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ART

By Karen Krider

The community center will be overflowing with hand-crafted items, including jewelry of all kinds, pottery, glassware, clay creations, useful and decorative sculpture, photography and paintings, embroidered textiles, knitted and crocheted goods, scarves, children's clothing, "Island Treasures," and much, much more on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. You are sure to find several treasures for yourself, and perhaps tuck away a few gifts for later. Some new exhibitors will be showing their work, including artisans from the island. And it's all good - entry is free, and your support of this event helps fund CIAA scholarships for next year. Stop by after the Fools' Rules Regatta or in between all of the other fun things happening that day. Handicap-accessible parking is available on the Union Street side of the building.

Art Show News

The Annual Art Exhibit was a great success, with several hundred people attending the opening and a steady stream of art enthusiasts visiting the community center each subsequent day.

The juror, Dr. Karl Emil Willers, also attended the opening night reception to present awards in person. He wanted to meet and talk with Jamestown artists, since he was genuinely interested in, and enthusiastic about, the work in the show. Dr. Willers awarded prizes to: Irene Stawicki, First Place, oil on paper, "I Nearly Saw the Dalai Lama in my Green Fairy Shoes;" Martha Milot, Second Place, acrylic, "Crabbing - Dumplings Dock;" Jeremy Swain, Third Place, sculpture, "Are You My Mother?" and, Honorable Mentions to Eleanor Gravidahl, oil, "Hanging Rock;" Karen Krider, gelatin silver print, "Third Beach Memories;" Kate Petrie, photograph, "Over Crow-ded;" Wilson Pollack, acrylic, "Dutch Harbor;" and, Joe Vecchione, etching, "Moment." The "People's Choice" award went to Pat Tuff for her photograph, "Summer Hangout."

If you - or you and a few good friends - are interested in managing next year's art show, please contact Karen Krider at 423-3833. Tania Biddle, our intrepid show manager for the past two years, has been pressed into other service for the

CIAA and is retiring from the art show.

More Member News

The Portsmouth Art Guild has a busy gallery, with several members who are also CIAA artists, including founding members Wendy Crooks and Carol Gates. Deborah Lichtenstein and Ernie Savastano were part of the Six Plein Aire Painters Show that ran through July. The next Portsmouth show, "Abstractions," runs through August. Hours are Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Look for CIAA members in that show, too, as well as on accompanying wall spaces.

Barbara Marom-Pollack recently had a quilt on exhibit at the South County Museum.

Jeanne Bunkley's visually striking and historically fascinating show will be at the library through October. Even if you missed the lovely opening of the CIAA's new exhibition space, courtesy of the library and Judy



Bell, please don't miss seeing the show.

Membership

CIAA membership is open to any full- or part-time Jamestown resident, artists and non-artists alike. The cost of an individual membership is a whopping \$15. Contact Priscilla Foley at 423-2776 for more information. The CIAA is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation.



The Senior Times

By Charlotte Richardson

We're deep into summer now and some of the recent days have been true indicators of the power of nature, with temperatures soaring, and then on the other hand, some of them have cooled and comforted us with dry and sunny days. Whatever the case, it's summer. Enjoy it.

The folks at the Senior Center celebrated the Annual Senior and Volunteer Recognition Day and had a wonderful time doing so. Featured, once again, was the visit from the Salvatore Mancini Senior Center's Happy Notes, who brought their great variety show and wonderful chorus to entertain us. A good sized group of Jamestowners were present to enjoy the show and to take part in all of the festivities and the refreshments that followed.

Another highlight of the day was the awarding of the first ever Jamestown Senior Citizens Association Scholarship, which was presented to Deborah McMillan of Jamestown. Deborah is a URI student, hard at work on her goal to work in the nursing field. She qualified on all counts for the

scholarship that was founded to assist graduating high school seniors or students returning to the work force in their later years, specifically in the medical field. Vern Stromberg chaired the scholarship committee, and presented the award to McMillan.

On hand to further celebrate the occasion were Senator Teresa Paiva-Weed and Representative Bruce Long who brought citations from our General Assembly congratulating Deborah, as well as recognizing the efforts of the association in establishing the scholarship program. We thank all of those who applied for the scholarship and wish them well as they move forward with their educations. It was a great day!

The regular meeting of the Jamestown Senior Citizens Association's board of directors has been rescheduled for Monday, Aug. 27, at 1 p.m., at 165 Hamilton Ave. The focus will be on finalizing plans for the annual meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 5, and will be held in the Fort Getty Pavilion. There is no charge for members in good standing (dues paid for 2008/2007) but reservations are necessary, so please call 423-2658 to select your choice of the KFC meals on the menu and make your reservation. We will be collecting dues for the upcoming year 2007/2008 so bring them along, if you have not already paid.

"Protecting Your Nest Egg," an informational program on financial planning and preparation will be held at the senior center on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m.

This seminar will provide you with many ways to help secure your future, and is open to everyone regardless of age. Financial planning and all of its intricacies is more important now than ever before, and it's never to soon to begin. This program is not just for seniors, but will benefit everyone who acknowledges the need for planning. Included in the program will be information on many areas you may want to know about - estate taxes, probate, IRAs, gifting assets, ways to guarantee income for life, trusts, life insurance, long term care concerns, the role of insurance and others of concern for all of us. NOW is the time to get involved with your future.

This information will be presented to you by agents of the New York Life Insurance Company. It is intended to give you a general overview of a variety of topics. The speaker is not an attorney, nor a certified public account. The topics covered here involve a variety of issues, which will provide some general concepts for your own information.

There is no fee or registration required. Please mark the date on your calendar now and make plans to join us at the Jamestown Senior Center, 6 West St. For more information or questions, call 423-1026.

Last, but not least, we have scheduled a bus trip to Chicopee, Mass. for the Polynesian Christmas Show, on Wednesday, Nov. 8. The cost per person is \$62 and includes a wonderful meal, the bus ride and the show. Please call Josephine at 423-3719 or Charlotte at 423-1026 for details and to make your reservation.

Sing with the choristers

The Newport Navy Choristers are seeking new members in all voice ranges to sing with them for the 2007-2008 musical season.

The Choristers are a mixed singing group open to all members of the Newport Navy community, including active duty, reserve and retired military personnel, their spouses and family members 16 years of age and older, as well as Department of Defense employees.

There are no auditions for the main chorus. While experience is helpful, it is not necessary.

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 6:15 p.m. and continue on Tuesday nights in the Quinn Lecture Room in Pringle Hall at the Newport Naval War College.

Call Steve Larson at 619-1606 or JoAnn Loewenthal at 849-4823.

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