

ABOUT TOWN

Abstract art featured in new CIAA show

The Conanicut Island Art Association is beginning a new season with its first exhibit of abstract art.

The "Abstracts in the Fall" show will open at the Jamestown Town Hall Gallery on Thursday, Oct. 2, with a reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Guests are invited to mingle with the arts and enjoy refreshments provided by Trattoria Simpatico.

The association wanted to feature abstract art "to simulate the interest and imagination of the viewers and to challenge artists to produce work that they might not normally consider doing," said Don Miller, CIAA president.

This open, juried show includes work from artists from throughout the state. It features original art, including paintings, graphics and photographs.

The show runs from Thursday, Oct. 2 to Dec. 4 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Ave. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The show is free, open to the public and handicap accessible.

For more information, contact Wendy Crooks at 423-0993 or Don Miller at 423-0612.

Library exhibit features 1938 hurricane

The exhibit in the Jamestown Historical Society display case in the lobby of the Jamestown Philomenian Library features the 1938 hurricane—the worst storm to hit the area since the gale of 1815.

Photographs, personal accounts

and books about the subject from the Jamestown Historical Society's collection tell the story of the storm's effects on the island. On top of the case is a notebook with copies of three letters by persons who experienced the storm in Jamestown, as well as newspaper clippings from the Newport Daily News and additional photographs.

The Jamestown Historical Society is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to preserving, collecting and sharing the island's history. Founded in 1912, the Society maintains and operates the Jamestown Museum and three 18th century historic sites: the Windmill, the Quaker Meetinghouse and the Conanicut Battery in Conanicut Battery Historic Park. All sites are open to the public.

The Jamestown Historical Society is a valuable resource for students, educators, historians and anyone interested in learning more about the area's rich heritage. Consider becoming a member today at www.jamestownhistoricalsociety.org or by calling 423-0784.

Jamestown museum closes for season

The last chance to see "SCHOOL DAYS!! How Jamestown Taught Its Children," the 2008 summer exhibit at the Jamestown Historical Society museum, is fast approaching. The museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday before closing for the season.

The exhibit traces the history of school education in Jamestown from the colonial period—when

home teaching by parents or itinerant schoolmasters was the only option—to the late 20th century. The age of one-room schoolhouses receives special attention because the museum building itself began as a one-room schoolhouse for the primary grades.

Class photos present vivid pictures of the styles of the last century. The high school students took the ferry to Newport until 1969, and ferryboat models and memorabilia recall their adventures.

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Golf tournament benefits recreation department

The Jamestown Golf Course will be the site for the Peter C. Clarke Memorial Golf Tournament this Sunday, Sept. 28.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Jamestown Recreation Department. This nine-hole tournament will be played in the best-ball format with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. A cookout, prizes and raffle will follow.

The entry fee is \$60. The tournament is almost full, so those interested in playing and helping out should contact Kerry at 617-270-3013.



Peek-a-boo

Savanna Dyer, 4, enjoys some fresh air and blue skies while playing on the tires at the Jamestown playground.


Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

'People of the Book' next up for book group

The next book to be read by the book groups at the Jamestown library will be "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks, on Monday evening, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. and Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m.

The book was given a glowing review by Publisher's Weekly. The Jamestown library hosts two book discussions. The Evening Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The Afternoon Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. Both groups are facilitated by Library Director Judy Bell.


For more information, call the library at 423-7280. This book 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. Registration is not required.



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