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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Woodworkers

By Wendy Rose

**B**owdoinham has a wealth of woodworkers who create furniture, cabinetry, instruments and much, much more.

#### Paul Baines Fine Woodworking

Paul Baines

Paul's lifetime of wood working experience has helped him develop a national reputation for his beautiful designs and hand-crafted stools. Many local musicians and musical luminaries such as Pete Seeger, Norah Jones, and Doc Watson have found these stools to be the perfect perch when performing. At this point in the evolution of Paul's business, he sells around 100-300 stools a year which makes up about a third of his business. He also does a variety of other furniture and hand carved signs for businesses in the area, each of which take up another third of his sales.

Starting his business when he was only 28, Paul has specialized in furniture making rather than cabinetry. He came to Bowdoinham in 2006 after spending 9 years working on a project on the Rosebud Reservation in Minnesota. He had been in Bowdoinham in 1985 and really liked this community, so was glad to settle back here. Paul has had his workshop at several sites in town but has now built a spacious building behind his home at 94 Main Street where he does all his work. He likes Bowdoinham as a central location. "It's been a good fit for us," he says. He serves on the Town's Planning Board and enjoys being a part of the community.

A national ad in the Acoustic Guitar

Magazine started the ball rolling with his national stool sales. Musicians who tried them let their friends know and word of mouth has carried him ever since. He also has an e-commerce website at [www.paulbainesfinewoodworking.com](http://www.paulbainesfinewoodworking.com) which helps him sell things throughout the world. Another outlet for his work has been at The Center for



Paul Baines



Steven Bunn

Maine Craft in Gardiner.

"They like having my products and do a good job of selling them," he says. Other items can be found at Halcyon Yarns in Bath. Most of Paul's sales, however, happen through his website.

"I enjoy my work and am happy to have the opportunity to do it," Paul says. You can reach him through his website, by calling him at 571-8280 or

by dropping by his workshop.

#### Steven Bunn, Furnituremaker

Steven Bunn

Windsor chairs of all styles and stages of finishing grace Steve Bunn's workshop located next to his home at 22 Center Street in the village. "Traditional 1700's furniture is my real interest," he says. Steve's skill in reproducing the intricate turnings and precisely fashioned seats of his chairs makes them not only beautiful to look at, but also sought after by people who want authentic period furniture. The challenge of crafting these chairs means that it takes a week to a week and a half to make one.

While Windsor chairs are Steve's specialty, they are only one aspect of his busy woodworking business. He also has a line of hand crafted woodworking tools, Shaker-style furniture, tall cabinet clocks, miniature (half size) furniture (often just right for a child) and even a reproduction canon barrel that was recently commissioned. As Steve says, "Show me a picture and I can copy it."

Steve developed his skills over many years starting with some railroad tracks he made when he was a child.

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## Woodworkers

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Other early projects were a 20-foot airplane and a tree house. When he came to a junction in his career, he realized that woodworking was what he really loved to do, and he made the leap to concentrate on that field. His experience in a millwork shop and 8 years with Thomas Mosher Furniture in Maine helped to refine his skills. While still with Mosher, Steve built his workshop in anticipation of having his own business and then established it in 1994. "I looked for something that wouldn't compete with other woodworkers in town," he says, "and found that there were only 5 chair makers in the eastern United States at the time, so that's what I decided to specialize in"

Customers find Steve through many channels: his website at [www.stevenbunn.com](http://www.stevenbunn.com), referrals from antique dealers, the Holiday Festival show sponsored by the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans, a listing in *Early American Homes* magazine where he was juried into their directory of top crafts people, and as a result of his woodworking demonstrations at the Common Ground Fair. The recent recession enabled him to catch up on his backlog of projects, and he has seen calls increase in the last 3 months which seems to indicate that the worst of the economic slowdown is over.

Steve supplements his business income by working part-time at Bowdoin College as an Exhibit Technician for the Arctic and Art Museums and through his writing for a variety of publications.

You can reach Steve by phoning him in the evening (666-5586) or by emailing him through the website.

### Mark C. Donovan Fine Woodwork

*Mark Donovan*

One of the major inspirations for Mark when he started out as a woodworker was his grandfather, Jay Hanna, who made museum quality model boats, one of which is in the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Hanna's book on woodworking techniques helped Mark to experiment and learn a wide variety of wood-working skills.

After many years of working in the



*Bob Kane*

information technology field, Mark took some time off to build his house in Bowdoinham. That experience inspired him to eventually leave IT work, and start working with wood full-time.

His grandfather's book was a source of guidance along with other publications, experience, and experimentation.

Mark's business has been an evolution. His first ventures were making violins, but that market was very small. He has now branched out into carving, sculpting, doing gunstocks, inlaid furniture, and kitchen cabinetry. His website at [www.donovansbench.com](http://www.donovansbench.com) has a gallery of beautiful items that give an example of his talent and the diversity of his skills. "Not specializing has helped," Mark says. When he isn't working on a project for a customer, he takes unique wood that he has saved and creates carvings and artwork. Now, after 23 years, there is nothing he isn't willing to try.

Most customers have found Mark through word of mouth. "I like to exceed their expectations so they will go out of their way to refer me," Mark says. He sees the economy slowly getting better and business is more active. Mark also participated in the Open Studio Day sponsored by Bowdoinham in May. Approximately 60 people came through his central location at the Merrymeeting Arts Center to view his work.

In the future, Mark would like to have

a larger shop since the one at his home wasn't built for larger projects. "I like where we live in Bowdoinham," he says.

"Our two boys have had a great experience in the school here."

You can reach Mark through his website or by calling 666-8226. He is located at 183 Carding Machine Rd.

### Bob Kane

"I have always had a feel for wood," Bob Kane says. "Ever since I was a little guy I was making things." It wasn't until he retired a year and a half ago from his 35 year career in education and social work, however, that Bob has had a chance to devote serious time working with his favorite material.

