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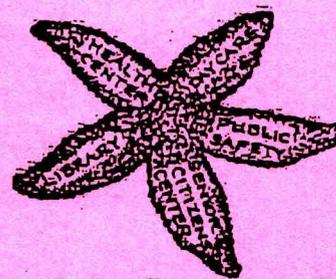
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

August 2024

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Calendar of Events

August

1	Legion Live, Cynde Putney-Jack Barrett , American Legion Post, donations	6-8 pm
1,8,15,22,29	Mahjongg, TEIA Garman Lounge	1:30 pm
2, 9, 16	Rhythm & Rhymes, Peaks Island Library	10:15 am
2, 9, 16	Preschool Story Time, Peaks Island Library	10:45 am
3,10,17,24,31	Adult Writing Group, Peaks Island Library	9 am
3	Annual Fair, TEIA	10 am-1 pm
3	Fair Dinner, TEIA, Contact Stephanie Castle at sealights99@aol.com for tickets	6:30 pm
4	New Moon Yoga on the porch, Fifth Maine, Patty McRae, \$25	9:00:00 PM
5 & 6	The 75th Annual Variety Show, Lions Club, Greenwood Garden	
6	The Knitting Group, Peaks Island Library, All are Welcome	4 pm
6	"The Good War of Consul Reeves" With Peter Rose, TEIA Garman Lounge	7 pm
7	Button Making, for all ages, Peaks Island Library	9:30 am
7	Art Class: Jump Start Your Creativity with Giselle Potter, TEIA Clubhouse, donations (no fee)	10 am
7	Peaks Island Music Assoc., The Gere Sedgwick Duo , Fifth Maine, Faith York, \$15	8 pm
8	Peaks Island Historical Soc., Antique Appraisal Day, Greenwood Garden, \$5 per item/limit 3	10 am-2 pm
8	The Peaks Fund, Annual Meeting, 5th Maine, RSVP info@peaksislandfund.org	5-7 pm
8	Legion Live, Open Mic , American Legion Post, donations	6-8 pm
9	Peaks Island House Concert, The Murphy Beds , 5th ME, Ellen Mahoney, \$20 Sug. don.	7 pm
9	Trivia Night hosted by Downfront's own Stuart Jackson, TEIA Garman Lounge	7:30 pm
10	BBQ By John Kamp , with live music, American Legion Lawn, \$25 per plate	3-5 pm
11	5th Maine Art on Porch/Art Walk, Susan Hanley, (maps available) FREE Event	10-3pm
14	Art Class: Fifty Years into The Future , TEIA Clubhouse, Nicole D'entremont (age 6+) \$50	10 am
14	Illustration Institute Mending Workshop , Fifth Maine, Nancy Nash, FREE Event	3pm
15	Fifth Maine Annual Meeting, 5th Maine, Susan Hanley, FREE Event	6pm
15	Joe Hall "We're on Abanaki Land & Waters, 5th Maine, Susan Hanley, FREE Event	7pm
15	Legion Live, Jack Sherman-Keith Lockless , American Legion Post, donations	6-8 pm
18	PICW Summer FUNraiser, Hedgehogs (dancing & more), at TEIA, tickets \$25, kids free	5-8 pm
21	Burger Night, Lions Club , Greenwood Garden, (musical guest The Elmores)	
21	Peaks Island Music Assoc., Chorale in Concert "Inspirations" , Fifth Maine, Faith York, \$15	8 pm
22	Legion Live, Bryce Snyder-"Yacht Rock" , American Legion Post, donations	6-8 pm
23	Pasta Making with Mario , Fifth Maine, Susan Hanley, FREE Event	5pm
25	Pancake Breakfast , 5th Maine, Susan Hanley, \$12/adults-\$6/kids (mem) \$14/\$8 (non mem)	8-11 am
29	Legion Live, Owen Davis-Ray Murdoch Curry , American Legion Post, donations	6-8 pm
31	5th Maine Art Walk, Susan Hanley, (maps available at Museum), FREE Event	10-3 pm
weekly	Pilates, every Mon., Thurs. & Sat., TEIA Garman Lounge, Sign-up at www.teiaclub.org	8 am
weekly	Sunday Mass, St. Christopher's Catholic Church	8:30 am
weekly	Sunday Morning Services, New Brackett Memorial Church	10 am

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



American Legion Randall-MacVane Post #142

54 Welch Street, Peaks Island, ME 04108, (207) 766-2102. Members and guests welcomed. Bar and lounge open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 5 to 10 pm, and Sunday, 3:30 to 9 pm.

