



# THE BOWDOINHAM NEWS

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Artisans & Crafters

By Wendy Rose

**B**owdoinham has a wealth of skilled artisans and crafters who create beautiful and useful hand crafted items to treasure and enjoy. The Holiday Festival is a great event that showcases our local artisans.

#### AP Curiosities

Brooke Hoerner

Brooke comes from a very creative family—her mother is an artist, her brother is a computer animation artist, and her father expresses his creativity in the kitchen with his restaurant business. “My family has been a huge source of inspiration to me,” Brooke says. She even decided to honor her grandmother in the name of her business by using her initials, “AP.”

Because of her family’s influence, Brooke has always enjoyed making things. Her own creative direction really took off, however, when she signed up for a pottery class. “I was hooked!” The class introduced her to all the wonderful options pottery includes—types of clay, firing methods, glazes, and forms.

Going from a pottery student to a professional was a big step. Brooke got a boost when a local ceramicist hired her part-time to do production work. This turned into a full-time job that lasted



4 years. She was able to use her college degree in marketing, learned a lot about sales, and honed her ceramicist skills during this period. Last year, she finally felt ready to go out on her own.

Since that time, Brooke has been developing her line of products. It includes jewelry, planters in many shapes and sizes, and tableware. “I like my items to be not only useful and beautiful, but also playful and fun,” she says. Her air planters in the form of upside sloths, flamingos, and octopuses along with a line of mugs that have cloud shapes or images of ducks and cattails demonstrate how nature inspires her work. “I love the process of creation and like to let the items evolve,” she says.

Brooke is working full-time at her business and is always exploring new ways to market her items. She has joined the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans, has participated in the Farmer’s Market in Portland, was juried into Picnic, an outdoor craft fair in Portland, and has developed an e-commerce website. She also has a presence on etsy—an online market for artisans. “I am giving myself a year to see if I can significantly grow my sales and make it on my own,” she says.

In the future, Brooke would like to see her business contribute a significant percentage of income to the household. While she would like to keep her business relatively small, she could see employing one or two others. She is also thinking about collaborating with other artisans to do joint projects.

“I’ve always loved making things,” Brooke says. “I especially enjoy it when people see one of my items and they get excited about it. I love making people smile.”

You can reach Brooke by calling 303-532-9828, emailing her at hello@APCuriosities.com, or you can check out her website at www.APCuriosities.com.

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### 2019 Dog Licenses

The 2019 dog licenses are now available at the Town Office. Fees are \$6.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$11.00 for a “fully equipped” dog. Please license your dog(s) annually on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## Artisans & Crafters

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### Inside Firewood Wayne Sanborn

It is the gnarly parts of trees that fascinate Wayne Sanborn. They inspire him to sand, shape, and discover the forms that emerge. Large burls, places where several branches come together, and areas affected by insects are all parts of a tree that Wayne likes to work with. What gets created from these seemingly deformed sections are beautiful bowls, vessels, and decorative pieces. Each piece is defined by its distinctive grain and color and the animal life that impacted the wood. The objects that result after Wayne's careful shaping are not only practical but also beautiful.

Wayne started out by giving his bowls as gifts to family and friends using the abundant stand of trees on his property including some old cherry trees. People were so delighted with their items, they suggested that he branch out and sell to others in the community. Wayne has now joined the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans and has participated in the Brunswick Art Walk where he sold a major piece. He would like to gradually explore other venues and see if his sales expand.

Working with wood is deeply satisfying to Wayne. Throughout his career in the military and then in the Information technology field, Wayne would take time to make wooden items on the side. "I learned a lot when we lived in an old house," he says. He has made bookshelves, chairs, tables, and other practical items. Once he retired, however, he had a lot more time to pursue his creativity and explore new forms. A friend has helped him build his skills, and Wayne now enjoys working in his shop as much as possible. "I love having creativity in my life," Wayne says. "I like exploring different species of wood and seeing what I can do with each one."



Wayne would like folks to know he would be happy to work with them to create something out of any interesting piece of wood they have. "Just be in touch and I'd be happy to work with you." You can reach Wayne by calling his cell phone, 207-650-7464 or emailing him at [melaxref@gmail.com](mailto:melaxref@gmail.com)



**Meg Zellinger**

When Meg retired 2 years ago, she finally had the opportunity to pursue her dream to create stained glass panels and objects—something she had wanted to do for many years. "I love to be able to create artistic things," she says. "I have so much fun with all of it."

Meg had prepared for this step by taking classes at different art studios including Maine Art Glass in Lisbon Falls. The classes developed her skills to the point where she can now create panels, lamp shades, boxes, vases, candle holders, and jewelry. "Glass is such a great medium," she says. "I love to come up with an idea, take the grain of the glass, and then make what I am doing come alive. There can be a wonderful surprise since the light will look different at all times of the day."

The panels Meg creates to hang in windows can be abstract or representational including scenes from nature. She especially enjoys working with blues, purples and greens and loves incorporating curved forms. Panels that are 20" by 20" can take as much as 40 hours to create. Other, smaller items can take about

10 hours.

Creating things for herself was Meg's first goal, but she is now branching out and finding ways to sell her items. She has recently joined the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans, and customers are finding her through word of mouth. Covering the cost of her materials is the first priority, but as sales increase, she is starting to see some profit. "This is my chapter 3," Meg says, "so I am mostly doing this for me. Whatever else comes is great." Her creative goals are to improve her skills so her work is more accurate and precise. "The more I do it, the better beads I can get," she says. "It takes time and practice."

Meg really enjoys collaborating with her customers on a project. She is happy to work with them to create a panel or object that will fit in with their décor or will portray an image they especially love.

You can contact Meg through email at [merrymeetingstainedglass@gmail.com](mailto:merrymeetingstainedglass@gmail.com) or look her up on her Facebook business page where you can see photos of her work.

### Town of Bowdoinham welcomes new employees...

Britney Bodinet has been hired as a full-time driver/operator/laborer for the Public Works Department. She lives in Bowdoinham with her husband and five children and has previously worked for the Maine Department of Transportation.

The Town also hired Rebecca (Becky) Bate of Topsham for the part-time position of Administrative Assistant at the Town Office. She replaced Patricia Frederick.

**Welcome to both  
Britney and Becky!**

## Project Updates

### Waterfront Re-Development Master Site Plan

The Town has hired Richardson & Associates in partnership with Baker Design Consultants to develop a Master Site Plan for the redevelopment of the public works waterfront property. As stated in the CMP/Riverfront TIF Program adopted in 2014, the property is located on the Town's riverfront and is underutilized given the area's potential for recreation-based economic development.

