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Biddeford Pool Community Center

BPCC Membership January 2025 Survey Insights

The BPCC Board is excited to share the great feedback we received from the **Survey Open Responses**. [Click here](#) to look through the feedback and the answers we have provided to help Members find information and/or learn more about BPCC.

Again, Thank You for sharing your great ideas for new events and activities and the things we do well and those we can do better on! Be on the lookout for our second Survey, coming sometime in May.

PLANNING NEW EVENTS!

We will be working on adding the two most popular activities mentioned in the Survey -- a **Book Club** and **Coffee/Teatime**!

We are asking for Members who would like to participate in and/or have experience running or attending these two types of activities to help us in the planning process. The fresher the ideas the better. As there are details to work out, we will form two small committees to bring these events to BPCC. If you are not back until summer and would like to help with planning, please feel free to send some ideas regarding these two events via email. Whether in town or out, please send your *name, contact information (email or phone number) and the event you would like to help with to:* membershipteam@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org by **May 9**.

Everybody Loves Socials!

The Board would also like to explore adding more **"Get-Together" social events** for current and new Members to get to know each other better. "BYOB + Appetizer" socials, "Newcomer" and "Bring a Friend" socials were great suggestions!

If you are interested in helping plan a social event, please send your name, contact information (email or phone number) and any thoughts/details to:
membershipteam@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org by **May 9**.

We look forward to a busy, fun summer of activities and events! See you soon in the Pool!



Bridge Options at BPCC

Monday is Drop in Bridge from 1:00 – 4:00pm

with Debbie Melican

All levels welcome. Players rotate partners, giving you a chance to play with different people. **Advanced sign-ups are helpful** but not required. A reminder will be sent to the current list of players.

Please **RSVP** on Event Calendar [HERE](#).

Pick the date or dates you would like to attend.

Friday is Duplicate Bridge from 1:00 – 4:00pm

(or whenever all the cards are played)

with Carol Bassett

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!

Please **RSVP** to Carol Bassett - cjobmaine@gmail.com

Bridge & Mah Jongg played on 1st Floor
\$1 donation appreciated at the door.



Mah Jongg at BPCC

with Lynne Cox

Wednesday afternoons at 1:00

Delighted to say that two new players joined our group recently! We welcome new players and are a friendly group.

As a reminder, we play Wednesday afternoon usually from 1:00-3:30 but are flexible. A \$1.00 donation is appreciated.

Any questions, please email m.lynnecox@gmail.com or text at 978-807-2598.



iPhone Tips + Tricks 2025

with Desirée Stallings

Thursday: May 1

Wednesday: May 14, May 28, June 11

6:30pm-8pm, BPCC 2nd Floor

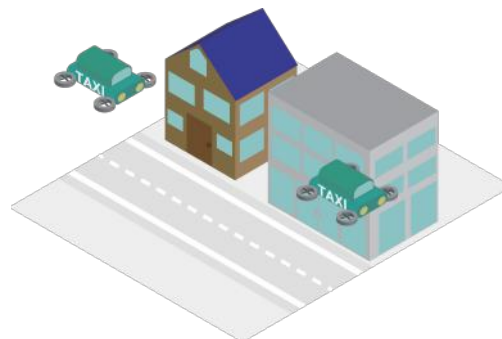
Combined classes for novice + intermediate users.

Donation to BPCC is appreciated.

Please **RSVP** on Event Calendar [HERE](#).

Urban Sketchers

with Diane Noble



Fridays 10:00am – 12pm

May 9 & 23

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**.



Sunrise Beach Yoga

Beginning Thursday, May 1

Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

7:15am | All levels welcome

Bring a large beach towel, comfortable clothing.

Location: Gilbert Boucher Park, Biddeford Pool Bathhouse/Beach parking lot.

NOTE: Due to the construction of the Bathhouse, you will need to park outside and walk in.

Suggested donation: \$15 per class

Text or Call Barbara Lisa with questions:

207-415-6955

Check or Cash (no Venmo)

Tacos and Bingo

Hosted by Union Church

May 3rd @ 5pm

BPCC 2nd Floor



Join us for a fundraiser for the Community Outreach Programs of Union Church.

This year, instead of our annual Cinco de Mayo dinner, we are trying a new thing!

It will be a fun evening. Invite friends!

Tickets: \$20 for the Meal, \$10 for Bingo Cards.

No online payments accepted for this event. Please bring **cash or check**. Checks can be made payable to **Union Church** with *Dinner* in Memo Line.

