



## Biddeford Pool Community Center President's Letter

### ***Welcome to Summer!***

During your next visit to the Center, look around and observe the activity and engagement around you. Consider whether this asset is worth preserving for our community.

I'm asking you to consider this because at our final board meeting for the 2025–2026 fiscal year, we focused on two key areas: budget and building renovations.

### ***2027 Budget:***

Our current dues cover less than half of our operating expenses. As a result, a dues increase will be discussed at our upcoming fall meetings.

### ***Building Renovations:***

A recent questionnaire from our insurance company highlighted several concerns:

- The roof is over 26 years old.
- The brick chimney, originally installed for a wood stove, is no longer needed and should be removed when the roof is replaced.
- Some knob-and-tube wiring—which isn't up to today's standards—supplies electricity to six outlets and the kitchen fan. Although the outlets were grounded during past updates, replacement should be considered.
- The fire escape staircase, likely installed around 1996, may require repair or replacement. A decision will be made this summer.

Returning to my earlier question: Is the Community Center worth preserving? Soon, you will receive information outlining potential dues increases, necessary repairs, what can be postponed, and estimated costs.

Enjoy your summer,  
Jim



# ONCE UPON A CRAFT



## Dates

**June 30th at 4:30pm**  
Seagull Sid and the  
Naughty Things His  
Seagulls Did

**July 7th at 4:30pm**  
Pirate Book  
\*Location: Vines Landing\*

**July 14th at 4:30pm**  
Unicorns, Magic and  
Slime, Oh My!

**July 22nd at 4:30pm**  
Scribble Stones

**July 28th at 4:30pm**  
The Fanciest Flower

**August 4th at 4:30**  
Froggy Learns to Swim

**August 11th at 4:30**  
Look Up

## Location

Biddeford Pool  
Community Center

## Details

Each Tuesday a story will be read  
then there will be a craft to  
follow! Children of all ages are  
welcome! All children should be  
accompanied by a chaperone!

## Questions?

Email Ashley LeBlond  
ALEBLOND327@GMAIL.COM

**Drop-In  
with Ashley  
LeBlond  
(No Charge)**

## Stone Skipping at 'the Gut ' (by Vines Landing)

### Monday, July 6

Register at 5:15pm, Skipping at 5:30pm

Bring your own stones (3)

Your best skip gets recorded.

**4 Categories:** 8 and under; 9-12; teens; adults.

Prize for each category winner.



Birds of Prey, Reptiles, and New  
England Natives

### Wednesday, July 22

3:00 pm - 4:00pm

Keep an eye on the posters on  
the bulletin board or the  
website for more information.

**Urban Sketchers**  
with Diane Noble



**Fridays 10:00am – 12pm**  
**July 10 & 24**  
**August 7 & 21**

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

**BPCC Book Club**

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

The **July 15** Book is:  
"The Harvey Sisters"  
by Juliette Fay



The **August 19** Book is:  
"From the Corner of the Oval Office"  
by Beck Dorsey-Stein

**RSVP: July 15** **RSVP: August 19**



**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,

**July 27 and August 24**  
**10:00am to 12:00pm**  
**BPCC 2nd Floor.**

Please RSVP so we can reach you in case we need to cancel.

Email *Pat Burke* at [PatBB@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org](mailto:PatBB@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org) with any questions.

**RSVP: July 27** **RSVP: August 24**

**Drawing/Painting**  
with Diane Noble



**COMING  
BACK  
THIS FALL**

**Movies & Popcorn**  
at the Center



# 2nd Annual BPCC Summer Photo Contest



It's time to get out your camera or phone and take your best shot(s) from around the Pool/Fortunes Rocks/Hills Beach!

Last year's contests showcased images of animals, sunsets, and even the Northern Lights! The July 4th parade is full of great image possibilities!

The top two photos from each category will be posted on the BPCC website!

## Categories:

Kids (up to age 12)

Teens (13-19)

Adults (20+)

The top two photos from each category will be posted on the BPCC website!

