

About Town

Sidewalk chalk artist gathering

Artists of all ages can show off their talents on Wednesday, Aug. 15, in a one-day sidewalk art extravaganza to be held around the recreation center from noon to 3:30 p.m. The cost to enter is \$5 per square, and each team or individual will be provided with a set of pastel chalks to create a drawing within a 4- by 4- foot square. Space is limited and will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

The categories for judging will be children (8-12), teens (13-17), and family. Family teams must consist of at least one child under 12 years old and one adult over 18. Children and teens can work individually or in groups. The category of the team will be determined by the age of the eldest member. Participants must register by noon and have until 3 p.m. to complete their drawings. Several community members will judge the squares and cash prizes will be awarded to the best square in each category. The public will also be able to vote for the People's Choice award. To-

kens will be on sale, at 5 for a \$1, and the square with the most votes will receive a prize.

Registration forms must be completed for all teams or individuals of any age and are available at the recreation center. Artists may register on the day of the event, but space is limited. A rain date is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 16. For more information, contact Melissa Minto at jamestownteens@yahoo.com or Julia Montminy at juliamontminy@cox.net for more information.

Farm tours part of 350th events

The Jamestown farming community has put together two special events as part of the 350th Anniversary celebration. Historic New England's Watson Farm will be hosting a guided tour on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 4 p.m. Led by farm managers Don and Heather Minto, this tour will focus on the agricultural history of Conanicut Island. There is a \$3.50 fee for the tour. No pre-registration is required.

There will be two trolley tours

of Jamestown's working farms on Friday, Aug. 17, at 2 and 4 p.m. Organized by the Jamestown Farm Viability Committee, this is a rare opportunity to visit Jamestown's working farms and meet the farmers. The trolley will leave Melrose school promptly at 2 and 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Tickets are \$3.50 and are on sale at Baker's Pharmacy, Jamestown Hardware and Watson Farm. For more information, contact Heather Minto at 423-0005.

Talent show coming next week

The 18th Annual Talent Show, "350 Years: Then and Now," has something for everyone, with both new and repeat performers.

So far, signed acts include John Biddle, Emily Anthony, Ava White, the Kathy Brownell follies, Janet Grant on piano, and the Barbershop group, "Just 4 Fun." Several surprises and at least two world premieres of new songs are promised.

Frank Darigan will once again serve as Master of Ceremonies on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Jamestown Community Center, 41 Conanicut Ave.

Anyone may try out for the show at open auditions on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 13 and 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the community center. A piano accompanist will be available.



Victory Day on Monday

The island's veterans groups will commemorate Victory Day on Monday, Aug. 13, by displaying U.S. flags at the East Ferry Veterans' Memorial Square.

Volunteers are needed to help put up the flags at 7 a.m. on Monday, and to take them down again at 3 p.m.

Anyone who has a flag that has draped the casket of a veteran and wants to donate it to be part of the island's patriotic displays can call Don Richardson at 423-0220 or Bruce Livingston at 423-0627.

Abate headlines Sunday concert

The Jamestown Parks and Recreation Department Summer Music Series continues the season this Sunday evening, Aug. 12, at the East Ferry Memorial Square with a concert by one of Rhode Island's finest jazz musicians, international recording artist Greg Abate.

Co-sponsored by Integrated Management Solutions, Inc. and Trattoria Simpatico, Abate is a world-class alto sax player, and his outdoor show in Jamestown is an event that music lovers should not miss.

Abate is noted by jazz reviewers as one of the best post-bebop alto players today. His playing is sincere, intense and swinging. Since graduating Berklee College of Music in 1971, Abate has gained international recognition performing with the likes of Ray Charles and the Artie Shaw Orchestra.

The concert takes place from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and is free to the public. Bring blankets or beach chairs and enjoy an evening of cool jazz. In case of rain, the show will be held across the street inside the community center.

350th tea and treats on Monday

The Quononoquott Garden Club will commemorate the 350th Anniversary of the purchase of Conanicut Island from the Narragansett Indians with "Tea and Delicacies," at the community center on Monday, Aug. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$3.50 at Baker's Pharmacy and the Secret Garden. There are only 100 available, so plan to get them early.

During the tea, a program will

be conducted by former Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs' president and well-known floral designer, Candace Morgenstern. Her exquisite floral creations will be auctioned off after the event.

Members of the club will serve hot or iced tea along with scrumptious homemade treats. The club promises a lovely two hours at a nominal cost.

For reservations, call Gloria at 789-1685 or email haythere93@hotmail.com.

Fall book discussions set

The Afternoon Book Discussion at the Jamestown library continues on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 1 p.m. with the book "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," by Lisa See.

After a lively discussion of "The Devil in the White City," the group decided to hold an August meeting. New participants are always welcome.

Future books for discussion and dates are as follows:

Sept. 11, "Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation," by Cokie Roberts. Oct. 9, "The Thirteenth Tale: A Novel," by Diane Setterfield.

Nov. 13, "Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia," by Elizabeth Gilbert.

For more information, call the library at 423-7280. These books may be obtained through the Jamestown library by placing holds on one of the many copies in the state available through the Ocean State Libraries Consortium. Registration is not required. The meetings are free and open to the public and new members are encouraged to join.

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