away, and returned to her kitchen several hours later where she discovered her family had ransacked the crockpot and devoured the meat with gusto. ("It smelled so good!")

Several years later Ms. Chapman contributed her recipe to a cookbook being put together by the Beech Hill Church of Christ in Ripley, Mississippi. A congregant's niece tried the recipe on her husband who declared it "the best roast in the world." The recipe started to be shared by folks on Pinterest, Facebook and Twitter. A blogger heard about it, and renamed it the Mississippi Roast.

6-8 servings

Ingredients:
1 boneless chuck roast or top or bottom round roast (3-4 pounds)
2 tsp. kosher salt
1 1/2 tsp. fresh ground pepper
1/4 cup all purpose flour
3 tbsp. neutral oil (i.e. canola)
6 tbsp. unsalted butter
8-12 pepperoncini
2 tbsp. mayo
2 tsp. apple cider vinegar
1/2 tsp. dried dill
1/4 tsp. sweet paprika
1 tsp. buttermilk (optional)
Chopped parsley for garnish

Directions:
Place roast on a cutting board and rub salt/pepper all over it.
Sprinkle flour over roast and massage into the flesh.
Heat oil in a large saute pan over high heat until it's shimmering.
Place roast in the pan and brown on all sides, 4-5 minutes a side, to create a crust.
Remove roast from pan and place in a slow cooker (crockpot).
Add butter and pepperoncini to the meat. Put lid on cooker and set to low.
As roast heats, make a ranch dressing (combine mayo, vinegar, dill and paprika in small bowl, whisk to emulsify. Add buttermilk, if using, and whisk again.
Add dressing to crockpot.
Cook (with lid on) 6-8 hours or until you can shred meat easily using 2 forks. Mix the meat with the gravy surrounding it.
Garnish with parsley and serve with egg noodles or roast potatoes.

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN TACO SOUP

(Thank you, Paula Deen)

Serves 8

Ingredients:
1 onion, chopped
1 16-oz. can chili beans
1 15-oz. can black beans
1 15-oz. can whole kernel corn, drained
1 8-oz. can tomato sauce
1 (12 fluid ounces) can or bottle of beer
1 10-oz. cans diced tomatoes with green chiles, undrained
1 1.25-oz. package taco seasoning
3 whole skinless and boneless chicken breasts
Shredded Cheddar cheese
Sour cream
Crushed tortilla chips

Directions:
Place onions, beans, corn, tomato sauce, beer and diced tomatoes in slow cooker. Add taco seasoning and stir to blend. Layer chicken breasts on top of the mixture, pressing down slightly until just covered by the other ingredients. Set cooker to low heat, cover, cook for 5 hours.
Remove chicken breasts from the soup and let cool so you can shred.
Add shredded breasts back to soup.
Continue cooking for 2 hours.
Served topped with shredded Cheddar, a dollop of sour cream and crushed tortilla chips.

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STUFFED ACORN SQUASH

This is Mary Louise Norton's favorite winter dinner. Before settling in Kennebunkport, ML was a confirmed New Yorker who served this delicious dish at many of her candle-lit Manhattan soirees.

Serves 4

Ingredients:
3 shallots
2 slices of bacon
1 carrot and 1 celery stalk, diced
1/2 cup shelled pistachios
1 cup chicken breast diced into bite-size pieces and marinated in 1/2 cup vermouth
2 acorn squashes (halved, cored, then microwaved 12-15 minutes)
1 1/2 cups mushrooms, sliced, browned in a little butter
1-2 cups cream

Directions:
Mince and cook shallots and bacon in butter for 5 minutes.
Add carrots, celery and pistachios and cook for 5-10 minutes.
Add marinated chicken pieces and cook for 10 minutes.
Combine all ingredients (including browned mushrooms) EXCEPT squash. Put in colander above a saucepan. Remove when drained. Keep warm.
Make a roux with 2 tbsp. butter and 2 tbsp. flour, cook 7 minutes.
Add enough cream to thicken (not too soupy).
Add chicken/vegetable mix to roux, and scoop into the cooked squashes.
Serve and enjoy.

CASSEROLE CURIOSITIES

Casserole is a French word meaning "sauce pan" which actually refers to a large deep dish used to cook in the oven and to serve the food cooked in it. The word derives from "cassa" (French) and "cattia" (Latin), both meaning to "ladle."

Macaroni and cheese is the oldest written casserole recipe, found in 1250. Early casseroles were rice-based that were pounded and pressed, then filled with a savory mixture of meats, such as chicken or sweetbread.

Immigrants to America introduced their love of casseroles in the late 19th century. Food costs with casseroles were economical, eating was communal, and it efficiently filled bellies.

In 1915, Bessie Littleton wanted a better pan for cooking. She told her husband (a physicist who worked at Corning Glass Works) if he had any ideas. Apparently, he did. The next day he came home with a sawed-off bottom of a battery jar made of a special shatter-resistant glass, used by railroads. It worked — and Pyrex was born and became the staple casserole dish used today.

In the 1950s, casserole meals were simplified thanks to Campbell's canned goods. One of the most popular was and is the green bean casserole using green beans and cream of mushroom soup.

INSTANT POT CORNERED BEEF

6 servings

Ingredients:
1 large onion, cut into wedges
1 2-lb. cornered beef brisket with seasoning packet
4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 small head cabbage, cored and cut into wedges
1 lb. baby potatoes, halved
4 medium carrots, sliced
3 tbsp. olive oil
Kosher salt
Fresh ground pepper

Directions:
Place onion in bottom of a 6-quart Instant Pot. Put brisket on top and add seasoning packet. Pour in broth and seal lid. Set to pressure cook on high for 90 minutes.
Follow manufacturer's guide for quick release, then remove cornered beef and onions from pot. Keep remaining cooking liquid inside pot. Cover beef and keep warm.
Add cabbage, potatoes, carrots and oil to pot. Season with salt and pepper, then seal lid. Set to pressure cook on high for 4 minutes.
Follow manufacturer's guide for quick release, then remove lid and serve vegetables with cornered beef. Garnish with parsley and spoon additional cooking liquid over beef, if desired.

