

Biddeford Pool Community Center

President's Letter

The summer newsletter is finally upon us and there are lots of activities planned. All that planning required a team of volunteers so I hope you will do your part by participating. Speaking of volunteers, I would like to thank my wonderful board and committees for all they do. The building and grounds are well maintained, the newsletter is now created in house, our website is a pleasure to peruse, our financial documents are being updated to reflect the 21st century and the many activities and events that were offered this year have been well attended.

Our fiscal year ends in June, so this newsletter really represents a new year, and some new beginnings. Eve McPheeters is planning on making this year her last concerning the 4th of July Parade and Tracy Callahan and Cathleen Joyce have stepped up to learn how to bring the parade to life. They will shadow Eve this year and hopefully take over in 2026. While meeting to discuss the parade I met 4 young ladies (30's to early 40's) who live at the Pool. Some of these ladies have children, most have at least one dog and they all work - so they are busy people, but thankfully, they are interested in volunteering at the Center. Their focus will be on how to attract other young people.

All this leads me to my final thought which is sustainability. To keep the lights on at BPCC our fixed costs this year are projected to be \$36,000 and our income to be \$47,000. Out of the difference we will make some donations to local 501c3 charities and put some into our capital improvement fund. Fence painting next year and the roof and second-floor fire escape staircase will both need replacement sooner than later and will require capital. So, sustainability is all about keeping the Center vibrant for years to come with dues, events, activities and donations and that means keeping our current members interested enough to remain members and attracting new members.

I hope you use our online calendar to help plan your summer activities.

Jim Oleson, President



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Fourth of July Parade

Friday, July 4th, 2025
(Rain date Saturday the 5th)



Come join the fun and participate in the parade!
Get creative with your car! Create a float! Decorate a bike!
Ride a unicycle! Roller Skate! Create a Band! Walk your dog!

Assemble 10:00am by Fire Barn area

Parade Starts at 10:30am

Parade Route: LB Orcutt to Ocean Ave., to 7th St., to 1st St.,
to LB Orcutt, and into the Village ending at Vines' Landing.

COOK-OUT FOLLOWING PARADE

to benefit

Biddeford Pool Volunteer Fire Department

At the Fire Barn
11:30am - 1:30pm

Stone Skipping at 'the Gut '

(by Vines Landing)

Monday, July 7

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.





BPCC Library News

As the summer slowly approaches your lending library is ready to welcome all community members and visitors. During the past five months we have added sixty-six additional books. Some newly purchased and others generous donations from you, our readers!

Thank you for your continuous support in all the ways it is offered.

Beginning on **July 8th** the library will be open Monday through Friday from **10am until noontime**. The exception to this schedule occurs at the end of the weeks that the SEASIDE FAIR and the ARTISTS by the SEA events are happening.

This year we are pleased to be offering **STORY HOUR** on **Tuesday** afternoons beginning July 1st thru August 12th. Ashley LeBlond has offered to organize this activity for your children this year. Many thanks to Ashley for bringing this back to the community. Additional info is included in this Newsletter.

REMINDER: Please return your borrowed books to the library as soon as you've finished enjoying them! Also make it a point to check that they are not left at your home/rental when leaving.

Thank you!

NEW TITLES IN THE LIBRARY

All Fours/ Miranda July

Connie/ Connie Chung

Rental House/ Weike Wang

Cleavage/ Jennifer F Boylan

Confessions/ Catherine Airey

Long Island Compromise/ Taffy Brodesser-Akner

Broken Country/ Clare L Hall

A Moon in All Things/ Jennifer Comeau



NEW!! BPCC Book Club



Many of you expressed interest in having the Center host a Book Club for our members. As a result of this, we are pleased to announce the formation of the **BPCC Book Club**. Members Amy Ryan, Janice Powers, Gerri Dansky, Linda Bradley, and Tina Cummings have agreed to organize the group with support from Sue Maccalous.

We invite all interested readers to join us **Wednesday, July 16 at 4:30** in the BPCC Library for our launch. Our plan for this initial meeting is to discuss favorite authors and genres, choose our first book, and determine meeting dates and times. *All are welcome!*

For any questions, please email :

membershipteam@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org

Note: Book Club in the Subject Line

RSVP HERE



Summer Photo Contest



Get out your camera (yeah, a real one) or phone (amazing cameras) and take your best shot(s) from around the Pool/Fortunes Rocks/Hills Beach! Well-known or secret places, fun on the beach, day or night, sun, rain or fog!

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

Note Photo Contest in Subject Line

Include your name, contact info, category, and location of the photo in Message

Submit by:

July 16 for the July Contest

August 16 for the August Contest

NOTE: the format is VERY horizontal (checkout our website for examples). All photos must be cropped or able to be cropped (we can do it) to 2500 pixels W x 900 pixels H.

Drop-In Story Hour with Ashley LeBlond

SUMMER STORY HOUR

Dates	Location
July 1st at 4:30pm Oh, The Places You'll Go	Biddeford Pool Community Center
July 8th at 4:30pm So Much Slime	
July 15th at 4:30pm Pirate Book <i>*Location: Vines Landing*</i>	
July 22nd at 4:30pm We Are Definitely Human	
July 29th at 4:30pm Dragons Love Tacos	
August 5th at 4:30 A House for Hermit	
August 12th at 4:30 How I Met My Monster	

Details
Each week a story will be read downstairs in the library. There will be a craft or activity to follow. Children of all ages are welcome! All children should be accompanied by a chaperone.

