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2024 Publishing Schedule

Tourist & Town: The Newspaper

Issue Date	Special Focus/Content	Ads/PR Due
Thursday, March 28	2024 Kickoff Issue/A Look Ahead	Wednesday, March 20
Thursday, April 11		Wednesday, April 3
Thursday, April 25		Wednesday, April 17
Thursday, May 9	Mother's Day	Wednesday, May 1
Thursday, May 23	The Memorial Day Issue	Wednesday, May 15
Thursday, June 6	Father's Day	Wednesday, May 29
Thursday, June 20	Summer Preview/July 4th Preview	Wednesday, June 12
Thursday, July 4*		Wednesday, June 26
Thursday, July 11		Wednesday, July 3
Thursday, July 18		Wednesday, July 10
Thursday, July 25		Wednesday, July 17
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Thursday, August 8		Wednesday, July 31
Thursday, August 15		Wednesday, August 7
Thursday, August 22		Wednesday, August 14
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Thursday, September 12		Wednesday, September 4
Thursday, September 26		Wednesday, September 18
Thursday, October 10	The Columbus Day Issue	Wednesday, October 2
Thursday, October 24		Wednesday, October 16
Thursday, November 7		Wednesday, October 30
Thursday, November 21**	The Prelude Issue	Wednesday, November 13

* Summer weeklies begin
**Final Issue of 2024



Publisher's Note: Familiar, but not routine

The act of writing these publisher's notes has become a familiar experience over the last six years.

Each time I arrive at this point in the production process (and these notes are always the final step), I feel as if no time has passed since I sat down to write the last note. Despite the familiarity of it all, however, there is nothing routine about any of it – at least not in a 'been there, done that' kind of way. It always feels new.

It might sound silly, but each issue of the newspaper seems to have its own personality. The stories weave together in a particular way. The graphics convey something unique. Themes tend to emerge. And when it comes time to share a thought or two, the words seem to spontaneously arrive, having been evoked by the uniqueness of the newspaper's contents.

I suppose I shouldn't be surprised by the fact that nothing about this feels routine. When you have 24 pages filled with abundant creativity and countless personalities, how could it?

(P.S. I'm very grateful it doesn't.)

Thank you to everyone who fills our pages with all kinds of beauty issue after issue.



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Steve Hrehovcik has been with Tourist & Town (formerly Tourist News) since 2006. Steve's book *Rebel Without A Clue: A Way-Off Broadway Memoir* can be found at kennebunkartstudio.com.



Val Marier has been a "from-away local" for 40 years now and is still discovering new places and people to write about. As a freelance travel writer, Val roamed the world, but now is quite content in the Pine Tree state. Check out her blog *Wandering With Val* at wanderingwithval.com.



Kathy Oberman Tracy is a classically trained chef. She worked with Martha Stewart as TV Producer and Food Stylist and was a private chef and caterer for the late Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward. In her "free" time Kathy is a mom and races sailing yachts.



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Dana Pearson of Kennebunk is a writer, gardener, and host of the monthly concert series Mid-Week Music (FMI, check out its Facebook page). His books can be found at amazon.com/author/danapearson



ON THE COVER

Bethany Harper Williams spends her summers by the ocean in Biddeford Pool and the rest of the year in New York City. With a degree in Fine Arts and a career in graphic design, she now commits all of her creative passion to painting. Her work explores the abstract in nature and its connectivity to the collective emotion, questioning what we see, what we remember, and the emotions these memories evoke. The focus is not on the details but on the mood and movement of a given moment which may be very personal to one yet common to many. Bethany's work can be found in private collections in Canada, Europe, and the US. She is represented by Maine Art Hill in Kennebunk as well as galleries across Canada. Instagram: [Bethanyhwnear](https://www.instagram.com/Bethanyhwnear) Bethanyhw.com

Bethany Harper Williams: "Dog Days"
May 11 - May 30
Artist Reception: Saturday, May 25, 5-7 PM
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Bethany Harper Williams. Courtesy photo

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Healing and hope at the core of Rett's Roost in Ogunquit

by Faith Gillman

Deana and Jim Cavan didn't know a lot about childhood cancer when they met in college in 2008. Married in 2011, the couple looked forward to starting a family. Their son Everett was born in 2014. Cancer entered their lives six months later when he was diagnosed with a malignant solid tumor in his liver. The aggressive cancer would take his life, despite access to excellent pediatric care in Boston.

"We never knew childhood cancer was so prominent - one in 260 will receive the diagnosis before turning 20, and one in five will pass away from it," said Deana Cavan. "Treatments are limited and antiquated; our son's chemotherapy drugs were developed in the 1970s. When Everett died, we decided to shift careers. My husband found work in sports and business writing. I left my PhD program to start a nonprofit to help families like our own. We named it Rett's Roost: Rett - our son's nickname - and Roost because he always resembled a wise, all-knowing owl to us with his large round eyes."

Cavan has found that families dealing with childhood cancer often want to do something to

honor the child and help others going through a similar experience.

"We had a GoFundMe account with extra funds," she said. "After he died, we used it to run two retreats for families that had a childhood cancer survivor transitioning off treatment. I am still in touch with almost all of the families we met that first summer."

Going through this experience, Cavan learned that people either "go down a path of self-destruction, or one of post-traumatic growth."

"It's not always easy to take the latter path. I've spent ten years helping parents learn that they can choose to grow. Finding gratitude, when it feels like you've been dealt one of the unluckiest hands in life, requires people to dig deep into their psyche and recognize the duality in life; that there will be both great suffering and great joy. I believe that my experience studying yoga philosophy helped me focus on balancing pain with good."

The Cavans feel blessed to have had another child just a year after Everett died.

"Everly (named after her brother) brightens our lives. At eight years old, she has a better un-

derstanding of grief and death and empathy than most adults," said Cavan.

The mission of Rett's Roost's is to provide hope and healing for families impacted by cancer. The non-profit encourages healing of the body, mind, and spirit through holistic retreats and gatherings that create connection, honoring the process of grief and the power of love.

"One goal is to give children with cancer and

their families a joyful respite after months or years of hospital visits and worry," said Cavan. "Our second priority is to bring grieving families together to reduce the overwhelming feeling of loneliness that accompanies child loss. At our free retreats and gatherings, we honor one another's difficult journeys, the children that have suffered, and offer therapeutic ways to cope."

In 2024, Rett's Roost

has four retreats planned, along with other gatherings, such as the Winter Blues Bereavement Lunch, a Vent Room Smash and Splatter experience, Mom SUP Yoga, and a Dad-only day.

"We're adding a new service to families who are told their child's disease is terminal, offering end-of-life guidance and support," said Cavan. "We also offer

a monthly online grief group to parents that lost a child to disease."

Fundraising is necessary to keep programs running. March's Polar Plunge raised \$20,000 but the largest fundraiser is held in the fall.

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Bereaved families got to spend time healing together on Labor Day weekend 2023 in Ogunquit at Rett's Roost's "Open to Healing Retreat." Such retreats offer support and healing through integrative therapies, movement, massage, energy work, creativity, and mindfulness. Courtesy photo



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"Our annual Superhero 5K is at Ogunquit Beach during Ogunquitfest," said Cavan. "Our community of supporters has rallied around the cause...We're always searching for business sponsors and new ideas

for fundraising events. With over 3,000 donors and grantors, we've been able to continue improving and adding programs, serving 200 families of children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases in 10 years."

While Rett's Roost has grown, the future is a "tad uncertain."

"We've outgrown the donated home in Ogunquit for retreats. Our goal is to find a new location where we can host five to eight families at a time," said Cavan. "As we en-

ter our 10th season, we are strategizing how we can continue to offer life-changing programs to families that have been through the unimaginable: watching their young child go through debilitating cancer treatment, or losing them to disease."



The Cavan family (Deana, Jim and Everly) at their home in Ogunquit, holding a picture of Rett. Courtesy photo



"Rett's Roost has gone above and beyond to make us feel that we are not alone in this crazy world of cancer and child loss. There are times when I think back and some of the happiest memories I have of Onyx are at the retreats that we attended. We've met some of the greatest families, who like us, have been through one of the worst tragedies a family can go through in life. [Rett's Roost] takes the burden of losing a loved one, or someone who is still fighting, and make things a little easier." - Morgan Redman, Berwick, Maine

Please email deana@rettsroost.org if you know of a possible retreat location, have ideas on running a capital campaign or gala fundraiser, or have experience serving on nonprofit boards and would like to provide expertise and organizational support.

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Looking for Mother's Day gift ideas?
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For those who enjoy the refuge's trails and roadside marsh views, this contest is an ideal opportunity to share photos of your wildlife encounters and recreational activities on refuge property. Jurors will look for imagery that represents all seasons, so photos taken in previous years are welcome. This contest is open to all ages.

The Friends will accept up to three images from any camera type, including cell phones, as well as any photographic style, including black and white, high



dynamic range alterations and artistic modifications by the artist.

Since the 12 winning images will be reproduced in a calendar format, please submit only horizontal/landscape images. Only high resolution images, at 300-600 dpi and 2550 x 3300 pixels minimum, will be

accepted for this contest.

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Explore Maine's vibrant ceramics scene at the 12th Annual Maine Pottery Tour

Spring seems to burst onto the scene the first weekend of May. At the same time, the highly anticipated 12th Annual Maine Pottery Tour will arrive on the scene. Mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5.

The Maine Pottery Tour offers a unique opportunity to explore the vibrant ceramics scene in Maine. This self-guided tour is a delightful way to spend a weekend. More than 70 pottery studios will participate this year, which is the largest tour to date. Across the state, studios will open their doors, welcoming visitors to step into the world of handcrafted ceramics.

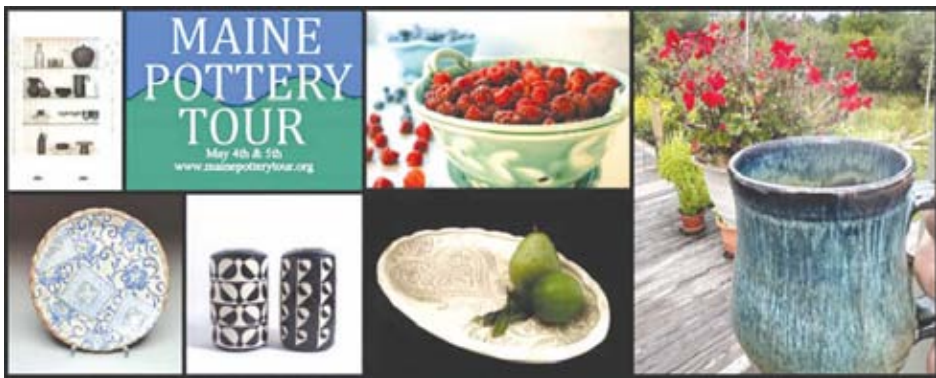
The Maine Pottery Tour offers a chance to meet the artists and gain insight into their creative process and inspiration; witness the magic of pottery, with a behind-the-scenes look at studios, including demonstrations of throwing on the wheel and glazing techniques; explore kilns, the heart of this creative process; and shop for one-of-a-kind pieces, with a treasure trove of functional and decorative ceramics, perfect for your home or as special gifts.

