

# Town of Bowdoinham

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Nicole Briand, Town Manager

## Memorandum

**To:** Selectboard  
**From:** Yvette Meunier  
**Phone:** 207-666-5531  
**RE:** **Holiday Festival 2025**

**Date:** 10-20-25  
**Reference:**  
**cc:** Nicole Briand

This year the Holiday Festival will be on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. It is noted that there are two other artisan sales events happening outside of this date range that will be included in promotions: Dandelion Spring Farm Holiday Market (11/29) and the Bowdoinham Community School Craft Fair (12/13).

The schedule of events is as follows:

### **Dandelion Spring Farm Holiday Market - *Dandelion Spring Farm***

Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am – 3:00 pm

Dandelion Spring Farm, 961 Ridge Rd.

A community gathering and intimate maker's market, shop from a curated group of talented Maine artists and farmers. There will be food and drinks available for purchase. Weather permitting there will be an outside fire to gather 'round.

### **Santa Comes to Town and Christmas Tree Lighting - *Bowdoinham Fire Department***

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm

Bowdoinham Fire Station, 57 Post Rd.

After a short ride around the village, the Fire Department will be bringing Santa to the Fire Station at 6pm to light the Christmas Tree and sing our favorite carols.

### **Merrymeeting Arts Center Holiday Craft Fair – *Merrymeeting Arts Center***

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Merrymeeting Arts Center, 9 Main St.

Join us for MAC's Annual Holiday Craft Fair, featuring a wonderful variety of local artists and artisans showcasing their work inside the MAC Gallery.

### **Nazarene Church Victorian Christmas Open House – *Nazarene Church***

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Nazarene Church, 7 School St.

Enjoy wassail and cookies as you experience the sights and sounds of an old-fashioned Christmas. A reminder to relax and slow down during a hectic season.

**Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Show & Sale (2 locations) – Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans**  
Old Town Hall, 13 School St.

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cathance River Gallery, 18 Main St.

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans will be at both the newly renovated Town Hall and the Cathance River Gallery. This group of over twenty artisans will have works that include fiber arts, pottery, jewelry, woodworking, metal work, glass work, book art, fine art paintings and more. Don't miss the café offerings at the Town Hall on Saturday from 10:00 am - Noon to benefit the Bowdoinham Food Pantry.

**Breaking Bread Café – Bowdoinham Food Pantry**

Fridays, December 5, 12, 19 & January 2, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Watersong Music, 9 Main St.

Coffee, pastries and conversation. Proceeds benefit the Bowdoinham Food Pantry.

**Artistic Endeavors Studio Holiday Sale – Local Business: Artistic Endeavors**

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Artistic Endeavors Studio, 9 Main St.

Join Kathleen Goddu, Diane Friese and Sally Onstead at the Artistic Endeavors Gallery. There will be Indigo Shibori scarves, wall hangings & home decor items, Jewelry from nature (pins, necklaces), greeting cards, miniature easels, and wall hangings.

**Bowdoinham Public Library Wreath Workshop Bowdoinham Public Library**

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Merrymeeting Arts Center's Studio, 6 Main St.

*Come make your own Balsam wreath, \$20 for small and \$25 for a large. Supplies and instruction included. Proceeds benefit the library.*

**NEW!! Downing Arts – Local Business: Downing Arts**

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Longbranch School, 25 Main St. (Outside, weather permitting)

*Nicholas Downing will be doing live blacksmithing demonstrations and selling wares ranging from jewelry to household items to artisan tools.*

**Cookie Decorating Party - Bowdoinham Food Pantry**

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Bowdoinham Food Pantry, 9 Main St.

*Please join us for a cookie decorating fundraiser for the food pantry! We'll provide the cookies, frosting and baubles; you bring your festive spirit. Financial donations to support the food pantry's work are appreciated but not required. All are welcome!*

**Pony Parade – Local equestrian group**

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Noon - 1:00 pm

*Come see our local equestrians and their beautifully decorated horses at the Maily Waterfront Park at Noon. Visitors can meet the horses, and some gifts will be offered as well. They'll make another stop at the Community School around 12:30 pm.*

**Bowdoinham Community School Holiday Craft Fair - Bowdoinham Community School Parent Group**

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Bowdoinham Community School, 23 Cemetery Rd.