Prelude Activities for all ages at the Kennebunkport Historical Society

With the help of local donors, volunteers, and 70th Anniversary Season sponsors, The Kennebunkport Historical Society invites you to join in the celebration of the season with many events and activities. Sponsored by Kennebunk Savings Bank, the Annual Prelude

Gala at White Columns, 8 Maine Street, Kennebunkport (aka "The Nott House"), Thursday, December 1, 6PM. The gala will feature live piano music by Katherine Mayfield, champagne & punch, passed hors d'oeuvres and desserts. The 1853 historic mansion will be "decked out" for the holidays. The volunteer decorators will be competing for "best space." For \$1 donation, guests of the house and online voters will determine the outcome. The raised monies will be split between the Society and the winning designers.

Tours of the historic mansion will be conducted throughout Prelude (times vary and are listed on the website (www.kports.com)). Advanced tickets are available for the special Candlelight Tours featured on Fridays and Saturdays of Prelude. All other tickets can be purchased in the gift shop 15 minutes prior to the desired tour. Walking tours may be added based on weather.

Friday & Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons, White Columns will have cozy firepits on the patio. Warm beverages and snacks will be available in the gift shop. Fireside seats are first come and first serve. On December 11, the Society welcomes dogs to the firepits from 1-4PM for a fun twist on our ongoing "Tea & Tales," this time: "Tea and TAILS" (this is not a ticketed event). End of the season sale will be featured all afternoon on Sunday, December 11.

Make memories with your children this year! Don your white gloves and festive hats (optional) and bring your children to a special "Tea and Tales" just for them. On Sunday, December 4, at 4PM, visit White Columns for a Victorian inspired children's tea. The tea will feature delicious mini sandwiches and homemade treats. Local children's book authors will read from their books and share some local history with the children. This special tea has limited seating and is appropriate for children ages 5-12. Please reserve your spots early.

Mrs. Claus will visit the Society's Town House School for Christmas Cookie Decorating. Bring your children between 1 & 3PM on Saturdays, December 3 & 10, to visit Mrs. Claus and design cookies with a variety of toppings. Admission is free to see Mrs. Claus. Cookie decorating is an additional fee.

The Town House School will be alive with music this Christmas season with Dan Blakeslee on Sunday, December 4, at 4 PM. Dana Pearson, Mark Gunter, and John Kumnick will return for their second annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 7 at 5 PM and Sunday, December 11 at 1 PM.

Grab your girlfriends and decorate a wreath with a very special "Girl's Night Out" at the Town House School. Wallingford Farms has sponsored this event. The ticket price includes all materials. The above concerts and Girls Night Out are BYOB, and therefore, 21 and over only.

"Walk to Bethlehem," once held at the Captain Lord Mansion, will begin this year at White Columns at 4PM on Wednesday, December 7. The half-mile walk around the block will feature other neighborhood stops and culminate at the South Congregational Church.

The 2nd Annual Raffle includes wonderful gifts donated by local sponsors. Raffle tickets are on sale by calling the Society at 207-967-2751, emailing director@kports.com, or online at KportHS.com. Details about the raffle, Prelude activities and tickets, property rentals, tours, education programs, membership and much more can be found at KportHS.com.

The mission of the Kennebunkport Historical Society is to protect, preserve, and share the unique history of Kennebunkport, Maine. It is with deep appreciation that the Society honors this year's sponsors: Gold: Kennebunk Savings; Silver: Wallingford Farms, Man with the Golden Pen, Garthwaite Energy; Bronze: Nonantum, KRC, Revelations Gifts, Dawn and Mark Werner, Robert and Linda Zuke and family; Friends of KHS: Doucet Survey, Tara Scopelliti.

Ogunquit Performing Arts announces 21st Annual Classic Film Festival

As the holiday season approaches, Ogunquit Performing Arts announces the December schedule for its 21st Classic Film Festival, a Sunday afternoon alternative for those whose tastes run to classic films of music and dance rather than football.

The three December films offer classical music and jazz informed ballets, which will appeal to viewers of all ages. Screened at the Dunaway Center's community auditorium, 23 School Street, Ogunquit, Maine, Sunday afternoons at 2 PM on December 4, 11 and 18, the following films are announced:

American In Paris (1951) December 4

This film, based on a story and screenplay by Alan Jay Lerner and performed in the post-war backdrop of Paris, stars dancers Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. A love won, lost, and won again plot is the theme of this film of fantastic Kelly dance sequences, a jazz influenced orchestral piece by Gershwin, and an 18-minute closing ballet extravaganza symbolizing the entire courtship of the two stars.

Tales of Beatrix Potter (1971) December 11

This live action film adapts the stories of the beloved author Beatrix Potter into a full-fledged ballet performance danced by various stars of London's

Royal Ballet, whereby Potter's creations come dancing to life, with an all-music soundtrack. Choreographed by Frederick Ashton, the dancers' fanciful characterizations of mice, ducks, frogs and squirrels lend an authenticity that separates the performance from typical ballet fare.

The Sleeping Beauty (1972) December 18

This film captures the live performance of Tchaikovsky's three-act ballet performed by The National Ballet of Canada. The production stars Veronica Tennant as Princess Aurora, and ballet superstar Rudolf Nureyev as Prince Florimund, who also choreo-

graphed after Marius Petipa. The story it tells is based on a child's fairy tale written by French writer Charles Perrault in 1697, as one of the Mother Goose Tales. One of the most spectacular styles of dancing of the 19th century, it remains a current staple of most classical ballet companies.

The Sunday afternoon series, offered most weekends from November through May (except designated holidays), is a great opportunity for fellowship with friends and family, and provides antidote to winter's cabin fever malaise.

Admission, parking and popcorn are free. FMI www.ogunquitperformingarts.org

Boy Scout troop and American Legion hold flag retirement service

Recently Boy Scout Troop 304 and American Legion, Webber-Lefebvre Post #74, both of Kennebunk, held a joint US Flag Retirement Service on the Post grounds.

When U.S. flags become unfit for further use, they are retired. Three members of the Scout Troop participated in an opening ceremony dedicated to our flag followed by a prayer offered by the Post Chaplain.

After the retirement of the flags a closing prayer was recited and taps was played by the Troop's bugler. A luncheon was held at the post headquarters for all of the participants and those in attendance



The joint US Flag Retirement Service. Courtesy photo

after the activity.

Boy Scout Troop 304 has a very active schedule and members enjoy indoor and out of doors activities. The troop is always open to new participants interested in the scouting journey. Post 74, active in many Veteran situations and local activities, encourages participation open to all veterans.