With studios scattered across the state, the Maine Pottery Tour is a perfect excuse for a scenic road trip. And this is a road trip you will want to plan out.

The Maine Pottery Tour website provides downloadable maps and links to interactive online maps to help you plan your itinerary. New this year is the Plan My Tour app, which will make it easier for visitors to plan their pottery road trip. Users can also earn badges in the app that may entitle them to discounts and free gifts.

Whether you're a seasoned pottery enthusiast or simply looking for a fun and unique Maine experience, the Maine Pottery Tour is a must-do experience.

For more information about the Maine Pottery Tour, visit Mainepottery-tour.org



"When you buy something from an artist you're buying more than an object. You're buying hundreds of hours of errors and experimentation. You're buying years of frustration and moments of pure joy. You're not buying just one thing. You're buying a piece of a heart, a piece of a soul. . . a small piece of someone else's life." ~ author unknown

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Studio Listing by Region

Central Region – 17 studios & guest artists*

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| Fine Mess Pottery * | Augusta |
| A Lakeside Studio Pottery | Wayne |
| Dharwood Pottery aka Mudgirl | Winthrop |
| Maple Lane Pottery * | Windsor |
| Whitefield Pottery | Whitefield |
| The Potter's Shed | West Gardiner |
| Tim Fischer Potter | Lisbon Falls |
| Muddy Toes Pottery | New Gloucester |
| Pots in Bowdoin * | Bowdoin |
| Malley Weber * | Augusta |
| Delilah Pottery / Dominique Ostuni Ceramics | Bowdoinham |
| The Art Walk Shop & Studio | Winthrop |
| Unity Pond Pottery * | Unity |
| Work in Progress | Lisbon |
| Jeffrey Lipton Pottery * | Litchfield |
| The Art of Clay Studio | Waterville |
| Back Pond Pottery | Windsor |

Coastal Region – 15 studios & guest artists*

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Alice Nasto | Bremen |
| Ash Cove Pottery * | Harpswell |
| Clarry Hill Pottery | Union |
| Dennis Chouinard | Edgecomb |
| Dragon's Breath Pottery | Warren |
| Everyday Pottery | Belmont |
| Fireside Pottery | Warren |
| Good Land Pottery | Montville |
| Honey Bee Hill | Rockport |
| Jody Johnstone Pottery | Swanville |
| Magick Deery Studio | Appleton |
| Miki Glasser Ceramics * | Lincolntonville |
| Prescott Hill Pottery | Liberty |
| Tyler Gulden Ceramics * | Walpole |
| Van der Ven Studios | Lincolntonville |

Portland Region – 11 studios & guest artists*

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| Anne Alexander | Windham |
| C&M Ceramics | Scarborough |
| Campfire Pottery | Gray |
| Cary P Frye | Biddeford |
| Heather Abt | Portland |
| Kevin Keiser * | Cape Elizabeth |
| Lacey Goodrich | Portland |
| Mill Pond Ceramics | Biddeford |
| Peeper Pond Studio * | Scarborough |
| Portland Pottery * | Portland |
| Tall Pines Pottery | Westbrook |

Southern Region – 10 studios & guest artists*

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Homeport Pottery | Kennebunkport |
| Howarth Hill | Berwick |
| Kat's Katch Pottery | Lebanon |
| Karen Orsillo * | Kittery Point |
| MEC Pottery | Cape Neddick |
| Mills & Zoldak Potters * | Portsmouth, NH |
| Ocean Fire Pottery | York |
| The Cellar Co * | Kennebunk |
| The Red Door Pottery Studio | Kittery |
| Anne Alexander Sculptor | Windham |

Western Region – 8 studios & guest artists*

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| Zwellyn Pottery * | Limington |
| Martha Grover and Joshua Rysted * | Bethel |
| Buckland Ceramics | Bridgton |
| Cedar Mountain | Parsonsfield |
| Creative Energy Images | Cornish |
| Upper Room | Farmington |
| Greener Fields Pottery | Waterford |
| Pottery By Celia | Naples |

Downeast Region – 12 studios & guest artists*

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Tim Christensen | Franklin |
| Brooklin Pottery Coop | Brooklin |
| Lansing Wagner Ceramics * | E. Blue Hill |
| Random Pottery * | Brooklin |
| Connie's Clay of Fundy | East Machias |
| LD Studio | Blue Hill |
| Yellow Chickadee Art Studio | Surry |
| Ellen Sedgwick Pottery * | Surry |
| Crow Town Gallery | Lubec |
| Orange River Artisans | Whiting |
| Cobscook Institute Pottery Studio | Lubec |
| Lila Balch Pottery Shop | Brooklin |

Northern Region – 1 studio - The Muddy Cricket, Houlton

"In Awe of Nature" exhibit opens in Kittery

Haley Art Gallery will kick off its 2024 season with the group exhibit, "In Awe of Nature." An opening reception will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 1 to 3 PM.

This exhibit showcases works by seacoast artists Paul Burke, Barbara D'Antonio, Dean Diggins, Yuhuei Pierce and Alex Pikas (Prague), Anthony Montanino (California), and Carlos Vega (Massachusetts). The exhibit will

remain on view through August 30.

The gallery will host an Artists Gallery Talk on Friday, May 10 from 5:30 to 7 PM.

Haley Art Gallery offers original art by local, national, and international artists, as well as a gift-hop of globally sourced, social impact gifts, handmade by women. Seacoast business owners, interior decorators and designers get special discounts on art

purchases. Tea lovers can reserve a Victorian Tea-Time Art event for groups of four or more for \$35 per person.

The gallery is located at 178 Haley Road in Kittery and is open Thursdays - Saturdays, 11 AM to 6 PM. FMI call 617-584-2580, email haleygallery@comcast.net or visit www.haleyartgallery.com. You may also follow the gallery on Facebook and Instagram.



Cove in Afternoon Light by Barbara D'Antonio is one of the pieces to be displayed in Haley Art Gallery's "In Awe of Nature" group exhibit.

Speers Gallery hosts "Mixed Media Art Show"

The Kennebunk Free Library presents the exhibit "Mixed Media Art" by students at School Around Us and The New School. The exhibit will run May 1 to 30 in the library's Speers Gallery.

The art exhibit reflects the incredible talent of the learners that attend PreK-8th at School Around Us (SAU) and High School at The New School (TNS). At SAU and TNS art is integrated into their curriculum and is seen as an essential component in developing one's whole sense of self. TNS and SAU encourage their students to follow their passions where art is often at the heart of that. Throughout the school year, learners create art from a variety of mediums like watercolor, acrylic, pencil, and digital art. The learners

self-select the pieces that are represented in the show.

One of the pieces that will be in the show is a watercolor of koi fish by Seraphina Flewelling, age 7, pictured at right. Seraphina is a talented young artist. When she begins to do any type of art she will immediately become absorbed in her work. Creating art is a way Seraphina fully expresses how she sees the world. She has developed her own style and creates pieces of work that have depth of thought and details that are beyond her years.



Koi Fish by Seraphina Flewelling


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The Retro Roadtrip Report Your Movie Warehouse

by Joshua Hrehovcik

It doesn't get much more Retro than this, fellow Roadtrippers! That's because we are Roadtripping to Your Movie Warehouse in wonderful Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

Some say that Wolfeboro is America's oldest summer resort and there's no question that this small town next to Lake Winnepesaukee is incredibly charming. What brings us here today is this charming store where you can find DVDs AND VHS tapes of all genres. This is important, because I bet my Dad I could use the word "genre" somewhere in this story. (Hi Dad!)

Your Movie Warehouse has movies starting at \$3.00 as well as many popular TV series for your viewing pleasure. Be sure to check out the Classic Corner and the Bargain Sale Room. Your Movie Warehouse specializes in tracking down hard-to-find movies, so let them know what's on your "Watch List" and they'll do the rest.

So when you're looking for a real Retro Roadtrip experience, get on the road to Your Movie Warehouse in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire and enjoy the show.



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Maine News Briefs

by Jo O'Connor

During the pandemic, loads of people got used to working from home and it seems that trend has continued in Portland. According to a recent study released by remote.com, Portland has been ranked as first in the country as cities to work from home in and #7 best in the world.

Gorham High School basketball superstar and standout player for the Indiana Hoosiers Mackenzie Holmes was selected in the 3rd round of the WNBA Draft by the Seattle Storm. Maine is so very proud.

And speaking about Maine pride, can I get an alright? Cumberland-native and USM college student Julia Gagnon has sung her way in the top 14 of *American Idol* as of this printing. Yahoo!

Congratulations to Nail Spa by Thao of Kennebunk, who just opened up a second location on Elm Street in Biddeford.

Stop in to Karleen's Ideas now in a new location of 13 Western Avenue in Lower Village Kennebunk. Best wishes to Helen and Bonnie of HB Provisions in Lower Village Kennebunk, who have sold the property and will be moving to Vermont at the end of April. The new owner will be keeping it a general store.

Have you heard of this season's line-up at the Ogunquit Playhouse? They will feature: *Waitress*, *Crazy for you*, *A Little Night Music*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *My Best Friend's Wedding- A Musical*.

Welcome to Kennebunkport From Sea to You Designs. Located on Ocean Ave., this shop features coastal art and home goods.

Hospital for exotic companion mammals offers quality care to the often under-served pets

It all started with a rabbit. Her name was Hops and she was a black minilop. She belonged to Dr. Matt Ford and his wife, Amy, when they were in college. "Hops taught us about what amazing, intelligent and entertaining pets rabbits could be," said Amy, "and as Hops aged, we became increasingly aware of the difficulty in finding qualified veterinary care for her."

Since that time they have talked about opening a hospital that would be specifically dedicated to the unique needs of rabbits and other often-overlooked critters. In 2022 they sold their previous hospital in Scarborough (a large cat and dog hospital that also saw some exotic pets) and built their dream facility in the Shoppers Village plaza in Kennebunk.

