



Biddeford Pool Community Center

President's Letter

Anyone who does not believe time flies have got to be younger than 15. At age 69 July 4th seems like it was just yesterday, but alas it is now the beginning of September. Not that the fall on the coast of Biddeford is not a beautiful, relaxing place to be, it's just that summer has now passed. With that passing it is also a great time to say Thank You to all the volunteers that made the many activities at the Center so successful.

This summer began with a "Welcome to Summer" social with the live band "Hot Honey Jam", then we celebrated the adoption of the Declaration of Independence 250 years ago with the largest parade ever held in Biddeford Pool, that was followed by another very successful Seaside Fair and the grand finale was the ever-popular Artist by the Sea art sale which is also a major social event. In between the big events was Once Upon A Craft with Ashley LeBlond where stories were told and crafts were available for children of all ages. There was a stone skipping contest held at the gut, the Center for Wildlife came with an assortment of birds and reptiles, Urban Sketchers held classes, meet ups for Book Club, sewing, bridge, Mahjonn and of course there was the very popular fitness classes. There were also a photo contest and a visit by a book author to round out the activities.

This fall the board meets September 16 where the budget and the cost of needed repairs to the building will be discussed. Rumor has it the annual meeting will be held on October 23rd. The good news is there are no open positions on the board unless our treasurer or secretary who holds positions that expire every year decides to retire. Luckily, I have not heard either mention such a move. Next year there will be three open positions, president and two board members will be termed out as it should be for all elected officials.

The Board of Trustees and I want to THANK all of you who brought the above-mentioned activities to life and for all to remember that volunteers, events that generate money and donations is what allows the Center to keep running year after year. Also, volunteering is a great way to meet your neighbors, make new friends, and should bring joy and satisfaction knowing you are helping a worthy cause and improving our community.

Best wishes, Jim Oleson

***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

Nancy Rankin Photography Exhibit Reception

Nancy Rankin, a retired Psychology Professor from UNE has taken her Nature photographs to a new level. The exhibit showcases fabric designs Rankin created by photographing natural subjects – including orchids, beets, squash mold – then manipulating and reimagining the images into original patterns.

Come to her Reception and view her photographs in the BPCC library on **Monday, August 31** from **4:30 – 6:00pm**.

Her photographs will remain on display for viewing during BPCC Library hours for a week or so.

BPCC Popcorn and a Movie

\$5.00 donation



*Popcorn and snacks available
2nd floor BPCC
BYOB and a comfy beach chair.*



Sunday, September 13 at 4:00 pm

Fried Green Tomatoes is a 1991 comedy/drama starring academy- award winning actors Kathy Bates and Jessica Tandy. A heart warming story about about friendship in a small southern town with a touch of murder mystery.

Please **RSVP [HERE](#)**

Saturday, October 31 at 4:00pm

The Sixth Sense is a 1999 psychological thriller, nominated for 6 Academy Awards, directed by M. Night Shyamalan, and staring Bruce Willis, Haley Joel Osment, and Toni Collette.

Please **RSVP [HERE](#)**

***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****



Tacos and Bingo

Hosted by Union Church

September 11th

BPCC 2nd Floor

4:30 BYOB Happy Hour

5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm Bingo



It will be a fun evening. **Invite friends!**

\$25 per person for dinner; pay with cash or check (written to Union Church) at the door.
\$5 per card for Bingo; cash only; 50/50 pay out.

Proceeds go to local non-profits such as:

- Seeds of Hope
- Biddeford food pantry
- Bon Appetite

Please **RSVP HERE** to reserve your spot.

Shakespeare's Two Tetralogies

(fancy word meaning something with four parts)

Shakespeare's two tetralogies comprise eight plays, covering a nearly one-hundred-year period from the usurpation of Richard II by the future Henry IV in 1399 to the overthrow of Richard III by the future Henry VII in 1485.

Following an introduction that includes an overview of the tetralogies and a structural comparison between these plays and Shakespeare's tragedies, we will identify major events in each history play and explore the linkages that tie the eight plays together. No prior knowledge of Shakespeare's English history plays is required to participate in this program.

Joe Valenza will lead discussions of these eight plays on **four consecutive Tuesdays, beginning September 15**. We will meet on the second floor of the Biddeford Pool Community Center from **2:00 pm to 3:30 pm**.

Please **RSVP HERE**.

For further information or to register, contact Joe at jjvdal@gmail.com. A **fee of \$25**, payable at the first class, is for the benefit of BPCC.

***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****



BPCC Book Club

The BPCC Book Club meetings are held on Wednesdays at the **BPCC Library, 1st Floor** at **4:30pm**.



The **Sept 16** Book is:
"August Gale"
by Barbara Walsh
(Ms. Walsh will be at the Sept. meeting)

The **Oct 21** Book is:
"Whistler"
by Anne Patchet

RSVP: Sept 16 **RSVP:** Oct 21



Gather Here with Pat Burke

The Community Center welcome's anyone who would like to come and sit for a cup of coffee or bring something to work on to make, sort, mend, or just chat in good company on Mondays,

September 28 and October 26
10:00am to 12:00pm
BPCC 2nd Floor.

