

About town

Summer dance camp being organized

Mary Beth Murphy will teach a summer dance camp for children ages 4 to 12 at the Jamestown Recreation Department's dance studio located at 32 Pemberton Ave. during the months of July and August.

Creative Dance for children ages 4 and 5 years will explore a story or theme through movement, imagery, creative play and props. The class meets Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the weeks beginning July 9, July 16 and Aug. 1. The cost is \$65 per week.

Young Dancers, for children ages 6 to 8 years old meets Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. during the weeks of July 9, July 16 and Aug. 6 and students will have a daily technique class. The balance of each day will consist of classes in jazz/hip hop, modern dance, act-

ing and make-up for the stage. Students will also learn how to watch a dance performance and how to make up their own dances. The cost is \$110 per week.

Pre-Teen Dance, for 9-12 year-olds will meet Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., during the weeks of July 23 and July 30. The class consists of daily technique followed

by a variety of experiences such as improvisation, choreography, jazz/hip hop, modern dance, make-up, acting for dancers and dance criticism. The cost is \$150 per week.

Students may enroll for one, two or three weeks. Register by June 29 at the community center. For more information, call Mary Beth at 423-2691.

Library friends to meet

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Jamestown Library will be held on Wednesday, June 13, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Thad Koza, the tall ships photographer and author will be the guest speaker. There will be a short business meeting before the speaker and refreshments will be

served. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Koza, a native Rhode Islander, has photographed and taken part in sailing excursions on tall ships for more than 20 years. Koza has written many magazine articles on ships with an emphasis on their historical significance. His presentation will focus on the tall ships that will be part of The Amica Insurance Tall Ships Rhode Island 2007 which will be in Newport Harbor from June 27 to July 1.

Latin dance classes continue

The Jamestown Parks and Recreation Department will be starting new sessions of its two adult dance/exercise classes on Thursday evenings at the community center beginning June 7.

Latin Workout will run from 6 to 7 p.m., and will be followed by Latin Beginners Dance, from 7 to 8 p.m. Classes will be on June 7, 13, 20, 27 and July 12 and 26.

For Latin Workout, no partner is necessary. Participants will learn basic rhythms of merengue, cha-cha, rumba and samba. It's a chance to get the feet moving to beautiful and exciting Latin music. Latin dance uses every part of the body. It is fun, aerobic, and it will increase flexibility. Bring comfortable clothes and shoes with a smooth sole to swivel and turn.

Latin Beginners is a class for partner dancing, but dancers may still join without a partner. The class is both romantic and fun. By dancing the merengue and cha-cha with a partner, dancers are gearing up for the faster pace of salsa dancing in future classes.

Learn the basic steps and skill to lead and follow in partner dancing.

Both classes are taught by Kana Kubota.

Kubota has previously taught at Dance New York, New York Athletic Club, Greenwich House Music School, Rivertown Art Council, and many other locations. For more information, call 423-7260. Registration forms are available at the community center or can be downloaded from www.jamestownri.net/rec/rec.html.

Botanical garden visit set

The Quononoquott Garden Club will take a trip to the Roger Williams Park Botanical Garden as part of their June 12 monthly meeting.

Opened to the public in March of this year, the new center offers the largest, at 12,000 square feet, public display gardens in New

England. It also features a 40-foot tall conservatory, as well as a 68-foot linear pool. The club has long been a supporter of this project.

After the business meeting on the park grounds, the hospitality team will provide a picnic lunch for everyone to enjoy to celebrate the hard work and success of the 2007 plant sale. Bring a lawn chair. Everyone will meet at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's church to carpool to Providence.

Contest underway

The annual Jamestown Civic Beautification Contest has begun, and merchants in the village are reminded to get their window boxes, container gardens and in-ground gardens in shape in time for judging in late July.

Ribbons will be awarded in all categories for first, second and honorable mentions. For more information, contact Betty Ann Taylor at 423-0120.

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