- **Sundays, 3:45–5:45 pm: Acoustic Music Circle.** Bring a guitar, a voice, or your curiosity.
- **Thursdays, 6–8 pm: Legion Live.** Donations accepted at the door.
- **Saturday, August 10: BBQ by John Kamp.** Menu will include ribs, smoked pulled pork, smoked turkey, homemade BBQ-beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and potato salad. \$25/plate.

“**Legion Live**” is Peaks Island’s newest venue for live music. Thursdays from 6 to 8 pm, the Post #142 stage showcases the best of live local music. Donations for the musicians collected at the door. Legion Live is looking forward to seeing all our neighbors; the lounge is open to the public and all are invited and welcome.

August 1, Jack Barrett — Cynde Putney

August 8, Open Mic, hosted by Keith

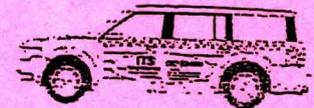
August 15, Keith Stockless — Jack Sherman, (Neil Young’s Neighbor)

August 22, Bryce Snyder — “Yacht Rock” (trio)

August 29, Owen Davis — Ray Murdoch Curry

September 5, Chris Pulsoni — “The TooZies”

An updated schedule of performances can be found at www.peaksbeat.com. For booking inquiries, text Dan at 617-676-5987.



(207) 518-0000

TAXI NEWS & SCHEDULE UPDATES

Peaks Island Taxi is operating on its regular schedule, meeting ferries from 7:45am until the arrival of the 5:35pm boat from CBL. If you’d like to arrange a ride during or outside of regular hours, please call ahead to make arrangements **(207) 518-0000**. And if you’re taking the 7:15pm or 8:15pm ferry from CBL, and you need a lift on the Peaks side, please call before 6:00pm.

In addition to rides home from Welch Street, the Taxi provides deliveries, great tours, and intra-island transportation.

Call **(207) 518-0000** to find out more.

The Taxi and the Island Transportation System (ITS) Board members are on track to acquire an all-electric vehicle later this year – watch this space for updates and details!



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

August was a busy month for the Society. Both programs – *Nifty Fifties & Beyond* and the *Ghost Tour* were well attended. So many people asked to go on the Ghost Tour that a second tour was scheduled to accommodate everyone. And we received a large collection of 35 mm slides of Peaks during the 1950s from Tim “Murph” Murphy. It includes some great shots of the WWII military reservation before the 1957 fire that burned nearly 400 acres of the island.

Looking ahead to August – *Antique Appraisal Day* returns on Thursday August 8 in Greenwood Garden. Appraiser Larry Trueman will be here to verbally evaluate your personal treasures between 10 am and 2 pm. He is a professional appraiser whose family has long-time ties to Peaks. It’s a fun and interesting time for all to listen and learn.



Peaks Island Lions Club News

The Peaks Island Lions Club’s 2024 Season is packed with community events! Upcoming Burger Nights (Wednesdays) are **August 21** (musical guest The Elmores), **September 4** (musical guest Hedgehogs) & **September 18** (musical guest Peaks Island Ukeleles). The 75th Annual Variety Show is **Monday & Tuesday, August 5-6**. COME ON DOWN!!

We are looking for new members! Whether you are year-round or a seasonal resident, young or old, woman or man, come join our “pride” of 32 Lions. We host 30+ events annually and have great fun and camaraderie. Our members run the gamut of the island community. **Come volunteer** for an upcoming event and see what we are all about! Feel free to reach out to President Joe Whalen or Vice President Liz Samson at lionsclubrental@gmail.com for information.

Since the 1950s, Peaks Island Lions Club members have all been volunteers.

