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Island talent takes center stage tonight

The Jamestown Community Center will be the place to be tonight, Aug. 25, as the Jamestown Community Chorus presents its 2005 lineup of talent at 7:30 p.m. in "Discover the Hidden Talents of Jamestown."

Master of ceremonies Frank Darigan will not only introduce old favorites, such as the fabulous Jamestown Community Band, the popular Men's Chorus of Jamestown, and the rib-tickling Kathy Brownell Follies, but he will also introduce the audience to some new and exciting local talent for old and young alike.

In addition to the raffle, which will award prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50 island-wide gift certificates, the event will also have a silent auction that will feature such treasures as a painting by a local artist, a handmade quilt, a leather music folder, a hand-blown glass paperweight, hand-crafted mahogany stand, and a flower arrangement from the Secret Garden, to name a few.

All proceeds from the show, raffle, silent auction, and sale of refreshments will benefit future programs of the chorus.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for seniors and children.

St. Mark festival this Saturday

St. Mark Church will hold its annual Parish Family Festival this Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The festival will feature many games and activities for children, including basketball, a fishing game, and face painting.

Food items will abound with chowder, hot dogs, hamburgers, and meatball sandwiches on the menu, along with doughboys and watermelon.

There will be a white elephant table, a bake sale, a garden shop and booths for crafts and jewelry.

An auction of many wonderful items will be held at 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend this event.

Benefit to replace antique fire wheels

The fire department will hold a fund-raising dinner this Saturday night that will enable them to replace antique wooden wheels on two of its museum pieces.

The "Meals for Wheels" spaghetti dinner will be held this Saturday, Aug. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. and will feature pasta, bread, salad, and beverages along with a

DJ to play "dinner music," according to firefighter Melissa Hicks, also the department's chief cook.

Hicks said that the benefit will help the department buy new wheels for the 1894 La France steam pumper and for the 1859 Hercules #7 hand pumper. Each wheel will be hand replicated by artisans in the Amish country of Pennsylvania, Hicks said, adding that they cost \$600 each.

The hope is to raise enough for all eight wheels, or \$4,800, Hicks said.

Tickets cost \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under, and they will be available at the door.

Band featured at Sunday concert

The Jamestown Community Band will be the musicians for the final Sunday night summer concert at East Ferry.

This popular local band will play an assortment of peppy tunes that are sure to get everyone's toes tapping.

The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Community Center if it rains.

Island land trust to hold annual meeting

The Conanicut Island Land Trust will hold its annual meeting at the Grange at 6 West St. on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m.

Current directors will discuss efforts to protect from development critical parcels not otherwise protected in the center island greenway extending from the



Ava White plays the Star Wars theme while dressed as Princess Lea during auditions Monday for the annual talent show hosted by the Jamestown Community Chorus. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Community Center.

Photo by Andrea vonHohenleiten

town-owned golf course on the south to the North Pond reservoir.

New officers and new directors will also be elected. Refreshments will be served.

Garden tour tickets available

Discounted advance tickets to the Aug. 27 "Fall Into Jamestown" Garden Tour are still available for \$12 each at Baker's Pharmacy and the Secret Garden.

Tourgoers will get a chance to

see seven island gardens that include a magnificent 40- by 60-foot water feature, two garden railways, and much more.

On the day of the tour, tickets, at \$15 each, will be sold only at the ticket booth at 230 Conanicut Ave., next door to the police station.

The tour is sponsored by the Quononoquott Garden Club, and proceeds will be used to support the club's ongoing civic beautification efforts.

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