Bob is now busy on his own 82 acre woodlot that he owns out on the Post Road where he has been for 34 years. He cuts trees and sells and delivers firewood which is the foundation of his business. His goal is to sell 25 cords of wood each year. The primary trees on his land are ash and red maple with some cherry. He also has a portable saw mill that can do custom sawing for others. While it is a mobile machine, he likes to do most of his cutting at his own location. In addition, Bob keeps his eyes open for special burls or junctions in trees that have interesting grains for one-of-a-kind items. He brought a beautiful cherry bowl to the interview that he had crafted from a junction in a cherry tree. The grains form a fascinating pattern and the smooth shape is reminiscent of a lovely boat. He has also made baby cradles, walking sticks, paddles and other items. Part of his service includes repairing wooden boats and steaming wood for shaping.

Bob's customers have mostly found him through word of mouth so he hasn't done a lot of marketing. A website is something he would like to develop. For now, he can be reached by calling 666-3668. He has just started branching out by marketing his one-of-a-kind items at a booth during Celebrate Bowdoinham, and he is thinking of getting into other shows. Watch for him this September at Celebrate Bowdoinham.



*Mark Donovan*

"I love being near Merrymeeting Bay, spending time on the water, and being out in the woods every day," Bob comments. He is so glad to be retired so he can spend time doing all his favorite things.

**Mortimer LaPointe, Inc.**

*Mortimer LaPointe*

Mort has deep roots in the Brunswick/Bowdoinham area. He grew up in Brunswick, got his start in woodworking at the Maine Maritime Museum (MMM) in Bath, and his parents have lived in Bowdoinham for over 30 years. The skills Mort picked up at the MMM led him to work for the Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Connecticut where he developed his skills. He left there to start his own business in Connecticut, and then moved back to Maine 18 years ago. For the last 6 years, Mort has lived with his dad at 1191 River Road where he has built a spacious 30 x 50 foot woodworking shop that can accommodate the wide variety of projects that he takes on.

Antique restoration and finishing work are a specialty of Mort's business. He also does a lot of projects with reclaimed lumber such as cabinets, dining room tables, and shelves. Currently he is starting a kitchen project for a hunting lodge in Jackman. While he works mostly on his own, he has workers he can call on to do larger installations. "I really enjoy the variety of work I do," Mort says. Boat interiors, matching colors in restoration projects, cabinet construction, and creatively using reclaimed lumber are all projects that Mort may be working on at any given time.

Because of his skill with restoration, antique dealers will refer people to Mort or give him projects they have. Individuals find him through the Yellow Pages and the internet ([www.mortimerlapointe.com](http://www.mortimerlapointe.com)). All the networks that Mort has established through his 35 years in the business has



*Mortimer LaPointe*

helped to keep a steady flow of customers coming to him with projects in spite of the economic slowdown of recent years.

Mort has found that being self-employed brings challenges such as covering one's health insurance and balancing family demands. He gains a lot of satisfaction, however, in making his living

at woodworking. "I'll do this as long as I can," he says. "Moving to Bowdoinham has really worked out. I love being out here."

You can reach Mort by calling his cell phone at 208-0440 or emailing him at [mort\\_lapointe@yahoo.com](mailto:mort_lapointe@yahoo.com).

**Scott Libby Woodworking, LLC**

*Scott Libby*

"Early on I knew what my passion was," Scott says. "Fortunately, I've been paired with the right people at the right time." It started with a high school industrial arts teacher who noticed Scott's talent with woodworking and encouraged him to explore the field. He was able to build his skills at a millworking business and then through a job as a furniture maker. When a general contractor in Portland took him on, he was able to specialize in any aspect of the construction jobs that involved wood. As the company grew, he worked his way into management.

By 2008, Scott was ready to start his own business. He had a great network in the industry after his 20 years of experience. Even though the economy started to slow down, he was able to draw on the contacts he had developed, over 75 contractors and 25 individual kitchen designers are a part of his network. While his customers are concentrated in the Scarborough through Boothbay region, Scott

is very happy to be back in his hometown and exploring new opportunities.

Even though kitchens are a specialty, "the bigger the project the better," according to Scott. "Obscure challenges are great." He has taken on a church steeple, crafted the 152 curved desks in the Maine Statehouse, and has done many projects in the residential market including all the wood in new construction. He also builds bookshelves, secretaries, clocks and other home furniture items. "I want folks to know I am in reach for their projects, not just the high end ones," Scott says. "The fun is in meeting with a client, learning what they want, and then having them be thrilled with the result."

Scott has anywhere from three to six employees working with him at his shop at 112 Pond Road, the former Hilltop Homes location. When Scott bought the property, he registered it as a business park with the town and now has 7 renters. He hopes to expand the current 3.5 acre site by an additional 10 acres later this year. By upgrading the existing structures and developing other buildings, Scott is hoping to encourage local and regional entrepreneurs to



*Scott Libby*

expand their operations and locate in Bowdoinham. The easy access to I-295 and the position of the site outside of the village cluster makes it a great location for business development.

"When you have a passion for it, it shows up in your work. I still get excited about every project. My motto is 'let's make it work.'"

You can see some examples of Scott's work at his website, [www.scottlibbywoodworking.com](http://www.scottlibbywoodworking.com), call him at 504-0102, email him at [scott@libbywoodworking.com](mailto:scott@libbywoodworking.com), or visit him at his shop at 112 Pond Road.

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## Woodworkers

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### Greg Zoulamis Fine Woodworking

*Greg Zoulamis*

Greg grew up in an entrepreneurial family and worked in their restaurant business from the time he was in his teens. A major change in direction happened when his brother moved to Bowdoinham and needed help building his timber frame house. Greg fell in love with this work and decided to learn all he could about the wood working industry. After apprenticing with a general contractor and then as a carpenter for a construction firm, he felt ready to go out on his own. By the time he opened his business, he owned all his tools. A major kitchen job started him off. He has honed his skills through reading specialty publications, learning from others, and actually doing the projects.

Now that Greg has been in business for 8 years, he has weathered a major economic recession and is busy with kitchen projects, furniture building, and custom jobs. "I like being creative," he says, so crafting coffee tables, chests, armoires, and dining tables are interesting to him. Kitchens form the foundation of his sales and keep the business on a steady footing.