2024 Scholarship News

The Lions are again offering scholarship money to island residents this coming year. Grants are distributed early in the following year ('25) based on submission of successful grades for the prior semester (fall of '24) or proof of completion of a certified program of licensing (ex. – a trade). Applications are available online by emailing pilionssscholarship@gmail.com and must be returned by August 31, 2024, to be eligible for consideration. Past recipients must reapply each year. Questions can be submitted to email address noted previously.

CERT Helps in Emergencies

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



New Brackett Memorial Church, a UUA/UCC congregation

mailing address - 9 Church Ave / office phone - 207-766-5013

Rev. Will Green, Pastor

Sunday morning services are every week at 10:00am in the Sanctuary, followed by a community potluck meal. Want to sing in the choir? Rehearsal is at 8:30.

This month our worship themes are: August 4 - Integrating Grief (the ongoing reality of loss), August 11 - Friendship (its importance and variety of it in our lives) August 18 - Listening as a spiritual skill, August 25 - Flower Communion Ritual (everyone is asked to please bring ONE flower to give away. We will all go home with a flower.)

Thank you for the interest and donations to the Jan Thomas Memorial Garden which is part of the landscape plan which will soon begin to be implemented outside the church. We hope to begin planting in September.

Visit our website for more information about events at the church.

To join our email list, write to newbrackettchurch@gmail.com

newbrackettchurch.org

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector and Pastor: Father Seamus Griesbach at 773-7746

Parish Fair in July was terrific! Thanks to all who worked and attended!

Sunday Mass is at 8:30 AM. All are welcome. For information about other mainland services, check www.portlandcatholic.org. For information on Baptism, Reconciliation, Marriage & Funerals, please contact Father Seamus. Home bound Catholics who would like to see a priest and receive Holy Communion should call Barbara Hoppin at 232-6641.

Rosary, Confession and Adoration will continue on the first Wednesday of each month from 10 to 11:30 AM in the Church. All are welcome.

Bible Study takes place at 10 AM each Thursday in the Parish House. All are welcome.

Free Medical Equipment

St. Christopher's and the Peaks Island Health Center offer free medical equipment. 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.

The Fifth Maine Museum

www.fifthmainemuseum.org, 207-766-3330



Summer is going strong at the Fifth Maine Museum!

Now is the time to join the Fifth Maine Museum membership and enjoy all your member benefits – free admission to the museum, reduced entrance fees to Fifth Maine events, 10% off museum shop purchases, and our newsletter!!



August 4, 9pm – New Moon Yoga on the porch with Patty McRae, \$25

August 7, 8pm – Peaks Island Music Association Concert event, \$15 at the door

August 9, 7pm – Peaks Island House Concert: The Murphy Beds, \$20 at the door

August 11, 10am-3pm – Art on the Porch /ART WALK, free event

August 14, 3pm – *Discovery in the Dining Room*: Illustration Institute Mending Workshop, free event

August 15, 6:00pm – Annual Meeting (Please come and join the Fifth Maine Museum!)

August 15, 7:00pm – *History in the Hall*: Joe Hall, Associate Professor of History at Bates College, will present "We're on Wabanaki Lands and Waters. So What?" – free event

August 21, 8pm – Peaks Island Music Association Concert – Peaks Island Chorale, \$20 at the door

August 23, 5pm – *Cooking in the kitchen*: Pasta Making with Mario, class and dinner, \$100/person

August 25, 8-11am – Pancake Breakfast – Yum! Members get a \$2 discount on every ticket!

August 31, 10am-3pm – ART WALK – free event

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



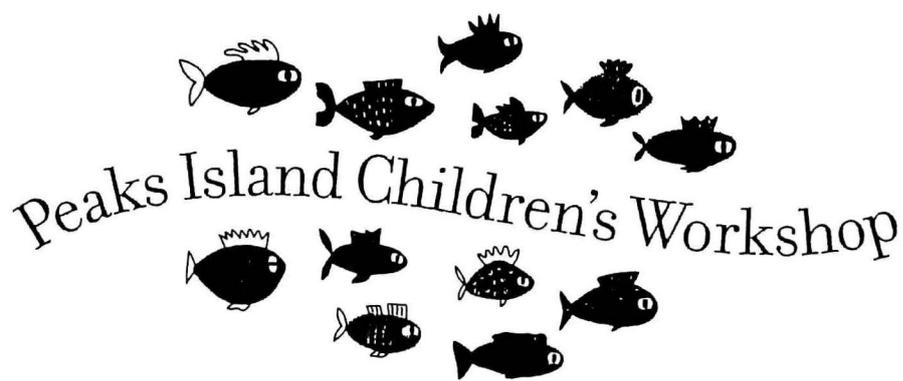
Peaks Island Community Food Pantry

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) and thanks to the generosity of New Brackett Church for housing the food pantry!! ***We now have a small freezer and can take frozen items! We also have some refrigerator space. If you are leaving for the season and have food items you would like to donate, please contact Susan Hanley, 207-332-2443.***