FMI, you may include Jon Janiak, Asst. Scoutmaster, (207) 450-8743 and Don Burgess, Scoutmaster, (207) 468-9845.

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Q: We are working toward selling our house in the next while. A major expense we are finding is replacing all of the kitchen cabinets. They are nice and fully functional but definitely dated and we have been told that they put a negative spin on what, other than that, is a really nice kitchen. We have known that needed attention for years but were unable to take on the expense. In your opinion how important is this to selling the place? As I said we are in no rush and are just working our way toward selling down the road. Appreciate your input. Raymond and Diane

A: This is not an uncommon challenge for homeowners. One option would be to have the cabinets repainted with a fresh and appealing color and purchase new knobs/pulls for the exterior. While that isn't the fix that will totally change the kitchen it can make a positive impact and save you some serious money. Getting some suggestions from a trusted experienced broker can be a positive perspective as well.

Q: I am getting a ton of emails and phone calls from lenders who want me to purchase a Reverse Mortgage. This is something that I have been considering over the last while and now the market for it seems to be popping. Do you have any thoughts or suggestions on this as all these calls are from folks all over the country and I am not comfortable going in that direction. Thoughts? April

A: Yes, I have been hearing that going on for lots of homeowners. You really need to work with someone that you can trust to explain the pros and cons of moving in the direction. While you certainly can do it over the phone, I often recommend that it is better to interface with someone directly. We have lots of folks offering that option in the area. I have been told that Big Horizon Mortgage, which is a local company, does an honest trustworthy job. I would recommend that you talk to someone directly and get educated on the entire process so that you can make a knowledgeable decision.

Send your questions to rsimon@legacysir.com!

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Mid-Week Music presents Christmas Concert at the Town House School

Mid-Week Music's second annual Christmas concert will be held during Prelude on Wednesday, December 7 at 5PM at the Kennebunkport Historical Society's Town House School at 135 North Street. An encore will be presented Sunday, December 11 at 1PM.

Keyboardist Mark Gunter, guitarist Dana Pearson, and bassist John Kumnick will perform an eclectic mix of yuletide tunes, from "Silent Night," "Angels We Have Heard on High," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" to "Santa Claus Wants Some Lovin'," "2000 Miles," and "Christmas is the Time to Say I Love You." Supplying additional holiday cheer, Gunter will be playing some songs on his vintage Hammond organ.

Tickets are \$15 for KHS members and \$18 for non-members, and may be purchased at the door or at kporths.com/buy-tickets. For more information, email info@kporths.com or call 967-2751.



Mark Gunter, Dana Pearson and John Kumnick

Be on the lookout for
Tourist & Town's Holidays/Winter
Magazine, on stands soon!

La Dolce Vita

Pardon my absence, but life has been busy, in a really good way.

A month ago, Dave got a new kidney.

A NEW KIDNEY!!!!

I still can't believe I get to type that, and I'm still trying to get my head around it.

Also, there lives inside me a superstitious old Sicilian lady fearing the evil eye will somehow steal this joy, so I shouldn't speak of it.

But we've had so much bad news, so many setbacks in the past several years that I also want to shout it from our (admittedly low) rooftop: DAVE HAS A NEW KIDNEY!

In fact, Dave has three now. Most people don't realize that they don't remove the old kidneys unless there's a serious issue like cancer.

His donor, of course, has only one now.

Keeping with the number theme, Dave actually has TWO donors: the one whose kidney he now has (this living donor is a mystery to us - we just know they live out of state) and the incredible young woman who donated a kidney so that Dave could receive one in return.

In fact, she just had her kidney removed this morning (it's staying here in Maine), which is pretty unusual, since Dave received his first. But it turns out Dave was the perfect fit for a chain of transplant operations - the final link, as it happens - so his surgery happened a lot quicker than we expected.

But because of our hero donor - we'll call her V - Dave got a living kidney, which is even better, the doctors tell us, than a deceased donor kidney in how fast it works. Dave's started working right on the operating table!

In the weeks since, we've had at least three doctors' appointments a week and lots of bloodwork to be done. There are a lot of ups and downs and side effects with anti-rejection meds, so we're still trying to work through that, which can leave Dave feeling punky. And I must admit that each level that inches up (perfectly normal, docs tell us), makes me fearful that another shoe is going to drop. Transplant is not for the faint of heart!

Dave has been working

through OT, PT, wound care and, of course, the transplant folks, so he's been plenty busy and working hard to keep his new kidney in great shape. He's sucking down water like there's no tomorrow!

Since COVID is still a factor, as well as the flu and a whole host of other nasties, we can't really go anywhere, for fear that Dave's suppressed immune system won't be up to the fight. That means I'm mostly working from home these days, Dave is going only to the docs, and we will likely be alone for Thanksgiving.

But all of that is a small price to pay for the promise of a whole new life.



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.