Greg's workshop is located in Fred Haer's building on Bowdoinham's waterfront. His large production area is set up to flow smoothly, and his separate spray room has state-of-the-art equipment and ventilation. Greg is exploring the possibility of getting new computer controlled equipment that would help to automate some of the processes. He already has a wide planer that makes things more efficient.

Many of Greg's customers have come to him through word of mouth. He also works with designers and architects. His website at [www.zoulamisfinewoodworking.com](http://www.zoulamisfinewoodworking.com) has some lovely photographs of his work and is one way that customers have been able to reach him.

"I love being in Bowdoinham," Greg

says. "I've gotten to know a lot of people and work with some of the other cabinet makers. We will often help each other out. Everyone is very nice here in town."

You can reach Greg at [greg@zoulamisfinewoodworking.com](mailto:greg@zoulamisfinewoodworking.com) or call him at 207-329-1695.



*Greg Zoulamis*

### Creative Flow Foundation

*Robert Betjeman*

Robert started the Creative Flow Foundation as a way to assist the re-integration of veterans by using the power and wonder of creativity. In fact, the word "flow" is often used to describe the altered state of consciousness that comes with creative work. Robert knows firsthand how working with wood not only builds practical skills but also how it brings confidence, a sense of satisfaction, and other positive benefits.

As a veteran himself, Robert is aware of how challenging it can be to move out of military service into civilian life. It can be even more difficult when there are issues of post traumatic stress. Robert wanted to help veterans with this process, so he started the work of his foundation seven years ago. After moving to Bowdoinham over 2 years ago, he set up a space in his home where the woodworking could be done. The foundation is now registered with the State of Maine and has its own structure, but it has not yet applied for non-tax status with the Federal government.

Robert's many years as a woodworker qualifies him to work with apprentices and to teach them practical woodworking skills. They start with modest projects and graduate to greater challenges. His

current student, Jeremy O'Brian, has been working with Robert since last December. They are now constructing a boat together.

From this modest start with one student, Robert would like to expand his space, bring on other apprentices, and demonstrate the benefits of this work for veterans including those who have been disabled. His home at 1190 River Road is operating as the location for the projects, and its rooms have been set up for boat-building, production, and display. It isn't really adequate, however, for all that the Foundation would like to do. Up to now, Robert has funded all the work through his modest income and is looking forward to finding others who might be interested in donating tools, materials, skills, or funding.

Robert's own woodworking skills were developed from the time he was 11 years old. "I always had a gift for this work—a capacity to learn and absorb," he says. He makes everything from intricate cat carrying boxes (in the photo) to adjustable tables, cabinets, display cases, boats, and furniture.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Robert at 207-323-5736.



*Robert Betjeman*

## Lunch Reading Program



Did you know that the Bowdoinham Community School has a LUNCH BUNCH program each day with

volunteers reading to students during lunchtime? This is a great program from the kids and they are always looking for more readers! Readers are needed Monday thru Friday from 12 to 1pm. If you are interested in being a reader for this program, please contact Annie Young at 666-5546 or [younga@link75.org](mailto:younga@link75.org).

# THE BOWDOINHAM NEWS

## Celebrate Bowdoinham

By Nicole Briand

The festivities will start with a bang with the Chicken Run on Friday night at 6pm and the Kid's Fun Run starts at 5:30pm! Then the Celebrate Variety Show is back with Kim Kalesti & Friends at Town Hall, 13 School St, from 7:30 to 9pm.

On Saturday, September 13th the Bowdoinham waterfront will be full of action! Favorite events from the past and new attractions are all part of a great day. The day will kick off with the Celebrate Bike Ride at 8am. Then the parade starts at 10am; the parade travels from Post Road to Main Street, then down Main Street to River Road and up Ridge Road. After the Parade, the activities start at the waterfront – rides, exhibits, contests and great food and music- something for everyone!!

There will be music all day in the gazebo with a wide range of local musicians and performers showing their talents. Local food vendors will provide a variety of tasty treats and delectable delights available throughout the day. The many farmers will sell you their fresh produce and compete to be titled one of Bowdoinham's Best.

The Silent Auction is a great opportunity to bid on a wide range of goods and services from around the area and support Celebrate Bowdoinham. The Bowdoinham Historical Society will have exhibits and activities showing off Bowdoinham's rich history in shipbuilding and seafaring. Don't forget to stop by the Library's Book Sale too. Nonprofits, area organizations, area merchants and artists will display and sell their wares as testament to the "Buy Local, Buy Bowdoinham" opportunities in town.

All the kids' favorites will be back. The

kids can enjoy the bouncy house, super slide and obstacle course. They can test their strength and skills on the games. At 12:30pm we will see who has the skills and grace with the Lobster Crate Race. Other children's activities will include, a Coin Scramble, Art Activities with Merymeeting Arts Center and a Petting Zoo.

The famous KenDucky Derby will begin at 3:30pm. Whose rubber ducky will win the race on the Cathance River for the \$400 cash prize and whose will lose for the \$100 last duck prize?!?! Then the Fire Station will host a wonderful Bean Supper from 4-6pm. Various activities and music will continue until the day's festivities will come to an end with Fireworks at 8:30pm!

For more information, please visit the Town's Facebook page or website at [www.bowdoinham.com/celebrate-bowdoinham](http://www.bowdoinham.com/celebrate-bowdoinham).

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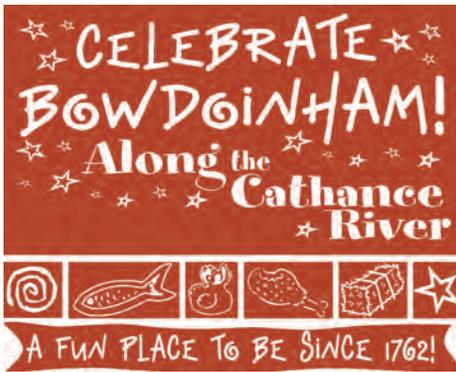
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### Chicken Run

at Bowdoinham Community School

Come try our new Family Friendly course!  
5:30pm: Kids Fun Run (1 mile)

6:00pm: Chicken Run (5K Race)

Registration 5:00-5:30pm

Pre-registration (free t-shirt):

-18 & Under: \$10.00

-Adults: \$15.00

Pre-registration forms must be submitted by Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Race Day Registration:

-18 & under: \$12.00

-Adults: \$18.00

All proceeds Benefit Bowdoinham Community School!

