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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Businesses Owned by Bowdoinham Residents

By Wendy Rose

#### A&D Service

David and Athena Mann

Up to two years ago, David and Athena Mann had very busy lives that involved a lot of travel. Athena worked for the Boy Scout Council supporting troops from Kittery to Fryeburg while David was a salesman for Napa Auto Parts traveling throughout Maine and into New Hampshire. Juggling these demands while raising two boys was a challenge.

When the opportunity to purchase an auto repair business on Main Street in Richmond came up, they welcomed the chance to work closer to their Carding Machine Road residence. "I had seen a lot of auto repair businesses and learned what worked well and what didn't work," David says. With David's experience and know-how, along with the holdover of a previous employee, they were able to make a fairly seamless transition to ownership. They re-named the business

to A&D Service and have grown enough to employ Athena in the front office.

Fortunately, the business has had a longstanding reputation for good auto repair service. David has continued that by offering a large array of repair services like transmission work, engine repair, brakes, along with a specialty of tire sales and alignment. They have acquired the scanning tools that are required by today's computer systems in cars, and can handle most jobs with the 3 technicians on staff.

A key reason David can concentrate on managing the repairs is Athena's able handling of all the office responsibilities. She does the scheduling, phone work, trips for special parts, and even provides rides for their customers who can't wait in the shop when the repairs will take a little longer. They each bring needed



strengths to the business such as Athena's patience and David's long experience.

A focus for both of them is service to their customers. "If something goes wrong with a repair, I want the customer to let me know so that we can make it right," David says. Because it is hard to be without a car in Maine, "We do whatever we can to make someone's life easier," he adds. Their busy schedule is a testament to the good work that is being done.

As the customer base has grown, David is considering adding another technician this spring. He has put some personnel policies in place so they can attract good employees such as health insurance and a 401(k) program. He has worked with students from the Region 10 High School in the past, and is keeping his eyes open for a good candidate.

A&D Service is located at 119 Main St. in Richmond. You can call 737-8572 to make an appointment or email them at [autoservicebhm@gmail.com](mailto:autoservicebhm@gmail.com). Their hours are 7-5:30 Monday through Friday and by appointment on Saturday.

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## Business Spotlight

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### Annabella's Bakery and Café

*Barbara Bowley*

Stepping into Annabella's Bakery and Café is to enter a homey gathering place with the delicious fragrance of home baked goods, a décor featuring antiques, and friendly, helpful staff. When Barbara Bowley, her husband Bud, and daughter Stacey first saw the place on Richmond's waterfront in 2011, however, it was a neglected, dusty, awkward space. Because they had looked at other locations that were overpriced, they saw the possibilities of the historic location. Their hard work and renovations turned Annabella's into the popular location it has become.

Barbara grew up in Brunswick in a family with seven children, and has always loved to bake. She decided to start Annabella's after a 21-year career at Downeast Energy. Getting out from behind a desk, using her talents in the kitchen, and having her own venture appealed to her. Fortunately, her daughter, Stacey (who lives in Alna), was interested in helping with the business, and she is a full business partner. Stacey has years of experience in the restaurant field and brings that knowledge to their endeavor. They have recently been joined by Barbara's son, Matt, who has taken up duties in the kitchen. Each family member brings strengths and knowledge which contribute to their success. "Things work well," Barbara says, "and I rarely have to pull the 'mom card.'"

Annabella's has a time-tested menu of home-cooked meals and baked goods. Barbara has found a good mix of favorites which she intersperses with specials. Buying fresh produce from local farms is something she likes to do. "We also chose Wicked Joe's Coffee because it is local," she comments. They are open for breakfast and lunch from 6:30-2:00 Wednesday through Saturday and from 6:30-1:00 on Sunday. Located right on the waterfront park in Richmond, customers travel from near and far for the tasty meals. "Rich-

mond is a great town to do business in," Barbara says. "Being a little bit out of the way has not been a problem."



*Barbara & Stacey*

mond has been working well, and customers have been happy to give the staff a two day break. One new change has been internet access for customers—an essential service today at cafes. In the future, they may add some more bakery items, and they hope to freshen up the interior look.

"I would like to thank our patrons. They are the key to our success," Barbara says. "We are super grateful for their support."

Annabella's is located at 2 Main St. in Richmond. Their phone number is 737-7165. Their email is [annabellasbakery.cafe@yahoo.com](mailto:annabellasbakery.cafe@yahoo.com). Stacey maintains their Facebook page with updates on the latest happenings at the café.

### Bilodeau Insurance Company

*Ann Tourtelotte*

On January 19, 2020 Ann Tourtelotte celebrated her first year as a co-owner of the Bilodeau Insurance Co. based in Brunswick and Lewiston. The opportunity came when the owner, Norm Bilodeau, retired and invited Ann to join his two sons as co-owners. She had been working for the company since 1995, and had helped the business to grow. "I am grateful that the care and hard work I've put in over the years has been honored by this opportunity," Ann says.

While there have been some changes over the years, Barbara and Stacey have found a formula that is popular. The Wednesday through Sunday schedule

As an independent insurance agency, Bilodeau is able to offer a wide array of personal and commercial insurance policies. One of Ann's specialties has been serving construction companies, but the agency also has home, auto, life, health disability, and other commercial policies available. "I think one of the things that helps us stand out is the wide variety of insurance companies that we represent," says Ann. This enables them to get several quotes and find the right company to cover the risks their customer needs to insure

One of the trends Ann has seen in the business over the years is how increased complexity brings increased costs. For instance, the addition of computer systems in cars have made any damages more complicated and expensive. Having an umbrella policy, such as for home and auto, helps to address this complexity and provides greater protection.

Out of the 18 agents on the staff, only 4 of them have joined the staff in the last 5 years. The great majority have been long-term, loyal employees. Ann mentioned that training a new agent, even when they have taken classes to prepare, can often last for a year since the field is so complex. Because the agents work on a salary basis, rather than commission, customers can be confident that they are not being talked into policies they may not need. All the agents are up to date on the latest trends. They need to renew their licenses every 2 years by taking 30 credit hours of coursework.



*Ann*

"Our first priority is service to our client," Ann says. "As an independent insurance agency, we can offer personal service and attention," she adds. "This helps us to stand out from the large chains. Each year, we are getting stronger."

Ann works mainly out of the Bilodeau Insurance Agency office at 92 Pleasant Street in Brunswick. You can reach her by calling 725-2797 or emailing her at [ann@bilodeains.com](mailto:ann@bilodeains.com).

