

# Upcoming

## School report night rescheduled

The school report night originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the Melrose school multi purpose room. The evening will focus on the results of the NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) testing for the year 2006-2007. Results of the tests will be explained and there will be a question and answer period.

## Osprey topic of Powell lecture

The Friends of the Jamestown Library present "The Voyage of Comet," with Chris Powell on Thursday, April 19, at 7 p.m.

Chris Powell will present a 45-minute program on the raptor project. There will be time allowed for questions.

The Conanicut Island Raptor Project (CIRP) is dedicated to the preservation, study and enjoyment of Jamestown's birds of prey. It is CIRP's belief that an informed community that values its wildlife will act responsibly to protect wild animals and the habitat on which they depend for survival.

CIRP is a community partnership that includes the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, the Conanicut Island Land Trust, the Jamestown Conservation Commission, the Jamestown Education Foundation (JEF), the Jamestown School Department, the Town of Jamestown, the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RITBA) and Dr. Rob Bierregaard, UNC Charlotte. Its purpose is to educate the public about the important link between wildlife and the natural habitat that supports it.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 423-7280.

## Island chorus goes international

The Jamestown Community Chorus will usher in spring with concerts on Saturday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 6, at 3

p.m. at Central Baptist Church.

The chorus will present a concert of heritage songs, "Going Home," reflecting the various backgrounds of its singers.

When the chorus took a recent poll, it was discovered that the backgrounds of the singers covered about 25 nationalities. Selections in song and dance from 15 countries are in the May program, including some from Italy, Australia, Brazil, and Hungary.

One song from Poland, featuring soloist Christine Ariel, and titled "Regle" (forests), is a song traditionally sung by a girl on a mountainside.

Another song, Italy's "Ola o che bon echo!," has a four-part chorus with an echo from Christine Ariel, Bruce Foresman, Steve Mecca, and Cheryl Rebecchi.

Songs from the Russian, French, and Germanic traditions are also in the spring program.

General admission is \$11 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children. For reservations, call 423-1574. Tickets may be purchased in mid-April at Baker's Pharmacy, Jamestown Hardware, Secret Garden, from chorus members, or at the door.

Visit [www.jamestownri.com/chorus](http://www.jamestownri.com/chorus) for further details.

## Garden tips and hints at library

The Friends of the Jamestown Library will host "Gardening in Containers," on Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the library. This program, presented by Holly Howard from the Secret Garden in Jamestown, will feature tips and hints on the best practices to get the most from your container gardens.

A raffle will be held at the end of the program.

If you're tired of the cold and are ready for planning your garden, join the group at the library. This program is free and open to

the public. For more information, contact the library at 423-7280.

## Book group reads 'Hard Way'

The afternoon book discussion at the Jamestown library continues on Tuesday, April 10, at 1 p.m. with the book "The Hard Way: a Jack Reacher novel," by Lee Child. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month.

Future meetings and books are: Tuesday, May 8, "One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd," by Jim Fergus; Tuesday, June 12, "The Light That Failed," by Rudyard Kipling; and Tuesday, July 10, "The Devil In The White City: Murder, Magic & Madness And The Fair That Changed America," by Erik Larson.

For more information, call the library at 423-7280. This book may be obtained through the Jamestown Library by placing holds on one of the many copies in the state available through the Cooperating Libraries Automated Network (CLAN). Registration is not required. The meetings are free and open to the public and new members are encouraged to join.

## Spring bird count on the horizon

The 2007 Conanicut Island spring bird count will take place Saturday, May 12, from 6:30 a.m. to noon. The count will start at the Jamestown Police Station. For more information, contact Candy Powell at 423-1492 or Evelyn Rhodes at 423-1254.

## Plan now for May fiesta

The Friends of the Jamestown Library announce ticket sales to the Cinco de Mayo Party and Fund Raiser (formerly Mardi Gras in May). This major event will be

held on Saturday, May 5, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club on Narragansett Avenue.

The PAC Club will be gaily decorated for a fiesta. A live and silent auction, delicious hors d'oeuvres, a Mexican cuisine buffet, as well as the live Latin sounds of "Chivas Bus" will highlight the evening. Sombrosos and passports are optional.

Tickets are \$50 per person and are now on sale at the library. Tables of 10 may be reserved. Tickets are limited, so don't wait.

## "Oklahoma!" at Prout School

The performing arts department at The Prout School will perform the 1943 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" Thursday, April 26 through Sunday, April 29. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Five seniors will perform for the final time with The Prout School. Megan Mc Gowan is playing the role of Laurey, Chris Dieman is playing Curly, Theresa Masse is playing Aunt Eller, Andrew Frappier is playing Andrew Carnes and

Lauren St. Amant is playing the role of Gertie Cummings.

Oklahoma is expected to sell out, so order tickets early. Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and senior citizens. They may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the box office at 789-9262 ext. 548.

## Rhode Island's silver legacy

Melissa Buchanan, a curatorial assistant in the RISD decorative arts department, will speak at the Jamestown library about the history of the esteemed Gorham Manufacturing Company on April 12, at 7 p.m.

The illustrated lecture features vivid images from the RISD museum's collection of silver and original design drawings.


Ms. Buchanan is a graduate of the distinguished Winterthur Program in Early American Culture and has a Bachelors Degree in American Studies from Yale University.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 423-7280.

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