### Celebrate Variety Show

with Kim Kalesti, Hal Alhers & Friends at Town Hall

When Kim Kalesti makes the trip from NYC to Bowdoinham she is coming to her second home. After years of visiting family in Bowdoinham he cousin brought her to the Merrymeeting Arts Center where Kim proffered that she would like to do a concert in Bowdoinham to support Merrymeeting Arts Center. Kim has performed twice on Veteran's Day at the Town Hall in the past two years. Last year Hal Ahlers and his group played with her.

Kim and Hal are back again this time on the eve of Celebrate Bowdoinham, Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9pm at the Bowdoinham Town Hall. They will be joined by friends from NYC and from Bowdoinham.

There is no charge, but a donation to

support Celebrate Bowdoinham is appreciated. Concert is suitable for all ages.

### Celebrate Bike Ride

at Bowdoinham Recreation Fields

This ride is approximately 10 miles long; starts at the Recreation Fields at 8am.

Registration: At the Recreation Fields, 7:00-7:45am.

Cost: \$10 and FREE for kids 16 and under. All proceeds to support the Bowdoinham Recreation Department.

### Skate Board Lessons & Demonstrations

Sponsored by Long's Board Shop

Long's Board Skate Team will be showing off their moves and providing free lessons! Please bring your skateboard and helmet if you have one, if not, don't worry, we'll have some equipment available to borrow.

### Bowdoinham's Best

at Merrymeeting Grange, 27 Main St

Ribbons for all participants and prizes in all contest categories. Bring your entries Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 4-6:30pm.

-Kids' Arts & Crafts

-Kid-grown Vegetables

-Crafts

-Recycled Creations

-NEW! Best Thrift Find Contest

-Bowdoinham-grown Fruits & Vegetables

-Flowers & Floral Designs

-Canned Goods

-Apple Pie Contest

-Kid-grown Howden Pumpkin Contest

**Best Thrift Deal:** Showcase your economic power! Bring your most thrifty purchase of the year - whether spotted at your favorite thrift or second-hand store, a yard sale, or at Bowdoinham's own Home By the Bay, and tell us the story of your Find of the Year!

**Apple Pie Contest:** This year we will see who makes the best apple pie! Extra points will be given to those who use local apples, so save your receipt. Please register by contacting Susan at 666-8162 or brown\_531@myfairpoint.net.

For more information, please contact Adelaida at 737-4149 or adelaidagaviria@gmail.com.

### Chewonki's Owls of Maine

This program introduces participants to the owls native to Maine and New England: the Barred Owl, Great Horned Owl, and Screech Owl. They explore the adaptations of these silent nocturnal hunters and bring these creatures of the night into the light!



### Holistic Happy Hour

at Long Branch

Long Branch will kick off their "Holistic Happy Hour" at Celebrate, 11am-2 pm. They will offer: chair massages, community acupuncture, mini nutritional coaching sessions, reiki healing, oracle card readings, and easy tai chi.

### Woodside One Wheelers



The Woodside One Wheelers are a performing circus arts group based out of Woodside Elementary School in Topsham, Maine. Come see what they can do!

### Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is a great opportunity to bid on a wide range of goods and services from around the area and support Celebrate Bowdoinham. So don't forget to stop by and see what we might have for you!

### Tiny Home Tours

Come and see how simple life can be! We are completing our Sweet Little Home for Stepping Stones Housing in Damariscotta. This home will replace an existing mobile home that provides housing for veterans and others who are transitioning from homelessness.

For more information, please visit [www.bowdoinham.com/celebrate-bowdoinham](http://www.bowdoinham.com/celebrate-bowdoinham)

## News from Merrymeeting Arts Center

By Peggy Muir

In August we had our 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! In these seven years we've organized 27 free art shows and many workshops, classes and events. Remember the "every Maine Light House" show with 65 paintings by Ernest deRaps of Richmond? The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary show of "Three Town Artists: Carlo Pittore, Bryce Muir, and Carter Smith"? Our annual youth show "Vernal Pools" with 79 artists under 18 participating? Our annual Ice & Smelt Festival in February has become a town event (with special enthusiasm for the Best Beard Contest) and each year we host all day art activities at Celebrate Bowdoinham and the Holiday fair.

At Town Meeting this past June, participants voted to allot \$5,000 to support our operating expenses. Merrymeeting Arts Center is extremely grateful for this recognition and support. What a wonderful town and area we live in! Thank you, Bowdoinham!

### Exhibits

Summer Show: "Boats on the Bay" by Jane Page-Conway will continue through Celebrate Bowdoinham.

Fall Show: "Our Town in Photos" by Olivia Sullivan and Friends

Inspired by a show of photos of one day in the life of a town, Olivia Sullivan (age 9) approached the arts center. Could she organize a similar show for Bowdoinham? So the call for photos went out, shots to be taken during June in town (a month in the life of a town). This show is the result: a celebration of farm and bay, woods and village, people and places. It will be opened for Celebrate Bowdoinham and will stay up through the end of November.

A visit in late April by a photographer to the center sparked a conversation about photos he had taken some 30 years ago,

while visiting Bowdoinham artist, Carlo Pittore. The photos of our bridge were taken while he stood in front of the old post office at the top of the hill on Main St. Fourteen photos will show the letters formed by the angles in the bridge. After seeing these pictures you will never look at the bridge the same way again!

### Education

#### Classes at the new Pottery Project

After a summer of furnishing the Pottery Project, firing up the new kiln, and settling in to the new space, our potters will begin to offer classes and workshops for all ages and all skill levels. They welcome ideas and proposals from the public. Consult our website and Facebook page for specifics.

#### Other Classes

See [merrymeetingartscen-ter.org](http://merrymeetingartscen-ter.org) or visit us on Facebook for further details.

### Events

Celebrate Bowdoinham will once again feature hours of art activities at the Merrymeeting Arts Center. The Pottery Project potters will be on hand with clay to help kids try out hand building!