## Nash Management

*Gary Nash and Family*

Gary Nash got his start in high school working at the Mobil Gas Station in Richmond where the Flower Spot is now located. The owner of the gas station encouraged Gary's efforts and helped him purchase the business when the owner was ready to retire in 1965.

It wasn't long before other opportunities came Gary's way. Property owners approached him about purchasing their real estate and helped make the financing possible. He was able to buy Main Street Oil and Gas Station and later added the hardware store next door. K&G Auto Sales came along later. This constellation of businesses provides substantial vitality and commercial strength to downtown Richmond.

Much of this expansion has been made possible through the participation of Gary's family. His wife Roberta, daughters Kathy and Gaye, son Casey, granddaughter Leandra and several other grandchildren have all taken active roles at the various businesses. Their interests, strengths, and work ethic have contributed to the growth of each enterprise. In addition to family members, the businesses employ approximately 25 people—many of whom have been with the companies for much of their careers.



*Gary with Gaye & Kathy*

Gary has seen a number of changes over the years. New technology, upgraded buildings, and a revived Richmond town center have all brought opportunities.

The businesses continue to attract to new customers every day. One thing that hasn't changed, however, is the ethic of customer service that has been at the core of the enterprises. "We thrive on service," Gary says. "We think of our customers as our friends and family and try to provide what they may need."

Richmond has a number of advantages that have helped the businesses. The easy exit off of I-295 along with a heavily traveled Route 197 bring people to the village location. The attraction of the Kennebec River and Swans Island draws people for recreation. The banks, restaurants, and grocery store attract local citizens and traffic. "We are grateful to the folks in Richmond, Bowdoinham, Bowdoin, and neighboring towns who do business with us," Gary says. In turn, Gary looks for opportunities to support local efforts.

A good way to get in touch with Gary is through the office at Main Street Fuel. Their phone number is 737-4401 and their email address is [info@mainstfuel.com](mailto:info@mainstfuel.com).

## Brunswick Area Student Aid Fund

*By Karen Tilbor*

**B**owdoinham students graduating from high school this year who are pursuing post-secondary education are encouraged to apply for a Brunswick Area Student Aid Fund Scholarship. Post-secondary education can include two and four year colleges as well as trade or technical schools. This scholarship, established in the mid 1950s, has provided over \$8 million of support to approximately 4,800 students residing in the SAD 75 and Brunswick school districts. Scholarship amounts typically range from \$300 - \$2000. It's important to know that scholarships can be granted for two years (although applications must be submitted each year), the years do not have to be consecutive and they can include graduate school years.

Applications are due March 15 and require the BASAF form, available on the web site: [www.studentaidfund.org](http://www.studentaidfund.org), and a copy of the completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Go to the web site to learn more about the Brunswick Area Student Aid Fund: how to apply as well as how to donate. You can access the film "Make a Difference" by Jeff Fischer, filmmaker, longtime Mt. Ararat English teacher and Bowdoinham resident. We want to fund as many students as possible!

## Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to expand on the Handy Brigade to help out our neighbors with small odd jobs. Our goal is to make a pool of volunteers that can be contacted when we received a request for assistance.

If you would be interested in joining this pool of volunteers please contact Missy at 666-5531 or [assistantclerk@bowdoinham.com](mailto:assistantclerk@bowdoinham.com).

## Earth Day 2020

This year Bowdoinham will conduct its annual Earth Day Roadside Clean-up on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. All roadside trash collected can be brought to the Recycling Barn between the hours of 8am and 2pm for disposal. For more information, please contact Bryan Benson at 666-3228 or stop by the barn on Thursdays and Saturdays.



*"Brunswick Area Student Aid Fund, along with a lot of hard work, allowed me to go to the University of Maine which then led to a legal career, ten years as Maine Attorney General and a position now as a teacher at both Columbia and Harvard Law Schools. BASAF changed my life and it will change the life of others."*

*— James Tierney, BHS Class of 1965*

Visit [www.studentaidfund.org](http://www.studentaidfund.org)  
Donations may be sent to:



## Cathance Fitness Center

By Lisa West

**D**id you know, there is a fitness center in Bowdoin? It is located at 1201 Main St, the former the Bowdoin Elementary School. Come in and view the facility during our office hours of 8am-5pm Mon-Fri. Contact Reception at 666-5651 ext 1000 or Reception@fh-co.com with membership questions.

Are you looking for a Mid-Day lunch activity to boost your metabolism!!

Body Sculpting is 1-1:45pm Mondays & Wednesdays with Tracy Geyer. Emphasizing muscle strength and muscle endurance to help boost metabolism, while also improving range of motion, core conditioning, and developing good muscle tone in a non-intimidating environment. Various types of resistance may be utilized consisting of light to moderate hand weights, elastic tubing and/or bands, stability balls and/or your own body weight. All levels of fitness are welcome. Feel free to contact Tracy with any questions at: tagfitness@hotmail.com

The 10-class pass is \$100 (\$10 per class).

We also offer Silver Sneakers group exercise classes several times per week!! This fitness program helps older adults live healthy, active lifestyles.

Stephanie Dustin & Zumba Gold Toning is Mondays, 5-5:45pm. Take the Zumba fun to the then next level! This class offers the best of both worlds- the fun of Zumba with the benefits of safe and effective strength training. It's an easy to follow, health-boosting dance fitness program for baby boomers, active seniors, as well as those new to Zumba. Through dynamic lightweight resistance training and dance moves, this class helps participants build muscle strength, increase bone density and improve mobility, posture and coordination. Weights are provided by the instructor.

You can view the full class & gymnasium schedule at cathancefitness.com.

## News from ACOA

By Diana Mosher

**T**he Committee on Age-Friendly Bowdoinham continues to meet monthly to promote policies, services and an environment conducive to the needs of residents as we age. Below we highlight two of our initiatives.

### Rides in Neighbors' Cars

Reliable transportation is essential for staying independent, healthy and integrated in the life of our community. Five years ago, Bowdoinham's Advisory Committee on Aging sponsored Rides in Neighbors' Cars to offer an alternative to residents who are unable to drive on a temporary or permanent basis. The program matches those who need a ride with volunteers who use their own cars to take riders to medical appointments, to do errands like grocery shopping and picking up prescriptions, or to simply enjoy area activities that require transportation. Drivers stay in the area to return riders to their homes. There is no charge for rides and drivers cannot accept tips. Donations are gratefully accepted to defer the costs of the program.