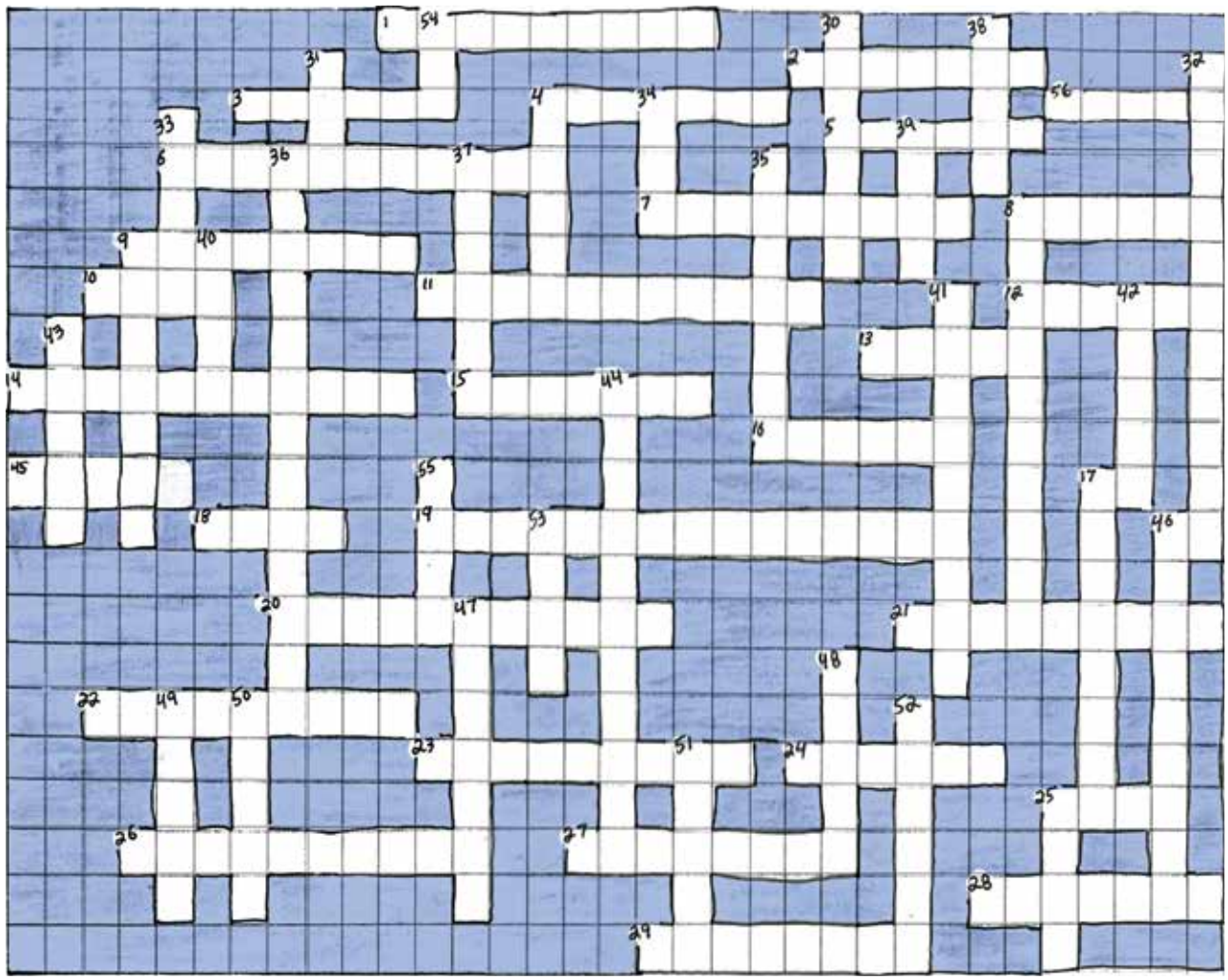
T&T Crossword Puzzle

- Across
- The only village in the world so named
 - Privately owned beach in Kennebunk that offers public access
 - For fine art in the Kennebunks, choose the ____ Gallery
 - The most family-friendly beach in Kennebunk
 - Legendary sea monster
 - The highest peak in coastal York county
 - Before you buy a book in Dock Square, be sure to read the _____. 2 wds.
 - Airplane storage
 - TNT editor who shares namesake with actor who portrayed Gandhi
 - Antiques on _____
 - The Bush family's favorite golf course
 - Small church
 - Annually, artists assemble to _____ the Port
 - The most recognized house in Kennebunk
 - Dock Square retailer with high end gear for your lower appendages
 - _____ calling, The Clash
 - Overtime (abbrev.)
 - T&T distribution manager who shares name with a distinguished Napa Valley wine. Each could be described as bold, yet approachable
 - Cape Porpoise lighthouse that shares a name with a locally brewed beer. _____ 3 wds.
 - A Biddeford store front property held by Rachel Carson National Refuge. _____ 2 wds.
 - A rude _____
 - T&T real estate column that mimics a child's game
 - T&T column that means suite life in Italian
 - Elegant, old-school lodging on Ocean Avenue
 - The weathervane is always _____ the barn
 - Monastery on the Kennebunk River
 - General store in Cape Porpoise named after these brothers
 - A scrumptious wharf in Kennebunkport
 - River in Maine's Northwoods
 - A gathering of witches
 - Post script, abbrev.
 - The way life should be

- Down
- US senator who lives on Boothby Road
 - Summer theater in Berwick.
 - George and Barbara Bush were _____ spirits
 - The Museum of American Art is located here.
 - Any university graduate
 - The Bush compound is on this point of land.
 - Road to Wells Beach that is very specific in length.
 - Best brews and views. 2 words.
 - The dead language.
 - Fifty percent.
 - Government uniting the 50 states
 - Dine in Dock Square aboard the Spirit of _____
 - Man-made waterways
 - The beginning of something bad.
 - Favorite wedding venue on Ocean Avenue. Saint _____ by the Sea
 - Fluorescent signs
 - Local slang for Lower Village. 2 wds.
 - T&T specializes in _____ media
 - A newspaper office in a _____ is truly a conjunction junction
 - Play a magnetic scrabble game on the wall of this Kennebunk brewery. _____ 2 wds.
 - Sail the southern Maine coast in this fruity ketch
 - To bounce back
 - A temperamental beach wedged between Wells and Ogunquit
 - Sherlock Holmes would warn anyone to stay off the _____.
 - Private care for children
 - Ebb and flow of the ocean
 - A popular T-shirt slogan in Dock Square. _____ 2 wds.
 - Equipment to complete a task
 - To ingest
 - Shrek

Answers on page 22!

Let's test your local knowledge – including your T&T knowledge!



This custom crossword puzzle was created by the talented Alan Carter, Kennebunk High School Class of 1982.

Going on Now: Art Exhibit: Ten Piscataqua Painters, York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road, York, through December 28. Select artwork by the 10 artists published in the coffee table book *Ten Piscataqua Painters* are on exhibit \ The book is the second in a series of coffee table books dedicated to celebrating the diverse, outstanding talents of local artists in the Piscataqua Region, following the success of *Ten Piscataqua Photographers*, published in 2018. FMI visit yorkpubliclibrary.org/art.

Friday, November 25-Thursday, December 29 Festival of Trees, Saco Museum, 371 Main Street, Saco. One of the premier holiday events in Southern Maine. Crafts, auctions, prizes, visits with Santa and more. FMI www.sacomuseum.org.

Friday, November 25 Black Friday, The Daily Sweat, 65 Portland Road, Kennebunk. It's the biggest shopping day of the year + The Daily Sweat has deals as throughout the day!

