

# Upcoming

## Writing workshop at farm planned

A workshop on writing nature poetry will be held Sunday, July 22, at Watson Farm.

This is the second in a series of three writing workshops to be held at Historic New England's Watson Farm in Jamestown. It will take place from 9 a.m. to noon.

This workshop will focus on poetry through observation. Participants will have the opportunity to create poems from close obser-

vations of the natural environs at the Watson Farm. Exercises, examples and discussions will focus on the ways nature-based poetry can be employed to become more fully aware of the natural world.

Ira Schaeffer and Patte Weathers-Parry, both published poets, will lead the workshop. Group sharing and discussion of written work is encouraged. Open to journal writers and poets of all levels.

Take a single workshop or register for both, \$10 for Historic New England members or \$20 for non-members. To register and request more information, contact Heather Minto at 423-0005.

The third workshop in the series will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, and will continue to help writers to incorporate sensory images and details from nature into their poetry.

## Diepenbrock exhibit at Newport art museum

A new show at the Newport Art Museum gives visitors a look at the experimental phase of the creative process, something most people never see.

"Through the Looking Glass... an Installation," by Jamestown resident Peter Diepenbrock, will be a work in progress for the next three weeks. Diepenbrock expects to finish the installation on or about July 12. During this early period, visitors will be invited to observe while the artist assembles the large wire installation in the

museum's Wright Gallery.

"Through the Looking Glass," runs through Sept. 2 and the museum will host an opening reception during Newport Gallery Night, July 12, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Diepenbrock's metal sculpture "Torsion," was awarded best-in-show last year at the museum's Annual Juried Exhibition, which is now called the Newport Annual. "Torsion" was part of the artist's Monogenesis series, which explored the emergence of shape, form and line from the spontane-

ous repetition of a single basic element: small rectangular steel plates.

Diepenbrock views his latest exhibit as "an opportunity to break from that body of work... I'm introducing a different method than the Monogenesis series, which produced hard, armor-like forms."

Like "Torsion," the form that results from Diepenbrock's work over the next few weeks will be progressive, meaning that it will take shape from the spontaneous repetition of the same basic element. This time, the artist is using crescents of wire so "there will be no grinding, no welding, no dust...it will be a much quieter method." The resulting "cloud-like form will expand to fill the volume of the gallery."

His work may also be seen at Didi Suydam Contemporary in Newport.

The Newport Art Museum is located at 76 Bellevue Avenue across from Touro Park. For more information, call 848-8200 or visit [www.newportartmuseum.com](http://www.newportartmuseum.com).

## Navy celebrates America's Fourth

Tomorrow night Dewey Field will be transformed into the venue of the summer when Naval Station Newport and the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Department present the "Celebrate America" concert and fireworks extravaganza, featuring the Navy Band Northeast.

Rhode Island Sound, the band's contemporary music and classic rock ensemble, will open the show at 6 p.m. At approximately 7 p.m. the concert band will take the stage to perform patriotic marches and light concert pieces. The program will include a salute to veterans of all services.

A spectacular 25-minute fire-

works display beginning about 9 p.m. The general public will be allowed entry through Gate One to Naval Station Newport, beginning at 4 p.m. Gate One is the main entrance near the Officers' Club.

DJ music, food and beverage concessions, and inflatable slides and games for kids at Dewey Field will begin at 5 p.m. The Naval War College Museum will remain open with extended hours that evening in support of the event. The concert rain date is Saturday, June 30.

The concert and fireworks are sponsored by Budweiser /Anheuser Busch, Home Depot and United Services Automobile Association (USAA).

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