RSVP: Sept 28 **RSVP:** Oct 26

Email Pat Burke at
PatBB@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org
with any questions.



Pizza and Trivia

Friday, September 25,
5:30pm

MENU

Price with Pizza - \$17.00
Price for Ice Cream only - \$1.00

RSVP HERE

**A Visit to Turkey and
Malasia
with
Karen & Ray Wieczorek**

**Slide show and talk
(with food samplings)**

October 3
5:30pm
2nd Floor BPCC

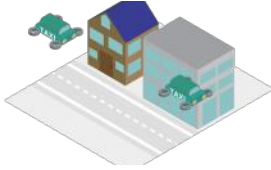
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***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

ART at BPCC

Urban Sketchers

with Diane Noble



Fridays 10:00am – 12pm

September 4, 18

October 2, 16, 30

If you love to draw or just want to try it out, join our group that will meet at different locations in downtown Biddeford or Saco.

Contact **Diane Noble** direct at:

dbmn27@maine.rr.com to be put on the list. Diane will send out the meeting places every other week. Classes are **FREE**.



Figure Drawing *with Linda Sullivan* **2nd floor BPCC**

This is a drawing/painting open studio with a live model and will not include instructions. All levels and mediums are welcome. Come join our community and meet your neighborhood of artists.

Wednesdays - 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Dates: 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24.

Walk-ins welcome based on space.

Cost: \$15/session to cover expenses.

For further details: Contact Linda Sullivan at **860-377-1725**

RSVP

Pick the date or dates you would like to attend.

Annual Meeting

October 23

5:30pm

Join in the
**Traditional Bean
Supper Buffet**
(after the meeting)

RSVP

Community Spirit Shines at the Seaside Fair

This year's annual BPCC Seaside Fair, held **Saturday, July 18**, drew a great turnout. The event offered family-friendly activities and shopping from 22 local artists, photographers, authors, and craft vendors. Kids enjoyed the free craft tent where they created lighthouses, painted rocks, and decorated birdhouses.



Fairgoers enjoyed lunch and chocolate chip cookies while reconnecting with friends and supporting the Biddeford Pool Community Center. Thanks to generous donations from local businesses and friends, this year's raffle sent many lucky winners home with wonderful prizes.

Cary Frye helped organize this year's fair, and we are deeply grateful to the more than 30 volunteers and community center members whose efforts made the event such a success. Their contributions helped highlight the Community Center's vibrant summer spirit.



What's New at the BPCC Library



GOOD BYE SUMMER - WELCOME FALL!

We hope that many of you have taken advantage of the library's additional hours of availability this summer! Thanks to all of our volunteers in making that happen.

Beginning September 7th, the OPEN hours revert back to **Thursday mornings (10-12)**.

Thank you to those who have generously donated books throughout the Spring and Summer. This helps us continue to provide newly published materials throughout the year. We are always looking for suggestions for new books. There are so many to consider purchasing so your suggestions are most appreciated!

Recently added books:

The Vow / Jude Berman
The Calamity Club / Kathryn Stockett
The Shampoo Effect / Jenny Jackson
The Last Mandarin / Louise Penny & Melissa Fung
John of John / Douglas Stuart

26 Beauties / James Patterson
The Proving Ground / Michael Connelly
The Midnight Train / Matt Haig
What Kind of Paradise / Janelle Brown
Skin and Bones / Paul Doiron
Strangers / Belle Burden



Bridge Options at BPCC

Monday Drop in Bridge 1:00pm – 4:00pm

with Debbie Melican

Summer is coming to an end, but Monday Drop In Bridge still continues! Welcome!

Reminders: All levels are welcome, we generally play from 1 - 4 pm in the Library. A \$1.00 donation is appreciated. While Monday is drop-in style, it is helpful to know if we have complete tables.

To be added to the Sunday email reminder list, please contact Debbie Melican - burnsmelican@gmail.com.

Wishing you a 4-club opener soon!

Bridge & Mah Jongg played on 1st Floor

Friday is Duplicate Bridge with Carol Bassett

1:00pm – 4:00pm

(or whenever all the cards are played)

Advanced sign-up is required so that we have full tables. **Note:** *this is fun duplicate, not a sanctioned game, no Master points awarded! We'd love to have you play bridge with us!*

A \$1.00 donation is appreciated.

Contact: Carol Bassett at cjobmaine@gmail.com to play.



Mah Jongg at BPCC

with Lynne Cox

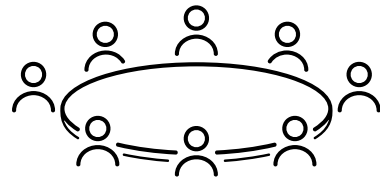
Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm

Mah Jongg continues Wednesdays at 1:00 at the BPCC on Yates Street. It's a very friendly group and we welcome new players. We are looking forward to welcoming our "summer" players.

A \$1.00 donation is appreciated. Any questions please let Lynne Cox know.

Email: m.lynnecox@gmail.com

Text: 978-807-2598.



BPCC Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 4 pm. You are welcome to attend. Board Minutes may be found in the *Members Only* section of the website.

Center Rentals or other Requested Center Uses

contact Janet Gerding

[membershipteam@](mailto:membershipteam@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org)

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