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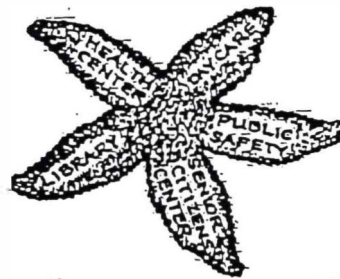
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Islands Service Agencies & other Community News

January 2023

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January at the Peaks Island Branch Library

129 Island Avenue * 207.766.5540 * peaks@portlib.org

Tuesday: 1-7 pm Wednesday: 9 - 12 Friday: 10 - 4 pm Saturday: 9 - 12

Face masks are Strongly Recommended in the library.

Mix Media by Betsy Thompson

An educator by training, Betsy is a self-taught mixed-media artist and illustrator.

Stop by to view the exhibit during January.

A New Writing Group for Adults begins Saturday, January 7th at the library.

This is a group for anyone who likes to write (or would like to start). All skill levels, from beginner to experienced, are welcome. Take inspiration from the weekly writing prompt or come with your own ideas and projects.

We will meet every Saturday in January from 9 - 9:45 am.

The Peaks Island Knitting Group meets Tuesday, January 3, at 4 pm - 5 pm in the library.

Bring your current project and join other knitters for conversation and inspiration. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, all are welcome as are all skill levels.

Tuesday Adult Book Discussion Group meets Tuesday, January 10 at 7 pm in the Community Room to discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Murray. February's book is *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tokarczuk. Contact the library if you would like to reserve a copy of the book.

Creative Writing for Kids, grades 3, 4, & 5 meets each Tuesday, 3:15 - 4:15 in the library. Can't make it every week, join us when you can. Journals & pencils provided.

Middle School Book Group - Tuesday, January 31 at 5:15 pm. Join us to chat about books, authors, illustrators, play literary games and have fun.

Technology Tutoring Tuesday, January 31, 10 am - 12:30 pm. If you have questions or need help concerning technology, call or email the library for an appointment. Your technology needs will be addressed with Portland Public Library's technology librarian during your 30 minute one on one appointment. Pre-registration is required.

Happy New Year
2023

Deadline for the February STAR is Wednesday, January 25th. Submissions may be emailed, dropped off at the library or put into our outside book drop.



The Fifth Maine Museum

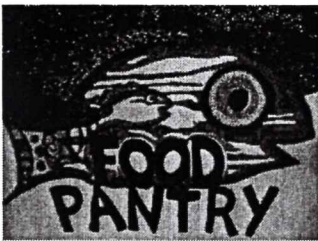
www.fifthmainemuseum.org, 207-766-3330

Happy New Year!

As the new year arrives, we are already busy planning our 2023 season. Mark your calendars for the Fifth Maine-sponsored house tour on Saturday, July 22nd. It's been quite a few years since we've been able to have the tour, and we are looking forward to being able to visit our neighbors that have generously invited us into their homes.

This winter we are having the Fifth Maine's original second floor windows restored by Bagala Window Works, a preeminent historic window preservation firm in New England. In launching this project, our goal was to continue to seal the envelope of the building. Now that the windows have been removed and completely inspected, we've discovered that this work is even more critical than we suspected. Much of the rot on the windows and window sashes was not visible, and we are so relieved to be tackling this preservation project before it is too late! This kind of work continuously improves the structural integrity of the Fifth Maine and preserves our island's history. We are grateful to all the granting organizations and community members who have supported this important work.

Thank you for being part of the History, Legacy, and Community of Peaks Island!



Peaks Island Community Food Pantry

The Peaks Island Community Food Pantry is located in the Brackett Memorial Church and is open on Mondays at 3:30–5pm. Our mission is to provide food assistance to our island neighbors in need, supported by many different individuals and organizations from Peaks Island.

Thank you to the many generous donations from the members of the Peaks Island community (and beyond)!! We are proud to say that **100% of your donations go directly to providing food assistance to our clients.**

If you would like to donate items to the food pantry, our needs this month are: *Campbell's chicken noodle soup, mayonnaise, beef stew, baked beans, pasta sauce, Saltine and Ritz crackers, canned pineapple, canned peaches, canned pears, apple sauce, granola bars, microwave popcorn, coffee, boxed cereal, vegan meals, gluten-free pasta.*

A reminder that you can make monetary donations via check. Please make check out to "Peaks Island Food Pantry" – send to Susan Hanley, 108 Brackett Avenue, Peaks Island, ME 04108.