Annual Meeting will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Arts Center. You are invited to come and meet the new, expanded board and hear our plans for the coming year. As always, it will be interactive, whimsical and just plain good fun!

Early Winter Show "Little Spaces," a show celebrating "doll houses, smelt shacks and tiny houses" will open December 6<sup>th</sup> in time for the Holiday Fair. The show will set the "stage" for the Ice & Smelt Festival on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

For more information or to register for a class/workshop, please contact the Arts Center at [merrymeetingartscen-ter@gmail.com](mailto:merrymeetingartscen-ter@gmail.com) or 207-370-5002.

## My Mother's Trunk

By Lee Parker

My mother was a collector of all things. And each thing had a story to go with it. For me it was both a blessing and a curse. My house is filled with wonderful things and with those things wonderful memories and a rich sense of place. But now, as I begin the process of simplifying my life, finding homes for all of these wonderful things is a challenge.

I decided to begin the process by finding homes for my dolls, collected over the last 65 years. To my surprise and delight, these dolls – well loved and gently used – sold at the Wonderland Tea Party and netted almost \$600 for scholarship funds for children's classes at Merrymeeting Art Center.

My mother's dolls are much older as they were collected over the past ninety plus years. They hail from around the world and vary from kewpie dolls to celluloid dolls and others I know nothing about. While they are not particularly valuable they are certainly interesting and tell us about a different day and age. Then there are dollhouses and furniture – some I made, some she gave me from her childhood and some I bought as a young girl. These will go on display and sale during the Early Winter Show in December at MAC.

I have much, much more. Linens and china. All things wood. All things copper. All things pewter. What to do?

I am putting my mother's trunk (actually one of many) into action. I will use it to sell items to support the art center at Celebrate Bowdoinham, Ice & Smelt and other MAC events. What will be in the trunk? You will have to come see for yourself! Oh yes, and the trunk will be open at MAC during regular open hours.



## Cub Scout News

By Cathy Curtis

Our Cub Scouts have had a “Blast” this summer, at Pine Tree Council run Space Adventure camps; Fun Pack weekend at the Boy Scout camp, and Abnaki Day Camp at Camp Gustin in Sabattus. We’ve shot bb guns, developed archery skills, made a splash at the waterfront playing “slippery meteor,” earned academic pins for astronomy, and earned many achievements at each rank level. It is great to get together with our Cub Scout friends while taking a break from school. Many of our Pack leaders were able to volunteer their time to be leaders at camp. Thank You! We are looking forward to



Space walk - Aiden Tremain

one more summer-time gathering with all of our Pack families.

Look for us in the Celebrate Bowdoinham parade, and information on a joining night this September. Boys may join Cub Scouts at anytime, and only need to be in 1st-5th grade. We’re excited to meet new friends and share our Scout knowledge with all.

For more information on Cub Scouts contact, Cathy Curtis, [curtisc@link75.org](mailto:curtisc@link75.org) or Athena Mann, [amannscpack699@yahoo.com](mailto:amannscpack699@yahoo.com) 737-4641.

## Boy Scout News

By Athena Mann

“A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.”

Troop 699, off to a great start! The Scouts have hiked Tumbledown Mountain in Weld, while camping at Mount Blue State Park. They spent a week camping at Camp Hinds in Raymond, working on merit badges and rank advancement. Some of the boys were able to volunteer at Cub Scout Day camp, serving as Den Chiefs, at Camp Gustin in Sabattus. We have stayed active this summer attending weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings at our chartered organization, the Second Baptist Church. The boys worked to develop skills in fire building, first aid knot tying, in addition to planning their trips. At the end of August the boys will hike Sugarloaf Mountain, and experience an overnight along the Appalachian Trail en route to Spaulding Mountain. The Scouts are gaining leadership skills and growth toward independence with each experience.

We look forward to the start of the school year in hopes of growing in numbers. The Troop will march in the Celebrate Bowdoinham Parade and be a presence at the waterfront park, please come visit us. For more information, contact Dave Mann at 837-4270, or email [dmann88napa@gmail.com](mailto:dmann88napa@gmail.com).



## Recreation News

By Brandi Lohr

Where has the summer gone? The weather was not our friend, but we still managed to have some fun. Our youth baseball, softball and tee ball program had a total of 111 participants. Thank you to the parents and volunteers who step up to coach, umpire, work on the fields and help out in the snack shack. Your dedication to your children and our community is remarkable and it is what makes us one of the best places in Maine to live in.

The new Pickle Ball sets have been a success. Don't forget they are available to borrow from the Town Office.

The Kinder Meet and Greet program had 11 upcoming Kindergartners who were able to get to know each other before school started by playing games with each other; playing on the playground, a little bit of kickball, whiffle ball, hula hoops and so much more. Did I mention the playground? That was by far the most loved! Here is what is coming up:

- Kickball for grades 2-5 – starting beginning of October
- Running/Walking Group – starting the beginning of October (*we're looking for a volunteer to run this*)
- Basketball for grades 3-5 – forms go out late September and are due back in October
- Family Swim at Bowdoin College – starting the second week in September
- Lost Valley – forms go out first week in November

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## News from Bowdoinham Historical Society

By Betsy Steen

For over a century Bowdoinham was a town in which much of the economy was based on the sea. In 1850 in Bowdoinham over 30% of working men were involved in shipbuilding or seafaring. According to the 1850 Census of 386 households (2,382 people) Bowdoinham had:

- Ship Masters/Sea Captains- 24
- Sailors/Seamen- 48
- Ship Carpenters/Ship Joiners- 31
- Ship Trades- Caulkers 3, Sparmakers 2, Blockmaker 1
- Blacksmiths- 13
- Merchants/Mercantile/Commerce/Traders- 9

Men we know to have built sailing vessels listed themselves as one of these occupations and many of the men who listed themselves as joiners (22), or sawyers (15) likely worked at shipbuilding as well.