In 2019, the program provided 251 rides to 203 individuals covering over 10,000 miles! While ridership varied, on average 15 individuals were served each month, many of whom were repeat users. Although the majority of rides was for medical appointments, sometimes riders take this opportunity to do other errands while out. Brunswick, Topsham and Lewiston were the most common destinations although rides to Portland and within 50 miles were provided.

**Do you need a ride or know someone who does?** Appointments should be made at least 48 hours in advance whenever possible, please call 837-9577.

Would you like to become a volunteer driver? Volunteers determine their availability and the amount of time they wish to commit to the program. All volunteers must have a valid drivers' license, drivers' insurance, consent to a background check

and attend an orientation session. To become a driver, please call 837-9577.

### Census2020:

#### It's safe, easy, and important!

Every 10 years, the US Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task: counting all the people who live in the United States. That means everyone--from toddlers to centenarians. Census 2020 affects the allocation of funding for our community's public resources (e.g., roads, schools, nutrition programs), how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. Starting in mid-March, you will receive an invitation to complete Census2020 for your household. The note will come to "Resident" but will include "U.S. Department of Commerce" in the return address. You will be able to respond to the Census online, by phone, or in the mail. The first mailing you receive will not include a paper form but you can request one. There are only nine questions on the form this time around so completing the form is easy. It won't take longer than drinking a morning cup of tea.

Responding to Census2020 is Safe. The US Census will not:

- Ask for your Social Security Number.
- Request your bank account or credit card numbers.
- Solicit donations or ask for money.
- Contact you on behalf of a political party.

If you suspect fraud, call 1-800-923-8282 and report it.

The Advisory Committee on Aging, Bowdoinham Public Library, and Bowdoinham Historical Society are exploring the possibility of hosting a Census2020 party to answer questions residents may have in completing their census forms. Watch our calendar, weekly emails and Facebook page for more details.

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## Internet Project Update

By Alan Hinsey

Work continues to bring fiber optic internet to over 200 homes in the most rural portions of Bowdoinham that currently do not have access to high speed broadband. The project will entail 25 miles of fiber optic broadband cable being installed on utility poles.

Unfortunately, there have been several events beyond our control that have delayed the project. The work that Consolidated Communications and CMP must do on approx. 88 utility poles in the Bowdoinham service area has been delayed. The significant storm damage done last fall throughout Maine has created a backlog of work for Consolidated Communications crews. We had hoped that Consolidated would be done by the end of January, but it now looks like they will not be finished until the end of February. As soon as Consolidated crews are finished with the pole attachment work, LCI can

Batchelder Rd.	Cranberry Way	Hatch Point Lane	River Rd.
Beechnut Ridge,	Dingley Rd.	Hunter Lane	S. Pleasant St.
Carding Machine Rd.	Eagle Wing Lane	Island View Lane	Wallace Way
Carlson Cross Rd.	Fiddlehead Lane	Pioneer Rd.	White Rd.

begin attaching the fiber optic lines on over 700 poles in preparation for broadband installation to individual homes.

On the plus side, the delay has allowed the LCI engineers time to take another look at the network design and make upgrades that will result in an even more robust and reliable “active” fiber network for Bowdoinham. Bottom-line:

- If Consolidated Communications completes their pole attachment work by February 29<sup>th</sup>, LCI can begin attaching fiber to the poles at that time.
- The first round of individual home installations should begin in mid-March and be completed by mid-May.

We apologize for this unavoidable delay. By doing this painstaking work now on the utility poles, as well as extensive network testing in our Central Distribution Facility that will be located in the

Ames Mill Building in Richmond, we can ensure that you will have blazing fast, reliable and affordable fiber optic broadband service for many years to come.

Alan Hinsey, LCI Director of Sales, and Matt Hurley, LCI Project Manager, will be updating the Bowdoinham Select Board at their March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please feel free to attend that public meeting. Alan and Matt will stick around after the update presentation to answer any questions from residents. Thank you for your patience.

For those who have not yet applied - there is still time to be included in the first round of installations that will take place in March, April and May. Please go to [www.lcifiber.net](http://www.lcifiber.net) to apply on line.

Any questions about the project can be sent to Alan Hinsey at [alanh@lcifiber.net](mailto:alanh@lcifiber.net).

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## Cemetery Committee News

By Elaine Diaz

Whoops! We missed the January Newsletter, but there's not a lot happening in cemeteries during those months.

Taylor Carson completed his Eagle Scout project With Troop 669 in the Verrill-Small Plot on the Ridge Road. With fellow Scouts, family and friends, he located the small (3 stone) plot, established a Right of Way, and cleared brush and trees. He also mulched a path, made a sign, and uploaded photos to “Find A Grave.” In addition, he e-mailed the photos to Mary Small, a descendant, who had contacted the Town Office with and inquiry last summer. Taylor also obtained donations from Home Depot and other local merchants for mulching and fencing materials. He presented his project at the December 6th meeting, accompanied by his mother and Bret Thompson, a seasoned BCAC volunteer, who provid-

ed supervision, teaching and his own equipment for the project. Tony Lewis, BCAC Chair, signed a petition to Maine Old Cemetery Association to acknowledge Carson's outstanding contribution to his community.

Through the winter we continued to work on recommendations for a new town policy for the maintenance and management of Bowdoinham cemeteries, to replace the one approved in 1998. This will be presented to the Select Board.

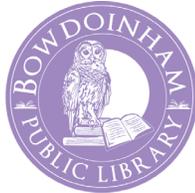
We continue to look for someone who is or wants to become qualified in stone restoration. There will be a Maine Old Cemetery Association training workshop during a cemetery restoration project in Lubec this summer. Anyone interested, please contact Pam Ross at the Town Office. During the spring-summer-fall season, we will continue to work on stone cleaning, a few rows at a time in the Village Burying Ground across from the Community School. There will be signs up the weekends we are doing that. New volunteers are welcome and much wanted. We would like to focus on a few smaller

plots, identifying “keepers,” finding new ones if needed, and assisting them with supplies and additional volunteer help as needed. Some we have in mind are the Morse Family Plot on Ridge Road, the Spear and Webber Plots on Post Road and the Preble Plot on Pork Point Road. If anyone has others they would like to work on, with BCAC assistance, contact Elaine Diaz at 666-8255 or Pam Ross 666-5531. Elaine has stone cleaning kits, cemetery maps, and other equipment at her home. She is very willing to deliver supplies, check out your plot, and complete a cemetery assessment form with you. This is to keep the town informed of the conditions and need of the cemeteries in Bowdoinham. Thanks for all your interest and help. BCAC meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month in the Graduate Room of the Coombs Building. We welcome community members to come and share your thoughts. It is a good idea to check with the Town Office (666-6631) that day, as we sometimes we have to change the meeting date. See you (outdoors) in April.