At our first public meeting on September 20th, we reviewed three Conceptual Designs prepared by Richardson & Associates. Based on the feedback received at the meeting and through an online survey, Richardson & Associates has prepared an updated Conceptual Design. They are looking forward to sharing the updated design and gathering additional feedback at our next Public Meeting on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Bowdoinham Community School. For more information see page 7.

### Internet Project

The Town of Bowdoinham applied for and received a \$40,000 Planning Grant from ConnectME. The grant will provide

for planning a fiber optic network in the Town served by the latest IP fiber-to-the-home technology.

The grant will enable Lincolnvill Communications, Inc. to design a network, including middle mile network mapping, street level mapping, and construction cost estimates. This analysis will also include a payback and an internal rate of return analysis to make sure the projects make sense financially.

Lincolnvill Communications has successfully completed many high speed internet projects, including 12 projects that were made possible by ConnectME infrastructure grant funding. The Company and its affiliates provide a wide array of high speed internet, high speed data, voice, cable television and IPTV to approximately 15,000 customers in Mid-coast Maine.

### Public Works Facility Construction Update

Lupo Construction of Etna, Maine continues work on the new Public Works Facility at 121 Pond Road. The sand/salt storage building is nearing completion, and is expected to be complete when this newsletter is published. Soon after, it will be filled with sand mixed with salt in preparation for this winter. The

foundation for the Public Works Garage is in place and crews are busy preparing the floor and frost walls for the metal building. The metal building is expected to arrive the first week of November and crews will begin erecting it at that point. It is expected that the Public Works Department will move into the new garage in February 2019.



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## Citizen of the Year

By William Post, Town Manager

The Citizen of the Year award is to recognize an individual that goes above and beyond for the people of the community. Bowdoinham's Citizen of the Year for 2018 is best known for steadfastly chronicling Bowdoinham's rich history. She is a longstanding leader of the Bowdoinham Historical Society, and is known for finding engaging ways to share the events and lessons of Bowdoinham's past with the next generation, including through creative and memorable programming for Bowdoinham students at the Jellerson School House.

She is a co-founder and key leader of the Bowdoinham Plant Sale, treasurer of the Library Board, and helped lead the planning and execution of the town's 250th anniversary celebration. But as committed as she is to helping us remember our past, she is even more dedicated to ensuring we have a bright future.

Her latest demonstration of this has been her work spearheading -- along with a core team -- the creation of a Community Center for Bowdoinham in the old Grange: Merrymeeting Hall. Through sheer force of will, she and her team are bringing this piece of Bowdoinham history back to life. More than that, they're reminding us that we are writing our own

history now, and that if we work together it can be one of which we are all proud.

Our 2018 Citizen of the Year helps us record, understand, and value the past; she helps us envision, organize, and build our future; and she does it all with kindness, humor, and spirit.

This line from a letter nominating her might sum things up best: "It is probably safe to say that nobody in town knows more about the history of Bowdoinham, or works more tirelessly to preserve it. Her efforts today will benefit generations of Bowdoinham residents many, many years in the future."

In appreciation of her many years of dedication to the people of our community, the Select Board of Bowdoinham thanks and recognizes Betsy Steen as the 2018 Citizen of the Year. Congratulations Betsy and thank you!



## Celebrate Bowdoinham

By Nicole Briand

We have a lot of people to thank for helping to make Celebrate Bowdoinham such a wonderful community event, so please join us in thanking the following people and businesses:

- All Participants
- Bowdoinham Fire Department - Parade, Lobster Crate Races, the KenDucky Derby, and set-up and pick-up
- Adelaida Gaviria - Bowdoinham's Best
- Susan Brown - Pie Contest
- Missy Halsey - Parade & Silent Auction
- Tony Cox - KenDucky Derby
- Five County Credit Union - Face-painting & Balloon Twisting Sponsor
- Jay Read - Strolling Magician
- Merrymeeting Arts Center - Kids Art Activities & Friday evening show
- Mount Ararat Cheerleaders - Running Kids Activities



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- Watersong Music

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- Five County Credit Union
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- Six River Farm
- Temple Well Service

• **Friends of Celebrate -**

- Bowdoinham Gas & Diesel
- Main Street Fuel
- Pine Tree Engineering
- Masonic Village Lodge #26
- Winding Rose Studio

**THANK YOU!!!**



7<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Festival

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Santa Comes to Town and Tree Lighting**

Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm  
at 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 holiday carols.

**Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Show & Sale**

Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm  
Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am-3pm  
Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-1pm  
at Town Hall, 13 School Street

Top quality fine arts including jewelry, pottery, fiber art, photography, prints and paintings all crafted by the members of the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans will be on sale. Come enjoy the delicious food and great live music by some of Bowdoinham's best while you shop.

**Holiday Craft Fair**

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am-2pm  
at Bowdoinham Community School

Come snap a few pictures with Santa and then peruse over 25 vendors. The school gym will be filled with all sorts of gorgeous crafts to get your holiday shopping off on the right foot. Just one special part of the Bowdoinham Holiday Festival.

**Victorian Christmas Open House**

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-6pm  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am-2pm  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12pm-3pm

With Victorian-style decorations, refreshments, and a craft for kids, it will be a little more like 1890 when the building was built. It has been a blessing for the Nazarene church to have been a part of the community for 70 years, and we hope to bless the community in return.

**Holiday Wreath Workshop**

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am-6pm  
Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-2pm  
at Merrymeeting Hall, 27 Main St

Come and make your own Balsam wreath, for \$12-\$15, supplies and instruction included. On Saturday, Bowdoinham Historical Society will be selling Counterpoint Bread, bread bags and other holiday items, as well as giving tours of the Hall.

**Horse Wagon Rides**

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am-3pm

Rides will be available between the following locations: Bowdoinham Community School, Town Hall, Merrymeeting Hall and Maily Waterfront Park. Tips are appreciated.

**Dance Party**

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm  
at Watersong Music

Come dance the night away with Jimi Joe and the Jumblejags!

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

## Age-Friendly Bowdoinham News

By Patty Melander & Rachelle Tome

**O**n certain Tuesdays, if you travel by the Bowdoinham Fire Station, you'll hear toe-tapping music and will see people laughing and line dancing. Leading this frivolity is George Oliver, line-dancing instructor extraordinaire!