The Festival of Trees Opens. Saco Museum is gearing up! The Festival of Trees has become one of the premier Holiday events in Southern Maine. Come vote for your favorite tree and try your luck at various raffle prizes. There will also be silent auctions for items featured on the Artist Tree. You could win a tree, gift certificates, dinners, local crafts, local services and more! Raffle tickets are \$5 for 3 tickets. Winning tickets will be drawn on Thursday, December 15, at 4 PM. All raffle and sale proceeds benefit the community programming efforts of the Dyer Library / Saco Museum. The Festival of Trees is free to the public and opens the day after Thanksgiving. Several special events including Children's Craft Day, Tea with Mrs. Claus, Visit with Santa and the Final Raffle Day will also be featured, so please mark your calendars. (See special events in the calendar in this issue.) FMI www.sacomuseum.org.

Friday & Saturday, November 25 & 26 3rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair, American Legion Hall Post #159, 102 Main Street, Kennebunkport. Friday, November 25: 9 AM-2PM. Saturday, November 26: 9 AM-2PM. Thirty-Two unique Maine crafters gather to show their wares -- pottery, jewelry, photography, baked goods, driftwood trees, mittens, scarfs, hats, sea glass art and much, much more. Raffles every hour. A great festive atmosphere and a HoHo Whole lot of fun. Contact: Sandy Gnidziejko sfgnidziejko@gmail.com

Saturday, November 26 Holiday Depot Day, 12 Depot Street, Kennebunk, 10 AM-3 PM. Saturdays will be extra special this holiday season, as *Tourist & Town's* depot is transformed into an old-time outdoor market with fresh flowers, holiday greenery, gift items and more! Expect all your favorite Depot Day vendors plus occasional surprise guests! Stems to Stearns will be fully stocked with fresh wreaths and holiday greenery. Purchase them decorated or customize them yourself at a DIY table full of bows and baubles! Our vendors will also be selling jewelry, art, photography, books, gift items -- and comfort food! FMI email publisher@touristandtown.com.

Card Making Station at Kennebunk Free Library There's no better way to show your love than with a handmade card. Come to Kennebunk Free Library on Saturday, November 26 between 12 and 4 to make a card for a friend or loved one! We'll have all the supplies ready -- just stop in and get creative! Work together as a family or create your own cards. All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required. This event is free and wheelchair accessible. Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main St., Kennebunk. For more information, please call 985-2173 or visit the website www.KennebunkLibrary.org.

Illustrator Matt Tavares Reading and Signing, Brick Store Museum, Main Street, Kennebunk, 10 AM. Tavares will read from his book *Dasher* and host a Q&A afterward. Tavares will be signing copies of *Dasher* and another of his books, *The Night Before Christmas*, and both will be available in the museum's store. For more information on illustrator visits and programming, visit www.brickstoremuseum.org.

Wreath Making Workshops at the Brick Store Museum, Main Street, Kennebunk, 1-3 PM. This will be a workshop dedicated to the creation of all-natural foraged wreaths. All participants will leave with a finished classic green holiday wreath that is adorned with natural locally sourced materials. Workshop will be taught by local artist and wreath maker Elizabeth Winter. Please bring your own clippers / handheld pruners for this workshop. If you are unable to do so please contact the Brick Store museum prior to class date. All other materials will be provided. Gather some friends and feel free to bring a beverage of your choice to enjoy while you create. Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/450529324337>

Christmas Tree Lighting, Tibbetts Plaza, Kennebunk, 5 PM. Celebrate the 34th annual "Christmas in Kennebunk" as Santa lights the Christmas tree. Enjoy free refreshments provided by local groups and merchants, caroling performed by the Kennebunk High School Chamber Choir and ice skating with Santa & his elves at the Waterhouse Center (weather permitting)

Monday, November 28 Storytime at York Land Trust, 1 Long Neck Marsh Road, York, 10:30-11:30 AM. Join a York Public Library librarian for stories, songs and rhymes outside in the garden at York Land Trust headquarters. Dress for the weather and garden. Bring a blanket, or picnic lunch to enjoy as a family after storytime. Meet by the vegetable garden Please register at yorkpubliclibrary.org/calendar.

Walking Club, York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Rd, York, 11 AM-12 PM. Join a rotating selection of your favorite librarians to take a walk around town. The group will start from the library lobby and try out a variety of different routes. Some weeks guests will share more about the flora, fauna, and history of the area we traverse. Some weeks there might be off-site meetups to encourage visiting other parts of the beautiful town. Rain or shine.

YPL Book Club: A Gentleman in Moscow, York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road, York, 2-3:30 PM. Join in to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles in the Wheeler Room at York Public Library. Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose. Please register for this event at yorkpubliclibrary.org/calendar.

Tuesday, November 29 Cribbage Game Night, Wells Public Library, 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. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Wells Public Library. For more information, please contact Stefanie Claydon at sclaydon@wellstown.org or call the library at 207-646-8181.

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Thursday, December 1-Thursday, December 17 Retro Roadtrip Raffle, Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport. Win a framed, matted & autographed print plus a signed copy of *Retro Roadtrip: Winter in Southern Maine and a bit of New Hampshire* by Joshua Hrehovick. Tickets are available for purchase at Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library 3 tickets for \$10 drawing on December 17th. The library is open Monday-Friday 9:30-5:00 and Saturdays 9:30-12:30. FMI call 207-967-2778.

Thursday, December 1 Knitting Group, York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road, York, 10 AM-12 PM. Tired of turning pages and would rather turn a heel? Join us to unwind and pick up purls of wisdom from fellow knitters. Held in York Public Library's Wheeler Room.

Virtual Mid-Day Meditation with York Public Library 15 Long Sands Road, York, 12-12:30 PM. Join Kalyana on Thursdays at lunchtime for a 30-minute guided mindfulness meditation. Registration Required; visit yorkpubliclibrary.org/calendar.

Weekly Conversational French Language Group, Wells Public Library, 6:30 PM. An informal approach to practicing or re-learning French. FMI contact Cindy Appleby at cappleby@wellstown.org or call the library at 207-646-8181.

Holiday Party, Shops at Cape Neddick, 1300 US Route 1, Cape Neddick, 5-8 PM. Raffles, shopping, champagne, music and more!

Friday, December 2-Sunday, December 18 Christmas My Way: A Sinatra Holiday Bash at City Theater 205 Main St. Biddeford. With 40 swinging hits, nothing

will be silent this night as 6 singers serve up cool versions of Sinatra standards and holiday favorites. December 2-18, Friday and Saturday, at 7:30 Sun at 2:00 (No Show Dec 4). Tickets are \$30 (all fees included) and are available at www.citytheater.org/buy-tickets or 207-282-0849.