### 'Sea Captains Speak'

*A Community Read*

We hope to have folks choose materials to read and then come together October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Coombs Municipal Building Kendall Room to share excerpts from or impressions of their reading

Materials can come from:

- BHS's collection of Bowdoinham sea captains' or their families'
  - Century Box writings, Memoirs, Letters, and Log Books
  - Published works
  - Others in town may have had seafaring grandparents, and would be willing to share the stories they heard from them.
- The result should be a fascinating evening from which we all come away with a greater understanding of what life at sea was like during the age of sail.

BHS is adding its books on seafaring to the library collection so they will also be available to borrow. (Letters from Sea 1882-1901, Two Years Before the Mast, Around Cape Horn, Captain Abby and Captain John, Deepwater Family, and others, including some for children)

Please sign-up (at the library) and let us know what you are reading. Everyone is welcome!

### Lancaster-Bishop Archive & Research Room

*(3rd floor of John C. Coombs Building)*

Now that David White of Coastal Wood Floors has refinished the southern pine floor, we are open for visitors or volunteers Tuesdays during Library Hours 10am-12pm and 2-5pm

Also have our books and cards on sale.

### BHS Meeting House

*(corner of Rt 24 & Browns Point Rd.)*



The Meeting House has a fine new sign, thanks to Manon Whittlesey! This fine building (formerly (1886-1971) the Old-School Baptist Church) is as close to being ready for use as it has been in nearly 100 years!! Walls are repaired and painted, lighting is in, but we still need funds to help us patch 4 ceiling holes, fix windows, and finish the floor.

### Celebrate Bowdoinham

BHS Tent will feature more on Bowdoinham shipbuilding and seafaring as well as an area of nautical activities for children.

### BHS Memberships

Please consider joining to support the preservation and presentation of Bowdoinham's history!

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### DON'T MISS IT!!

**Saturday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm  
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For more information, to sign-up for a table, or to donate, please contact Jeanne Gillis at 666-3203 or [shouldabet@comcast.net](mailto:shouldabet@comcast.net).

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## Education Volunteers Wanted

By Dup Crosson

Reaching and educating local students is an important part of FOMB's mission to foster long-term stewardship of our land, water, and wildlife resources. Our free school programs offer enlightening presentations on a wide array of scientific topics often not included in classrooms. Learning about wetland ecology, food chains, migration, adaptation, critters, and other subjects helps inspire pride and curiosity in our environment both locally and globally.

As we dive into another school year, FOMB is looking for volunteers to assist with in-class presentations as part of our Hands Around the Bay education program. Training is provided and enthusiasm is key! Schedules and commitment levels are reasonably flexible.

Additionally, we need chaperones and presenters for this fall's Bay Day on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Wildlife Management Area in Bowdoinham. These unique and popular biannual events gather hundreds of regional 4<sup>th</sup>-graders for hands-on ecological activities on the shores of Merrymeeting Bay. Kids and adults alike get their hands dirty and their sense of wonder renewed!

Contact FOMB Coordinator/Organizer Dup Crosson at 666-1118 or [fomb@comcast.net](mailto:fomb@comcast.net) to engage in these or other education programs.



## Clothes Ministry

By Pastor Christina Couch

The Church of the Nazarene is pleased to provide a clothes ministry to the residents of Bowdoinham and Bowdoin. It will be open one day a month, or by special arrangement in urgent situations (please contact Christina at 351-0289). We suggest a donation of \$1/bag, and reserve the right to limit quantities, but no one in need will be turned away.

## News from the Library

By Kate Cutko

We are proud of the 80+ kids who participated in our summer reading program! Their hours and hours of reading were rewarded with great prizes, thanks to Main Street Dairy Treat, Town Landing Place, Bowdoinham Country Store, and Fairwinds Farm.

We don't want to leave teens out of the fun! Starting on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, we will kick off a Young Adult movie series. One Wednesday afternoon each month we will show a newly-released movie at the library. September kicks off with "Divergent". October 15<sup>th</sup> will be "Fault in our Stars". Movies are free and you can take the bus from Mt Ararat in time for the 3pm start! Popcorn? Of course. If you haven't seen the library's new YA section, planned, designed and installed by Jill and Steve Hooper, that's another reason to stop in.

We hope that kids of all ages will join us

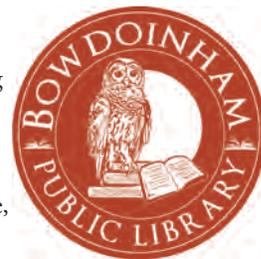
The Clothes Closet will be open 9am-3pm on September 27<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Donations of recently laundered clothes in good condition can be dropped off at the church during those times, or by making arrangements with Kathy Jennings at 666-3065.

Volunteers are welcome! Call ahead or just show up. Some set up is done on Fridays.

The church is located at the corner of School and Main Streets, and the Clothes Closet is in the house behind the church.

in the Celebrate Bowdoinham parade, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The library will have a float, and the decorations will be fabulous. Call



the library to let us know if you will ride. Parade starts at 10am. The library will have shortened hours that day due to the parade: open 12-3pm.

In addition to the books for sale during Celebrate Bowdoinham, we will host the library's BIG used book sale on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the many generous donations of books throughout the year we will have two full rooms of hardcovers and paperbacks. Mark your calendars, 9am to 3pm, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our two monthly book groups continue, as does the flow of new fiction and non-fiction. If you don't have a library card, you owe yourself a visit to the library. You are sure to find something wonderful.

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## Wellness Fair Ages 60+

By Linda Jariz

The Bowdoinham Committee on Aging will host a wellness fair on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 12pm at the Bowdoinham Fire Station, 57 Post Road.

The event is designed to educate older residents about a variety of health and wellness topics. Free health screenings include blood pressure checks, offered by the Bowdoinham Emergency Medical Services, and balance testing, provided by Head to Toe Physical Therapy. In addition, CHANS will have flu vaccines ready for those who would like to take the opportunity to prepare for the winter flu season. Flu shots are free but donations are welcome. No appointment is necessary to participate in health screenings or to receive the flu shot.

Participants include Northeast Ambulance, which will offer a tour of an ambulance and answer any questions people may have about using an ambulance; Bowdoinham EMS, which will provide information about getting carbon monoxide detectors; and Midcoast Maine Community Action, which will share information about programs and supports to enhance home safety. Information about home modification, physical exercise, managing chronic illness, and staying healthy in the winter will also be available. Healthy snacks will be provided by Jeanine Beaudoin.