## Submit photos to:

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

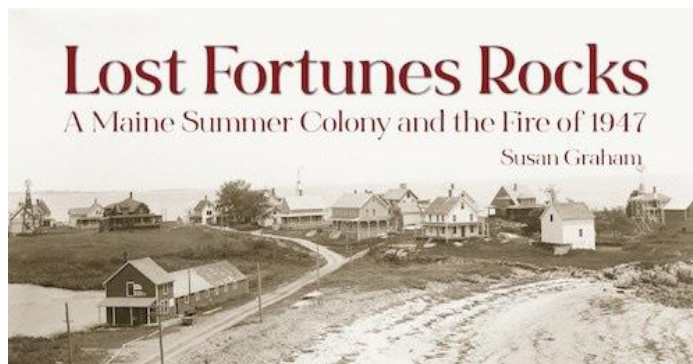
Note Photo Contest in Subject Line  
Include *your name, contact info, category, and location of the photo* in Message

## Submit by:

**July 13** for the *July Contest*

**August 14** for the *August Contest*

**NOTE:** Our website format is VERY horizontal (checkout our website for examples). All photos must be cropped or able to be cropped (we can do it for you) to 2500 pixels Wide x 900 pixels High.



**Sunday, July 12 2026, 4:00pm**

Author Susan Graham will share a slideshow presentation about how the book came to be written. It started as a family history project that grew into a more general history about the development of Fortunes Rocks, the property losses with the fire, and the rebuild effort.

**RSVP HERE**

**Lost Fortunes Rocks will be available for purchase.**



# Seaside Fair – Summer Fun

**Saturday, July 18th**  
**10:00 am -3:00 pm**



**22 LOCAL ARTISTS & CRAFTERS** with handmade jewelry, pottery, wooden puzzles, stained glass, weaving, fabric, crocheted creations, stone and shell art. Photography, books, paintings, and prints.

**KIDS CRAFT ACTIVITIES, LUNCH, FABULOUS RAFFLE PRIZES**

**Parking is limited on Yates Street, but may be available on the McPheeters' lawn at the top of the hill by the flagpole.**

**Handicap Parking will be available in front of the Center**



## What's New at the BPCC Library



### WELCOME SUMMER!

SUMMER IS finally at our doorstep and having a good read in hand is evermore important. You can find just the book you're looking for at our library. Come in and browse around the welcoming space. The OPEN hours are posted on the door, at the bulletin board, at the PO, at the corner tree board, and the website.

**Beginning July 6th open hours will be Monday thru Friday 10-12.** Thank you to all our volunteers who make this possible. Many of them have helped for several years all year round. Others who arrive seasonally also give generously of their time each summer. We thank each of the following people for their continued efforts. They are Carol Bassett, Margie Benedict, Peter McPheeters, Debbie Lamb, Samantha Bonney Nancy Ost, Mary Morgan, Jennifer Brown-Strabley, Mary Pratt, Ben Pratt, Sherry Poftak, Lynne Cox and Ginna Rose. We are grateful for what each of these people offer toward making our library successful.

Thanks to everyone who continues to donate books each year to our collection. Our offerings are nicely expanded through their generosity.

*Lost Fortunes Rocks/ Susan Graham*  
*The Best Dog in the World / Alice Hoffman*  
*Sacramento/ Susan Straight*  
*The Things We Never Say/ Elizabeth Strout*  
*Becoming Madam Secretary/ Stephanie Dray*

*Crossroads / CJ Box*  
*The Keeper / Tana French*  
*Whistler/ Ann Patchett*  
*Private Rome / James Patterson*  
*Ulysses S Cat / Scott Simon*  
*The Ride of Her Life / Elizabeth Letts*



## Bridge Options at BPCC

### Monday Drop in Bridge 1:00pm – 4:00pm

*with Debbie Melican*

We are ready to welcome summer folks back! We played through the winter but we missed YOU.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cjobmaine@gmail.com) to play.