If you would like to donate items to the food pantry, our needs this month are: *canned tuna, sardines, canned meats, Saltine and Ritz crackers, canned pineapple, peaches, and pears, apple sauce, canned black beans, tomato soup, 1 pound bags of sugar, coffee, beef ramen, mayonnaise, boxed cereal.*

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



71 Herman Avenue director@peaksislandchildrensworkshop.org 766-2854
www.peaksislandchildrensworkshop.org

Please join us on Sunday, August 18, 2024 for our summer celebration party at TEIA, from 5-8pm. This is a kid friendly community event to celebrate the Peaks Island Children's Workshop and to show your support for the hard work of our staff and the importance of childcare in our community. There will be food, a cash bar, children's activities, and music by The Hedgehogs! Tickets available at the door.

Also: we are hiring! We are looking for an assistant preschool teacher. We are flexible on days and hours. If interested, please contact Margaret at director@peaksislandchildrensworkshop.org

The Board of the Workshop is always open to suggestions and communication from the community. Please contact us through Board President, Heather Thompson, at heather@juniperdesignbuild.com.

TEIA Club - Peaks Island's Waterfront Activity Destination August News Update (teiaclub.org)

August is here, and so is our Annual Fair! Join us on **Saturday, August 3rd from 10am to 1pm** for our raffle table, white elephant sales, a boutique shop of second-hand clothes and jewelry, bake sale, lobster rolls, kids table, silent auction, and more! Later that evening, we will **reopen the silent auction at 5:00pm**. Bidding will close at **6:30 when Fair Dinner begins**. This year's meal is baked ham, green salad, potato salad, bread and cake. BYOB. A live auction will happen following dinner and is always fun! Silent auction winners are also announced. Contact Stephanie Castle at sealights99@aol.com for Fair Dinner tickets. \$17 for children 10 and under and \$25 for inside seating.

Here are our other upcoming community events at TEIA:

1. **Aug 6.** "The Good War of Consul Reeves" With Peter Rose, **7pm** in the TEIA Garman Lounge
2. **Aug 7.** Art Class: Jump Start Your Creativity with Giselle Potter at **10am** in the TEIA Clubhouse. There is no Fee for this workshop. Donations to TEIA are welcome. Contact Chris Harper-Fahey to register at chrisharperfahey@gmail.com
3. **Aug 9.** Trivia Night hosted by Downfront's own Stuart Jackson, **7:30pm** in the main hall. Contact Molly DiLorenzo at mollydilorenzo@gmail.com for details and to register your team.
4. **Aug 14.** Art Class: Fifty Years into The Future (Ages 6 and above) with Nicole D'entremont at **10am** in the TEIA Clubhouse. \$50/person to cover materials. Contact Chris Harper-Fahey to register at chrisharperfahey@gmail.com

Check out our website teiaclub.org for more information on ticket pricing, and our recurring events, including our lecture series, art classes, pilates classes, mahjongg and more!

Peaks Island Music Association



2024 Summer Concert Series Wednesday Nights 8:00 pm @ 5th Maine

- **August 7: The Gere Sedgwick Duo, with Will Green, baritone.** Pianist Dan Sedgwick, composer, teacher, and multi-faceted musical collaborator, hails from the Boston area. He is a much-in-demand soloist and music educator who is whole-heartedly dedicated to chamber music. He will be joined on stage by violinist Marji Gere, whose artistry and commitment to social justice have led her to connect with people of many ages, backgrounds, and dispositions in classrooms and concert halls around the world. These talented classical New England-based musicians will bring us a wonderful chamber music program featuring both instrumental and vocal works, performed by our own wonderful baritone, Will Green.
- **August 21: The 25-voice Peaks Island Chorale in, "Inspirations"** – a concert focusing on how music inspires and overlaps with other music in all genres (yes, it's a program about musical plagiarism!). The concert will include works by Mozart, Chopin, Dylan, Copland, Manilow, Gilbert & Sullivan, Queen, Rossini, Thomas, York, and Bizet, in addition to some traditional Shaker music, sea shanties, and early American songs. The 2024 Barbara Goelman Music Scholarship will also be awarded this evening to a worthy Peaks Island music student.

