

About Town

Bat man back by popular demand

The Jamestown Philomenian Library will present "Bats: Fact, Fiction and Natural History," on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. The presentation, which is for students in grade 6 and up and adults, will be conducted by URI Coastal Institute Director Dr. Peter August, who is also a professor in the department of natural resources science.

Every night, millions of insects emerge into the sky. Many, such as mosquitoes, are in search of a blood meal. Lucky for humans, there is an ally who spends countless hours devouring and eliminating millions upon millions of insects. Without bats, life would be quite different. Nighttime activities would be impossible because increasing insect populations would make outings such as barbecues, picnics, and evening walks unbearable.

Many things people think they know about bats are not even true. Bats are not blind. They are not rodents, and they don't get tangled in your hair. The truth is, bats are among the most gentle, beneficial, and necessary animals on earth. Professor August will review the diversity of bats on global and regional scales. He will talk about the fascinating life history of Rhode Island bats, discuss the positive ecological functions bats serve, and go over bat-human interactions and public health risks.

A resident of Richmond, August received a bachelor's degree from the University of San Diego, a master's from Texas Tech University, and a Ph.D. from Boston University. August's research centers on conservation biology, landscape ecology, and the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in the analysis of environmental data.

This program is free and open to the public.

An aircraft carrier mission briefing

Friends of the Jamestown Library will sponsor a look at the fascinating beginnings and detailed history of the aircraft carrier today, Thursday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m.

Maj. Mike Coletta, USMC, a native Rhode Islander and current student at the Naval War College in Newport, will give the presentation using first-hand knowledge of these airports on water. Maj. Coletta has extensive experience flying F/A-18 aircraft including flying from aircraft carriers in day, night, and combat situations. Highly decorated, Coletta will speak of how ships and airplanes have come together in such a special way.

Watson Farm Quest Sunday

The Historic Watson Farm will be open for a special day this Sunday, Oct. 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. for the "Watson Farm Quest."

The quest is a scavenger hunt

for all ages and is free and open to the public. Created by students in grades 7 and 8 in the Project Based Learning class at Lawn Avenue School, the scavenger hunt explores the trails of Watson Farm and the natural wonders of farm life. Refreshments will be served. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, email jamestownteens@yahoo.com

Music for little ones at the library

Moms, dads, grandparents, and caregivers of young children and babies are invited to come gather around with Christopher "Kavi" Carbone, the musical troubadour of light and warmth. Participants will enjoy music, rhythms, movement, sing-able songs and more. This program, which will be held Monday, Oct. 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the Jamestown library, is geared towards all ages, especially very young children, to celebrate the fall season together.

"Kavi" Carbone has been working as a musician, performer and teaching artist for many years. Known for his heartfelt messages

and original style, Carbone is based in the Newport area, teaching and seeking to inspire people of all ages through the arts.

Registration is not required for this free program, which is sponsored by Friends of the Jamestown Library.

Eat pasta with the Democrats

The Jamestown Democratic Committee will hold a fund-raising pasta dinner on Saturday, Oct. 20, starting at 6 p.m. at the Portuguese American Citizen's Club, 138 Narragansett Ave.

Participants can meet the Democratic candidates for Town Council and School Committee and support their local Democratic Committee. Scheduled to be on hand as well are many of the Democratic state and federal officials.

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the door or from any Jamestown Democratic candidate. For more information, call Deb Ruggiero at 487-6415 or check the new website at www.jamestowndemocrats.com.



While discovering the details of our Town's Government on the Jamestown Charter Review Commission, I was taken back by how much **our quality of life relies on the support of Volunteers.**

Critical emergency services, like Fire and Rescue, plus our municipal boards, commissions and committees would not exist without hard working, dedicated and talented Volunteers.

The character, culture and beauty of **our island is truly enhanced** by many more volunteer groups that include; The Jamestown Historical Society, The Beavertail Lighthouse Museum, The Jamestown Community Band, The Community Theater, and The Conanicut Island Art Association, to name just a few.

From personal experience, my wife Cheryl and I have enjoyed making lasting friendships because of our involvement with several of these warm and welcoming organizations.



Sav Rebecchi

Wednesday, October 24th, from 7 to 9 pm the Library is holding a Volunteer Fair to help you learn about and consider enhancing your life as a volunteer.

Whether your interest is public safety, public service, history or just meeting your neighbors, I urge you to stop by the Jamestown Library **next Wednesday night.** I can guarantee you won't regret it!

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