The Southern Maine Hospital for Small Mammals (SMHSM) is Maine's first hospital exclusively serving rabbits, rodents, ferrets, chinchillas and hedgehogs. SMHSM is a full-service primary care hospital offering wellness and sick pet visits, a diverse array of surgical procedures, an in-house diagnostic laboratory, x-ray and ultrasound. "We're excited to be able to offer these underserved pets the same high quality of care that cats and dogs receive in everyday practice," said Dr. Matt.

The hospital opened in October 2023 and has already treated close to 400 patients. It can be reached at (207) 535-9330. SMHSM's official ribbon cutting will be held at 3 PM May 2 at the facility at 45 Portland Road, Unit 10 in Kennebunk. All are welcome.



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A dream comes true: How a grand piano came to First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church



by Guest Contributor
Jaylene Summers

Decades ago, Ellie Carberry of Kennebunk donated a Yamaha upright piano to Kennebunk's First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in memory of her parents. I was then in my 30s and thought, "What a generous gift. Maybe I can do that some day."

My love of ivory keys and piano music started when I was seven and taking lessons on an upright. My first piece was called "Cuckoo" and I can still play it today (for a chuckle). On my 10th birthday, my parents offered to buy me a used baby grand piano. Dad had recently returned from World War II and loved classical music, as did Mom. Dad asked, "Would you like that for your birthday?" They were so excited I thought I should say "yes," although I also feared I'd have to practice more. Indeed I did.

I began lessons with Harold Dart, a strict classical pianist who I found somewhat scary. We then lived in Bridgeport, Connecticut, an hour from New York City. Mr. Dart's reputation was enhanced by his accompanying famous Metropolitan Opera singers when they practiced. He even had a signed photo of Lawrence Melchior in his studio. (Mom was impressed!)

I practiced daily, especially when Dad paid me 25 cents for each half hour. Some days I even practiced an hour. I saved that money to buy Christmas presents for my parents, and continued lessons until I turned 18 and went to college. Mr. Dart thought I'd major in piano performance but I chose psychology instead.

When my husband and I moved to Kennebunk in the 1980s, I had just turned 40. I started lessons with David Maxwell in Portland, an exceptional organist, pianist and composer. After each lesson I eagerly practiced two hours a day. With three teenagers living at home, there was lots of testosterone, so before dinner, I'd often play Beethoven's Adagio Pathetique which had a calming effect on our household.

David encouraged me to upgrade my piano. On my 45th birthday, I purchased a new Yamaha baby grand that I've loved for almost 40 years now. During this time, we became members of FPUU and joined the choir.

When we were both 75, my husband and I received an unexpected inheritance. Rich suggested, "Now is the time to buy that grand piano you wanted for the church." We went shopping with music director Charlie

Grindle and purchased a Yamaha conservatory grand piano. In September 2016, we gifted our beloved church with the piano and it was dedicated by minister, Reverend Lara Campbell.

My dream became reality! Now the church could invite outstanding musicians to play. The first concert was in 2018 with Dr. Hsaing Tu from the University of New Hampshire. His program highlighted music by Debussy. During the pandemic, there were no concerts, but in 2023 Dr. Hsiang Tu returned.

Our opening concert this year will be held on the evening of May 10, and will feature Kennebunk native Patrick Doane on violin and Andrius Zlabys on piano – yes, THAT piano! We hope you will come.

FPUU is located at 114 Main Street, Kennebunk; concert is May 10, 7-8:30 PM; suggested \$25 donation at the door; or pre-register for Zoom at: kennebunk.org/piano-concert; FMI call 985-3700.

Museum announces art preservation project

The Brick Store Museum preserves over 55,000 objects and archives relating to the history, art and cultures of Kennebunk and the surrounding communities. In March, the museum hosted a "March Madness" style competition, in which museum visitors voted for their favorite piece of art from the museum's list of conservation projects.

As even simple conservation projects can cost \$3,000 per painting, the museum is generally only able to conserve one piece per year. On April 1, the museum announced the winner of the "March Museum Madness" vote: the painting of the Kennebunk ship NEVA, painted with watercolor on paper. The work is in severe need of conservation. It came to the museum in 1969 from the Estate of Edith Cleaves Barry, the museum's founder and great-granddaughter of the owner of the original ship.

The ship NEVA was the first vessel to be launched by William Lord of Kennebunk in 1832. The contract for building the ship was made by William Lord with George W. Bourne, partner of Henry Kingsbury, at the shipyard once located behind what is now known as the Wedding Cake House. The vessel was 80 feet long at the keel, 18 feet deep, and about 25 feet wide. The ship's painting shows it leaving the port at Le Havre, France.

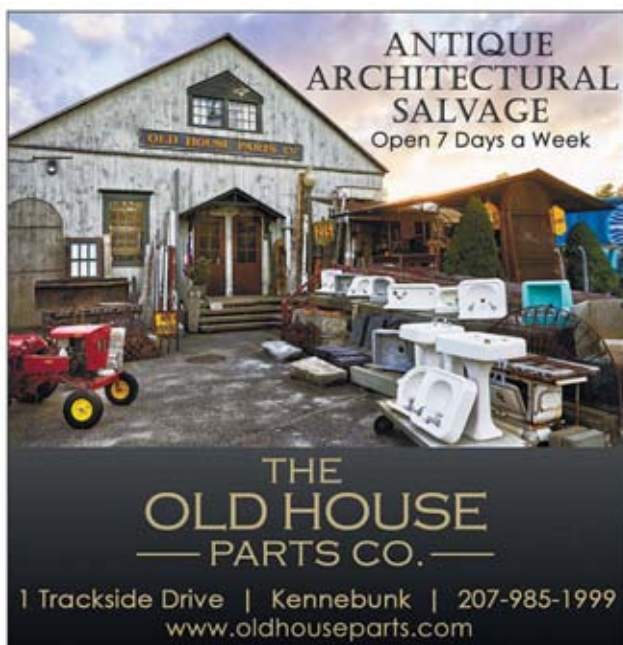
Art conservation is a highly specialized process. This piece will travel to a paper conservation center for repairs and conservation to its paper backing, allowing it to be strong enough to exhibit for future generations.

Thanks to a generous donor who volunteers at the museum, this fund has been kick-started with an incredible donation. The museum seeks help from the community to restore this piece of Kennebunk's history, at a cost of \$2,500.

Learn more about the NEVA and donate at www.brickstoremuseum.org/support.



The painting of the Kennebunk ship NEVA will begin conservation after being selected by museum visitors as the next conservation project. Courtesy photo



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Dock Square bookshop changes hands – and name

by Dana Pearson

Cliché: a phrase, remark, or opinion that has very often been said or expressed before and is therefore not original and not interesting.

Fair enough. But, in their defense, clichés are always on the mark, and immediately understandable. “Sometimes dreams come true” is a popular – and positive – example.

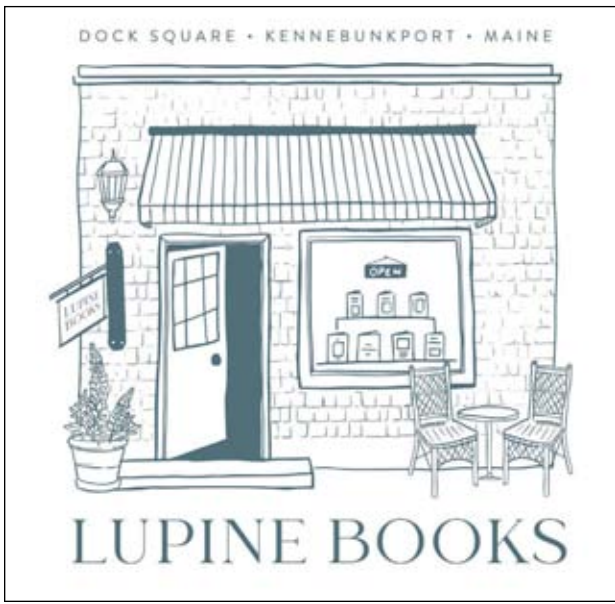
And while a book-lover may abhor clichés, Emma Wilson is very likely embracing one now, and happily. For she is seeing a lifelong dream come true in Kennebunkport, where she has just opened Lupine Books.

“It’s always been a dream to have a bookstore,” said Wilson, a few days before celebrating with an open house attended by dozens of customers, friends, and family – including her brother Benjamin up from Cambridge – on a rainy day in early April. She greeted everyone

with a glowing smile, clearly more excited than nervous about her new venture. It could have been because she knows what she’s doing, and is familiar with the space in Dock Square.

Lupine Books – the name paying homage to Barbara Cooney’s 1982 children’s classic, *Miss Rumphius* – takes over where Fine Print Booksellers left off. It was there, in the shop run by Kristen Kuehnle, that Wilson worked Sundays since 2020. She had secured the gig with an assist from her mother, Kennebunk Beach Realty broker Tricia Gallagher, who knows Kuehnle. It dovetailed easily into Wilson’s schedule at Sea Road School in Kennebunk, where she’s been a Spanish teacher for nine years.

“I’ll do both,” she said of her teaching and book-selling jobs. “I take the summer off from school, which makes it easier to run the bookstore.”



Sarah Bath of Port and Pine Creative in Kennebunk created the logo for Lupine Books in Dock Square, Kennebunkport, after consulting with owner Emma Wilson.

She’ll have two parttime employees, who also worked for Kuehnle, as well as a former student who’ll fill in random hours. When needed, her folks will help man the register, including her father, Dr. Nate Wilson, an internist who commutes from Kennebunk to SMG Brockton Internal Medicine in Massachusetts. Her parents helped purchase the business from Kuehnle, who still owns the unit it’s housed in; Wilson has signed a two-year rental agreement.

The enviable space nearly went to another former employee when Kuehnle decided to close last fall, but that deal crumbled. “It kind of all fell into place,” said Wilson, who already knows the ins-and-outs of running a bookstore, including how to order inventory, having learned from her former employer.

Lupine Books is bound to be Wilson’s happy place, as she has spent her life surrounded by books.

“I’ve always been a voracious reader,” said Wilson, who graduated from Kennebunk High School in 2009. “I average

about 150 books a year. Even throughout my college years I read for pleasure.” Those years were spent at Wellesley College, where she majored in Latin American studies and economics. Nowadays she mostly enjoys reading mysteries, literary fiction, and new fiction; on her nightstand now are *Listen for the Lie* by Amy Tintera and *Anita de Monte Laughs Last* by Xochitl Gonzalez.

To stay current, Wilson listens to podcasts and reads magazines, newsletters, and the *New York Times* Sunday Book Review. “Kennebunkport is a very literary town,” she said. “I know which authors will sell.”