PIMA Board: Charles Burr, Larry Ducharme, Bobby Kipp, Andrea Rosenberg, Tyler Schwaller, Faith York FMI: fyonpi@aol.com

August at the Peaks Island Branch Library

129 Island Avenue * 207.766.5540 * peaks@portlib.org

Tuesday: 12 - 6 pm Wednesday: 9 - 12 Friday: 10 - 4 pm Saturday: 9 - 12

Surroundings by Jackman Wood Carved wood blocks with paint and ink will be mounted on walls, some small pieces in groups and a few bigger pieces. Jackman says, "These blocks are imagery of things in my surroundings." Jackman's exhibit will be on display beginning on August 13 - September 21

Button Making on Wednesday, August 7th starting at 9:30 for all ages.

Stop by the library to make your own button! We'll have upcycled graphic novels, our button maker, and helpful staff to provide hands-on assistance.

Summer Reading 2024 READ, RENEW, REPEAT June 17 - August 10, 2024

Congratulations to all of those who signed up for Summer Reading. Be sure to turn in your reading log by August 10th to receive your certificate and to enter the bike raffle.

Adult Book Discussion returns on **Tuesday, Sept 10 at 7 pm** in the Community Room to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. Meetings are fun, mind-broadening and all are welcome. Contact the library for a copy of the book. Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library.

Rhythm & Rhymes, Fridays at 10:15 am Infants to 3 years old and their caregivers.

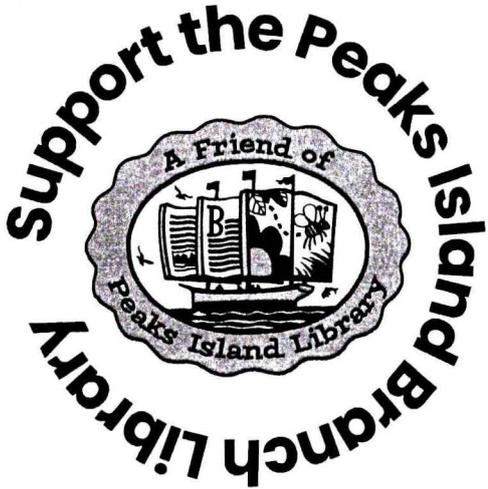
Preschool Story Time, Fridays at 10:45 am Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

No Rhythm & Rhyme or Story Time on Friday August 23 & 29

The Knitting Group meets on **Tuesday, August 6 at 4 pm**. All are welcome.

Adult Writing Group Saturdays at **9 am** at the library. All skill levels are welcome.

*Thank You to the Friends of the Peaks Island Library
for a successful Book Sale and all you do for the library.*



The mission of the Friends of the Peaks Island Library is to provide support with both funds and services and to encourage the use of the library within the Peaks Island community.

Your Friends membership supports projects such as:

- STAR Monthly Newsletter
- Book Group
- Baby Bags & Board Books for New Island Babies
- Birthday Books for Island Elementary School-Age Students
- Dictionaries for Graduating Island 5th Graders
- Speakers & Presentations
- Library Book Sale
- Peaks Community Artist Space

All memberships dues and donations are tax-deductible

Contact: friendsofpeaksislandlibrary@gmail.com

Personal Information

Full Name

Full Address

Email

Phone Number

Annual Membership Dues

Memberships are July 1 - June 30 | Current Membership Year:

Individual (\$5.00) Family (\$10.00) Other/Additional donation _ _ _

Please add me to your volunteer list

Please drop off membership form and payment at the Library or mail to Friends of the Peaks Island Branch Library, 129 Island Avenue, Peaks Island, ME 04108