For more information call the Town Office at 666-5531.

## News from the Committee on Aging

By Linda Jariz

Wow, what a busy summer for activities offered by the Committee on Aging! This summer featured field trips, outdoor activities, games and crafts. All led by Committee on Aging members and a few volunteers.

In July, a group of 15 people went to visit the Margaret Chase Smith Museum and the L.C. Bates Museum with a stop for lunch in between. In August, there were two field trips, to Bailey Island for a cruise and to Savage Oaks Vineyard and Winery. Both of these trips had excellent participation. Theresa Turgeon organized the field trips.

Kayaking near Swan Island was offered throughout July and August. The beauty of the bay is hard to beat during this time of year and the peacefulness of kayaking is a welcome respite. Jeanine Beaudoin led these kayaking adventures (and the kayaks) from her spot down on the bay.

Bob Curtis led the geo-caching activities – one at the Wilde’s Road Nature Preserve and the second at Wolfs Neck Woods State Park. Using handheld GPS units, Bob gave us lessons in how to find hidden caches. We explored the areas looking for the hidden “treasures”.

Kathy Pszczolkowski and Patricia Oh led Tai Chi at the Maily Waterfront Park during July. Participants gathered at the Park each Thursday morning to practice Tai Chi.

Martha Cushing led the summer continuation of Bridge with a faithful, dedi-

cated and determined group of players.

Linda Jariz and Jeanine Beaudoin offered introduction to Pickleball. Pickleball is a fast growing sport in the U.S. It is played on a court that is much smaller than a tennis court, uses paddles and a whiffle ball and is a fun indoor/outdoor game for all ages.

The Shipmates Senior Center operated throughout the summer. It was open on Thursdays. In addition to the regular offerings, Shipmates featured cribbage with lessons by Dick St. Cyr, cheese making with Diana Mosher and Craft Circle with Wendy Rose.

Activities offered by the Committee on Aging are on-going and open to new participants/members throughout the year. The Shipmates also created a planning group to help shape the activities offered at the Center.

## Comprehensive Plan

The State has found our new Comprehensive Plan Complete and Consistent! The Town voted to approved the Comprehensive Plan at Town Meeting on June 11, 2014.

Thank you to the Comprehensive Committee members - Cyndie Lamoreau (chair), Brian Smith, Heather Cox, Felicity Beede, Sally Martinez, Joanne Joy, Brad Foley, Pete Galle, Richard Morin, Brant Miller, Tom Deforeest, Albert Stehle, Paul Beltramini and David Whittlesey - who volunteered for three and half years to create this Plan for the Town!

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## Long Branch News

By Nanette Giacomia

**T**here's lots happening at Long Branch this summer!

### Community Space at 20 Main Street

We look forward to keeping the community involved at 20 Main Street even though the General Store has closed.

The lower front space is cleared out and some exciting things are coming in. We have a lovely open space for yoga and tai chi classes, as well as the Holistic Happy Hour. Plans are in the works for a drop in art night and we plan on inviting artists in to use the space for the Holiday Craft Show and Spring Open Studio.

The space is available for rent for your event or class for \$10/hour. Please contact Nanette if you are interested in using this space. (207) 319-6325.

### Tiny Home Project

We'll have an Open "Tiny" House at Celebrate Bowdoinham. Come and see how simple life can be! We are completing our Sweet Little Home for Stepping Stones Housing in Damariscotta. This home will replace an existing mobile home that provides housing for veterans and others who are transitioning from homelessness. It is truly an awesome project with such an important mission.

### Timber Frames for Sale

We now offer timber frame builds throughout the year for anyone interested in purchasing one. Prices vary depending on the size and type. We can build it at a lower cost when students are available to help with the project. See more details online at [www.longbranchschool.com/shop/timber-framing/](http://www.longbranchschool.com/shop/timber-framing/).



### Holistic Wellness

We have created a new soothing and peaceful healing space and invited our local holistic professionals to provide healing and wellness to our community, in our community. We offer: Massage therapy with LaVonne Rhodes, Food and Lifestyle Coaching with Mary Stride, Shamanic, Reiki, Crystal Healing with Marie Tucker, and Intuitive Life Coaching, Reiki and Oracle Card Readings with Nanette Giacomia. FMI: [www.longbranchschool.com/holistic-wellness/](http://www.longbranchschool.com/holistic-wellness/)

### Holistic Happy Hour

At Celebrate Bowdoinham we will kick off our "Holistic Happy Hour" from 11am to 2pm. We will offer: Chair massages, Community Acupuncture, Mini Nutritional Coaching Sessions, Reiki Healing, Oracle Card Readings, and Easy Tai Chi.

### Long Branch Holistic Wellness Center

Long Branch is all about sustainability and that not only applies to taking care of Mother Earth, but also taking care of YOU. Schedule a sustainability

session for yourself with one of our local practitioners: Massage-LaVonne Rhodes, Nutritional Coaching-Mary Stride, Energy Healing and Life Coaching-Nanette Giacomia & Marie Tucker. Call 666-8900 to sign-up.

### Upcoming Classes

- Blacksmithing
- Journey To The Wild Woman
- Eating for Energy
- Wood Carving
- Knife & Tool Sharpening
- Felt Inspirations
- Cold Press Soapmaking
- Edible Mushroom Walk
- Sugar Blues
- Rag Rug Making
- Lotions, Chapsticks, Deodorants
- Cordwood Masonry
- Create a Canvas Floor Cloth
- Poultry Processing at Home
- Totem-Mom/Dtr Maskmaking
- Cheese Making
- Grow Shitake Mushrooms

For more information, please visit our website at [www.longbranchschool.com/class-list/](http://www.longbranchschool.com/class-list/).

### Congratulations!

The 10U Babe Ruth All-Star team won States and went on to the New England Regional in Rochester, New Hampshire where they placed fourth in the Region. This team was coached by one of our Residents, Brian Reed and had 3 Bowdoinham girls: Gabrielle West, Megan Reed and Jaden Lohr. Congratulations girls!