Friday & Saturday, December 2 & 3 Prelude Block Party, Dannah and Dannah for Men, Ocean Avenue, Kennebunkport. Food, drinks, music and fun!

Friday-Sunday, December 2-4 Holiday Open House at The Country Peddler, Harbor Road, Wells, 9 AM-4 PM. Enjoy holiday shopping at this annual open house.

Friday, December 2 Fiber Arts, Wells Public Library, 10:30 AM. Have you been crafting during the past few months? Join this group every Friday at the library 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. For more information, please contact Stefanie Claydon at sclaydon@wellstown.org or call the library at 207-646-8181.

Great Decisions Discussion Group, Wells Public Library, 10:30 AM. Join with other community members at the library for lively and informative discussions on the major global issues of our time. Meetings center on topics outlined in the *Great Decisions* briefing book provided by the Foreign Policy Association. Facilitator for the meetings, John Randazzo has led Great Decisions discussion groups since 2016, both in Maine and Florida. This month's topic: Outer Space and Industrial Policy. For more information, please contact Stefanie Claydon at sclaydon@wellstown.org or by calling the library at 207-646-8181.

Wassail Concert with the Seaglass Chorale and Sea Tone, St. David's Church, Kennebunk, 7:30 PM. A night of music, dancing and more, celebrating the Winter Solstice. Tickets are available at the door by cash, checks, and through PayPal are accepted. \$20 for Adults, \$10 for 12 and under.

Tree Lighting Ceremony in Dock Square, Kennebunkport, 5:30 PM. Tree Lighting Ceremony in Dock Square officially begins the season. Join in Christmas caroling with the Kennebunk High School Chamber Choir, followed by the lighting of the tree.

Wells Holiday Tree Lighting, Wells Town Hall, 208 Sanford Road, Wells, 6 PM. Wells' 3rd annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony includes a meet and greet with Santa, performances from the Atlantic Harmonies singing group, Touch A Truck, where kids of all ages will have the chance to explore a Wells Fire Truck, cookie decorating, ornament decorating, a hot cocoa bar and more! FMI email rkelley@wellstown.org.

Saturday & Sunday, December 3 & 4 Adopt-a-Tree Festival, Dunlap Masonic Lodge, 264 Pool Street, Biddeford, 10 AM-6 PM on Saturday, 10 AM-2 PM on Sunday. Decorated trees, gift cards, shopping, food, games and more! FMI www.luckypuprescuremaine.org/adopt-a-tree-festival.

Saturday, December 3 Holiday Depot Day, 12 Depot Street, Kennebunk, 10 AM-3 PM. Saturdays will be extra special this holiday season, as *Tourist & Town's* depot is transformed into an old-time outdoor market with fresh flowers, holiday greenery, gift items and more! Expect all your favorite Depot Day vendors plus occasional surprise guests! Stems to Stearns will be fully stocked with fresh wreaths and holiday greenery. Purchase them decorated or customize them yourself at a DIY table full of bows and baubles! Our vendors will also be selling jewelry, art, photography, books, gift items -- and comfort food! FMI email publisher@touristandtown.com.

Annual Prelude Fair at Atlantic Hall, The Atlantic Hall will be holding its annual Prelude Fair on Saturday, December 3rd, from 7:45 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. There will be a wide variety of items sold at The Fair, many from local artisans, including handcrafted wooden lobster traps, wreaths / winter berry greenery, rope craft, handmade paper, wooden sculptures and wooden trays, photographs, jewelry, paintings, antiques, unique Holiday gifts and decorations, oriental rugs, small pastries, cheeses, jams / jellies, and of course, Atlantic Hall's special Old-Time Raffle. Also, again this year, we will be presenting Ed Wright, acoustic guitarist and Cape Porpoise resident, who will be performing a mix of Holiday Music and familiar standards, for all to enjoy. We open early, so come on down for the best selection, and come back later, for some extra chances on our Raffle items. For any questions, please contact Ed Briggs at 207 967 3357.

Children's Craft Day, Dyer Library, 371 Main St, Saco, 9:30 AM-12 PM. Free event at the Dyer Library.

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West Kennebunk Tree Lighting, Dorothy Stevens Community Center, 6 PM. Enjoy caroling, entertainment, refreshments and a visit from Santa!

Strafford Wind Symphony's Holiday Show, hosted by Sanford Performing Arts and held at Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center, 100 Alumni Boulevard, Sanford, 7 PM. The 55-member Strafford Wind Symphony has been performing for 32 years and earned a reputation of excellence in Southern Maine and Seacoast New Hampshire. The "Holiday Show" features traditional favorites of the season along with a popular singalong.Box office is open Tuesday and Thursday, 9 AM to Noon. Call 207-206-1126 or visit www.sanfordpac.org.

Monday-Thursday, December 5-8
Art Guild of the Kennebunks' Art Exhibit and Sale, Masonic Hall, 10 North Street, Kennebunkport. Monday: 1-4 PM, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 AM-4 PM. Attendance is free. For more information call (207) 324-0527.

Monday, December 5
Walking Club, York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Rd, York, 11 AM-12 PM. Join a rotating selection of your favorite librarians to take a walk around town. The group will start from the library lobby and try out a variety of different routes. Some weeks guests will share more about the flora, fauna, and history of the area we traverse. Some weeks there might be off-site meetups to encourage visiting other parts of the beautiful town. Rain or shine.

Tuesday, December 6
Italian Conversation Group, York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road, York, 6:30-8 PM. Parliamo Italiano! YPL is pleased to resume our group for casual conversation in Italian. Suitable for those with intermediate to advanced conversational skills in the Italian language. Meets in the Wheeler Room.

Wednesday, December 7
Decorate a Gingerbread House with Michele B., York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road, 4-6 PM. Join Michele B. in the Craft Area for a gingerbread house craft activity. Assembled houses will be provided, and together we'll decorate with candy and icing and all kinds of creative ideas. This program is designed for adults. If the program is already full, remember you can always check out a gingerbread house kit and watch Michele's tutorial to follow along at home! Register for this workshop at yorkpubliclibrary.org/calendar.

Nonfiction Book Group, Wells Public Library, 4:30 PM. The Nonfiction book group will meet in person - all are welcome! Our pick for this month is *Voyage of Mercy: The USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine, and the Remarkable Story of America's First Humanitarian Mission* by Stephen Puelo. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Wells Public Library. For more information, please contact Cindy Appleby at cappleby@wellstown.org or call the library at 207-646-8181.