Please **RSVP** on Event Calendar [HERE](#) to reserve your spot or see the sign-up sheet at Union Church.

If you have questions or would like to sign up to help with set up, food prep, or clean up, please contact either:

Diane Beaulieu (dinobeau@gmail.com) or
Denise Kinney (dkinney1965@hotmail.com).



Mr. T's Smoke Shack food truck is returning to Biddeford Pool **Friday, May 16**, between 4:00 and 7:00pm.

Menu Items include:

BBQ, beef, pork, ribs & more

Please **RSVP**

on Event Calendar [HERE](#).

NOTE: Please indicate if you would like **ribs**. All orders for ribs must be received by **MAY 11**.

The truck will be located by
FO Goldthwaites.



B.Y.O.Beverage | Dress for the Occasion!

Please **RSVP** on Event Calendar [HERE](#) - Limit 60!

Help Wanted for Guac & Salsa, set up, and clean up.

Social 5:30 pm - Chips & Salsa & Guacamole.
Dinner 6:15pm

Menu

Green Chili Chicken Enchiladas
Regular or Vegetarian - **specify**
Homemade Pinto Beans / Green Rice
Chocolate Tres Leches Cake
\$25 per person

Gather Here

The Community Center welcomes you to gather on **May 19** and **June 30** at **10:00am** with something to 'work on' or not. Feel free to bring sewing, hemming, knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, needlepoint, puzzles, photos to sort, etc.



We will put the kettle on for tea or coffee. Get together for fellowship and conversation at the Community Center, meet new and long-time members who share similar interests, or learn something new.

If you have questions, email *Pat Burke* at PatBB@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org



RSVP for May 19 [HERE](#) and June 30 [HERE](#) if you would like to attend.



Trivia Night with Carol Bassett Friday, June 13

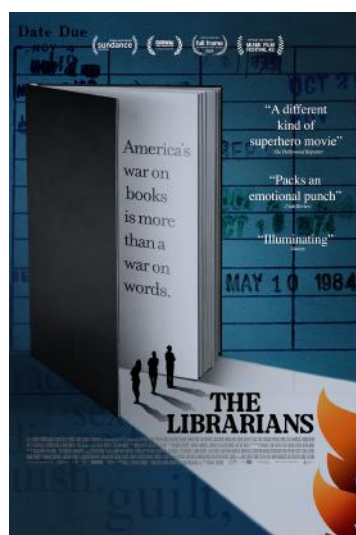
Join us for laughs, learning, and friendly competition at **5:30pm**.

Gather a team of up to six people or we can seat you at a table.

Dinner: "Pizza by Alex" for **\$15**.
Pizza Menu

BYOB

Dessert and lots of fun are included.
Please **RSVP** on Event Calendar [HERE](#).



The Librarians

Geralyn White
Drefuos
Exec. Producer

***Winner of the
2025 Sarasota
Film Festival's Top
Documentary!***

"Sounding the alarm on free speech"

June 24 | 7:00 pm
BPCC 2nd floor

Coffee, Tea, and Cookies available
\$10 per ticket
RSVP [HERE](#)



JUNE 1st DEADLINE
Calling All College Students
Joan Beaudry Memorial Education Award



This award was created in memory of Joan Beaudry, a longtime Biddeford Pool resident and passionate educator, to provide assistance for any college student who has ties to the Biddeford Pool Community Center. Applicants' immediate family shall be members of BPCC (grandchildren of active members are also eligible). ***Candidates interested in applying MUST have applications completed and submitted no later than June 1st, or forfeit eligibility for the year.***

The application is available on our website and includes a 500-word essay describing personal goals and objectives and addressing what the student perceives his/her role in the community to be. All award recipients will be asked to give back to the Biddeford Pool community by completing some community service (minimum 2 hours). The amount of the reward is based on available funds and will be no more than \$1,000 per year. We encourage all qualified candidates to apply.

Complete guidelines can be found on the BPCC website:

<http://biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org/education-fund/>

Any questions can be directed to co-chairs Tracy Callahan gtfamily@comcast.net and Greg Tarbox gftbox@gmail.com.

BPCC Library News

The library continues to be OPEN on **Thursday mornings from 10am-12pm**. As the summer season approaches, we will be open additional days. *The Library schedule will be posted on our doorway and the community bulletin board (on the tree, corner of Yates and Mile Stretch).*

The following books were recently added:

The Summer Guest/Tess Gerritsen

Dream Count/Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

We All Live Here/Jojo Moyes

Time of the Child/Naill Williams

The Oligarch's Daughter/Joseph Finder

Battle Mountain /C. J. Box

The Safekeep/Yael van der Wouden

Amazing Grace/Fran Littlewood





Seaside Fair – Summer Fun

Saturday, July 19th, 10:00 am -2:00 pm

Be sure to mark your calendars to come shop at BPCC!