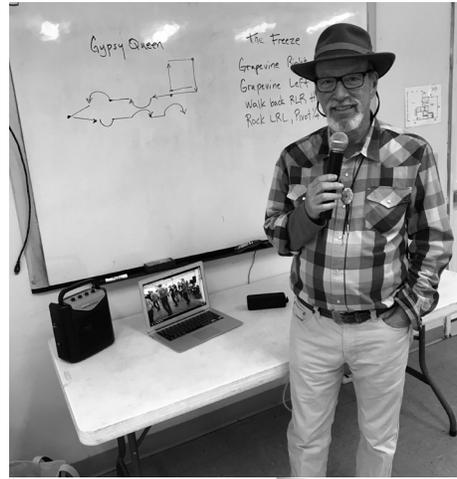
George loves living in Bowdoinham and wanted to find a way to give back to his adopted community, something that would incorporate his skill as a retired educator and his love of food, dance and music. Three years ago, Patricia Oh, who was then Chair of ACOA, asked George if he could take

over a line dancing class that had been started earlier for the seniors in town. Since he had done some line dancing earlier in his life, he said that he would be happy to try. George says, "I thought to myself, I like to dance and I like to teach, so maybe this is an opportunity."

After a few months with a small but enthusiastic group where everyone, including George, was learning, the turning point happened with a flash mob at the 2016 Celebrate Bowdoinham day. The flash mob had George's class and many onlookers joining together and dancing near the boat launch at Mailley Park; it was a hit, and it has been a featured part of Celebrate ever since. Instructional sessions and open dancing have continued since then. George hopes line dancing will serve as his contribution to making Bowdoinham an even greater place to live.

So where did George get his interests? He grew up in New Orleans, a city famous for its great music and food. His father owned a restaurant, providing George with an additional zest for good food and cooking. He says "My mother was a terrific dancer and taught me a lot

of different kinds of steps. She was also a great cook. I think there may be a similarity. In cooking and dancing, you start



your brain, supporting memory skills and coordination. It's good exercise and good fun. "Oddly," George adds, "I feel less unsteady on my feet when I'm line dancing than when I'm just walking regularly."

Line dancing is scheduled two Tuesdays a month at the Bowdoinham Fire Station. The 1st session is held on the 1st Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 AM; the other is held on the 3rd Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 PM. For both sessions, the first hour is dedicated to beginners, the second hour is for all levels. George welcomes all ages of dancers, men and women alike, and says that they dance to various kinds of music, including country-western, pop, Latin, hip-hop, and Celtic.

The Advisory Committee on Age-

Friendly Bowdoinham is fortunate to work

with 50 + volunteers and many local partners to coordinate activities designed to provide services and advocacy designed to enable our older residents to live



with a recipe and add your own touches."

George shares his rich background influenced by the diverse places he has lived, including Washington, D.C., Vienna, Austria, and West Virginia. He spent many years as an educator, working at all levels from elementary school through college. This included teaching in a prison and providing English instruction to Vietnamese immigrants in New Orleans after the Vietnam war. His expertise as an educator shines through as he leads community members through a variety of line dances twice monthly. Many in the line dancing group say that George is a very good dance teacher.

He likes to note that line dancing has many advantages: dancers do not need a partner, so there's no fear of stepping on toes. In other words, it's OK if you have, as he says, "more than one left foot". Also, learning the routines and choreography of the dances is very good for

in their homes for as long as possible as well as provide programs geared to keeping older adults active and engaged in the community. There are many regular monthly activities available.

For more information about upcoming events follow us on Facebook - Age-Friendly Bowdoinham. You can also call the Town Office to be added to our mailing list: 207-666-5531. If you are interested in the Committee's work, please consider attending our monthly meeting.

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## Waterfront Master Plan

By Joanne Joy

Community members have lots to say about the Waterfront Redevelopment. The first community input meeting on draft plans for the Waterfront Redevelopment was held September 20, 2018 when about fifty community members joined Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) members for the first public viewing of three draft plans. These drawings were created from at least 13 years of community input in 2005, 2014 and again this year. Both the 2005 Waterfront Plan and the 2014 Comprehensive Plan that recommended the waterfront redevelopment elements were accepted by voters at Town Meetings. BCDI gathered

additional input over the past year as part of their community development work, and everyone at Celebrate Bowdoinham had an opportunity to add their ideas as well. All that input provides the information from which the draft plans were created.

Richardson and Associates, Landscape Architects and Baker Design Consultants, Design Engineers, brought their first three drawings to the Town Hall on September 20 for additional input. They described options for safety, for prevention of erosion of the site, and of course ways to use the area for recreation from children's play areas, a non-motorized boat launch, to an open-air pavilion for picnics and family gatherings, bird watching, and of course hiking/walking and enjoying the wonderful views of the Cathance River – and

more.

There were many ideas and concerns about costs shared! These will all be topics of discussion at our next community input session scheduled on Wednesday, November 7th at 6pm. Please join us to discuss:

- Goals & Objectives of Meeting
- What Have We Learned?
- Master Plan/Phasing Strategy
- Cost Review
- Next Steps

This is an exciting opportunity to create a space that will serve our community, our families, and perhaps contribute to the business development and support of our town and the village!

**Thanks for your participation!**

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## Guild of Artisans News

By Lynn Sternfels

The Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Annual Show and Sale will be:

Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm  
Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am-3pm  
Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-1pm

This will be the fifteenth year of this annual show and it promises to be a great one as five new artists will be joining the twelve members from last year. Come and meet your local artists and see their work which includes: fiber arts, pottery, woodworking, jewelry, stained glass, fine art photography, paintings and as always the library will have their wonderful book arts offerings.

Light refreshments and beverages will be available throughout the show and a number of local musicians will be playing all three days. Hear Ben Hunsberger and Friends on Friday night, join Cantatio, a trio of talented young women horn players on Saturday morning, and other fine musicians will join us Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you and for more information call 666-5976

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## Victorian Christmas & Memory Tree

By Christina Couch

The Church of the Nazarene wishes to welcome everyone to a Victorian Christmas Open House which will take place November 30 from 3pm-6pm, December 1 from 9am-2pm, and December 2 from 12pm-3pm following the 11am service, to which all are invited as well. With Victorian-style decorations, refreshments, and a craft for kids, it will be a little more like 1890 when the building was built. It has been a blessing for the Nazarene church to have been a part of the community for 70 years, and we hope to bless the community in return.

The church will also have a Memory Tree. Anyone who wishes to "light" a candle in memory of a lost loved one is welcome to do so as well during the Open House hours. The tree will remain lit in the window of the church throughout the holidays.

The church is located at the corner of School and Main Streets. For more information, contact Christina Couch at 351-0289 or followingtheson@hotmail.com.

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## Browntail Moth

Citizens should learn to identify the nests! The webs are often confused with silken structures formed by other less serious species of moths. Browntail moth winter webs are:

- 2-4 inches long, and are found at the tips of branches rather than in the crotches of the tree branches
- white silk, tightly woven around a leaf or leaves, that glisten in the sun
- wrap of silvery white silk tying leaf petiole to twig
- occur more commonly on twig ends of oak, apple, shadbush, cherry, beach plum, and rugosa rose

Clipping and destroying overwintering webs by either soaking in soapy water or burning in a barrel or a woodstove can provide control of isolated populations located in low trees and shrubs. The woven winter nests and the tiny larvae within them DO NOT hold the toxins and generally do not cause a skin rash unlike the hairs of the browntail moth caterpillars that hatch out in the spring.