Ready to hit the ground running (yes, another cliché), Wilson is sanguine about her prospects, saying, “The health of indie bookstores is better than ever. Ever since covid, around 2020, there’s been a lot of support for independent booksellers. And there are many who’ll only read physical books. They keep us in business.”

For store hours, go to lupinebooksmaine.com, Facebook, or Instagram.

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Among the offerings at the newly opened Lupine Books in Dock Square are the two novels that owner Emma Wilson is reading now - *Anita de Monte Laughs Last* by Xochitl Gonzalez and *Listen for the Lie* by Amy Tintera. Photo by Dana Pearson



Emma Wilson, center, greets well-wishers at the April 5 open house of her new venture, Lupine Books, in Kennebunkport. Photo by Dana Pearson



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20 Maine women honored by Hannaford and radio station Coast 93.1: They saw a need – and acted on it

by Valerie Marier

“These 20 remarkable women didn’t do this for recognition,” says Sherri Stevens, Community Relations Manager for Hannaford Supermarkets. “They’re truly humbled by any acknowledgment of their work and we want to thank them for their contributions to create positive changes here in Maine.”

That special “thank you” took place March 25 when 20 “outstanding women” from across Maine, aging from their 30s to a spry 98-year-old, gathered at a reception in South Portland, sponsored by Hannaford Supermarkets and radio station Coast 93.1. Each woman received a \$250 Hannaford gift card, a bouquet of flowers, a trophy and public recognition of their unselfish work to keep Maine communities strong and viable.

Kimberly Brown of Kennebunk was recognized for her dedication to animal assisted therapy. Last October, Brown spent weeks in Lewiston after the mass shooting. With her two golden doodles, rescue dogs named Sky and Campbell, Brown visited and spent significant time

with townspeople affected by the tragedy. She has since maintained contact with many in Lewiston. Another recipient from southern Maine includes Cathy Hendrix, a 21-year volunteer for hospice at home and at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough. Additionally, Diane Dunton Bruni was honored for founding the Sebago Fuller Center for Housing which works to provide free home repairs for low-income and aging adults.

Katie Strait, who teaches science at Portland’s Baxter Academy, received the award for her dedication to and concern about climate change and reducing plastic pollution. Cassie Fowler, executive director of Seeds of Hope in Biddeford, was cited as a “beacon of support for unhoused people and for offering meaningful solutions to poverty, isolation and despair.”

Other recipients in various Maine towns and cities included a woman who works to comfort survivors of domestic violence, another who is an advocate for youth empowerment through her Seeds of Independence organization, and also the director of SHAREcenter which provides free

supplies to educators in Auburn.

One of the most remarkable honorees is 98-year-old Marian Sturtevant. Through her work with the American Heart Association and as historian for the Westbrook Women’s Club, Sturtevant “serves as a shining example, demonstrating that one can continue to contribute meaningfully to society regardless of age, encouraging others to follow suit and make a difference in the lives of others.”

Hannaford’s Stevens notes, “Every one of these women shares her time and talents to make life better for others, going above and beyond to keep our communities strong.” Each honored woman was also interviewed at length about her community work and that interview was subsequently broadcast on Coast 93.1.

To be recognized as one of 20 outstanding Maine women was “truly exciting and we all feel so honored,” Kimberly Brown said. Kudos also go to Hannaford Supermarkets and Coast 93.1 for supporting and celebrating these female volunteers who epitomize our state motto: “The way life should be.”

They share a passion for healing right down to the soul. April Howard from **Heal, Baby, Heal** and Brittni Bonville from **Hart Lite Rising**, came together for a Community Night to explore their love of sound therapy and Reiki in their new sanctuary in Saco, on the evening of the solar eclipse. April Howard is a Sound Healer, Reiki Practitioner, Yoga and Mindfulness Instructor and Embodiment Coach specializing in holistic anxiety solutions and guidance. Brittni Bonville is a Reiki Master Teacher and Practitioner and an Intuitive Vocal Sound Healer.

The new space is illuminated by streaming sunlight by day and twinkle lights by night. The evening began with seven people learning about these practices. We meditated, journaled, and then the magic happened. April shared her beautiful sound therapy with her crystal singing bowls. Brittni shared her angelic voice and light language. They spent time with each individual, performing Reiki and high frequency vibrations through tuning forks. Each participant was so moved by their experience that when it was over, nobody wanted to leave this safe, healing environment. It was something quite spectacular. If you get a chance, check out a community evening with these two or visit them at their separate practices.

Hart Light Rising; www.hartlightrising.com
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Brittni Bonville, Hart Lite Rising



April Howard, Heal Baby Heal



Kimberly Brown was recognized for her animal-assisted therapy work. Courtesy photo

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Kitchen Talk

*"The sun was warm
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Robert Frost*

Savory Spring Vegetables

Sugar Snap Peas with Bacon and Shallots (serves 4-6)

Ingredients:

4 slices bacon
4 shallots, thinly sliced
1 1/2 lbs. sugar snap peas (strings removed)
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup fresh mint leaves, torn
1 tsp. grated lemon zest plus 2 tsp. juice
Salt and pepper

Directions:

Cook bacon until crisp; when cool, crumble coarsely.
Pour off all but 1 tbsp. bacon fat, heat to medium high (until shimmering); add shallots and cook until well browned (3-5 minutes).
Add snap peas, water, 1 1/4 tsp. salt and cook covered 2-4 minutes until peas are crisp-tender. Stir halfway through cooking.
Uncover and continue cooking, stirring frequently until liquid has evaporated and peas are tender (1-3 minutes).
Off heat, stir in mint, lemon zest and juice, and bacon. Season with salt and pepper.

Asparagus, Fennel and Fingerlings

(One Pan – Three Veggies – Serves 6-8)

Ingredients:

1 lb. fingerling potatoes, 1" in diameter, unpeeled, halved lengthwise
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil (divided)
2 1/2 tps. kosher salt (divided)
2 fennel bulbs halved and cut into 1/2"-thick wedges through core, plus 2 tps. chopped fronds (discard stalks)
1 lb. asparagus, trimmed, cut into 2" lengths
1 tbsp. grated lemon zest plus 1 tbsp. juice

Directions:

Toss together potatoes, 3 tbsp. oil and 1 tsp. salt in 12" cast-iron pot.
Put potatoes cut sides down in pan, single layer; cover and cook over medium-low until bottoms are golden brown and knife inserted meets no resistance, approx. 15-20 minutes.
Transfer potatoes to plate; leave remaining oil in pan.
Put fennel wedges (cut side down) in pan, sprinkle with 1/2 tsp. salt, cook 3-4 minutes until well browned; then, flip fennel and cook another 3 minutes; transfer to plate with potatoes.
Add remaining 1 tbsp. oil to pan, then asparagus; sprinkle with 1/2 tsp salt.
Cook over medium-high heat until asparagus is crisp, approx. 5 minutes.
Off heat, stir in potatoes, fennel, lemon zest and juice, 1/2 tsp. salt.
Transfer to platter and serve.

Helpful Hints about Butter

Use a grater (the side with 1/4" holes) to cut cold butter cleanly and quickly for biscuits and pie dough. Stirring the mix is much easier.

Add extra flavor to roast chicken by thinly slicing butter, then coating the pats with poultry seasonings or fresh thyme and placing them under the skin of a whole chicken before putting in oven.

Herbed butter zings pasta and invigorates veggies. Bring 1/2 lb. unsalted butter to room temperature, put in small bowl and stir until "malleable." Add 1 tbsp. finely chopped parsley and chives, zest of 1 lemon and 2 tsp. kosher salt. Mix well, spoon herb butter into middle of a medium-size piece of Saran, wrap and mold into a small log, twist ends, chill until ready to use. Stays good for weeks!



Mocktails (aka: Making lemonade out of lemons)

Whether you want to shed a few pounds or Doctor suggests reducing your consumption of alcohol/wine, there's still joy to be had when the sun goes over the yardarm ... with a worthy substitute: the mocktail!

I took a Mocktail course given by "the bitterest man in the world," Steve Corman. This former teacher and world traveler opened Vena's Fizz House in Westbrook in 2013, closed it when Covid hit in 2020, and has since been creating seltzer-based recipes, a wide variety of unusual bitters, and offering mixology workshops about how to craft a delicious Mocktail.



Steve Corman. Photo by Val Marier

Maine Maple Fire

Using a 16-oz. mason jar, add 1.5 oz. maple syrup, .5 oz. apple cider syrup, .25 oz. lemon juice, 3 dashes Vena's aromatic bitters, 3 drops Vena's ghost pepper extract. (note: cider syrup, bitters and pepper extract available from Vena's online store). Add ice and top with seltzer.

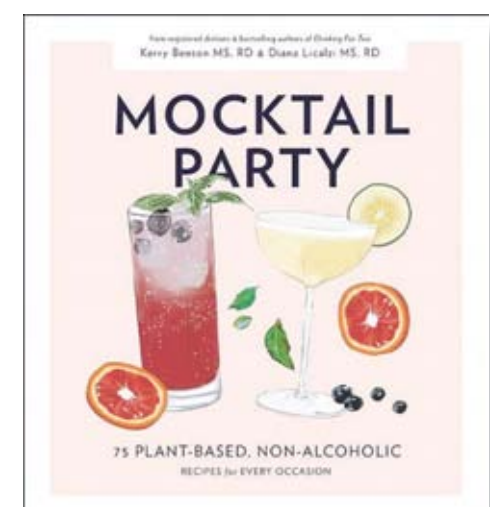
FMI about Mocktail classes (for co-ed gatherings, bridal showers, birthday parties, or just you and a pal) at Vena's Fizz House in Westbrook, call 887-9618 or visit www.venasfizzhouse.com

Also, friend Kathy Graham gave me a book called *Mocktail Party* (authors Kerry Benson and Diana Licalzi) which features 75 plant-based non-alcoholic recipes.

Easy Breezy

In a pitcher, combine 2 2/3 cups coconut water, 1 1/3 cranberry juice, 1/2 cup grapefruit juice, 1/4 cup lime juice; stir, add ice, serves 4.

Lots more recipes in the book too.



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Virtuoso Irish harp and guitar duo to perform April 28

On Sunday, April 28, the internationally renowned duo of harpist Máire Ní Chathasaigh and guitarist Chris Newman from Ireland will make a special appearance in West Kennebunk.

Both Máire and Chris are recognized as virtuosos on their respective instruments; they are among the most highly regarded Irish traditional musicians playing today. Máire has been called "the great innovator of modern Irish harping, a player of outstanding technique and imagination." She is a recipient of Irish music's most prestigious award, Traditional Musician of the Year, presented by Irish television TG4. Chris's 2021 release, *Breaking Bach*, of solo guitar arrangements of Bach's sonatas and partitas for unaccompanied violin and cello, has been hailed as "ground-breaking" and "a magnificent tour-de-force."