## Library News

By Kate Cutko

Start planning your winning entry for the Fourth Annual Luke McFadyen Edible Book competition. This year it will be held Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at Merrymeeting Hall. Make a cake that is inspired by a book title, or some edible food item that is based on a book title. There are always some outrageous puns, and creative food art of all types. Fans gather together to look, to vote on our favorites, and then to EAT them! It is a free event. Don't miss it.



Thanks to some generous end-of-the-year donations to the library, we were able to purchase several new museum passes for use by our library patrons. We now have passes to the Portland Museum of Art, the Children's Discovery Museum in Augusta and the Maine State Museum. We will again have the State Parks pass as it was popular last summer. Please enjoy all the perks of being a Bowdoinham Public Library patron.

As constant as the setting sun and the tides in Merrymeeting Bay, we turn the calendar and look ahead to the Library Plant Sale! This year it will be on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. If any of you want to get involved in helping this year, please be in touch. We use hundreds of volunteer hours. We are also looking for a coordinator for our annual used book sale in November. Might you be interested? Call the library and we will tell you more about it.

For up to date information on these, and all library events, please follow us on Facebook or go to the website [www.bowdoinhamlibrary.org](http://www.bowdoinhamlibrary.org). Public is welcomed at quarterly library board meetings, and either of our two monthly book groups. At our next quarterly board meeting we will discuss and vote on our internet safety and use policy.

## Community Brunch

By George Oliver

The fifth free Bowdoinham Community Brunch Social took place on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:30 to 12:30 at Merrymeeting Hall. An estimated 90 people enjoyed a variety of foods, including baked egg casserole with bacon and cheese, mixed-potato home fries, baked beans, grits, fruit and yogurt, and a variety of homemade baked goods and breads.



Thanks to everyone who helped set up, shop, cook, serve, carry, and clean: Carol Lenna, Martha Cushing, Mark Favreau, Pete Feeney, Ottavio and Kathryn (Cos) Lattanzi, Felicity Beede, Jane Page-Conway, Jay Conway, Ivy and Kurt Luthy, and their daughter Gemma, George Oliver, Linda Jariz, Betsy Steen, Harriet van Vleck.

Thanks to everyone who provided baked goods: Carol Lenna, Sally Cluchey, Pop Frizzle, Jane Page-Conway, Jenn Stonebreaker, Frank Drummond, Alice

Pollis.

The brunches are scheduled for the first Sunday of the month. The time of the brunch runs from 10:30–12:30, but we wind down from cooking and serving around noon, with people socializing with coffee, tea, and baked goods until 12:30. It's free to everyone—optional donations are accepted.

Please note that the last brunch for the winter was Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Bowdoinham Fire Station.

However, for April and May, we'll meet at Merrymeeting Hall at

the same time, 10:30, for a more informal coffeehouse/pot luck. Coffee and tea will be provided, and diners can optionally bring anything they would like to share. If anyone would like to bring a musical instrument to play as background music, please let us know.

Join your neighbors at the next one! We're always looking for volunteers to help with set up and prep. It's delicious and fun, and great way to get our monthly measure of community spirit to get us through the winter. If you'd like to help, email Linda Jariz at [ljjariz@comcast.net](mailto:ljjariz@comcast.net).

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## News for Arts Center

By Jan Marks

Ice & Smelt 2020 was a huge success, thanks to all the people who came down for the various events. The puppet show, Smelt Makes the Ice, played to a packed house on Friday night and many marshmallows were roasted in the burning heart of the giant wooden snowman. Matt Barter's engaging Winter River Life exhibit opened at the gallery. First time fat tire cyclists rode a portion of the snow mobile trails and snow globes were crafted in the studio. Dueling chainsaws carved giant blocks of ice into lighthouses, seals, flaming heads and trees. Saturday evening capped off the festival with beer tasting, music, and the ever-popular story telling. Many thanks to our sponsors and volunteers, a full list of whom can be seen on our website and Facebook page.... we couldn't have done it without you!

### Equinox 2020

Ice & Smelt 2020 is now just a memory, spring is on its way, and Equinox 2020 is just around the corner. Equinox - an art auction held on or about the spring equinox - is MAC's signature fundraiser. MAC is funded entirely by donations, and the money raised during this event is used to support our events, exhibits, classes and workshops throughout the year.

This year's Equinox takes place on March 21, 2020 and will feature a silent auction of original and donated works of art of all mediums, refreshments and live



entertainment. Bidding and festivities will get under way at 5pm. Bidding on art will end at 8:15pm, with the winners being announced at 8:30pm.

In honor of our commitment to supporting local artists, each artist donating an original piece of art will receive 50% of the final sale price of that piece, with MAC receiving the other 50%. The deadline for submitting a piece of art for the auction is March 7, 2020.

For questions about the event, or to donate a piece of art for the auction contact MAC at (207) 370-5002, or by email at [merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com](mailto:merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com).

Remember to put Equinox 2020 on your calendar and plan to join us in celebrating the arts and spring at Equinox 2020 on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Myth of the Year: Smelt Makes the Ice

In 2018, through the generous donation of Peggy and Seth Muir, MAC became the owner of Bryce Muir's Local Myths wooden sculpture collection. Each sculpture represents one of the animals Bryce encountered around his beloved Cathance River and Merry Meeting Bay, and coincides with a modern myth he wrote in his collection "Local Myths." Every year MAC picks one of the sculptures as its Myth of the Year, and uses that piece as a focal point of its programming throughout the year.

This year's Myth of the Year is Smelt

Makes the Ice. It was the theme of the puppet show at Ice & Smelt, and will be the theme of this year's Community Art Show, which opens during Celebrate Bowdoinham in September.