For more information, please visit <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/gotpests/bugs/browntail-moth.htm>.

## Art Center News

By Jan Marks

As many people know, MAC was the recipient of the gift of Bryce Muir's Local Myths sculpture collection, generously donated by Peggy and Seth Muir at last June's Anniversary Celebration. The gift included 12 spectacular sculptures which go with the modern 'myths' in Bryce's book "Local Myths". The collection originally contained not 12, but 16 sculptures, four of which were sold to private owners many years ago. Records of those sales are long gone. It is possible that the pieces are not even with their original purchasers anymore.



MAC would like to locate the four missing pieces, The Cricket, The Raven, The Deer and The Eagle, in the hopes of reuniting them with the other 12 pieces, making the collection whole again. Anyone with any clues as to the whereabouts of the four pieces is urged to contact MAC at [merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com](mailto:merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com), so we can follow up and try to reunite these pieces with the rest of their band of merry characters.

### MAC Needs You

The Anniversary Gala event celebrated the achievements of MAC's first ten years as part of our community. We are now turning our attention to what we want MAC to look like and what we want to accomplish in the next ten years and beyond. To that end, we have established the following committees, and are looking for volunteers to help fine-tune the vision and work with us to accomplish our goals. The committees are as follows:

- Gallery Exhibits, including the installation of exhibits and staffing the gallery when it is open;
- Events, which include fund-raising events and events offered free to the community; Education, which includes classes



with advertising events, development of informational and promotional materials, newsletters and the like;

- Financial;
- Building, including oversight of building maintenance and making the studio building more weathertight for the winter, as well as researching other options for housing the gallery and studio in the future; and
- General Administrative.

We especially need volunteers to establish and maintain our mailing lists (both snail and email lists), someone to maintain our website, help with researching and writing grant proposals, people with fundraising ideas and experience, and someone who can offer legal advice when necessary.

If anyone has some spare time and an interest in volunteering in any of these areas, or has ideas about other ways they would like to participate, please contact us at [merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com](mailto:merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com), and we will put you in touch with the appropriate board member.

Climb on board and help make MAC an even more vibrant part of our community.

### At the Gallery

The Merrymeeting Arts Center will host an exhibit by Topsham artist Ian Trask. A graduate of Bowdoin College, Ian is a scientist turned artist, whose sculptures transform materials of waste and commercial byproducts into refined works of art through a reinterpretation of the material's value and usefulness. Working as a hospital groundskeeper and trash collector, Ian saw the artistic potential in the waste and began working with

at the studio, as well as educational programs in the schools and community;

- Public Relations, involved

discarded manufactured goods as the main platform for his pieces.

The exhibit will highlight Ian's three dimensional work - his Spores - which hang, suspended in air from the ceiling, as well as his wall hung collage pieces.

Opening in December 2018, the exhibit will be on display through February 2019. Stay tuned for specific gallery hours in which to partake of the incredible experience that is the art of Ian Trask.

### At the Studio

Celebrate Bowdoinham was another great day at the Studio, with lots of folks participating in making art inside the studio and working on the mural on the side of the building. A big Thank You to all of the volunteers who made it happen!

Fall classes are underway, and the schedule is as follows:

- Music for pre-schoolers with Matt Loosigian, Tuesdays, 9:00-9:45;
- Pre-school Art from 10-10:45 on Wednesdays, drop-ins welcome;
- Elementary Art, grades K-3, Mondays, 3:45-4:45;
- Teen Art, 3:00-4:30;
- A Mending class for 4th and 5th graders on Thursdays, 3:45-5:00;
- Open Studio Pottery with Melissa Bardley on Saturdays from 10:00-12:00;
- The Open Music Jam, led by Justin Schlawin, continues on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Studio building. This is a drop-in jam and all are welcome.

Registration is required for all classes, except Pre-school Art, the Open Studio Pottery and the Open Music Jam.

For more information and/or registration for classes and workshops, contact Melissa at [merrymeetingartstudio@gmail.com](mailto:merrymeetingartstudio@gmail.com).

**MAC wishes everyone an enjoyable and art-filled holiday season!**

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## Merrymeeting Hall: Community Center

By Betsy Steen

**L**ots has been happening at the old yellow grange building on Main Street Hill since BHS bought it in May. If you haven't been by...ha! Just took a drive over there for our daily inspection; the forms for the foundation are now in as I write this on 10/1. When you read it, the hall will be down and most likely open for business, at least partly. We will have paid for Mr. Copp and Mr LaJoie's for their work. Doug Tourtelotte, who has done all the site work, is generously allowing us to pay his bill in a year. Our leader, Tom DeForeest and the committee will be looking at decisions on heat, and updates of plumbing, electrical, kitchen, and accessibility in order to be truly up and running! And of course, we are STILL raising money!

Thank you so much to all who have donated. The matched MMH donations total \$43,000 to date, with about \$7,000 left in the matching fund to double YOUR donation.

On top of that the Historical Society has earned over \$7,000 since the beginning of June with concert suppers, strawberry shortcake, our 8th Yard Sale, and the sale of linen bread bags. Special thanks to Harvest Tide Organics for giving MMH 20% of their Wednesday take at the Farm Cart, Susan Brown who gave us half the pie contest proceeds, Bill and Cole Guerin who created an amazing set of plans for us, Bill Stanton for selling numbered prints of his Bowdoinham paintings to benefit Merrymeeting Hall, and the 2nd Baptist Church for passing their Sing-piration donations on to Merrymeeting Hall.

We are already having requests to use the building, both from organizations and individuals. Besides the theater and

main hall, we now have a full, daylight cellar (thanks to the Oakes for pushing us in that direction and providing some of the funding). This will provide room for ping-pong tables (offers of 3 folding ones so far), small pool table, and 2 stationary bikes and 2 treadmills. We've been given furniture which makes it a comfortable place to visit. We hope to be able to open it for teens after school once the weather turns cold.

If you'd like to take an active role as we proceed, please contact Betsy Steen (bayviewess@comcast.net) Lara Ashouwak, 666-8161, Tom DeForeest 666-3061.

To DONATE to MMH: send a check to BHS PO Box 101; visit our webpage ([www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org)) or the Merrymeeting Community Center Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/merrymeetingcc/](http://www.facebook.com/merrymeetingcc/))

**THANK YOU BOWDOINHAM!**

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## Historical Society News

By Betsy Steen

**W**OW! What a month September has been for BHS and Merrymeeting Hall!!

We closed our successful "Bowdoinham Fires and the Men, Women, and Equipment that Fight Them" show at the end of August in time to begin to get ready for our 8th Annual Yard Sale. We featured part of the Fire Display at our tent at Celebrate Bowdoinham. Kudos to Adelaida Berry for the incredible Bowdoinham's Best show she put on as first official use of Merrymeeting Hall!