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## Attention Dog Owners

By Pamela Ross

It's that time again-time to come into the Town Office and register your dog(s) for the upcoming year. New 2015 stickers will be available starting on October 15, 2014.

You are required to license your dog(s) on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please bring in your "Maine Certification of Rabies Vaccination," proof that your dog(s) has been immunized against rabies. If your dog(s) is no longer living or is not in your possession at this time, please inform this office so that our records may be corrected.

We are having a rabies clinic Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Bowdoinham Town Hall, 9:00am -11:00am. You will also be able to register your dog(s) at that time. Services available: Rabies-\$10.00, Microchipping-\$25.00, Nails-\$10.00, and ear cleaning-\$10.00.

## Municipal Elections

By Pamela Ross

The Town of Bowdoinham is having a Municipal Election along with the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at the Bowdoinham Town Hall from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

The voters in November will need to elect two selectmen each for a three year term.

Nomination Papers are available starting Monday, August 11, 2014 and can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office at any time. The candidates will need at least 25 and no more than 100 signatures of registered voters of the Town of Bowdoinham. You will need to return your nomination papers no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, September 22, 2014 with the Town Clerk. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Ross at 666-5531 or [pross@bowdoinham.com](mailto:pross@bowdoinham.com).

## Food Pantry News

By Kathy Tome

Serving over 70 families! We have been fortunate to supply the pantry with a wide variety of items including some personal care items. We are doing well, but our funds are getting low and we would appreciate any donation. Although, we appreciate in-kind donations, money is best to stock our shelves with the most needed items. Attending Celebrate Bowdoinham? We will have a donation box for in-kind donations and a money jar as well.

Also, we're looking for ideas and help regarding the parade the day of Celebrate Bowdoinham. Interested in creating BFP float? Call Kathy at 751-0080 or email at [bowdoinhamfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:bowdoinhamfoodbank@gmail.com)

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## News from the CDAC

By Nicole Briand

The Bowdoinham Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) would like to extend an invitation to our local business owners and residents to participate in our “Business Open House” meeting on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. The meeting will be hosted by Merrymeeting Arts Center at 6 Main Street. The topic of this meeting will be Buy Bowdoinham for the Holidays!

The meeting will be a show-n-tell on products/services that our Bowdoinham businesses offer. Then we’ll be discussing ideas for promoting Buy Bowdoinham.

We are in the end phases of our Signage Project. All that’s left to do is put our signs out to bid, so we can have them installed this Spring 2015. The Committee worked with Amy Files of wilderbydesign who created a Master Signage Plan for the Town, which includes the designs and possible locations for Welcome Signs and Directional Signs.

Additionally, we will be scheduling two Business Workshops this fall.

- Ways that Facebook and Social Media can Help your Business
- Ways to Improve your Website and Online Presence

Please visit the Town’s website for more

information.

The workshop instructor will be Bowdoinham business owner, Will Zell of Zellous.org Website Services. With over fifteen years of experience, Will works with businesses, individuals and non-profits, improving communication, online presence, and sustainable business practices. Will has a degree in Visual Art, a certificate in K-12 Education, and pursued graduate course work in Education Technology.



To register for the workshop or for more information please, contact Will Zell at 737-8787 or will@zellous.org

Both workshops will be held at the John C. Coombs Municipal Building, 13 School Street. You may attend one or both workshops. These workshops are free for Bowdoinham businesses and residents. There will be worksheets and handouts for participants to take home.

For more information or questions, please contact Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com.

## Welcome Patricia Oh

By William Post

Patricia Oh was hired in August as the Town’s first Older Adults Services Coordinator. In her part-time role, Patricia will work with the Advisory Committee on Aging to continue the programs and activities the Committee has developed over the past two years and allow the committee to expand activity and program offerings. If you have an idea for a new program for older adults, or are interested in learning more about these activities, please contact Patricia by email at p.oh@bowdoinham.com or by calling the Town Office at 666-5531. She will be in the Town Office most Tuesdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm and other times by chance.

Patricia brings a unique skill set to this new position having obtained a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Arts in Sociology, a Masters of Social Work and she is a PhD candidate in Gerontology through the University of Massachusetts in Boston. Patricia is the author of the Bowdoinham Community Needs Assessment for the Comprehensive Plan in 2012 which led to the creation of the Advisory Committee on Aging. We welcome Patricia to the Town’s staff and look forward to working with her.

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## Community Calendar

### September

#### 6th

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The Meeting House, 9am-4pm  
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#### 12th

Chicken Run, 5:30pm  
Bowdoinham Community School

Celebrate Variety Show, 7:30-9pm  
Town Hall

#### 13th

**Celebrate Bowdoinham  
Maily Waterfront Park**

#### 16th

Wellness Fair, 9am-12pm  
Bowdoinham Fire Station

#### 17th

Movie - "Divergent," 3pm  
Bowdoinham Public Library

#### 27th

Clothes Closet Open, 9am-3pm  
Church of Nazarene

### October

#### 3rd

Arts Center's Annual Meeting  
Merrymeeting Arts Center

#### 9th

Sea Captains Speak, 7pm  
John C. Coombs Municipal Building

#### 15th

Movie - "Fault in Our Stars," 3pm  
Bowdoinham Public Library

#### 21st

Bowdoinham Businesses Meeting, 6:30pm  
Merrymeeting Arts Center

#### 25th

Rabies Clinic, 9-11am  
Bowdoinham Town Hall

### Town Board & Committee Meetings

All meetings are open to the public and held in Kendall Room at John C. Coombs Municipal Building, 13 School Street.

#### Select Board Meetings

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of Month at 5:30pm

#### Planning Board

4th Thursday of Month at 7:00pm

#### Biking, Walking, Paddling\*

4th Monday of Month at 6:30pm

#### Committee on Aging

1st & 3rd Fridays of Month at 4:00pm

#### Community Development Advisory Committee\*

3rd Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

\*Committee has openings for new members.

For a complete listing of events, please visit the Town's Calendar at [www.bowdoinham.com/calendar](http://www.bowdoinham.com/calendar).

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