

BankNewport collecting art supplies

The community is invited to join BankNewport in "Giving the Gift of Color" this holiday season to support the Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol Counties' "Kids Art Therapy Program." BankNewport will be collecting art supplies at all branch locations now through Jan. 6, 2007.

Stop by the nearest BankNewport branch to drop off art supplies such as markers, glue sticks, modelling clay, crayons,

chalk, and colored pencils. All of the items have been requested by the teachers and youths participating in the "Kids Art Therapy Program." Donated items must be in the original packaging. A complete list of the art supplies requested, along with collection receptacles, is on display now at all BankNewport branches throughout Newport and Bristol Counties.

The Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol Counties

serves victims of domestic violence through critical support services. WRC creates opportunities for individual change and empowerment through support, advocacy, education and training. WRC promotes positive legislative political and social change as they work toward eradicating domestic violence in our community. Through art, children who witness domestic violence are able to express their feelings about these traumatic events, which perhaps they have no words for, only pictures.

To learn more about the special holiday collection drive to benefit the WRC "Kids Art Therapy Program," contact BankNewport's Community Relations Department at 845-8673.

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Birders invited to Cape Cod

Anyone who is a lover of the outdoors and doesn't mind bundling up to look for winter birds can consider joining the Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Winter Birding on Cape Cod trip, Jan. 19 to 21.

The Audubon Society is sponsoring this trip to the shores of Cape Cod due to the area's reputation for excellent winter birding. Following the bustle of the summer tourism season, sea ducks, and winter migrants highlight Cape Cod's coastal areas. The group will spend the weekend birding from Falmouth to Provincetown with the guidance of Audubon staff members who are expert birders. Some species that are typically found on the Cape this time of year include Shrikes, Alcids, Barrow's Golden-eye, Harlequin Ducks, Short-eared Owls and many more.

The group departs at 8:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 19, from Audubon headquarters, located at the Powder Mill Ledges Wildlife Refuge, 12 Sanderson Rd. in Smithfield and returns at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21.



Heather A. Harder

Harder receives degree from U. Idaho

Heather A. Harder graduated Dec. 9 from the University of Idaho. Harder received a bachelor's degree in marketing. After a trip to China, scheduled for February 2007, Harder will pursue a career in marketing.

She is the daughter of Mike and Mary Harder of Hailey, Idaho and granddaughter of Ed and Barbara Morinho of Jamestown.

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The trip's cost is \$345, which includes a shared room for two nights. Add \$50 for a single room. The Audubon Society's discounted member rate is \$300 for a shared room and an additional \$50 for a single room. Accommodations include a continental breakfast. For lunch and dinner the group will dine in area restaurants, and participants are in charge of paying for their own meals. Bring a bagged lunch for the first day.

Reservations are limited and will be filled on a first-come basis. For more information or to register please contact the Audubon at 401-949-5454 ext. 3041.

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