BHS's 8th Annual Yard Sale, the Saturday after Celebrate, was the most amazing ever. Wonderful, wonderful donations filled the Meeting House, Carriage Shed, and a large area in front! David at Mums Plus in Topsham again donated mums to sell; and 10 folks rented space to sell their own treasures! We also had Lara Ashouwak's beautiful Food Pavilion full of delicious special munchies! We have earned \$5,400 so far all for Merrymeeting Hall! Thank You So Much to all who

gave us items to sell, the great team who helped sort, price, and display, the folks who rented space for their own table, and ALL of you who came and shopped!!

We will have some of the smaller, special items on sale in Merrymeeting Hall during the Holiday Festival.

Turns out that linen bags are the best way to store artisan breads. Our research told us that linen (durable, antimicrobial, moisture retentive and beautiful) is the perfect material for short term (up to 3-4 days) counter storage. If you won't finish the bread in that time, cut off what you won't eat and freeze it. So we have raided our stashes of our grandmother's linens, and Nan Curtis, Joanne Savoie, Joan Knight and I have been turning vintage napkins and tablecloths into bread bags. At \$10 each, we have made nearly \$500, all for Merrymeeting Hall. Since they make great holiday presents, we will have them for sale at the Holiday Festival, along with bread from Counterpoint Bread. (Donations of old linens gratefully accepted.)

Thanks to Rick Ellis of the Bowdoinham Fire Department, who talked about the incredible restoration of Bowdoin-

ham's 1853 fire hand tub "Water Witch" on Sunday, October 21st and even brought the "Witch" along!

Merrymeeting Hall's good neighbor, the 2nd Baptist Church, hosted a program of Christian music on Sunday, October 28th. All donations were given to BHS to add to the Merrymeeting Hall Fund. Thank you, Neighbor!!

BHS Annual Christmas/Holiday Party will be Sunday, December 9th 2:00pm, place to be announced (BHS Meeting House or Merrymeeting Hall). All members and other townspeople welcome!!

### Contact BHS

Mail: PO Box 101, Bowdoinham

Email:  
[info@bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org)

Facebook & Website:  
[www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org)

Office Hours:  
in the Lancaster-Bishop Archive & Research Room, 13 School Street  
on Tuesdays, 10am-12pm & 2-5pm

## BCDI News

**P**lease join BCDI for our Annual Meeting, Wednesday, December 5th at the Merrymeeting Community Center. Tours of the Community Center will begin at 5pm, then join us for drinks and snacks as we update you on the BCDI "Year in Review". We'll also "Continue the Conversation" with updates on action items from our 2017 Community Conversations that have been completed or are underway. Come meet our Board members, check out the Community Center, and enjoy a libation! All are welcome!



### Become A Member of BCDI

In order to fulfill its mission and to carry out activities such as the loan/investment program, BCDI requires the broad support of the community. It is the community that will identify the needs to be addressed, as well as provide the resources to do so. With the basic structure in place (a Board of Directors, Screening Committee, bylaws, State of Maine registration, and Securities Administration support, etc.), BCDI seeks to broaden its membership. This is both an opportunity for neighbors to join in supporting their neighbors, and an essential part of meeting BCDI's modest budget.

## Food Pantry News

*By Lily Montgomery*

**F**all has been busy at the pantry, with fresh donations coming in weekly from local farmers, the Merrymeeting gleaners, and many home gardeners. We are so happy to be able to share this beautiful produce with everyone who comes in to the pantry- thank you to all those who donate!

We are pleased to announce that in addition to food being available at the food pantry located at 9 Main Street, we are also now sharing food via Margie's Market at Bowdoinham Estates and in the newest addition: a Little Free Pantry built by the amazing kids at Earth School in Brunswick that will be placed at Greenleaf Apartments. This little pantry is a tiny, free-standing structure that is accessible at any time and is maintained entirely by volunteers. THANK YOU for this wonderful gift!

The backpack program at the Bowdoinham Community School is off to a great start this year, with many backpacks full of food going home each weekend with students in need. The generous folks at Food City in Lisbon started us off with a huge donation of food and brand new backpacks- we are so appreciative for this gift! Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who make this possible, and for the amazing donations that continue to come in for this incredible program.

Any child in need at the Bowdoinham Community School is qualified for this program. If you or someone you know are, please contact Amy Pettiti at the Bowdoinham Community School.

As cold winter months and the holidays approach, please know that your donations of food, time and money are welcome and appreciated as we help to make the season a bit more comfortable for those in need.

The food pantry has **NEW HOURS** and is now open Wednesday afternoons from 4-6pm. We are happy to announce that we will also be open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9-10am. Please contact us if you have any questions. If you need assistance with a ride, please contact us as we have a few suggestions that could work!

**A huge THANK YOU to everyone who makes the pantry so successful!**

Contact us:

- Email - [bowdoinhamfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bowdoinhamfoodpantry@gmail.com)
- Call 207-751-7779
- Website - [thebowdoinhamfoodpantry.org](http://thebowdoinhamfoodpantry.org)
- Facebook - Bowdoinham Food Pantry

New Hours:

- Wednesdays 4pm to 6pm
- 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month 9-10am.

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## Preparation, Precision, Passion

By Chris Lajoie, Principal,  
Bowdoinham Community School

Which of these sets of statements (A or B) better matches what you believe school should be?

### A

- Every student is provided the opportunity to be successful, by learning necessary skills and content.
- Students understand exactly what they are expected to learn.
- School prepares students for real life: jobs, higher education, and citizenship.
- Grades are based on what students have actually learned.
- When students graduate they do not have serious gaps in their knowledge.

### B

- School is a competition between students, where some will naturally be successful and others won't.
- School officials don't really need to share this information with students.
- School prepares students to compete for honors and recognition.
- Grades go up or down based on how well a student behaves.
- If students graduate with gaps in knowl-

edge, they can just take remedial courses in college or trade school.

*Did you tend to agree more with statements A or B?*

There is some amount of misinformation and negative energy around the concept of proficiency-based education. While concerns about government overreach and challenges with reporting student progress are worthy of discussion, much of the hubbub stems from a lack of understanding about what proficiency-based education really stands for. If you found yourself supporting more statements on side A, you agree with foundational tenets of proficiency-based education.

Our proficiency-based approach to education is about preparation for real life, precision in what we teach and how we share student progress, and fostering each student's passion for learning. For Bowdoinham's children, this journey starts at our Community School. We take very seriously the duty to educate all of our students, laying the foundation for each one to be successful in life.