Newman and Chathasaigh will perform in West Kennebunk Sunday, April 28. Courtesy photo

The duo has presented its unique musical vision in 22 countries on five continents, ranging from the tiniest of village halls to venues in Kyoto, London, Sydney, and Cologne. Their music is rooted but eclectic – a blend of Irish tradi-

tional music, hot jazz, bluegrass, and baroque, coupled with striking new compositions.

Their concert takes place Sunday afternoon, April 28, from 3 to 5 PM, at the West Kennebunk United Methodist Church, 160 Alfred

Road, West Kennebunk – less than a mile off the Maine Turnpike. There is open seating for the concert on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission is by \$20 per person donation at the door. For more information: Paul Wells (207-985-2831).

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Exceptional musicians to perform in Kennebunk

Violinist Patrick Doane and pianist Andrius Žlabys will perform in Kennebunk on Friday, May 10, at 7 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM) at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 114 Main Street, Kennebunk. These two stellar musicians are also composers. They will perform their own works in addition to music by Prokofiev and Brahms.

Violinist Dr. Patrick Doane, a Kennebunk native, has served as concertmaster and soloist with numerous orchestras, and has performed many recitals throughout the Northeast. Doane has been described as a "compel-

ling violinist" by the *New York Times*. *The New Haven Independent* writes, "His virtuosic playing and obvious command of his instrument was always in service of grand, thrilling musical gestures." Patrick began violin studies at age 6 at River Tree Arts in Kennebunk and he is delighted to return home to Maine for this concert.

Pianist Andrius Žlabys is a Grammy-nominated artist who has received international acclaim for his appearances with many of the world's leading orchestras. Born in Lithuania and trained at the Curtis Institute of Music, Žlabys was just 18 years old when



Violinist Patrick Doane and pianist Andrius Žlabys will perform on Friday, May 10. Courtesy photos

the *Chicago Tribune* wrote: "Pianist-composer Andrius Žlabys is one of the most gifted young keyboard artists to emerge in

years." A \$25 donation will be accepted at the door. To watch online, visit www.uukennebunk.org/pianoconcert.

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Church on the Cape to provide five summer camp scholarships

The Church on the Cape in Cape Porpoise is offering 5 fully-paid Camp Mechuwana scholarships for interested students in grades 4-12. Scholarships for family camp programs and special needs campers are also available. Applicants do not need to be church members to apply and there are no income requirements to be met.

Camp Mechuwana is a United Methodist Church camp in Winthrop, Maine, which has been welcoming campers of all socio-economic and religious backgrounds for the past 75 years. Located on more than 200 acres of forest land bordering Lower Narrows Pond and Lake Annabessacook in Winthrop, the camp consists of nature trails, a boat dock, swimming area, cabins, a theatre, chapel, dining commons, basketball court, and a sports field.

Church on the Cape will be hosting a special "Summer Camp Sunday" church service on Sunday, April 28, at 10 AM, following the 9:45 AM informal Hymn Sing. Camp Mechuwana Director Norman Thombs will be there to share information about the camp. FMI on the camp, visit www.mechuwana.org. FMI on Church on the Cape, visit www.churchonthecape.org. FMI about applying for a scholarship, email Diane Hutchins at: dianeanderik@yahoo.com.

La Dolce Vita

It's been a season of storms here in the Kennebunks and while most of the news hasn't been good, I wanted to write about some really special things that happened in the past few weeks.

It started when Kennebunk Fire Rescue Chief Justin Cooper reached out to see if we could help find beds for 280 line people who had come from across the country and Canada. Dozens had already spent the night at firehouses, on cots or on the floor, with no towels to shower with.

I put out the call and local businesses jumped right in.

Rhumb Line hosted a crew from New Brunswick, Canada, while other crews stayed at the Kennebunkport Inn and the Grand, Seaside Inn and more.

Businesses such as Mornings in Paris, Cape Porpoise Kitchen, Holy Donut and Hannaford helped us feed the crews.

A special shout-out to Arundel House of Pizza, who donated dozens of pizzas and hundreds of dollars of snacks for the tired and hungry crews!

Residents lined up at Central Fire Station to drop off food and drinks.

And because of generous community donations, we were able to thank the KLPD crew, DPW workers, fire and police responders from our three towns with lunch last week. In addition, we were able to buy nearly 300 hygiene kits for use in emergencies. Special thanks to Hannaford for donating the cake, Holy Donuts for the delicious doughnuts, all the volunteers and especially KFR Chief Justin Cooper for helping to get everyone together.

At that same lunch one of our volunteers wrote out a check to cover the cost of a new piece of equipment that holds emergency supplies like cots and bedding. And

just the other day another community member wrote out a check to cover the cost of towels and pillows - all emergency supplies that have been depleted by the many storms we've had this year.

While I'm always proud to be a part of this extraordinary community, this month I'm EXTRA proud of the way people came together to help.

And speaking of storms, does anyone else have the feeling that Mother Nature is out to get us?

I know it's spring, but my sump pump hasn't worked this hard in the six years since we moved here and there are so many branches down on the lawn that I'm surprised any are left on the trees.

I know ours isn't the only fence to have panels knocked out by the wind, but I'm tired of looking out the back window to

see them drunkenly listing against the trees.

I'm praying our May and June are a heck of a lot drier than April's been - and better than last year by far.

The one silver lining in all this is that we have never lost power at home, no matter how the storm rages outside.

I feel guilty, sometimes, when all my power does is dim once in a while when others have gone without power for days.

Thank you KLPD!



Laura Dolce is Director of the Kennebunk Kennebunkport and Arundel Chamber of Commerce

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Super fan Don Crisman to speak at Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday, May 1



Tom Henschel, Don Crisman, and Gregory Eaton. Courtesy photo

On Wednesday, May 1, at 6 PM, Kennebunk Free Library will host Don Crisman as he discusses his experience as one of only three people to have attended every single Su-

per Bowl. Crisman will share stories and photos from his adventures. Crisman's first Super Bowl, which was the first Super Bowl, was in Los Angeles in 1967. This year, he

headed to Las Vegas for Super Bowl LVIII. Crisman met Tom Henschel at the Super Bowl in 1983 and met Gregory Eaton more than a decade ago. Together, the three friends

form an extremely exclusive club, as the only people to have attended every Super Bowl.

FMI call 207-985-2173 or email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org.



Above left: Crisman meeting Robert Kraft. Above right: Super Bowl 50. Courtesy photos

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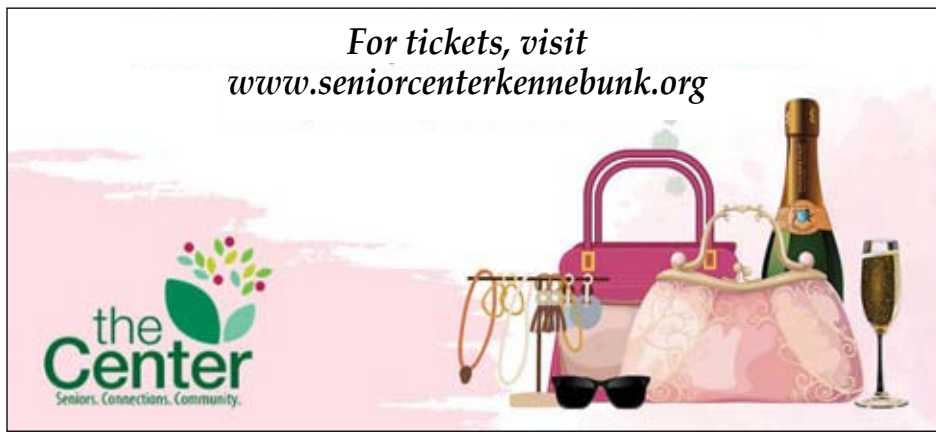
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Bags, Baubles & Bubbly returns June 6 and 7

Bags, Baubles & Bubbly is back! The Center in Kennebunk will once again be hosting the shopping event of the spring on Thursday and Friday, June 6 and 7.

Bags, Baubles and Bubbly offers a large inventory of designer handbags, upscale jewelry and trendy accessories at steeply discounted prices.

Be among the first to see the inventory. A limited number of VIP tickets at \$50 include early access to shop the



sale before it opens to the public, and a special VIP swag bag. Shop the VIP sale on Thursday, June

6, from 4 to 7 PM while you enjoy nibbles and bubbly.

Tickets will go on sale

May 1 and can be purchased online at www.seniorcenterkennebunk.org, or by visiting the Center at 175 Port Road, Kennebunk. General admission tickets for Friday, June 7, are \$20 and include access to the sale from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Bags Baubles and Bubbly will be held at the Center, 175 Port Road, in Lower Village, Kennebunk.

This event is a fundraiser for the Center with proceeds going towards its mission to be a welcoming meeting place for adults 50 and older to explore their interest through engaging programs, social connections, and volunteer opportunities that strengthen the community.

FMI visit www.seniorcenterkennebunk.org or call 967-8514.

"History in Your Own Backyard" and "Energy Conservation" – upcoming virtual lectures

The Brick Store Museum currently hosts a virtual series called "Your Old House: And Other Preservation Stories," to inform and discuss topics surrounding historic preservation and caring for historic (or modern day) homes. Its third and fourth episodes in the series have been announced, focusing on historic landscaping in April and energy upgrades in May to close out the springtime series of Zoom lectures.

On Thursday, April 25, at 12 PM, "History in Your Own Backyard" will be presented by Lucinda Brockway, owner of Past Designs, LLC. On Thursday, May 23, at 12 PM, Elizabeth Paliga, Preservation Services Manager at Historic New England, will present "Energy Conservation: Retrofitting Old Homes."

The lectures are free with registration required for participants to receive the Zoom link to attend. The presentations will be recorded so that those unable to attend will receive the recording the following day. The "Your Old House" series is intended to support homeowners and stewards of historic structures through common issues and speedbumps when caring for your home. These presentations are offered for free thanks to the support of the museum's Mission Partners, found on the museum's website at www.brickstoremuseum.org.

Tickets for these and other upcoming Lunch & Learn lectures can be reserved at brickstoremuseum.org/calendar.



Crossword Solution

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March 27 – April 10

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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.

Saco River Theatre launches children's programming for community

Saco River Theater (SRT), a 501(c)3 organization located in Buxton, announces an expansion of their programming to include "SRT, Jr," a family-friendly theater program, beginning with four vaudeville shows on Sunday afternoons in May and June and two one-week theater camps in August.

