

ABOUT TOWN

Coast Guard safety and rescue lecture

The Sailing Lecture Series hosted by the Friends of the Jamestown Library will welcome U.S. Coast Guard rescue personnel Andrew DeCoste BM2 and Mitch Miller SN on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Join them for a discussion on "Safety Issues and Rescues at Sea."

This will be an informative PowerPoint presentation covering important issues that impact both experienced boaters and the novice alike. Come hear of heroic rescues and of the important role the Coast Guard plays in keeping all who love the sea safe.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Call the library at 423-7280.

Next foreign film screening on March 6

The Friends of the Jamestown Library announce the showing of the third film in their 2008 Foreign Film Series, which will be screened on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. The film is the 2002 Iranian film "Baran."

"Baran" is directed by Majid Majidi and is a love story about a 17-year-old boy, Lateef, living in Teheran, working in the kitchen of a construction site.

When a young Afghan boy is hired to replace Lateef, he seeks revenge, and then discovers that the Afghan boy is a girl hiding her gender to help support her family. The director manages to make this a romantic fable that highlights the plight of the 1.5 million Afghani refugees in Iran. The film is 1 hour 34 minutes long.

All films are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the library at 423-7280. Refreshments will be served.

Musicians can apply for music award

The Jamestown Community Chorus is seeking applications for its second annual Music Award.

The award, supported in part by a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation, is intended to encourage interest in music among members of the Jamestown music community. The award will support a project or activity up to a maximum of \$500. It can fund expenses associated with the musical development of the recipient and can include such items as vocal or instrument lessons, tuition for a music-related course or program, books and materials, music, summer camp, undergraduate or graduate education, or an instrument.

Applicants must be in grade 6

or up. Adults and seniors are encouraged to apply.

Completed applications are due on March 31 and the award recipient will be notified by April 12. The Jamestown Community Chorus plans to present the award at their spring concert.

Applications are available at the Jamestown library, Baker's Pharmacy, or online at www.jamestownri.com/chorus/. Call Laura Yentch at 560-0071 for more information.

Taguchi to perform on community piano

The Jamestown Community Piano Association will present the first concert of the spring season on Sunday, March 2, at 4 p.m. at St. Matthew's church.

Hiroshi Taguchi will perform Franz Liszt's "Benediction of God in Solitude," and Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Sonata No.2." He will be joined by URI Associate Professor Manabu Takasawa for a piano duet performance of Igor Stravinsky's "Three Movements from Petroushka."

Taguchi has appeared at Lincoln Center and the Carnegie-Weil Recital Hall in New York City and performed Bach's Goldberg Variations in Washington D.C. for the commemoration of Bach's 315th birth year. Internationally, he has performed in his native Japan, Hong Kong, Ger-

many, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Taguchi is visiting Rhode Island from Los Angeles as a guest artist and judge at the URI Piano Extravaganza. The festival, held March 7 through March 9 at the URI Fine Arts Center, features performances by Dr. Taguchi as well as by URI faculty and students and an adjudicated competition open to pianists who have not yet entered college. Among the young pianists who Dr. Taguchi will be judging in the competition is Sam Hollister, an eleven-year-old Jamestown, who received ratings of excellent in last year's Extravaganza and represented Rhode Island in this year's Music Teachers National Association Student Competitions.

The Jamestown Community Piano, purchased by public subscription in November 2001, is a seven-foot Schimmel grand. The Jamestown Community Piano Association is an organization whose purpose is to maintain the piano for use by the community and to present concerts that feature the piano. The concerts are free. Donations for piano maintenance and performance support are appreciated.

For more information, call 423-0515.

Jamestown Chamber supports "Night for..."

The Jamestown Chamber of Commerce is soliciting letters of interest from local organizations to be the 2008 recipient of funds from its annual "Night for..." fund-raiser. In the past, the Chamber has raised funds for the Dutch Island Lighthouse, Jamestown Historical Society and Jamestown Farm community.

Rather than pre-select an organization to be this year's recipient, the Chamber is looking for local groups to submit a letter stating why they should be the recipient, what the funds would be used for, and how the organization would assist in event coordination. Any organization selected to be a fund recipient is expected to assist with event coordination from ticket sales and promotions to soliciting donations and event set-up and breakdown.

Priority will be given to Jamestown-based organizations and requests to use funds for specific projects vs. general operating funds. Submissions must be postmarked by Friday, March 28 and mailed to Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 35, Jamestown, RI 02835.

For more information, visit www.jamestownRIchamber.com.

Not all plastics are recyclable

Island Rubbish, the town's recycling contractor, is asking islanders to be aware that there are only two types of plastic items that are recyclable.

Only plastic jugs and bottles bearing a stamp on the bottom with a 1 or a 2 can be recycled. The caps must be removed. Currently no other plastics can be recycled.

Island Rubbish asks that residents not leave any other plastics in the blue bin for collection as it creates extra work for their drivers.

For more information on recycling, visit www.rirrc.org.

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