Questions?
Email Ashley LeBlond
ALEBLOND327@GMAIL.COM



Mini Canvas Painting

with Diane Noble

Thursday, July 17

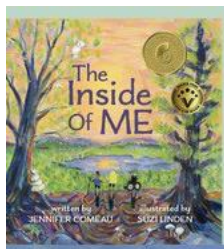
3:30 – 5:30pm

\$15 all ages 10 and up

RSVP HERE

Meet, Greet, and Nature Activity

with Jennifer Comeau
Nautilus Gold-Winning Author
of
The Inside of Me



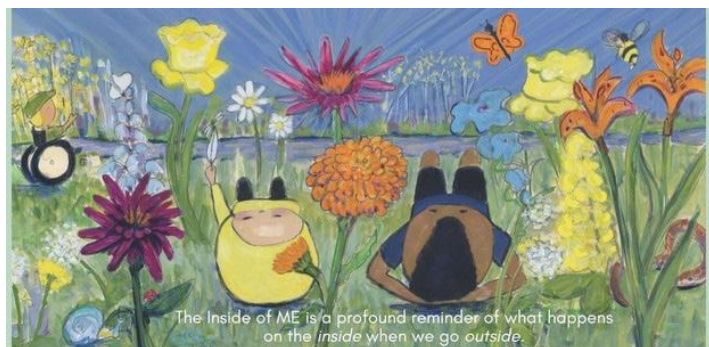
Monday, July 14th, 7:00pm

A children's book on "remembering what happens on the inside when we go outside."
For children ages 6 - 10

Books will be available for sale and author signing.

Tickets are available at \$5 per child.
Please **RSVP HERE**

Ms. Comeau is a Union Church Speaker Series author appearing at Union Church Thursday, July 24th with her latest book, *A Moon in All Things*.



The Inside of ME is a profound reminder of what happens on the inside when we go outside.

Gather Here

The Community Center welcomes you to gather on Monday, **July 28** and **August 25** from **10:00am to 12:00pm** to meet and get to know members of BPCC. We will put the kettle on for tea or coffee.

If you would like to bring something to 'work on' please do, but it isn't necessary.

Please email Pat Burke at
PatBB@biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org
with any questions.

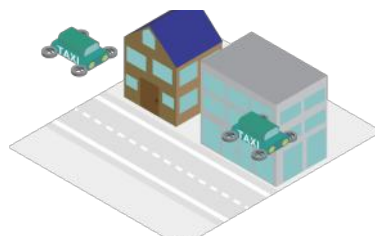


RSVP HERE for July 28

RSVP HERE for August 25



Urban Sketchers with Diane Noble



Fridays 10:00am – 12pm
July 11, 25
August 8, 22

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**.



Seaside Fair – Summer Fun

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

Join us for summer fun and seaside-inspired gifts at BPCC.

20 Local Artists, Crafters, and Authors. Unique handmade jewelry, pottery, wooden puzzles, stained glass, weaving, fabric, crocheted creations, stone and shell art. Photography, books, paintings, and prints. There will be lunch, a raffle, and free kids' craft activities.

Help is still needed with supervising in the kids' craft area.
Contact Cary Frye at 202-841-0066 or cfrye1216@gmail.com



COMING SOON

Artists BY THE *Sea*

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



Bridge Options at BPCC

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

with Debbie Melican

We look forward to welcoming summer folks back. You've been missed!

Reminder: \$1 donation is appreciated and all levels are welcome. Players rotate partners, giving you a chance to play with different people.

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.

Please **RSVP** on Calendar **HERE**.

Pick the date or dates you would like to attend.

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

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 - jobmaine@gmail.com



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 1:00-3:00 but are flexible. A \$1.00 donation is appreciated.

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

Biddeford Parks and Recreation

"BOLDER PROGRAMS"

(Biddeford Older Adult Programs)
Impressive Summer Offerings

[CLICK for More Details](#)

Questions? Email

Esther.brown@biddefordmaine.org

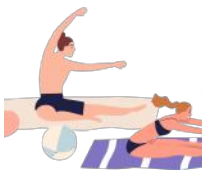


BPCC Board Meetings

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.



Beach Yoga

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
7:15 - 8:15am

Location: Gilbert Bath House Beach
1 Beach House Lane, Biddeford

Weather Permitting

Suggested donation: \$15 per class

Proceeds will be donated to
Good Shepard Food Pantry

Bring a mat or large beach towel.

Questions? Call or text Barb
207-415-6955

Yoga with Mindy



Wednesday: Gentle to Moderate Yoga
9:30am

First Class - July 9

Register HERE

Thursday: Gentle Chair Yoga 10:15am

First Class - July 10

Register HERE



For More Information or help with
registering

Contact: mindymuseyoga@gmail.com
or 207-838-9684

**DEADLINE
EXTENDED!!**

Joan Beaudry Memorial Education Award

Application Deadline Extended to July 15th, 2025

We are excited to announce a **broadened scope** aimed at reaching more students who are furthering their education beyond high school (college, university, graduate program, vocational program). *The scope of the scholarship has been broadened to include not only members of the BPCC but also those students working in the Biddeford Coastal community (e.g. Biddeford Pool, Hills Beach, Fortunes Rocks and Granite Point).*

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 area. Broadening the scope to include students working in the area has been made possible thanks to the generosity of a private donor. 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 and application can be found on the **BPCC website**. Any questions can be directed to co-chairs Tracy Callahan gtfamily@comcast.net and Greg Tarbox gftbox@gmail.com.