The performances feature well-known Maine performers Janoah Bailin in *meSSeS*, Andrew Silver in *The Silver Circus*, Michael Trautman in *Body Talk* and Jason Tardy's *High Energy Juggling*. They offer hour-long shows consisting of unicycling, juggling, feats, contortion, balancing and other physical skills bound to enthrall audiences of all ages. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 18. Admittance for children under five is free. Please visit Saco River Theater's website www.sacorivertheatre.org for tickets and performance dates.

The two one-week children's theater camps in August will be led by lo-

cal theater professional Karen Ball. These theater camps will provide an enriching experience where children can explore their creativity and develop confidence through the theater. Future plans call for a production class in the fall. Each camp runs for one week from 9 AM to 3 PM and features campers learning theater games, improvisation and other group activities.

"Circus Ship Follies" Camp will take place August 5 to 9 for students entering grades 3-5. Set sail on a weeklong creative adventure of workshops, games, rehearsals, and stagecraft that help your child develop an understanding of how the magic of theater is created. Over the course of the week, campers will bring to life a page-to-the-stage adaptation of *Circus Ship*, by Chris Van Dusen, with a performance for families to end the week.

"Heroes and Villains" Camp will take place August 12 to 16 for students entering grades 6-8. Experience the joy of perfor-



mance in an original one-act play. Campers will use their imagination to create original characters in a series of engaging theater games designed to teach them more about the craft of acting. These characters will form the basis of an original production to be performed for an invited audience at the end of the week.

Karen Ball is an actor and teacher. She earned her Master of Fine Arts at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire of Acting and Music in Birming-

ham, UK. The cost for each camper is \$350. Register at SRT, Jr. on the website www.sacorivertheatre.org.

Saco River Theatre is an Actors Equity Small Professional Theatre and music venue, now in its 34th season. By adding children's programming, the SRT board hopes to welcome more young families, furthering its mission to enrich the community as a performing arts center and public forum for accessible and diverse cultural and educational programs.

What's opening? And when?

by Jo O'Connor

It's such a great time in southern Maine – the daffodils are showing off, the forsythias are budding, the rain is greening our lawns, the peepers are boisterously singing, the ground is slowly warming and just about everything is starting to open. Here is a selection of seasonal openings:

- Martel's Ice Cream & Mini Golf in Saco, now open
- Way Way Store in Saco, now open
- Hurricane Restaurant in Kennebunkport, now open
- Alisson's Restaurant in Kennebunkport, opening in April
- The Pilot House in Lower Village Kennebunk, opening in May
- Dunne's Ice Cream in York, now open
- Fox's Lobster House in York, opening April 24
- Farm + Table in Cape Porpoise, opening April 25
- Bentley's Saloon in Arundel, opening April 26
- Ogunquit Museum of America Art, now open
- Big Daddy's Ice Cream in Wells, now open
- Bill Pizza in OOB, opening April 26
- Pier Fries in OOB, opening April 26
- Nikanos in Ogunquit, now open
- Barnacle Billy's in Ogunquit, now open
- The Cape Neddick Lobster Pound, now open
- Congdon's After Dark Food Truck Park, opens May 23
- The Colony Hotel, opening May 17
- OOB Downeaster Amtrak Station, opens May 20
- Ogunquit Playhouse in Ogunquit, opens May 9
- Arundel Wharf in Kennebunkport, opens May 15
- York's Wild Kingdom Maine in York, opens May 25
- Palace Playland in OOB, opens May 25

More McCartney music in the Port

Mid-Week Music presents "More Paul, Please" on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 PM at the Kennebunkport Historical Society's Town House School at 135 North Street. Dana Pearson (right) and Andy MacLeod will perform a couple hours' worth of McCartney music, mixing his hits with a fair share of B-sides and deep album cuts from his six decades of recording.

The monthly concert series continues June 12 with "Acoustic Petty." For tickets: kporths.com/buy-tickets, info@kporths.com, or 967-2751.



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Live music submissions must meet our regular PR deadlines, as listed in our publishing calendar. (Our Publishing Calendar appears on the lead page of each issue of the newspaper and can be found online at touristandtown.com.)

You are welcome to send us your listings for the full season or one newspaper at a time, provided submissions are received in the proper time frame.

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May Day baskets: An annual tradition

May Day baskets started as a popular tradition in the Victorian era. On May Day, a person would fill a basket with flowers and visit a friend's or neighbor's house to hang the basket on their door. The visitor rang the doorbell and then ran away, leaving a lovely May Day basket for the recipient.

On April 27, from 12 to 3 PM, the Brick Store Museum will be offering a May Day Basket workshop, led by Kathy Polletto of Kennebunk Basketry, in which participants can create their own handwoven May Day basket to hang on a door knob.

This is a beginning basketmaking class. Participants will each create a small round hanging basket. The baskets are 9" high, including the handle, and 3-3 1/2" wide. The baskets are made with various types of reed splint, which

will be provided. Participants will have their choice of colors to add to their baskets. In this class, participants will learn how to start a base for a round basket, how to twine the bottom, over and under weaving and how to attach the handle and rim.

This class is intended for adult learners and will take place in the Brick Store Museum's Program Center. This is a great opportunity to create art with friends or meet new community members.

For more information on this and other museum offerings, visit www.brickstore-museum.org. The workshop fee is \$65 per person and includes materials.

The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk. FMI call 985-4802 or visit www.brickstoremuseum.org.



"Singing Seniors" perform spring concert Wednesday, May 22

The Senior Moment Chorus is an enthusiastic group of "singing seniors" based in Kennebunkport, comprised of participants from several communities throughout Southern Maine.

The "Singing Seniors" will present 2 Spring Concerts in May which will focus on a theme of optimism and joy. The program is made up of popular songs including a medley from *The Music Man* and *The Lion King*, to name a few. The first concert will be Wednesday, May 22, at the Church on the Cape, 3 Langsford Road, Cape Porpoise, at 4 PM. The second concert will be Tuesday, May 28, also at 4 PM, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2 Lord Street, Kennebunk.



It's The Leavitt's 99th year!

Yes, the Leavitt Theatre in Ogunquit is celebrating its 99th anniversary. Established in 1925 as a silent film theatre, The Leavitt has been a beloved gathering space for nearly a century. With so much to choose from, including live music, free movies, ticketed concerts, dinner and drinks and private events, The Leavitt is always unforgettable.

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FMI visit www.leavitttheatre.com.



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Q: Looking to buy a house in this area. My wife and I are having some major discord as to how much we really can afford to spend on a new home. We have sold our place in Boston and have a nice chunk of cash in our account. Both of us are still working and earning pretty good salaries. What do you recommend as a method to establish a price range that we can be searching in. Our views are pretty far apart. She thinks that I am being reckless and I think she is being neurotically careful. Your thoughts...thanks Earl

A: Your issue is truly understandable. Buyers have to be comfortable with the price range that they are in and it takes some research to establish that in terms of your financial situation. Your best bet is to sit down with a lender and share your financial information with them. They will respond with a price range that they will be willing to supply you with financing. This is an important step to take that you and your spouse will then be able to decide where you are within the lender's range. Sometimes buyers want to meet with more than one lender to see if there is any difference in their offerings. This procedure will educate you as to the price range you should be looking in. It works.

Q: We are in the beginning stages of selling my mother's house as she recently passed away. My folks lived in their place for over 40 years and never really spent much money to keep it in good shape. It is in a nice spot but truly needs a great deal of work. As we move forward we are just not sure as to what the costs of repair will be as there is truly quite a bit. Any suggestions as to how we solve this dilemma? Cal and Margaret

A: This is not an unusual challenge for people who are getting ready to sell an older home that they have not lived in. I would recommend that you contact a home inspector to inspect the place for you. This will enable you to know what the real needs are. You may want to confer with a broker to help you find a competent inspector and then figure out what you do about the things that need to be done. Your buyer will have an inspection and will learn of the work that is necessary. If you have the information ahead of time you will be able to understand and decide if there are things that you need to do before you put the place on the market. Or if you should price it as per what the costs that the new owner will be stepping into. Your broker will help you with these decisions and procedures. It is an important part of your sales process.

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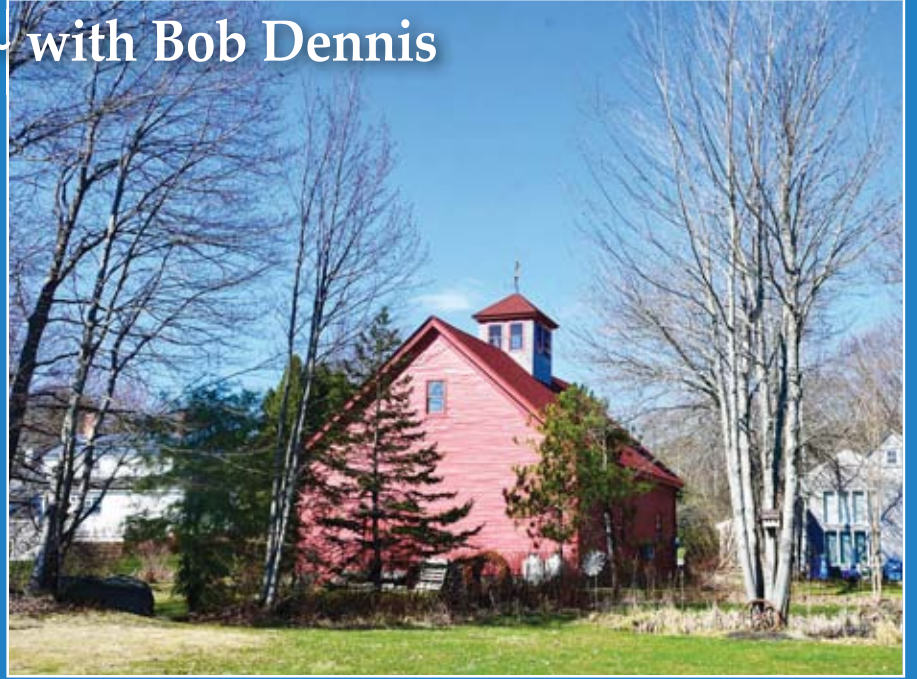
Real Estate Q & A



Randal Simon has been a real estate broker for over 30 years. His column was in the Portland Press Herald for many years; he is now pleased to be participating locally in Tourist & Town. He has been a contributor to The Wall Street Journal, Unique Homes and The New York Times.