### At the Studio

Over 100 people took advantage of workshops and open studios last fall, and the spring program of classes, workshops, and open studios is in full swing. Below is a list of studio events coming up:

- Meet and Teach: a brainstorming session for new classes and teachers. March 6, 2020, 6-8pm at the MAC Studio.
- Open Music Jam: Tuesday, March 10 and April 14, 6-8pm at Watersong Music.
- Chick and Egg Felting Class: Saturday, April 4, 10am-12pm, Isabel Stearns, instructor. \$20+\$5 materials fee. Sign up at Eventbrite or email [merrymeetingartstudio@gmail.com](mailto:merrymeetingartstudio@gmail.com) to register.
- Open Pottery Studio: Saturday March 14 and April 11, 10am-12pm at MAC studio; Melissa Bardsley, instructor. \$5 suggested donation. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Celebrate Earth Day: Build a Rustic Garden Trellis workshop Saturday, April 25, MAC Studio, Fee TBD. Students should bring hand clippers, cordless drill, garden/work gloves. Sign up at Eventbrite or email MAC at [merrymeetingartstudio@gmail.com](mailto:merrymeetingartstudio@gmail.com) to reserve a space.

*In keeping with MAC's belief that art is for everyone, class fees are pay what you can. If anyone is unable to pay the full class fee, they may pay whatever they are able to afford and still participate fully in any class.*

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## Historical Society News

By Betsy Steen

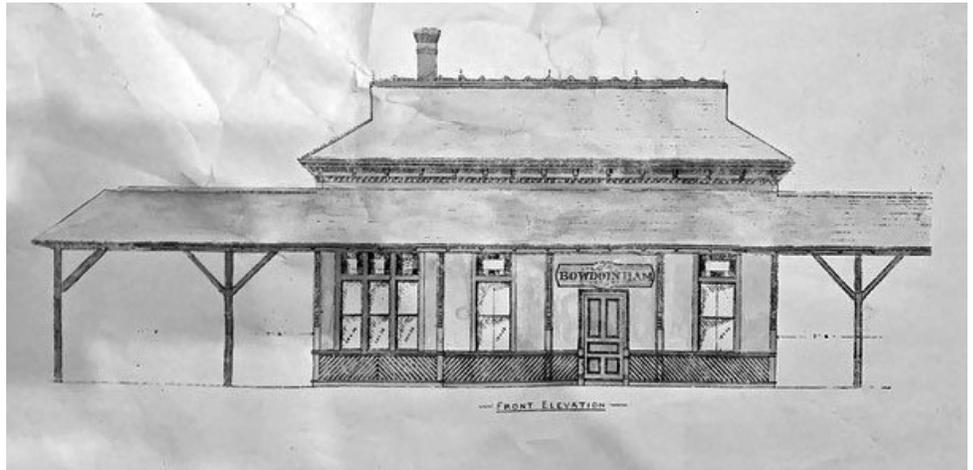
It's time to Join or Renew your Membership in Bowdoinham Historical Society: \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a family. Send a check with your name, address, email, and phone number to the address below (in Contact BHS box).

BHS is creating a notebook(s) for each road in town. There will be a section for each house on the road as well as a section on lost homes that used to be on the road. Although we have quite a bit of information and will soon have 2020 photos of each home, we would treasure more. If you have old photos, documents, or information about your house's past, please email me.

Do you have a special interest in or information about Bowdoinham in 1820? Of course, photography had not been invented then, so there will be no 1820 photos, but there might be paintings, drawings, documents, letters, deeds, artifacts, etc. We would love to copy them. There are an amazing number of homes in town which were already standing in 1820: Brick Hardware Store, 1810; and Gray Estate, 15 Main St, 1802 to name just two in the village. Our goal is to make a map of Bowdoinham in 1820 with building represented. Anyone who would like to help with this is very welcome.

Thank You to FHC! President Tom DeForeest and I attended a lovely holiday dinner at FHC during which Bowdoinham Historical Society was awarded FHC's Community Spirit Award for Bowdoinham, in recognition of the work we have done in buying, restoring, and growing Merrymeeting Hall into a community center for Bowdoinham. The award came with a check for \$500 which has already helped us continue work on the theater floor. Thank You FHC, Thank you Fred Haer!

Enterprise Grange 48, of Richmond, which includes former members of our own Merrymeeting Grange, has chosen Bowdoinham Historical Society for its Bowdoinham Community Citizen Award.



There will be a presentation ceremony at Merrymeeting Hall on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank You Enterprise Grange!!

Last October, a man came to Merrymeeting Hall with wonderful drawing of Bowdoinham's 1872 train station (see above). He said he had other things he wanted to give the Historical Society. But there was a birthday party going on, and he was asked to come back another time. He left this one piece. We have never heard from him again. We would like to know the story behind this drawing and who did it. We would love to see what else he had to share. We want to thank him. Please, whoever you are, email Betsy Steen bayviewess@comcast.net or come to the BHS room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Coombs Tuesday mornings or to Merrymeeting Hall on Friday mornings.

### Happy Birthday Maine!!

BHS will help Bowdoinham celebrate Maine's birthday by sponsoring The Happy Birthday Maine Variety Show on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Merrymeeting Hall. Contact Daphne White or Jenn Stonebreaker for more details: daphrea@gmail.com and jenniferlnrgn@gmail.com

BHS will also be helping with Bowdoinham Public Library / Maine Food Council's focus on The Apples of Bowdoinham 1820-2020 to be held in October.

And we will devote the rest of 2020 to a study of what Bowdoinham was like in 1820: What was here, what was not, how people lived, etc.

We hope you were able to view the fashion display What People Wore 1880-1930 in Merrymeeting Hall's Eva Palmer Theater and attend the show and talk by Patricia Campbell-Warner. We plan to keep the show open one more week through March 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be available whenever the Hall is open. M, T, W, Th, F & Sunday mornings.

If you would like to be on BHS's emailing list to receive news of Merrymeeting Hall and BHS and other happenings in Bowdoinham, please email bayviewess@comcast.net.

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Office Hours: in the Lancaster-Bishop Archive & Research Room, on Tuesdays, 10am-2pm

2020 Theme:  
Looking at Bowdoinham in 1820

## Merrymeeting Hall News

By Besty Steen

**M**errymeeting Hall is a busy place these days and last year it wasn't even open!

Good things are happening to the building thanks to our handy Gentlemen of the Lower Level. (They love cookies and bars and other snacks to help give them the energy to keep going. Deliveries welcome Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings.)

Work on the Theater is nearly complete. The second floor ADA bathroom is a reality, the new water-heater which has taken up residence in the cellar, has solved our hot water woes. The kitchen has shaken itself into a very workable place; and soon, we hope, it will be certified. We even have a rack for cleaning tools in the back pantry. (Brett Thompson has busily fixed lots of little annoyances. Yea)

Merrymeeting Friday Helpers have made a big difference, too: organizing, sorting, putting up shelves (Yea Julie), cleaning and cleaning again, and generally making spaces ready for the next users.