The next time you hear criticism of proficiency-based education consider this:



Should a sixteen-year-old be granted a driver's license because he is a nice, respectful kid, even if he doesn't understand important road signs? No – he should be proficient at driving. Should a person practicing karate be given a black belt because she's been showing up for classes for a number of years? No – she should have mastered all the key skills that define that achievement. Would you hire a mechanic who has gaps in his understanding of how engines work? How about a lifeguard who can't show proficiency on the swim test? Our society requires proficiency as a measure of accomplishment. Why should we expect less of our students? Why should we leave them ill-prepared for success when they graduate?

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## Composting at Home

By Bryan Benson

**R**ecycle yard and food scraps instead of disposing of them to create a healthy fertilizer for your garden.

You can make a homemade composting bin, purchase one, or use an open pile, just be sure to place your compost bin/pile in the sun. You can compost:

- “browns” – sawdust, shredded brush and branches, leaves, straw, wood shavings, dry grass clippings, and
- “greens” – weeds, grass clippings, wood stove ashes, flowers, grain-eating livestock manure, vegetable and fruit scraps, grain product scraps (bread, pasta, etc.), crushed egg shells, coffee grounds, tea bags, *(leave out meat, fish, bones, or cheese if you don't want animal visitors)*.

Place the materials that you have available in your pile. Try for at least half “browns” to let the compost “heat up”. You can layer your materials or mix them up. When you have more to add, just pile them on top, or dig a hole in the pile, put them in and cover them. You can either leave the pile alone for a year or so, or if you want faster results, turn the pile every few weeks to let the air get to the inside. When you can't tell what went into it anymore and the pile is all brown and crumbly – That's Compost!

## Solid Waste and Recycling Barn

### Barn Hours:

Thursday & Saturday: 8am-4pm

### Trash & Recycling Pick-up:

Thursdays

### Contact Information:

Phone:

Barn - 666-3228

Bryan Benson, Director - 751-2809

Email: [recycling@bowdoinham.com](mailto:recycling@bowdoinham.com)

## Recycling Barn Reminders

By Bryan Benson

**H**ere is a reminder of the materials accepted at the Recycling Barn.

**Items picked up curbside or delivered to the Recycling Barn** *(must be clean, dry and 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 (Corrugated, Newsprint, Magazines) including cereal and soap boxes, pasteboard containers, tissues, toweling, window envelopes, paper plates, cups, etc. **NO PLASTIC**
- Comingled Containers – any clean household containers of #1 or #2 plastic or metal. No glass will be accepted until further notice. Oil bottles must be completely drained. **CAPS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ALL CONTAINERS.**
- Styrofoam containers and packing (please bag peanuts separately).

**Items that can be delivered to Barn only (no curbside pickup):**

- Styrofoam containers and packing (please bag peanuts separately).
- 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. Boards and dimension lumber suitable for reuse may be delivered full length.

- 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 \$1.00, other sizes \$20. No charge for tanks with valve removed.
- Household Hazardous Waste no charge for oil-based or latex paint, florescent light bulbs, ballasts and rechargeable batteries. There is a small fee for all other Hazardous waste items.
- Asphalt shingles – small amounts of asphalt shingles (less than a 5 gal bucket) can be received at the Barn. For larger amounts, please call 666-3228 for further information

## Curbside Pick-up Reminders

- 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 2ft x 3ft.
- Recyclable materials must be in clear plastic bags for curbside pickup. Bags must be securely tied.
- Tags and recycling bags are available at the Town Office, the Bowdoinham Hardware Store, and the Recycling Barn.

## Thanksgiving - Change of Schedule

The Recycling Barn will not be open on Thanksgiving, but we will be open on Saturday. Curbside pick-up will happen on Saturday after Thanksgiving (instead of Thursday) as well.

## Recreation News

By Allen Acker, Recreation Director

**W**e have several programs running through the winter, so come join us and lets have some fun!

Community Fall Swim at Bowdoin College Pool is every Sunday in October/ November from 4:30pm-5:30pm and ends on December 2nd and is free to all SAD 75 residents.

### A.Y.B.L Recreation Basketball Dates

Registrations Due: November 1st  
Practices start: week of November 26th  
Games start: December 8th  
Season Ends: February 2nd  
Coaches Meeting: November 15th

### Lost Valley Ski/Snowboard Program

\$155.00 includes transportation 6 weeks lift ticket and lessons. Rentals available / just lift ticket available. Bus Transportation provided or self drive is allowed. Bus leaves BCS at 4:30pm on Friday starting 1/11/2019.

### Adult Programs:

\*Pickleball is held at the Bowdoinham gymnasium 5:30-7:15pm on Mondays until November 23rd. Depending on basketball practices, we may have to change the pickleball evening.

\*Pick-up Basketball and Volleyball are sponsored by the Cathance Fitness Center along with several exercise classes.

\*Check out the Age-Friendly Bowdoinham Activity and Resource Lists available in the town office.

For more information, please contact me (Allen Acker) at 666-5531 or recreation@bowdoinham.com. Or visit the Town's website at www.bowdoinham.com or visit us on Facebook - Bowdoinham Recreation Dept.

## Winter Tips

By William Post, Town Manager

**A**lthough the month of October provided some nice weather, the inevitable will happen and we will soon have freezing temperatures and snow. Last year may seem like it was an easy winter, but in fact, the amount of snow we received in Bowdoinham was average. It probably seemed easy because the winter before (2014-15) was one of the busiest winter seasons in years with 94.5 inches of snow and 29 different winter related events. Here are a few winter tips for you to consider:

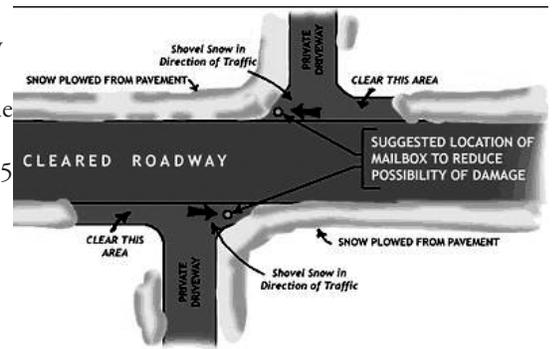
### Who plows what roads?

The Town is responsible for plowing, sanding and treating most streets and roads in Bowdoinham. The exceptions are Main Street (from Fisher Road to Bowdoin) and Post Road. These two roads are NOT plowed, sanded or treated by the Town – in fact, Main Street from Fisher Road to the Bowdoin town line and the entire length of Post Road are plowed, sanded and treated by the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) or their contractor.