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Through the Lens ~ with Bob Dennis



"As Joni Mitchell famously sang, 'The seasons, they go round and round,' and perhaps nowhere is that more meaningful than here in New England, where we have four very distinct and uniquely beautiful seasons. This is a collage of four images taken of the same Cape Porpoise scene (featuring Farm & Table's red barn, seen from Pier Road) in each season. The spring photo was taken on Monday morning, April 15." ~ Bob Dennis, @portimages, kportimages.com

ACROSS

- 1 From a distance
- 5 Visionary?
- 10 Byte divisions
- 14 Like a soft, juicy mango
- 15 Pasta sauce brand
- 16 Walker with the hit "Faded"
- 17 Last line of defense in soccer
- 19 She, in France
- 20 Like messages that haven't been opened
- 21 Sicilian volcano
- 23 Brew that may be pale
- 24 Erode
- 25 Person who can't do their job off-site?
- 27 Time with a therapist, for short
- 29 Talk and talk and talk
- 30 Chip's partner
- 33 Archer's asset
- 35 Apple tablets
- 37 Landing guess: Abbr.
- 38 Circus performer
- 41 The Mariners, on scoreboards (quite fittingly!)
- 42 Jokers
- 44 Bee product
- 45 Stipulation in a contract

DOWN

- 46 Nearsightedness
- 49 Back end
- 51 Certain pro catcher?
- 53 Well-paying and easy
- 57 Hosp. ward
- 58 Midday
- 59 Like a bank vault
- 60 Moon mission org.
- 62 Business conference attendees
- 64 Jennifer who wrote "A Visit From the Goon Squad"
- 65 Vowel-shaped girder
- 66 Paradise
- 67 Plead not guilty to, say
- 68 Specially trained group
- 69 Forfeited auto
- 1 Have a debate
- 2 Shrek's wife
- 3 In separate places
- 4 Let go of
- 5 Persuasive newspaper piece
- 6 Opposite of post-home
- 7 Conical home
- 8 "Things are going OK"
- 9 Eye's front
- 10 Honey
- 11 Not calm

ACROSS

- 12 Big ask
- 13 Unkind smile
- 18 Supermodel Upton
- 22 Fess up (to)
- 25 Sound of a helicopter blade
- 26 Fiendish sort
- 28 Biological egg holder
- 30 Senator Fischer of Nebraska
- 31 Time period that the Manhattan Project kicked off
- 32 Storage option for a corner kitchen cabinet
- 34 Cut the grass
- 36 Froot Loops toucan
- 38 Colorado ski town
- 39 Farm structure

DOWN

- 40 Chopping tool
- 43 "Wow, I'm impressed!"
- 45 Cab driver?
- 47 Unexpected yet fitting
- 48 Microscopic organism with "feet"
- 50 Dell competitor
- 51 Assessed a monetary penalty
- 52 Started the poker pot
- 54 Blue shoe material
- 55 Hiring whiz
- 56 Type of question where elaboration is not expected
- 59 Not all
- 61 Whichever
- 63 H.G. Wells' "The ___ of the Worlds"

Industry Connections by Jeffrey K. Martinovic

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Solution on page 18. Don't peek!

Fun Maine Fact

Old Orchard Beach's Palace Playland has been in operation since 1902. With 28 amusement rides and spanning 5 acres, Palace Playland is an old-school amusement park. It also features the largest arcade in Maine – and nightly fireworks throughout the summer!

CALENDAR

Going on Now

Faerie House Supply Pickup, Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main Street, Kennebunk. It's time to welcome the faeries back to the library and supply pickup at the library is officially open. Natural materials are now available for pickup. Faerie houses will be accepted at the library from April 22 through April 31. FMI call 985-2173 or visit kennebunkfreelibrary.org.

Thursday, April 25

Maine Author Barbara Walsh, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 3:15 PM. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Barbara Walsh will discuss her new book *Spencer: Boston's Beloved Marathon Dog*, a story of hope, inspiration and a dog who lit up the world with his love. With a heart as big as the Boston skyline, Spencer gained worldwide fame as the beloved Boston Marathon dog. For eight years, the golden retriever cheered for thousands of runners in the cold, freezing rain, even as he recovered from cancer. Spencer began rooting for Boston Marathon runners in 2015. At Mile 3, Spencer held his Boston Strong flags, inspiring athletes and fans to be brave and never give up. Honored as the marathon's official race dog in 2022, Spencer grew so famous that runners lined up to hug and photograph their loyal fan. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Evening Book Group, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 5 PM. For April, the group is reading poetry. All are welcome to attend. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

History in Your Own Backyard – Virtual Lecture, Brick Store Museum, 117 Main Street, Kennebunk, 12 PM. This is part of the "Your Old House and Other Preservation Stories" series. FMI and to register, visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 985-4802. See full story on page 18 of this issue.

Adult Crafternoon – Terra Cotta Planters, Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Wells, 2 PM. Join Wells Public Library and Adult Services Librarian Kim to decoupage terra cotta planters. All supplies will be provided. Registration required. FMI and to secure your spot, please contact Kim at kswejkoski@wellstown.org or call the library at 207-646-8181.

Weekly Conversational French Language Group, Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Wells, 4 PM. Join us for an informal approach to practicing or re-learning French. We welcome anyone with a French Language interest to participate. FMI please contact Cindy Appleby at cappleby@wellstown.org or call the library at 207-646-8181.

Friday, April 26

Fabulous Friday Family Story Time, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 10 AM. This is held in the Community Room every Friday. FMI visit www.graveslibrary.org or call 967-2778 and ask for the Junior Room.

Fiber Arts, Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Wells, 10:30 AM. Join us on Fridays 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 and levels of ability are encouraged to join us for ideas, inspiration and lively conversation. FMI please contact Kim Swejkoski at kswejkoski@wellstown.org or call the library at 207-646-8181.

Saturday, April 27

May Day Basket Workshop, Brick Store Museum, 117 Main Street, Kennebunk, 12 PM. Basketmaker Kathy Polletto will teach participants to make a May Day basket. Tickets: \$65/person. FMI visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call (207)985-4802.

"In Awe of Nature" Exhibit Opening, Haley Art Gallery, 178 Haley Road, Kittery, 1-3 PM. See full story on page 9 of this issue.

Sunday, April 28

Concert with Harpist Máire Ní Chathasaigh and guitarist Chris Newman from Ireland, West Kennebunk United Methodist Church, 160 Alfred Road, West Kennebunk, 3-5 PM. Admission is by \$20 per person donation at the door. FMI call Paul Wells at 985-2831. See full story on page 16 of this issue.

Monday, April 29

What's Your Story? (This takes place every Monday), Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 7 PM. Each week,

Library Director Mary-Lou Boucouvalas sits down with a community member and talks to them about where they came from, what they do, what their interests are, etc. It is a great way to get to know who lives in your neighborhood or waits on you at a local business. Tune in Monday evenings on the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library's Facebook page or YouTube channel or watch on the Town of Kennebunkport's cable channels 2 and 1301.

Wednesday, May 1

"Mixed Media Art" Exhibit Opens, Speers Gallery, Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main Street, Kennebunk. Art by students at School Around Us and The New School will be exhibited. The exhibit will run May 1-30. See full story on page 9 of this issue.

Super Fan Don Crisman: Guest Lecture, Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main Street, 6 PM. Crisman will discuss his experience as one of only three people to have attended every single Super Bowl. FMI call 207-985-2173 or email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org. See full story on page 17 of this issue.

Portside Readers (this event takes place every Wednesday), Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 7 PM. Listen to stories, poems, tales, essays, drama, songs and more by the Portside Readers, a small group of local actors, writers and book club members who want to share the joys of reading and listening. Tune in Wednesday evenings on the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library's Facebook page and YouTube channel, or watch on the Town of Kennebunkport's cable channels 2 and 1301. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Friday, May 3

Fabulous Friday Family Story Time, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 10 AM. FMI visit www.graveslibrary.org or call 967-2778 and ask for the Junior Room.

Stay and Play, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 10:45 AM. A one-hour playtime for children and caregivers to engage in educational toys, promoting socialization and engagement. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

May Astronomy Club Meeting and Presentation, The Astronomical Society of Northern New England, 7:30 PM, The New School, 38 York Street, Kennebunk. The Business Meeting, also open to the public, commences at 7 PM. Dr. Francois Foucart will present. Dr. Foucart specializes in performing numerical simulations of colliding black holes and neutron stars. Dr. Foucart will discuss what nearly 10 years of gravitational wave observations have told us; not only about colliding black holes and neutron stars, but also about element formation, nuclear physics and the history and evolution of the universe. Visit us at www.ASNNE.org.

Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5

12th Annual Maine Pottery Tour. The Maine Pottery Tour offers a unique opportunity to explore the vibrant ceramics scene in Maine. FMI visit mainepotterytour.org. See full story on page 8 of this issue.

Saturday, May 4

May Day Festival, Kennebunk. Held on the first Saturday in May, this festival provides a full day of fun, with family-friendly activities throughout downtown Kennebunk. FMI visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/mayday.

May Day Book Sale, Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main Street, Kennebunk, 9 AM-1 PM. This sale is in conjunction with the Town of Kennebunk's May Day Festival. The sale will be held in Hank's Room and outside (weather permitting). FMI call 985-2173 or email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org.

Invasive Plants Workday, York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road, York, 10 AM-12 PM. Join York Land Trust Stewardship Team for a fun, active morning of invasive plant management, as part of the library's 2024 climate programming series "Living in a Climate Changed World." Meet in the library's outdoor classroom. Register at yorkpubliclibrary.org/calendar.

On the Nightstand – Book Discussion Group, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 9 AM. This group will meet in the Dow Room on the first Saturday of every month. Bring a book that is currently on your nightstand. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Super Saturday, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 10 AM. Spend your Saturday morning in the Junior Room at the library, with crafts to-go, games, puzzles, hands-

on stations and more. And don't forget to try out the themed Scavenger Hunt. FMI call 967-2778 and ask for the Junior Room or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

May Day Lasagna Dinner, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Storer Street, Kennebunk, 4-6 PM. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. The meal will include homemade lasagna, salads, breads, and dessert. Take out meals will also be available. Half of the proceeds will go to the Community Outreach Services of Kennebunk (COS). FMI call the church office at 207-985-4803 and leave a message. Organizers of the event will get back to you.

Monday, May 6

What's Your Story? (This takes place every Monday), Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 7 PM. See Monday, April 29 listing for details.