If you have any questions about the food pantry, or you would like to arrange a food drop off or a donation pick up, please contact Susan Hanley, 207-332-2443.



P.O. Box 21
Peaks Island, Maine 04108
peakshistory@gmail.com

Come one, come all to the January meeting of the Peaks Island Historical Society. The date is Wednesday January 11; 1 pm; the community room at St. Christopher's Church. We'll be reviewing the past year's activities including the exciting restoration work being done at the Brackett Cemetery and Ye Olde Trott Burying Ground. And we'll be unveiling our plans for 2023. We welcome your ideas and suggestions as we move forward. To learn more about the Society, log on to our website peaksislandhistory.org or email peakshistory@gmail.com. Hope to see you on January 11!

The 8th Maine Regiment Scholarship

The 8th Maine Regiment Association offers a \$500.00 Scholarship to graduating High School seniors and those who have recently graduated, that are residents of Peaks Island.

Applications are available after January 1, 2023, and must be submitted by April 1, 2023.

Applications are available by contacting, David Knapp at Mainecamp@icloud.com or Telephone 772-663-1477



The Peaks Island Lions Club would like to thank Hannigan's Market, the Peaks Island Café, the library, Bill Baker, Casco Bay Lines, and St. Christopher's Church for their generous support and assistance with the Holiday Party at PIES in December. It was a joyous time for all.

We also wish to express our gratitude to all of our members, volunteers and fellow islanders for supporting our sponsored events to give back to our community, such as the music and burger night events, the Road Race, and Variety Show in 2022. This year we were able to provide \$30,500 in scholarships.

Reminder to students who are to receive scholarship grants – As you have been informed, checks will be sent out upon receipt of successful first semester grades. They should be sent to pillionsscholarship@gmail.com as soon as possible. *If you snooze, you lose.*

We look forward to supporting this wonderful community in 2023 and making it a year to celebrate!

CERT Helps in Emergencies

Our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trains with the Portland Fire Department to help in emergencies and disasters. Help is always available on Peaks Island by calling 911. However, CERT does need more volunteers. For more information, please call Jay Desmond at 766-2088.



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JANUARY Weekly Programs

Sundays	6 pm	Music with Friends	Margo Mallar and Will Green interview local islanders NEW EPISODES!
	7 pm	Live Music Sundays	Live music recorded on Peaks: Concerts, jam sessions, events
Mondays & Fridays	7 pm	Next to Silence	<i>Next To Silence</i> is a one hour radio program by Dave Stankowicz that will explore the ECM catalogue, featuring artists from Keith Jarrett to Chick Corea and a whole lot more, ECM - Edition of Contemporary Music - is an independent record label founded by Manfred Eicher in Munich in 1969. ECM's motto is "the most beautiful sound next to silence."
Tuesdays	7 pm	Islander Hour	Ashton's "Swinging the Blues" / Broadhurst's "Backshore Beat"
Wednesdays	7 pm	Chris & Bridget	<i>Chris and Bridget in the Evening</i> is on a brief hiatus - stay tuned for more information on its return.
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	7 pm	Islander Hour	"Swinging the Blues" alternates with "Backshore Beat"
	8 pm	Solid Gold Saturday Night	Chris Marot plays solid gold music from the late 1950s through the early 1980s, plus your requests and dedications. Call or text 536-8997.
Every day, throughout the day			Eclectic music, news, weather, community updates, "Shooting the Breeze" with Jo Israelson and Steve Devoney, "Bookmarks" (bi-monthly library updates and events)

Want to volunteer and have your own program? Are you more interested in the tech/website side of things? Please reach out to chris@peaksislandradio.com

Free Medical Equipment

St. Christopher's and the Peaks Island Health Center offer free medical equipment on loan temporarily. Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and other supplies are provided on a first come, first served basis. Borrowers are only asked when they think they will return it and also relieve the program of any liability.

For more information, call or text Lisa Penalver at 272-5962 or Chris Hoppin at 232-2908 or choppin@aol.com.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Seamus Griesbach at 773-7746

New Years' Day Mass - will be at 8:30 AM.