18 local artists & crafters with unique handmade jewelry, stained glass, paintings and prints, weaving, fabric, books, pottery, crocheted bracelets, stone, shell, and driftwood art. There will be Lunch, Raffle, and kids' craft Activities.

Help is still needed with set-up, breakdown in the child craft area, and raffle ticket sales.

Contact Cary Frye at 202-841-0066 or cfrye1216@gmail.com



COMING SOON

Artists BY THE Seaside

Biddeford Pool Community Center

August 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Join local artists and lovers of art for a three-day exhibit of wonderful paintings in mixed media. Come find your favorite while supporting the arts and BPCC!

Opening Reception Friday, August 1, 5-7:30pm

Saturday, August 2, 10am-4pm

Sunday, August 3, 10am-3pm

Remember **Wade Goldthwait's** band **Jimson Weed??**

Band Members

Richard Rhames, John Villiere,
Wade Goldthwaite, Ron Perrault,
and Roger Rondeau



Jimson Weed, is being inducted into the local Music Hall of Fame on **May 4th**. Wade is a Biddeford Pool native and a founder of the band that played in the area in the 1970's and 1980's. They were house band at Forefathers Inn Kennebunkport and played countless gigs in Biddeford, OOB, etc. They also played numerous infamous Fire Barn Dances at Biddeford Pool. According to Peter McPheeters, Jimson Weed was a really fun bar band and played at Peter and Eve's wedding!

GIBSON LES PAUL GUITAR RAFFLE VENDORS SOUVENIRS ARTIST MEET & GREET CONCESSIONS

Second Annual
GREATER BIDDEFORD-SACO
MUSIC HALL OF FAME
2025 INDUCTION CEREMONY & SHOW

Rush **Corona Brothers** **Jimsonweed**

CELEBRATE AND HONOR MUSICAL ARTISTS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES! THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE AN AWARDS SHOW, CEREMONY, AND PERFORMANCES FROM AN ALL STAR BAND MADE UP OF WELL-KNOWN LOCAL MUSICIANS. ARTIST MEET & GREET TO FOLLOW THE CEREMONY.

May 4, 2025 2-4 PM

TO BE HELD AT BIDDEFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
25 TIGER DR. BIDDEFORD, ME.

Advance tickets \$10
\$15 at the door
Tickets also
available in person
at Midtown Music
Elm Street
Biddeford, Maine
Scan code for
tickets today!

Come early to
see Dan Morrill
performing
before the
show. From
12:00 - 1:45 PM

MUSIC@BIDDEFORDCULTURAL.ORG BIDDEFORDCULTURALANDHERITAGECENTER.ORG

CEREMONY & SHOW

May 4 | 2-4PM

Biddeford Middle School
25 Tiger Dr., Biddeford

Tickets **\$10** (until May 2) | **\$15** at door
Seating is limited
To purchase, visit [HERE](#)

The Greater Biddeford-Saco Music Hall of Fame is a committee of the Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center. The program is dedicated to celebrating, honoring, and preserving the legacy of bands and musical artists who entertained and left their mark in the greater Biddeford-Saco area (York County, ME).

You can find more information about Jimson Weed and listen to their music at <https://jweedtunes.wixsite.com/mysite>.

GET INVOLVED



Fourth of July Parade Coordinator(s)

Coordinate the Annual Fourth of July Parade. Years of organizational notes available. Call or email Eve McPheeters 207-468-3253 or eve@maine.rr.com

Enjoy Cooking?

The Functions Committee is in need of cooks interested in offering an occasional dinner at the Center. Interested? Contact Eve @ 207-468-3253 or eve@maine.rr.com



BPCC Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (Summer recess July-Aug.) 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 Jim Oleson at 508-641-7768 or jimoleson57@gmail.com.

Functions Committee Chair(s)

Plan and run social events at the Center. Past event notes available. Call or email Eve McPheeters 207-468-3253 or eve@maine.rr.com

Local Musical Talent



BPCC is looking for local musical talent to perform at BPCC some Sunday afternoons outdoors during our beautiful summer season and indoors throughout the winter.

Interested?

Respond to Diane Noble at dbmn27@maine.rr.com