Tuesday, May 7

Technology Class, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 11:15 AM. Are you considering taking a technology class but wondering if it is worth your time and effort? Look no further. This class will explore spotting misinformation online. Whether new to computers or looking to improve your skills, our technology class is the perfect way to take your abilities to the next level. Bring your questions. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Wednesday, May 8

Planting for Climate Resilience, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 5:30 PM. Together with the Friends of Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, the library will host members of the Wild Seed Project. In addition to helping sustain vital pollinators, birds and other wildlife, native plantings offer countless other benefits that are indispensable in the age of climate change. Andrea Berry from the Wild Seed Project will talk about the actions you can take to make your corner of the world more biodiverse and resilient to the effects of climate change. Copies of the publication *Planting for Climate Resilience* will be available for sale. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Rethinking Consumerism & Climate Celebration! York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road, York, 5:30-7 PM. Meet local groups and vendors working to reduce consumerism and excess, by reusing, sharing and reimagining what collaborative climate solutions look like. Visit with the ReStore, We Fill Good and the founder of the Clothing Library to find out more. Delicious snacks and fun raffles will add to the celebration. This event is part of York Public Library's 2024 climate programming series "Living in a Climate Changed World." FMI visit yorkpubliclibrary.org/climate.

Portside Readers (every Wednesday), Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 7 PM. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org. See May 1 listing for additional details.

Mid-Week Music presents "More Paul, Please," Kennebunkport Historical Society's Town House School, 135 North Street, 7 PM. Dana Pearson and Andy MacLeod will perform a couple hours' worth of McCartney music, mixing his hits with a fair share of B-sides and deep album cuts from his six decades of recording. The monthly concert series continues June 12 with "Acoustic Petty." For tickets: kporths.com/buy-tickets, info@kporths.com, or 967-2751.

Thursday, May 9

Morning Book Group, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 9:45 AM. *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher will be discussed. This group meets on the second Thursday of every month. New members are always welcome. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Saturday-Sunday, May 10-12

Barn and Mill Pop-up at The Space, 12 Depot Street, Kennebunk. This pop-up will take place in the beautiful event space at the old Kennebunk Train Depot. See additional details on facing page.

Friday, May 10

Clothing Drive, hosted by Planeteers of Southern Maine and Helpsy, Quest Fitness parking lot, 2 Livewell Drive, Kennebunk, 10 AM-1 PM. Used clothing, footwear, accessories, and other household textiles will be collected, to be reused or recycled, keeping it out of the waste stream. All donations need to be dry and clean. No early birds. FMI visit [FB/someplaneteers](https://www.facebook.com/someplaneteers).

CALENDAR

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Stay and Play, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 11 AM. Looking for a fun and educational activity for your kids? A one-hour playtime for children and caregivers to engage in educational toys, promoting socialization and engagement. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Public Star Party (rain date May 11), Astronomical Society of Northern New England (ASNNE), Talmage Observatory at Starfield, State Route 35, West Kennebunk, 7:30 PM. See April 12 listing for all the details. FMI about ASNNE, including directions and events, visit www.ASNNE.org.

Concert with Violinist Patrick Doane and pianist Andrius Žlabys, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 114 Main Street, Kennebunk, 7 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM). The two will perform their own works in addition to music by Prokofiev and Brahms. A \$25 donation will be accepted at the door. To watch online, visit www.uukennebunk.org/piano-concert. See full story on page 16 of this issue.

Saturday, May 11

Author Gigi Georges, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 2 PM. The Patsy Bray Mahoney Lecture Series Presents Gigi Georges, Ph.D to discuss *Downeast*. Ms. Georges turned to narrative non-fiction writing after an extensive career in politics, public service and academia. A former White House Special Assistant to the President and U.S. Senate State Director, she taught political science at Boston College, served as a Program Director for the Harvard Kennedy School and Managing Director of The Glover Park Group – a leading national public affairs firm. Born and raised in Brooklyn, she lives with her husband and 11-year-old daughter in New Hampshire and Downeast Maine. *Downeast* honors the lives of five remarkable young women and, through them, the paths of young women across rural America. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing after the event. Parking is available along Maine Street, the North Street Fire Station Parking Lot, and Consolidated School (Route 9). Please enter through the white door in the Parking Lot. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Thursday, May 16

Write On! Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 3 PM. Enjoy putting pen to paper with your thoughts and stories. Creative writing prompts will be given at the end of each meeting. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Wine Tasting & Summer Painting Raffle Kickoff, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 5 PM. A very special wine tasting and unveiling of an original Ellen Granter painting to be raffled off in September. Local wine experts Lani Dietz and Betsy Ross will guide guests through the program with ideas, pairings and educational tidbits about the selected wines from around the globe. A suggested donation for this program is \$25 pp. Call the library at 967-2778 to register. Proceeds will benefit Graves Library. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Friday, May 17

Furry Tales Story Time, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 10 AM. A special story time in partnership with the Animal Welfare Society of Kennebunk. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Stay and Play, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 11 AM. A one-hour playtime for children and caregivers to engage in educational toys, promoting socialization and engagement. FMI call 967-2778 and ask for the Junior Room or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19

Zapapa Handmade Pop-up, The Space at the Depot, 12 Depot Street, Kennebunk. See additional information at right.

Saturday, May 18

Walks with a Maine Naturalist in Hope Woods, 10 AM. A pleasurable and informative walk on this accessible trail. To register or FMI, email friendsofhw@gmail.com or call 207-387-9100. The next walk will be Sunday, June 16. More walks will be scheduled through November.

Authors Carl & David Little, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 2 PM. The Patsy Bray Mahoney Lecture Series Presents Carl and David Little to discuss *Art of Penobscot Bay*. Brothers David and Carl Little, well-known stewards of Maine art, have selected art and artists from history and today that celebrate the myriad of inlets, islands, coves and peninsulas – the “nooks and corners” of the region. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing. Parking is available along Maine Street, the North Street Fire Station Parking Lot, and Consolidated School (Route 9). Please enter through the white door in the Parking Lot. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Monday, May 20

Bicycle Coalition of Maine's Fix-a-Bike Day, Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main Street, Kennebunk, 5:30 PM. From the Coalition: “Be your own mechanic! Learn how to maintain your bike, fix a flat, pump up a tire, change a chain or cable, make shifting adjustments, and more in a hands-on learning experience.” Participants should bring their bicycles and be prepared to get dirty. This program is offered for youth aged 13+ and adults. Space is limited. Please register through the library calendar at kennebunklibrary.org.

Wednesday, May 22

Cricut for Beginners, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 1 PM. This class lets adults improve their skills with Cricut guide Marina, who will teach the basics of crafting with a Cricut paper-cutting machine. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. This class is for adults only. The Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library is located at 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport. For further information, please call 967-2778 or visit our website at www.graveslibrary.org.

“Singing Seniors” Spring Concert, Church on the Cape, 3 Langsford Road, Cape Porpoise, 4 PM. The Senior Moment Chorus is an enthusiastic group of “singing seniors” based in Kennebunkport, comprised of participants from several communities throughout Southern Maine. They are proud to present two spring concerts in May which will focus on a theme of optimism and joy. The program is made up of popular songs including a medley from *The Music Man* and *The Lion King* to name a few. Additional concert to be held on Tuesday, May 28, at 4 PM, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2 Lord Street, Kennebunk.

Thursday, May 23

Local Author Albert Waitt, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 6 PM. Mr. Waitt will be reading from his new book *Flood Tide*, an LT Nichols mystery. Copies of the book will be for sale. FMI call 967-2778 or visit www.graveslibrary.org.

Thursday & Friday, June 6 & 7

Bags, Baubles & Bubbly, The Center, 175 Port Road, Lower Village, Kennebunk. Bags, Baubles and Bubbly offers a large inventory of designer handbags, upscale jewelry and trendy accessories at steeply discounted prices. Bags Baubles and Bubbly will be held at the Center, 175 Port Road, in the Lower Village, Kennebunk. FMI visit www.seniorcenterkennebunk.org or call 967-8514.

Saturday, June 8

Public Star Party (no rain date), Astronomical Society of Northern New England (ASNNE), Talmage Observatory at Starfield, State Route 35, West Kennebunk, 7:30 PM. See April 12 listing for all the details. FMI about ASNNE, including directions and events, visit www.ASNNE.org.

Sunday, June 16

Walks with a Maine Naturalist in Hope Woods, 1 PM. A pleasurable and informative walk on this accessible trail. To register or FMI, email friendsofhw@gmail.com or call 207-387-9100. More walks will be scheduled through November.

Friday, July 5

Public Star Party (no rain date), Astronomical Society of Northern New England (ASNNE), Talmage Observatory at Starfield, State Route 35, West Kennebunk, 7:30 PM. See April 12 listing for all the details. FMI about ASNNE, including directions and events, visit www.ASNNE.org.

Friday, August 9

Public Star Party (no rain date), Astronomical Society of Northern New England (ASNNE), Talmage Observatory at Starfield, State Route 35, West Kennebunk, 7:30 PM. See April 12 listing for all the details. FMI about ASNNE, including directions and events, visit www.ASNNE.org.

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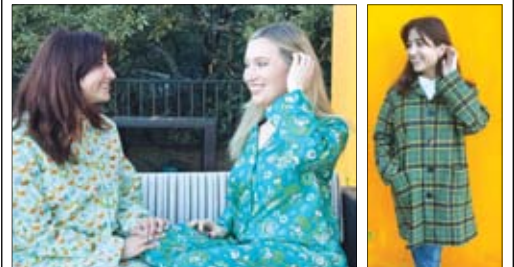


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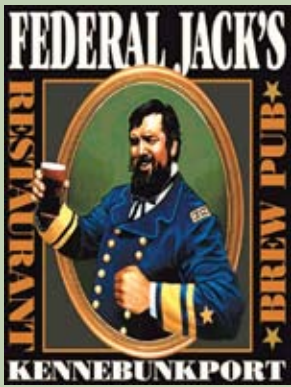
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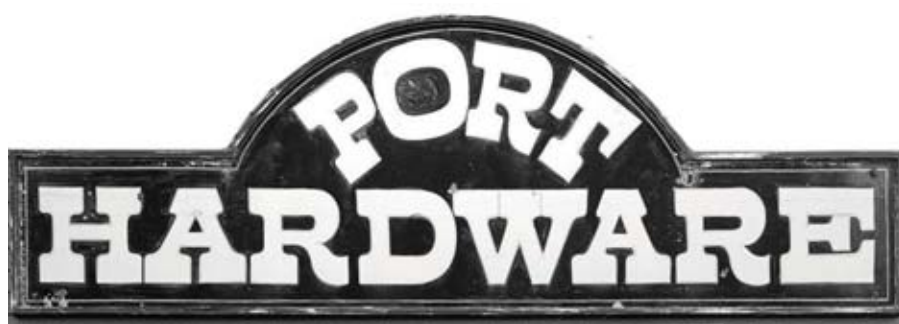
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