*Come support our school, as well as local crafters, and artisans at the annual craft fair!*

The event will be posted for free on the following sites:

PPH Online Community Calander

Town website, Facebook

Community School Newsletter

**Proposed Estimated Budget - \$2,555**

Print Advertising

- December Full Page Ad - Cryer \$725 (approx.)
- Portland Press Herald Gift Guide & Times Record - \$780
- Lincoln County Holiday Shopping Guide - \$390
- Holiday Festival poster insert in the Bowdoinham News \$660

Last year's budget was \$1,955 and we are proposing an increase of \$600. This increase includes replace yard signs that have been destroyed or went missing over the years, piloting the use of three small banners around town utilizing the polls Public Works installs for the voting signs which are the same as our new banners, and two sandwich boards located downtown during the event. In addition, we are increasing our reach by including coverage in the neighboring Lincoln County Holiday Shopping Guide.

# Bowdoinham Holiday Festival

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 5, 6 & 7, 2025

## BREAKING BREAD CAFÉ

Dates: Fri, Dec 5, Dec 12, Dec 19 & Jan 2  
Times: 8:00 am - 10:00 am  
Location: Watersong Music, 9 Main St.  
Coffee, pastries and community. Proceeds benefit the Bowdoinham Food Pantry.

## ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS STUDIO HOLIDAY SALE

Dates & Times:  
Fri, Dec 5, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Sat, Dec 6, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sun, Dec 7, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Location: Artistic Endeavors Studio, 9 Main St.

Please join Kathleen Goddu, Diane Friese and Sally Orstead for Indigo Shibori scarves, wall hangings & home decor items, jewelry from nature (pins, necklaces), greeting cards, miniature easels, and wall hangings.

## SANTA COMES TO TOWN & CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Date: Fri, Dec 5  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Location: Fire Station, 57 Post Rd.

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## BOWDOINHAM GUILD OF ARTISANS SHOW & SALE

Dates & Times:  
Fri, Dec 5, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
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Location: Old Town Hall, 13 School St.

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Location: Cathance River Gallery, 18 Main St.

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## MERRYMEETING ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY ART FAIR

Dates & Times:  
Fri, Dec 5 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Sat, Dec 6 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Location: Merrymeeting Arts Center, 9 Main St.

Join us for MAC's Annual Holiday Craft Fair, featuring a wonderful variety of local artists and artisans showcasing their work inside the MAC Gallery.

## NAZARENE CHURCH VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Dates & Times:  
Fri, Dec 5, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Sat, Dec 6, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Sun, Dec 7, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Location: Nazarene Church, 7 School St.

Enjoy wassail and cookies as you experience the sights and sounds of an old-fashioned Christmas. A reminder to relax and slow down during a hectic season.

## BOWDOINHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY WREATH WORKSHOP

Date: Sat, Dec 6  
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Route: Merrymeeting Arts Center's Studio, 6 Main St

Come make your own Balsam wreath! \$20 for small and \$25 for large. Supplies and instruction included. Proceeds benefit the library.

## DOWNING ARTS

Date: Sat, Dec 6  
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Location: Long Branch School, 25 Main St. (Outside, weather permitting)

Nicholas Downing will be doing live blacksmithing demonstrations and selling wares ranging from jewelry to household items to artisan tools.

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Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
Location: Maily Waterfront Park & Community School

Come see our local equestrians and their beautifully decorated horses! Visitors can meet the horses, and some gifts will be offered. They'll make another stop at the Community School around 12:30 pm.

## MORE FESTIVE FUN!

## DANDELION SPRING FARM HOLIDAY MARKET

Date: Sat, Nov 29  
Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Location: The Hive at Dandelion Spring Farm, 961 Ridge Rd.

Join us for the 3rd annual Holiday Market! A community gathering and intimate maker's market, shop from a curated group of talented Maine artists and farmers. There will be food and drinks available for purchase. Weather permitting there will be an outside fire to gather 'round.

## BOWDOINHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

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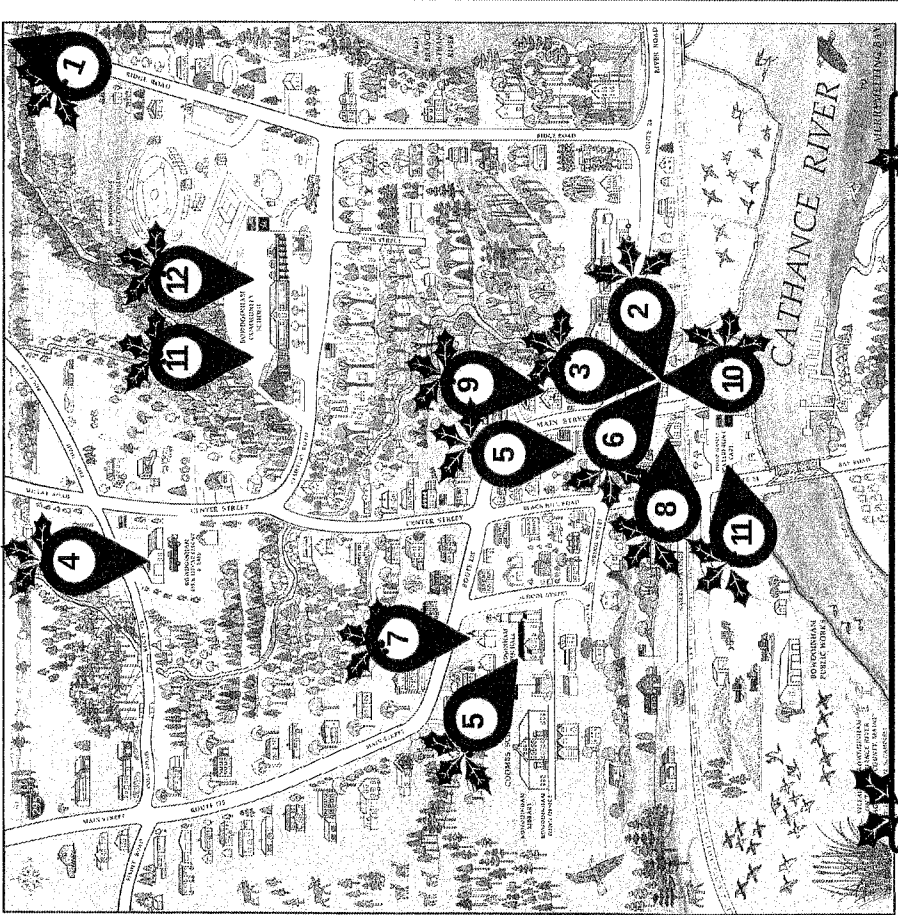
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JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF ART,  
CHEER, AND COMMUNITY!  
STROLL THROUGH OUR HISTORIC  
VILLAGE AND FIND SOMETHING  
FOR EVERYONE!

*Come see why Down East Magazine calls us  
"A very crafty town"*



## HOLIDAY FESTIVAL 2025

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| 1 DANDELION SPRING FARM HOLIDAY MARKET          | NOV 29               |
| 2 BREAKING BREAD CAFÉ                           | DEC 5, 12, 19, JAN 2 |
| 3 ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS STUDIO HOLIDAY SALE        | DEC 5, 6, & 7        |
| 4 SANTA COMES TO TOWN & CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING | DEC 5                |
| 5 BOWDOINHAM GUILD OF ARTISANS SHOW & SALE      | DEC 5, 6, & 7        |
| 6 MERRYMEETING ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY ART FAIR     | DEC 5 & 6            |
| 7 VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE                | DEC 5, 6, & 7        |
| 8 BOWDOINHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY WREATH WORKSHOP     | DEC 6                |
| 9 DOWNING ARTS BLACKSMITHING                    | DEC 6                |
| 10 COOKIE DECORATING PARTY                      | DEC 6                |
| 11 PONY PARADE                                  | DEC 6                |
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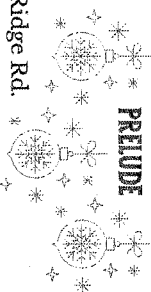
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Kick off the season at the maker's market with art, food, and fireside gathering.

## PRELUDE



## 2. BREAKING BREAD CAFE

Dates & Times:

Dec 5, Dec 12, Dec 19 & Jan 2 (Fridays)

8:00 am - 10:00 am

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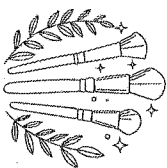
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