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Thursday, December 8
Morning Book Group, Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 9:45 AM. This group meets the second Thursday of every month. This month, the group is reading *All That She Carried* by Tiya Miles. New members are always welcome. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Virtual Mid-Day Meditation, York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road, York, 12-12:30 PM. Join Kalyana on Thursdays at lunchtime for a 30-minute guided mindfulness meditation. Registration Required; visit yorkpubliclibrary.org/calendar.

Wells Climate Meeting, Wells Public Lirbary, 6 PM. This meeting offers an unusual opportunity for an exchange of ideas and information about (1) the urgency of climate change action, (2) how the Town can protect its infrastructure from future climate impacts, (3) what additional steps the Town can take to lower its carbon footprint, and (4) what role Town leaders and officials can play in helping Wells citizens make lifestyle changes.

Wine On-Line, Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 5:30 PM. A fun hour of tasting, information and trivia right on Zoom. For December, the focus will be wines to make your holidays merry and bright. Our two experts, Lani Dietz and Betsy Ross, will be on hand to guide us through the program. Please call the Library (967-2778) to be added to the Zoom List! Stop by Maine & Vine or the Wine House on Main to pick up your wine prior to event.

Friday & Saturday, December 9 & 10
Prelude Block Party, Dannah and Dannah for Men, Ocean Avenue, Kennebunkport. Food, drinks, music and fun!

Christmas by the Sea, Ogunquit. Crafts, tree lightings, scavenger hunts, fireworks, bonfire, concerts and more! FMI www.ogunquit.org.

Friday, December 9
Tree Lighting Ceremony in Dock Square, Kennebunkport, 6:15 PM. Tree Lighting Ceremony in Dock Square officially begins the season. Join in Christmas caroling with the Kennebunk High School Chamber Choir, followed by the lighting of the tree and fireworks show.

Fireworks Show in Dock Square, Kennebunkport and Lower Village, Kennebunk,

Ogunquit Tree Lighting, Perkins Cove at 6 PM, Veterans Park at 8:15 PM.

Saturday, December 10
Yoga Sculpt Grad Classes, The Daily Sweat, 65 Portland Rd, Building A Suite D, Kennebunk 8:30-11 AM. See just how far these yoga teacher trainees have come. Take a class at 8:30 or 10 AM, show support and get your sweat on with these brand new grads. FMI 207 569-0999, thedailysweat-kennebunk@gmail.com or thedailysweatkennebunk.com.

Holiday Depot Day, 12 Depot Street, Kennebunk, 10 AM-3 PM. Saturdays will be extra special this holiday season, as *Tourist & Town's* depot is transformed into an old-time outdoor market with fresh flowers, holiday greenery, gift items and more! Expect all your favorite Depot Day vendors plus occasional surprise guests! Stems to Stearns will be fully stocked with fresh wreaths and holiday greenery. Purchase them decorated or customize them yourself at a DIY table full of bows and baubles! Our vendors will also be selling jewelry, art, photography, books, gift items – and comfort food! FMI email publisher@touristandtown.com.

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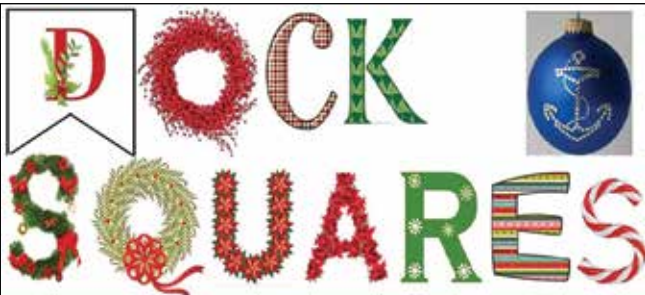


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Holiday "Mornings at the Museum" Children's Program, Historical Society of Wells & Ogunquit, 938 Post Road, Wells, 10-11 AM. Families will enjoy stories, a fun museum scavenger hunt (with prizes), and a take-home craft. The theme is "Holidays!" Program is free, donations accepted. FMI email info@wohistory.org or call 207-646-4775.

Cookies and Cider, Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. Stroll on down to the Graves Library for cookies and cider – for your holiday shopping. The Book Cellar is well stocked with new and gently used books, puzzles, note cards, mugs, hats, CDs and more. The library is open Monday-Friday 9:30-5:00 and Saturdays 9:30-12:30. FMI call 207-967-2778.

Tea with Mrs. Claus, Dyer Library/Saco Museum, 371 Main St, Saco, 12 PM and 1:30 PM (two seating times). Free event. Call (207)283-3861 ext.102 for reservations.

Portland Ballet's "A Victorian Nutcracker Ballet," hosted by Sanford Performing Arts and held at Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center, 100 Alumni Boulevard, Sanford, 7 PM. Set to the music of Peter Tchaikovsky, the Portland Ballet tells the story of Clara, a young girl on Christmas Eve. Box office is open Tuesday and Thursday 9 AM to Noon. Call 207-206-1126 or visit www.sanfordpac.org.

Sunday, December 11
Visit with Santa, Dyer Library/Saco Museum, 371 Main St, Saco, 12:30-3 PM. Free event.

Market at the Meetinghouse Craft Fair, 938 Post Road, Wells (next to CVS), 9 AM-2 PM. Sponsored by the Historical society of Wells and Ogunquit. Enjoy local shopping, unique crafts, family activities, food, and more. Don't miss this fun, festive event to get your holiday season started! FMI call 646-4775 or email info@wohistory.org

Encore: Mid-Week Music's 2nd Annual Christmas Concert, Kennebunkport Historical Society's Town House School, 135 North Street, 1PM. Keyboardist Mark Gunter, guitarist Dana Pearson, and bassist John Kumnick will perform an eclectic mix of yuletide tunes, from "Silent Night," "Angels We Have Heard on High," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" to "Santa Claus Wants Some Lovin'," "2000 Miles," and "Christmas is the Time to Say I Love You." Supplying additional holiday cheer, Gunter will be playing some songs on his vintage Hammond organ. Tickets are \$15 for KHS members and \$18 for non-members, and may be purchased at the door or at kporths.com/buy-tickets. For more information, email info@kporths.com or call 967-2751.