## Mah Jongg at BPCC

*with Lynne Cox*

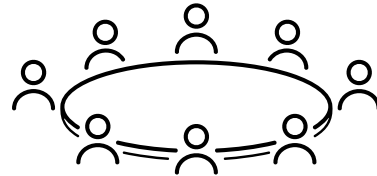
### Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm

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](mailto: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. **(PLEASE NOTE: The Board is currently on Summer Recess July-Aug.)**

### Center Rentals or other Requested Center Uses

contact Janet Gerding  
[membershipteam@](mailto:membershipteam@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org)

[biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org](http://biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org)



## FITNESS CLASSES W/TRACY CALLAHAN ACE Certified Fitness Instructor

**Location:** Yates St Park or BPCC in inclement weather.

3-4 classes offered each week. Please email Tracy at [gfamily@comcast.net](mailto:gfamily@comcast.net) to be added to distribution list for details. All levels welcome. \$120 donation for unlimited classes in July and August or \$12 donation per drop-in class. Donations will benefit BPCC Education Fund.

**Classes Offered:** *All levels welcome. Bring water and towel or mat.*

**YOGA STRETCH:** A blend of stretch and yoga flow with a little active recovery.

**MOBILITY & STRENGTH:** This class blends dynamic movement with functional strength.

**BOOTCAMP:** Be prepared to run, squat and crunch in this circuit style full body workout.

**STRENGTH & CARDIO:** Multi-level fitness class. Low-impact workout.

**For the most up-to-date class schedule and to register for all classes please scan the QR code or go to**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48AEA62DA6F85-piyo#/>**



### Sunrise Beach Yoga continues through August 27



Meet **Tuesday and Thursday**  
**7:15am - 8:15am** at

Bath House Beach (Gilbert Boucher Park)  
Gilbert Place, Biddeford Pool, ME.

**\$15 per session**

For More Information  
Text or Call Barbara Lisa  
[207-415-6955](tel:207-415-6955)

### Gentle to Moderate Yoga w/Mindy Wednesdays 9:30am-10:30am

**July 1 - August 28th, 2026** (No class July 15 or August 5th).

\$20 per class or purchase a discount class card (sign up for the specific dates you plan to attend). Please bring your own yoga mat.

### Gentle Chair Yoga w/Mindy, Thursdays 10:15a-11:00a

**July 2 - August 27th** (No class July 16 or August 30th)

\$15 per class or purchase a discount multi class pass (sign up for each of the specific dates you plan to attend). Chairs provided.

**Visit <https://mindymuseyoga.com> to sign up for classes.**

Advanced sign up is encouraged. Classes are open to all levels and no prior experience is required.

Walk-ins and same day sign ups are welcome, space permitting.

For more information or for help signing up, please contact Mindy at [mindymuseyoga@gmail.com](mailto:mindymuseyoga@gmail.com) or [207 838 9684](tel:207-838-9684).

**Location: Biddeford Pool Community Center, Yates St.**

# Artists by the Sea 2026

## EXHIBITION + SALE

ORIGINAL FINE ART BY TWENTY-FOUR LOCAL ARTISTS

**FRIDAY**  
**JULY 31**  
OPENING RECEPTION  
5 - 7:30 PM

**SATURDAY**  
**AUGUST 1**  
10 AM - 4 PM

**SUNDAY**  
**AUGUST 2**  
10 AM - 3 PM

**BIDDEFORD POOL COMMUNITY CENTER**

FIND OUT MORE AT [ARTISTSBYTHESEA.NET](http://ARTISTSBYTHESEA.NET)

**Celebrating 25 Years!**



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**UNION CHURCH PRESENTS**

## SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

**7 PM THURSDAYS**

**3 STONECLIFF ROAD, BIDDEFORD POOL**

**SERIES TICKETS: \$75 / INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS: \$25**

100% of proceeds benefit such local charities as Seeds of Hope, Maine Needs, A Place to Start, Biddeford Food Pantry, Saco Meals Program, APEX Youth Connection, Ever After Mustang Rescue, plus individuals and families in need and students in the barrios of Guatemala City



**Lily King**

Novelist, Short Story Writer



**Juliette Fay**

Novelist



**Kent Nerburn**

Author, Artist



**Beck Dorey-Stein**

Novelist, Memoirist



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