Private parties... birthdays, showers, celebrations of life are taking place at MMH. We haven't had a wedding yet, but it's only a matter of time.

By the way, someone asked us to reserve a day in June for a graduation party. I have lost the date and the person's name. Please, if it was you, let me know.

Merrymeeting Hall has hosted 2 Sunday Brunches, and will be the scene for Sunday Potluck Coffee Socials April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30-12:30.

Singing Bowl Meditation (Sundays 7-8)



and Knitting (first and third Thursdays 6-8). are going strong. The Hall is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9-1 for coffee and conversation, games, and an ongoing puzzle. There is cribbage on Thursdays.

Newcomers to community use of Merrymeeting Hall are:

- Conversations in French - Sundays 4-5pm;
- Artists Rapid Response Team usually the first Sunday of the month, 10-5.
- Games and Lunch -The first Tuesday of the month 10:00 to 1:00.
- And the newest, Game Night. The next one is Wednesday, March 4th, 6:30-8:00.

Several folks are working on hosting musical events in the theater. MMH Steering Committee welcomes ideas and organizers for other functions.

Merrymeeting Hall loves seeing lots of people again, and is really happy to play her part in Bowdoinham life!

## Join the Variety Show

By Jennifer Stonebraker

**I**t is official, as part of the state wide celebration of Maine's 200th year of statehood the Bowdoinham Historical Society is hosting the "Happy Birthday Maine Variety Show" on March 28th. This is going to be an evening of fun and entertainment for everyone in town. We are now looking for acts to fill the variety show. These acts are open to all ages and in true variety show fashion they can be of any type; musical, dance, poetry, skits, comedy or any other talent you want to share. We are limiting the whole show to two hours so acts should be no more than 10 minutes in length.

We are not holding auditions, the acts will be filled on a first come, first served basis. If we fill all the time slots then we hope to hold more town variety shows in the future if this one is a success. (Act Proposal Form - <https://forms.gle/YEmczf7EPsSS1Prv7>)

All acts will have the opportunity to practice in the Merrymeeting Hall theater and we will help in anyway we can.

The other part of our evening's festivities is a Birthday Cake intermission. We are hope that some of those who don't want to get up on stage will want to bake a birthday cake for Maine's "Birthday". We encourage recipes that are 200 years old (or younger) and bakers of all ages. The Cakes will be on display before the show and during intermission we will enjoy a slice with tea, coffee and cider. The sign ups for cake bakers will follow a bit later this month.

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## Guild of Artisans

By Wendy Rose

The Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans invites everyone to come to their new show which is now on display at the Chocolate Church in Bath, Maine. Over 15 members are featuring select items from their collections. "We are excited to have this opportunity to show our creations at such a nice venue in Bath and are hoping that a wider audience will enjoy the excellent work from our artisans in Bowdoinham," says Lynn Sternfels, Chair of the Guild. Examples of the work in the exhibit can be seen at the Chocolate Church website, [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

The show opened on Friday, February 28 and will be on view until Friday, March 27. Hours are: Tuesday/Wednesday from 10-4; Thursday from 10-6; Friday from 12-4 and during evening performances. Listings of the performances can be found at the Chocolate Church website.

"We are grateful to have a way to show and sell our items during a time of year that is usually slower for us," Lynn adds. "We hope there will be other possibilities for group shows in the future."

## Land Seeker Meeting

By Ingrid Leschefske

As part of BCDI's Farmland Inventory Project there will be a workshop for Land Seekers to be held on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Merymeeting Hall (weather date is March



15<sup>th</sup>, same time and place). The workshop is designed to help land seekers consider the needs of their future farm, develop a land search plan, and understand the basics of a farmland lease. Land For Good's Maine Field Agent, Abby Sadauckas, will lead the workshop along with BCDI's farmland committee.

Maine Farmland Trust staff will also be in attendance to provide an overview of Maine Farm Link and how it can help farm seekers in their farmland search.

This event is FREE, though registration is required. Please email [bcdi.maine@gmail.com](mailto:bcdi.maine@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Food from Turtle Rock Farm and other refreshments will be provided.

## Roadside Recycling Costs Notice

By Bryan Benson, Solid Waste Director

Unexpected large rate increases from Pine Tree Waste Inc. took place January 1, 2020 significantly impacting the costs of operating the Town Recycling Barn. Rates charged to the Town for both garbage disposal and recycling have gone up.

The Recycling Barn recently did a study in November and December documenting the rate of contamination in the roadside recycling collected materials. The results of that study were that the average contamination rate within the recycling materials was over 34%. This contributes to the processing costs in house of sorting materials as well as raises the disposal costs of non-recycled materials.

As of this notice, recycling costs for the calendar year are estimated to increase by \$25,000 at a minimum.

This will be an ongoing discussion at Selectmen's meetings and throughout the budget process leading up towards town meeting in June. We are all working towards a workable solution and as always, welcome public suggestions and input. If you are interested in joining the Solid Waste Committee, please contact Bryan Benson at [recycling@bowdoinham.com](mailto:recycling@bowdoinham.com).

### Land Use Ordinance Updates

The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance at their March Meeting on:

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in the Kendall Meeting Room**

This year the Planning Board is addressing marijuana businesses. A copy of the proposed amendments is available on the Town's website ([www.bowdoinham.com](http://www.bowdoinham.com)) or at the Town Office. Please contact Nicole Briand, with any questions or comments, at [nbriand@bowdoinham.com](mailto:nbriand@bowdoinham.com).

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## Recycling Guidelines

By Bryan Benson, Solid Waste Director

**Recyclable Materials:** *Picked up curbside or delivered to the Recycling Barn.*

Must be CLEAN, DRY & SEPARATED into the following categories:

- Corrugated Cardboard – includes brown kraft (grocery) bags. Please break down boxes.
- Newsprint – includes anything that comes with the newspaper.
- Magazines – including catalogues and other similar glossy print.
- Mixed paper – any and all clean paper not included in previous categories including cereal and soap boxes, pasteboard containers, tissues, toweling, window envelopes, paper plates, cups, etc. **NO PLASTIC**
- Comingled Containers – any clean household containers of glass or metal. Any plastic marked #1-#7, #2 oil bottles must be completely drained. CAPS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ALL CONTAINERS.
- Styrofoam and packing peanuts ARE NOT picked up curbside but may be brought to the recycling barn (*please bag peanuts separately*).

