

## ABOUT TOWN

### Planning night for college-bound students

The North Kingstown High School Guidance Department is sponsoring its first annual Post-Secondary Planning Night on Wednesday, April 9, from 6 to 8 p.m.

All NKHS parents and students in grade 9 to 12 are invited to attend this exciting evening. The event will begin in the high school auditorium at 6 p.m. Students and parents will then choose from a variety of breakout sessions around the building. Highlights include a mini college fair, military representatives, apprenticeship programs, an NCAA Clearinghouse workshop, Financial Aid information, College and Career Planning and various medical field occupation workshops.

Call the NKHS Guidance De-

partment at 268-6240 for more information. No pre-registration is necessary.

### Garden club hosts talk on composting

Quononoquott Garden Club's first meeting of 2008 will be held at St. Matthew's Parish Hall on Monday, April 7.

The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m., with President Jill Meyer presiding. The club's fund-raising plant sale, set for Saturday, May 17, will be a major discussion topic.

Newest club member, Nancy Escher, will present a program at 1 p.m. called "What Every Gardener Wants - Compost." She will explain the myths and truths about compost and how to turn kitchen waste into "gold."

The new board members will

prepare a special Provencal-style luncheon for members and their guests.

### Vision to be discussed over breakfast

The final session of the 2008 Winter Breakfast Series, sponsored by the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, will be today - Thursday, April 3, from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Bay Voyage Inn.

The topic of the session will be "Jamestown Vision: Next Steps," featuring Town Planner Lisa Bryer, and Planning Commissioner Mike Swistak.

The cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, and includes a hot, buffet breakfast.

The Charrette Report can be downloaded at:

<http://www.jamestownri.net/plan/jamestownvisionreport.pdf>

This is an extensive report and the Chamber will not be providing hard copies at the meeting. RSVP to [info@jamestownRIchamber.com](mailto:info@jamestownRIchamber.com) or 423-3650.

## Photography show opens tonight

By Sam Bari

The Conanicut Island Art Association invites everyone to the Town Hall Gallery. Tonight, April 3 to mark the beginning of the "All Island, All Photography Show."

"We're happy to say that our first show, "Art in the Heart of Jamestown," was well received and a tremendous success," said CIAA Vice President Don Miller. "Consequently, we are continuing the program with the "All Island, All Photography Show" which will run from April 3 to May 29."

Miller said, "We learned a lot by talking to people coming to the first exhibit. We now have more of a feel for what people would like to see. The idea for an all photography show was mentioned a number of times, and the pieces that were entered are evidence of the high level of skills and imagination of island photographers. Many of the submissions would hold their own at any exhibit."

"We are particularly pleased with the excellent response by island residents," Miller continued. "We now have many new members, and the works are varied in both size and subject matter. If you'll pardon the cliché, there's something for everyone at this show, and I think everyone attending will be pleased with the high quality and variety of work," Miller said.

The CIAA plans to continue the program with other media on display. The next show will probably have an all watercolor theme, Miller said. He added that the idea is to give artists who work in every medium an opportunity to display their work.

The opening reception is tonight, Thursday, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Town Hall Gallery, 93 Narragansett Ave. Wine and cheese, provided by Phyllis Bedard of Trattoria Simpatico, will be served.

"For this show, all artwork must be for sale," Miller said. The CIAA will take a 20-percent commission on all works sold. He said that the rules for submission are designed to give artists as much freedom as possible, but artwork should be suitable for viewing by all age groups. He also said that accepted artwork must remain in the Town Hall for the duration of the show, and must be picked up at the Town Hall on Thursday, May 29, between noon and 4 p.m.

"The CIAA encourages everyone to join in the festivities and help us celebrate our photographers and the coming of spring and warmer weather. A wide range of subjects, sizes, and imagination from some of the best photographers in the area will be on display in both color and black and white," Miller said.

## Environment takes center stage at zoo

Roger Williams Park Zoo's annual Conservation Week and Earth Day celebrations are back again, offering families a host of fun environmentally-themed activities and presentations during Rhode Island's school vacation week, April 14 to 20.

Each day of Conservation Week will include up-close encounters with the zoo's education animals, presentations detailing select zoo animals and exhibits, an education station that will give an inside look at "How the Zoo Recycles," enrichment demonstrations where visitors can watch as select zoo animals receive novel food or play items and a "Year of the Frog" education station where kids can have fun with hands-on "froggy" activities while learning more about why frogs and other amphibians are quickly disappearing around the world.

The final events will be on Earth Day, April 20, and will include an environmental fair with displays, activities and giveaways from over 20 environmentally-conscious organizations from around the state, including the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Clean Water Action, Earthwatch Institute, Environmental Council of Rhode Island, Farm Fresh RI, Narragansett Bay Research Reserve, Save the Bay, University of Rhode Island Master Composters, and many more.

All activities run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities are free with regular zoo admission of \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors (62+) and \$6 for children ages three to 12. Children under three and zoo members are admitted free.

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