Sunday Mass is at 8:30 AM. Later in January, the Church will be worked on as part of the Centennial so Mass will be at 8:30 in the Parish House. All are welcome. For information about other mainland services, check www.portlandcatholic.org. For information on Baptism, Reconciliation, Marriage & Funerals, please contact Father Seamus.

Catholics who are home bound and unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion should call Barbara Hoppin at 232-6641



New Brackett Memorial Church, a UUA/UCC congregation

9 Church Ave; 207-766-5013; newbrackettchurch@gmail.com

newbrackettchurch.org Rev. Will Green, Pastor

Sunday morning service in the Sanctuary is at 10:00am. Our worship themes for January are: 1/1 - The presence of change and loss, 1/8 - Intentions for the year, 1/15 - Celebrating Martin Luther King and honoring his legacy, 1/22 - Lunar New Year (Year of the Rabbit), 1/29 - Church of the Wild (experiencing God in Nature). After the service, stay for a potluck meal in the community hall.

Saturday Eucharist 5:00pm: a short, simple service of holy communion.

Meditation - Wednesdays at 9:00am and 5:15pm. A brief reading and short exercises help us engage with the spiritual activity of silent meditation. Each session is under an hour. Meditation meets in the vestry, the room adjacent to the Sanctuary.

Sunday, Jan. 29, 5-6:30PM, Community Dinner - PITEA (PI Tax and Energy Assistance) team is inviting you to a delicious meal of soups, stews, salads, breads, desserts at New Brackett Church. Sunday, Jan. 29, 5-6:30PM, or until food runs out. Eat in or Take Out. Donations to support PITEA gratefully accepted.

If you'd like to be added to our weekly "This Week at Brackett" message, please email newbrackettchurch@gmail.com and let us know.

Information about these and many other events can be found on our website. newbrackettchurch.org

January 2023 - Portland Parks & Recreation Peaks Island Community Center

Silver Sneakers Program Silver Sneakers Program Monday's & Thursday's 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Join us for a fun, inspiring hour focusing on improving our balance and strengthening. Our weekly Silver Sneakers program provides a lot of laughs while we are working to keep our heart, brain, muscles & joints healthy with the goal of staying strong in body, mind & spirit. **Free & open to all!**

January 20 - Island Veterinary Service Clinic

Dr. Kate Domenico, DVM will be holding a veterinary clinic on January 20 at the Peaks Island Community Center. To schedule an appointment, email Dr. Kate at islandvetservice@gmail.com.

For information on how to schedule the Peaks Island Community Center, please call 207-766-2970.

PEAKS ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Happy New Year, Peaks Islanders! We were so fortunate to celebrate the close of 2022 with an extraordinary author and illustrator visit in December from the island's own Jamie Hogan. Timing her visit to coincide with the Winter Solstice, Jamie featured her inspirations and techniques used for her gorgeous book *Skywatcher* throughout her presentations with each of our classes. To prepare for Jamie's visit and to welcome her, students created exquisite murals of evening scenes inspired by her book, as well as stars upon twinkling stars that are featured throughout the school.

During her day with us, Jamie provided each of our classes with a lens into her creative world beginning as a young artist in elementary school (her 2nd grade photo was particularly adorable). Students loved learning that many children on Peaks Island have served as models for her books throughout the years - with many students volunteering to be featured in her future books!

Jamie showed her many "dummy" or mockup books that were part of her process for creating *Skywatcher*. Following her presentations with each class, Jamie provided authentic opportunities for students to do their own creating with her interacting with them throughout the process. Students used a variety of art media to experiment and create. Their own creations included masks of nocturnal animals, observational drawings of items from nature and "zines" - mini eight-page illustrative narratives on topics of their choice. To view scenes from Jamie's visit with us, please check out her blog at

<https://jamiepeeps.com>

Finally, clear skies pending, we have scheduled a "Star Party" for some actual sky watching with Jamie on the evening of Thursday, January 19th to view the night sky! We are grateful for the generous grant from the Peaks Island Fund that made Jamie's magical visit with us possible. We wish all Peaks Islanders a happy, healthy and safe New Year and look forward to more magic in 2023!

~Kelly and the PIES Team