**Other Materials Accepted** – *Delivered to Barn only (no curbside pick-up).*

- Food waste – all kitchen and sink waste, including bones, and meat scraps. Please deliver food waste in your pail or bucket which can be dumped and taken home. Please do not bring food waste in plastic bags (**NO PLASTIC**).
- Oversize Bulky Waste (OBW) – mattresses, chairs, couches, TV sets, etc. A disposal fee based on item's size and weight is required.
- Waste Oil and Antifreeze – deliver in 1 or 2 gallon capped containers. No oil filters or quart containers please.
- Waste Wood – used to heat Recycling Barn. Please deliver in lengths 48" or less, under 15" width. No chipboard or pressure treated lumber.
- Leaves and Grass Clippings – may be left on pile next to Post Road. No brush please.
- Tires – car tires 16" or smaller \$3.00 each; Pro rata fees for larger tires.
- Scrap Metal and White Goods – (appliances, etc.) \$14.00 processing fee for appliances utilizing Freon coolant. 20# propane tanks (valve must be removed). No charge for scrap metal.
- Household Hazardous Waste -Architectural paints and stains at no charge. lawn and garden chemicals, insecticides, pesticides, marine and automotive paints and other household chemicals

have a fee.

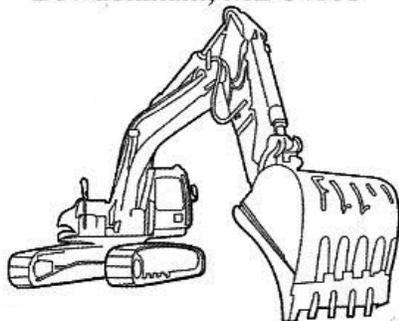
- Asphalt shingles – small amounts of asphalt shingles (less than a 5 gallon bucket load) can be received at the Barn. For larger amounts, please call 666-3228 for further information.

### Curbside Pick-up of Trash and Recycling

- Trash and recyclable material are picked up at curbside on Thursdays.
- Trash must be in securely tied bags no larger than 30 gallon capacity, weighing no more than 25 pounds and must have a trash tag attached.
- Recyclable materials, **PROPERLY SEPARATED AND BAGGED**, are picked up at no extra charge.
- Corrugated cardboard must be securely tied in bundles no larger than 2' x 3'.
- Recyclable materials **must be in clear plastic bags** for curbside pickup. Bags must be securely tied and set out by 6am Thursday mornings.
- Tags and recycling bags are available at the Town Office, the Bowdoinham Hardware Store and the Recycling Barn.

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### Richard Ferrier Scholarship

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## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Believe it or not, it's that time again to donate and shop the Rummage Sale! Thank you to all of those who have donated to make our rummage sale very successful yearly! We love the variety of items that come but as a reminder we do not accept TVs, or large appliances.

Our Sale will be Friday, April 24th from 5pm-7pm \$1 entry fee (no early birds), Saturday, April 25th 9am-noon. Our donation times will be by appointment. All proceeds benefit the school's field trips and additional learning opportunities throughout the year.

For more information, or to set up an appointment, please call Jessica at 504-7103.

## ASSESSOR'S NOTICE

April 1, 2020

Effective Tax Year  
7/1/2019-6/30/2020

36 MRSA Sec. 706:  
TAXPAYERS TO LIST  
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Before making an assessment, the Assessor shall give seasonable notice in writing to all persons liable to taxation, of which they were in possession of the first day of April of the same year. If any person after such notice does not furnish such list, that person is barred of the right to make application to the assessor of any appeal from any abatement of taxes, unless the taxpayer furnishes the required list with the application and satisfies the assessor that the list could not be provided at the appointed date and time. Deadline to furnish list is May 1, 2020.

## Burn Permits

By Arthur "Fudd" Frizzle, Fire Chief

Spring is slowly approaching and with it comes time for clean-up. Limbs, leaves and debris from what was a relatively mild winter are being gathered and stacked for disposal. Many people choose to compost or chip the winter remnants while others opt for burning. If you are among the latter then here is a bit of background information and few reminders on the process.

The Maine Forest Service generates a daily wildfire danger report beginning in early spring and continuing until the first wide spread snow in the fall. This report is usually issued at or before 9:00am daily and is based on current/future weather and wind conditions combined with readings from their network of sensors throughout Maine. This allows them to categorize the day based on the National Fire Danger Rating System. This is a color coded system and what you commonly see on fire stations throughout Maine. Green = low fire danger

Blue = moderate fire danger

Yellow = high fire danger

Orange = very high fire danger

Red = extreme fire danger

Any day coded as a yellow or higher means no burning is allowed and permits will not be issued.

A burning permit is REQUIRED for any outdoor burning, the only exceptions are for outdoor grills and fireplaces used for recreational purposes such as cooking. A permit can be obtained online for free at [www.wardensreport.com](http://www.wardensreport.com) or for a \$7.00 fee through the Maine Forest Service at [www.maineburnpermit.com](http://www.maineburnpermit.com). Since the fire danger changes from day to day permits are typically only issued for the actual day you are burning and you will find that neither website will allow a permit to be issued until the State has declared the fire class day. If you do not have access to the internet, you can obtain one in person at the fire station on Saturday or Sunday morning between 7:30am and 8:30am.

Please make sure to read and understand the permit. If you indicate the presence of a certain tool or piece of equipment then it needs to be on hand and readily available while burning. Also note there are several materials that cannot be burned including household trash and pressure treated lumber.

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## Morning Jo

By Jo Werther

### It's all in how you look at things.

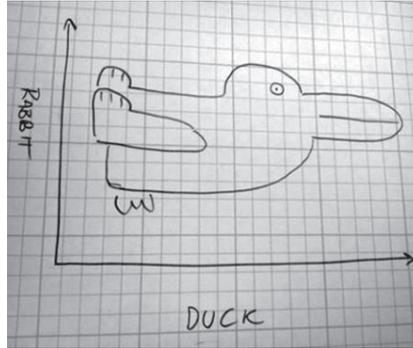
Have you heard the one about the difference between a pessimist and an optimist? The pessimist says, "Things can't possibly get any worse!" The optimist replies, "Sure they can!" All kidding aside, it really is all about perspective. Think about taking photographs. You need a bit of distance in order to see the thing you're taking a picture of. You choose the view you like best. And then you take the picture from that angle.