Wednesday, December 14
A Gathering of Celtic and Christmas Songs and Stories by Jeff Snow, Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main Street,

6:30 PM. Jeff Snow is a talented multi-instrumentalist who shares the music, and the stories behind the music, of Scotland, Ireland and England. Enjoy this free program next to a cozy fire, wine and light refreshments. In concert Jeff plays the guitar, autoharp and bouzouki. He can also find his way around a drum set and most of the percussion family. FMI call 207-985-2173 or email us at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org.

Thursday, December 15
Final Raffle Day, Dyer Library/Saco Museum, 371 Main St, Saco, 4 PM.

Monthly Movie Night, Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 6:45 PM. For this month, you will be seeing a holiday classic. The library is open Monday-Friday 9:30-5:00 and Saturdays 9:30-12:30. We are located at 18 Maine Street. FMI call 207-967-2778.

Friday, December 16
Story Time with Mrs. Claus! Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 10-10:45 AM. The library is open Monday-Friday 9:30-5:00 and Saturdays 9:30-12:30. We are located at 18 Maine Street. 207-967-2778.

Donation-Based Class, The Daily Sweat, 65 Portland Rd, Building A Suite D, Kennebunk, 4:30-5:30 PM. Join in for a donation-based class to raise funds for a local family battling childhood cancer. 100 percent of donations will go towards funds needed for cancer treatment and for this precious 2 year old to receive a potential liver transplant. FMI call 207-569-0999 or email thedailysweatkennebunk@gmail.com

Saturday, December 17
Holiday Depot Day, 12 Depot Street, Kennebunk, 10 AM-3 PM. Saturdays will be extra special this holiday season, as *Tourist & Town's* depot is transformed into an old-time outdoor market with fresh flowers, holiday greenery, gift items and more! Expect all your favorite Depot Day vendors plus occasional surprise guests! Stems to Stearns will be fully stocked with fresh wreaths and holiday greenery. Purchase them decorated or customize them yourself at a DIY table full of bows and baubles! Our vendors will also be selling jewelry, art, photography, books, gift items – and comfort food! FMI email publisher@touristandtown.com.

Last-Minute Shoppers Craft Fair, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Main Street, Kennebunk, 9 AM-2 PM. For people who wait until the very last minute, this fair is for you! There will be a variety of crafts, including hand-made soap and washcloths, jewelry, paintings, fused glass, hand-printed tea towels, greeting cards, journals, baby treasures and so much more. Frinklepod Farm Cafe will be open from 10 AM-2 PM. The Fair will benefit Welcoming Immigrants Our New Neighbors (WIONN), a local group that supports immigrants in Biddeford and Saco.



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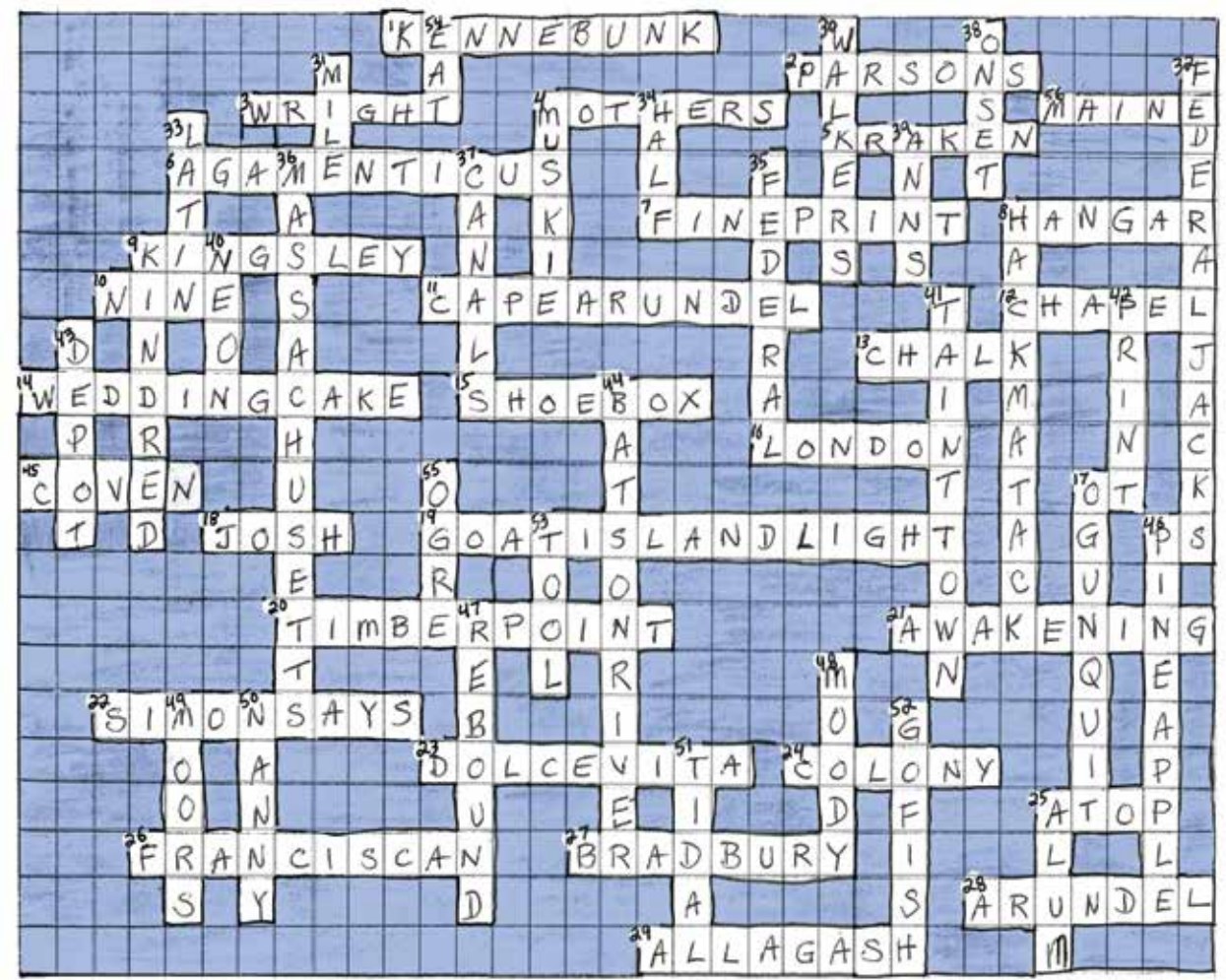
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