### Snow in your Driveway

The Town's crew is not done clearing the roads of snow, slush and ice until well

after storms have stopped. In order to get to clear pavement, the plow trucks scrape the roads after the storm. This results in snow and slush being pushed back into driveways after they have been cleared. One way to help eliminate this issue for your driveway is to clear an area on the



right side of your driveway (the right side if you are entering your driveway). If this is done, the snow and slush being scraped off the road will be deposited in this area and not into your driveway entrance. See the illustration below:

### Courtesy sand pile

The Town maintains a courtesy sand pile for residents at the entrance to the Public Works Garage. Please keep to the two five-gallon bucket limit per visit. It is very important that we stay within this limit to assure there is sand for everyone. No pickup truck loads or commercial haulers. The taking of salt is strictly prohibited.

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## Elections

**T**he State Referendum and Municipal Election will be on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 from 8am to 8pm at Town Hall, 13 School St.

### 1. What is ranked-choice voting (RCV)?

Ranked-choice voting, sometimes called “instant run-off voting,” allows voters to choose their candidates in order of preference, by marking candidates as their first, second, third, and subsequent choices. The votes are tabulated in rounds, with the lowest-ranked candidates eliminated in each round until there are only two candidates left. The one who is determined to have received the majority of the votes (more than 50%) in the final round is declared the winner.

### 2. How will RCV work?

The tabulation process and other details of implementing RCV are explained in the rules that govern the process. You can also view our examples of marked ballots to learn how the tabulation rules are applied. If no candidate wins a majority of votes on Election Night in the races that have three or more candidates, the ballots and memory devices from each municipality are securely transported to a central tabulation site in Augusta. There, the winner is determined via rounds.

### 3. How can I learn more about the candidates and issues on the November 6 General Election and Referendum ballots?

The Department of the Secretary of State will post a 2018 Citizens’ Guide to the Referendum Election, on our Upcoming Elections page.

### 4. Hasn’t RCV been deemed unconstitutional in Maine?

The Justices of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court issue a unanimous advisory opinion at the request of legislators in May, 2017, concluding that the parts of the ranked-choice voting law that apply to

general elections for State Representative, State Senator and Governor were unconstitutional under the Maine Constitution because the Maine Constitution requires the winners of those offices in a general election to be decided by a plurality. Primary elections in Maine and elections for federal offices are governed by statute and not by the Maine Constitution.

### 5. What if I want to rank my choices among the write-in candidates?

The ranked-choice voting law states that “a voter may include no more than one write-in candidate among that voter’s

ranked choices for each office.” Thus, you will see only one space on your ballot to write in a candidate’s name and rank that candidate. You can view the full list of qualified write-in candidates on our Upcoming Elections page. All write-in candidates for the Nov. 6 General Election must be formally declared as such prior to the Sept. 7, 2018 deadline; write-in votes for any undeclared persons will not be counted.

For more information, please visit [www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html)

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## News from Around Town

### Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 8am-6:30pm  
(or until pies are gone)

Why spend hours in the kitchen when you can get homemade pies (and various other deserts) for Thanksgiving and support the Fire Department at the same time?!?! Only \$8 per pie.

If you are able to make a pie also please contact Firefighter Kenneth Chase at (207) 417-0965. Please have all pies at the station Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> between 6pm and 8pm.

### Thanksgiving Dinners

If you or someone you know is in need of a Thanksgiving Dinner this Thanksgiving, please call Pam at the Town Office 666-5531.

### Holiday Giving Tree

The giving season is coming quickly and we have already started preparations here at the Town Office. There will be two different businesses hosting our giving tree. The Bowdoinham Country Store and the Bowdoinham Hardware Store.

If you would like to help bring some holiday cheer to our fellow residents all you need to do is go to the Bowdoinham Country Store or the Bowdoinham Hardware Store starting November 19<sup>th</sup> and choose a gift tag from the tree. The gift tags will have all the pertinent information that is needed. We ask that you bring the unwrapped gift (along with the gift tag attached) back to the Town Office or Library by Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

The purpose of this tree is to help any resident, family, or elderly person who may be in need this time of year. Please know that the name(s) are kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions or know a family or someone who may need help this season, please call Pam at the Town Office at 666-5531.

### Heating Assistance Program

Winter is right around the corner and the heating assistance program needs your help. This program is funded entirely from private and business donations as well as fundraising efforts, since it began in 2008. Please consider making a donation, to help your neighbors stay warm this winter. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Town Office at 13 School Street. For more information, please contact the Town Office at 666-5531.

### Recycling Barn Tips

*Is the Barn open on Thanksgiving?*

NO, but we are open on Saturday after Thanksgiving and that is when the curbside pick-up will happen as well.

*What do I do with my Holiday items?*

*Wrapping paper* including foil paper, is mixed paper. Paper can be torn, and leaves a rough, almost feathery edge when you do so. Paper can be crumpled in your hand and does not uncrumple much when you let it go. Plastic wrap is not easy to tear, does not stay crumpled when released from your hand, and is not recyclable. It goes in your tagged trash. *Real Trees* can be brought to public works for chipping, or recycled into pea brush, bird shelter near the feeder, or a bonfire at home. The needles or smallest branches can be made into balsam pillows for those who can't get home for Christmas and the "cookie", the end half inch of the trunk can be sawn off and made into a yearly ornament for the family tree, with the year and the names of the celebrants on it. Brush can be piled over tender plants to help protect them from ice and heaving in the spring time. The trunks of several trees can become bean poles or tent poles, or sawn into camp fire length for the summer. *Artificial Trees* may be brought to the Barn gift shop annex. *Wreaths* may be brought to the Barn and placed in the small wood box. *Candles* may be brought to the R Barn and placed in the gift shop, or the ends may be melted down and formed into new candles. (Never melt wax directly over a flame, always

heat a larger container of water in which your smaller can of wax is warmed, and remember to use hot mitts!) *Bows and Ribbon* may be placed in a plastic bag and placed in the gift shop.

*Ornaments and Garland* may be placed in boxes or bags and placed in the gift shop. *Cards and Gift Boxes* are mixed paper. *Too Much Food* - if it's still packaged it can go to the Bowdoinham Food Pantry. We can handle food, including fats, bones and meats, but we *can't handle plastic!!* Please remove the plastic when placing the food in the food waste barrel. It will never break down, and makes it extremely difficult (and really yucky) to handle.

### Advertising in The Bowdoinham News

The Bowdoinham News is published six times per year in January, March, May, July, September and November by the Bowdoinham Department of Community and Economic Development. It is mailed directly to the all households in Bowdoinham (approximately 1,400) and placed on our website. Advertising is restricted to businesses located in Bowdoinham. The ad rates for 2019 are as follows:

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4.5" wide by 1.5" high is \$30  
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For more information, please contact Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com.

### Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2018 – 2019 Speaker Series

at 7:00pm

*Curtis Memorial Library*

November 14th  
Arnold's 1775 Quebec Expedition and Its Passage Through Merrymeeting Bay by Stephen Clark, Arnold Expedition Historical Society

December 12th  
Invasive Worms, Oh My!  
by Gary Fish, Maine State Horticulturist, Dept. of ACF

**State of Maine Sample Ballot  
General Election, November 6, 2018  
for  
Bowdoinham**

**Instructions to Voters**

To vote, fill in the oval like this ●

To rank your candidate choices, fill in the oval:

- In the 1st column for your 1st choice candidate.
- In the 2nd column for your 2nd choice candidate, and so on.

Continue until you have ranked as many or as few candidates as you like.

Fill in no more than one oval for each candidate or column.

To rank a write-in candidate, write the person's name in the write-in space and fill in the oval for the ranking of your choice.

U.S. Senator	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice
<b>Brakey, Eric L.</b> Auburn Republican	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>King, Angus S., Jr.</b> Brunswick Independent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Ringelstein, Zak</b> Yamouth Democratic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Write-in</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Rep. to Congress District 1	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice
<b>Grohman, Martin J.</b> Biddeford Independent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Holbrook, Mark I.</b> Brunswick Republican	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Pingree, Chellie</b> North Haven Democratic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Write-in</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## State of Maine Sample Ballot General Election, November 6, 2018

### Instructions to Voters

To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the right, like this: ●

To vote for a Write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the Write-in space and write in the person's name.

To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.

If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

#### **Governor** Vote for ONE (1)

**Caron, Alan** ○  
Freeport  
Independent

**Hayes, Teresea M.** ○  
Buckfield  
Independent

**Mills, Janet T.** ○  
Farmington  
Democratic

**Moody, Shawn H.** ○  
Gorham  
Republican

**Write-in** ○

#### **State Senator** District 23 Vote for ONE (1)

**Donakson, Richard W.** ○  
Georgetown  
Republican

**Vitelli, Eloise A.** ○  
Arrowsic  
Democratic

**Write-in** ○

#### **Rep. to the Legislature** District 55 Vote for ONE (1)

**Berry, Seth A.** ○  
Bowdoinham  
Democratic

**Lebida, Guy M.** ○  
Bowdoin  
Republican

**Write-in** ○

#### **County Treasurer** Sagadahoc County Vote for ONE (1)

**Ward, Sarah Michelle** ○  
Topsham  
Democratic

**Write-in** ○

#### **Register of Deeds** Sagadahoc County Vote for ONE (1)

**Moore, Lynn C.** ○  
Woolwich  
Republican

**Write-in** ○

#### **District Attorney** District 6 Vote for ONE (1)

**Irving, Natasha C.** ○  
Waldoboro  
Democratic

**Lieberman, Jonathan** ○  
West Bath  
Republican

**Write-in** ○

#### **County Commissioner** Sagadahoc District 2 Vote for ONE (1)

**Hobart, Brian D.** ○  
Bowdoinham  
Republican

**Write-in** ○

**State of Maine Sample Ballot  
Referendum Election, November 6, 2018**

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22  
40  
41  
42  
43  
51

<b>Instructions to Voters</b>	<b>Question 3: Bond Issue</b>	<b>Question 5: Bond Issue</b>
<p>To vote for a question, fill in the oval to the right of the YES or NO choice, like this: ●</p> <p>To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choices.</p> <p>If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.</p>	<p>Do you favor a \$106,000,000 bond issue, including \$101,000,000 for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities and equipment related to ports, piers, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds, and \$5,000,000 for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings?</p>	<p>Do you favor a \$15,000,000 bond issue to improve educational programs by upgrading facilities at all 7 of Maine's community colleges in order to provide Maine people with access to high-skill, low-cost technical and career education?</p> <p>Total estimated life time cost is \$19,125,000 representing \$15,000,000 in principal and \$4,125,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5.0% over 10 years).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question 1: Citizen Initiative</b></p>	<p>Total estimated life time cost is \$135,150,000 representing \$106,000,000 in principal and \$29,150,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5.0% over 10 years).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>You Have Now Completed Voting</b></p>
<p>Do you want to create the Universal Home Care Program to provide home-based assistance to people with disabilities and senior citizens, regardless of income, funded by a new 3.8% tax on individuals and families with Maine wage and adjusted gross income above the amount subject to Social Security taxes, which is \$128,400 in 2018?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question 4: Bond Issue</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question 2: Bond Issue</b></p> <p>Do you favor a \$30,000,000 bond issue to improve water quality, support the planning and construction of wastewater treatment facilities and assist homeowners whose homes are served by substandard or malfunctioning wastewater treatment systems?</p> <p>Total estimated life time cost is \$38,250,000 representing \$30,000,000 in principal and \$8,250,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5.0% over 10 years).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Do you favor a \$49,000,000 bond issue to be matched by at least \$49,000,000 in private and public funds to modernize and improve the facilities and infrastructure of Maine's public universities in order to expand workforce development capacity and to attract and retain students to strengthen Maine's economy and future workforce?</p> <p>Total estimated life time cost is \$62,475,000 representing \$49,000,000 in principal and \$13,475,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5.0% over 10 years).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p>	

**Specimen Ballot  
Town of Bowdoinham, Maine  
Municipal Election  
November 6, 2018**

**Instructions to Voters**

- ◆ To vote for the candidate(s) of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●
- ◆ To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the write-in space and write in the person's name.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
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**For Selectman, Assessor and  
Overseer of the Poor  
(3 Year Term)  
Vote for 1**

**WALLING, THOMAS R**  
Bowdoinham

.....Write-in

**School Board Member  
(3 Year Term)  
Vote for 1**

**TOME, RACHELLE A**  
Bowdoinham

.....Write-in

# THE BOWDOINHAM NEWS

## Community Calendar

### November

**6th**  
Elections, 8am-8pm  
Town Hall

**7th**  
Waterfront Re-Development Meeting  
Bowdoinham Community School, 6pm

**11th**  
Town Office Closed

**20th**  
Pie Sale, 8am-6pm  
Bowdoinham Fire Station

**22nd & 23rd**  
Town Office Closed

### HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

November 30th  
December 1st & 2nd

### December

**5th**  
BCDI Annual Meeting, 5pm  
Merrymeeting Hall

**9th**  
BHS Annual Holiday Party, 2pm

**24th & 25th**  
Town Office Closed

### January

**1st**  
Town Office Closed

### 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

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

#### Age Friendly Bowdoinham

2nd Monday of Month at 2:30pm

#### Community Development Advisory Committee\*

1st Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

\*Committee has openings

**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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Bowdoinham, ME 04008

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