### "Quitting smoking is easy! I've done it hundreds of times..."

The trouble is that human beings are creatures of habit. A habit is simply something we've done enough times to have it be automatic. Everyone has habits of body (which arm do you put into your coat first?) and of mind (what's the first thing you think when you can't find your car keys?). Habits can be hard to break. But they're also easy to make. The first step is to become aware of the habits we might want to change. And to raise our awareness, we must cultivate a new way of paying attention to ourselves.

### "Right now, I am..."

Try this: once you've taken a few "balloon" breaths (see previous Bowdoinham News for refresher), ask yourself what are you thinking, feeling, and sensing in



the moment at hand. "Right now, I am thinking..." followed by a short sentence ("I'm running out of milk."). "Right now, I am feeling..." followed by an emotion (sad, angry, worried....). "Right now, I am sensing..." followed by anything perceptible to your five senses ("achy back," sun in my eyes," "music on the radio," the sweetness of my cake," "the smell of my coffee").

### When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

The trick is to become like a scientist in a lab coat, simply observing each of your awarenesses. Describe (be objective) but don't judge (good, bad, right, wrong). The more you practice, the easier it will become to get some perspective on your own perspective. And the more perspective you have, the more options you will have to change how you're looking at things if you don't like what you see. Try it and see what you think.

Questions/Comments? Email me at [jo@jowerther.com](mailto:jo@jowerther.com). Let me know how it went!

## Town of Bowdoinham is Hiring

By Thomas Woodin, Town Manager

The Town of Bowdoinham is taking applications for a year-round **Part-Time Driver/Laborer position** for the Public Works Department. This position becomes available in July. The position will average 30 hour per week. A valid Maine Commercial Driver's License (Class B) is preferable but not required. This is an hourly position. Compensation will be discussed with finalists. Pre-employment Drug Testing is required for those who possess a Commercial Driver's License.

The Town of Bowdoinham is also currently seeking qualified applicants for the **Part-Time Administrative Assistant position** at the Town Office. This position is for generally 20 hours per week and will be responsible for clerical assistance to the Town Manager and processing various transactions for residents. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a suitable candidate is found.

Interested individuals may call the Town Office (666-5531) and request an application be mailed or pick one up at the Town Office located at 13 School Street. Applications and resumes should be submitted to: Thomas Woodin, Town Manager, Town of Bowdoinham, 13 School Street, Bowdoinham, Maine 04008.

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## Save-the-Dates

### Open Farm Day & Art Trail

Sunday, July 26, 2020

The day will begin with farm tours & studio tours. Then at 3pm the celebration will continue at Maily Waterfront Park for a barbeque featuring fresh foods from local farms and live music. Stay tuned for more information on the Town's website and Facebook page.

### Celebrate Bowdoinham

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Celebrate Bowdoinham is the town's annual birthday celebration that takes place on the second Saturday of September, with some events starting on Friday evening. Event favorites from the past and new attractions make for a fun-filled day!

To join either event OR if you have ideas or suggestions, please contact Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at nbriand@bowdoinham.com or 666-5531.



## Winter Speaker Series

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- March 11** Redfin Pickerel, Endangered, Elusive, & Here!  
Merry Gallagher, Fisheries Biologist, MDIF&W
- April 8** Seabrook Nuclear Plant – Still Operating, More Perilous  
Doug Bogen, Executive Director, Seacoast Antipollution League
- May 3** The Sonic Sea – Voices of the Deep  
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## Second Baptist Church Celebrates Bicentennial

By Cathy Curtis

This year the Bowdoinham Second Baptist Church celebrates 200 years of God's Faithfulness. The Second Baptist Church was formed Dec. 21, 1820 at the schoolhouse at Cathance Landing, now Main Street, Bowdoinham, with 27 charter members. Daniel Pierson was the first preacher. This church soon became what was known as the new School Baptist, and separated themselves from the old creed in 1834 because of doctrinal differences.

In 1836, the church building was built almost wholly by Captain William Purington who was a life-long friend and generous supporter of the church. The new church building was dedicated in June 1837. In 1850 the commissioned William B.D. Simmons organ (which is still played) was installed. About 1860, the church was raised and a vestry added as a basement. The church was also thoroughly repaired and remodeled at that time.

There are many events planned during 2020 as part of the celebration:

- April 5<sup>th</sup> - Exploring our Judeo-Christian Roots, Palm Sunday - The Passover

Meal With Chosen People Ministries

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hosting Bowdoinham Association of American Baptist Churches, 3pm.

- July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup> - Outdoor services at the Waterfront and Burial of 2020 Time Capsule.

- September - Watoko African Children's Choir (TBD)

- September 12<sup>th</sup> - Float for Celebrate Bowdoinham

- October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> - Celebration/ Homecoming Weekend to include a celebration meal, Organ/Piano concert and Bicentennial Worship Celebration with Special Speaker: Rev. Dr. Charles Reed, Former Pastor, 1995-2000.

- December 20<sup>th</sup> - Presentation of 200th Anniversary Certificate from the American Baptist Historical Society



- December 21<sup>st</sup> - Birthday!

Pastor John Ross and church members cordially invite the Bowdoinham community to attend services and events in 2020 as a way of sharing God's love. Sunday Service at 10am.

Website - [bowdoinhamsecondbaptist.org/](http://bowdoinhamsecondbaptist.org/)

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# THE BOWDOINHAM NEWS

## Community Calendar

### March

**3rd**  
Elections, 8am-8pm  
Town Hall

**8th**  
BCDI Land Seeker Meeting, 3pm  
Merrymeeting Hall

**26th**  
Public Hearing - Land Use Ordinance  
Kendall Room, 7:00pm

**21st**  
Spring Equinox  
Merrymeeting Arts Center

**28th**  
Happy Birthday Maine Variety Show  
Merrymeeting Hall, 6pm

### April

**3rd**  
McFadyen Eidle Book Competition, 6pm  
Merrymeeting Hall

**18th**  
Earth Day Roadside Clean-up

**24th & 25th**  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale  
Town Hall

### May

**1st**  
**Property Taxes Due**

**16th**  
Library Plant Sale

### Town Board & Committee Meetings

All meetings are open to the public at John C. Coombs Municipal Building.

**Select Board Meetings**  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of Month at 5:30pm

**Planning Board**  
4th Thursday of Month at 7:00pm

**Comprehensive Planning Committee**  
2nd Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

**Community Development Advisory Committee**  
1st Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

**Committee on Aging**  
2nd Monday of Month at 2:30pm

**Cemetery Committee**  
1st Monday of Month at 4:00pm

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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