

Upcoming

Choristers sing about the holidays

As part of Christmas in Newport, the Newport Navy Choristers present "Christmas in Song" under the direction of JoAnn Loewenthal.

The concert will be on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Lucy's Church, 909 West Main Rd., Middletown. Tickets will be available at the door at \$10 for adults, seniors and children under 12 are \$6. Families of four or more are \$20.

Proceeds from the event benefit Looking Upwards, a nonprofit agency in Middletown celebrating 30 years of helping those with disabilities to live fulfilling lives. For more information, visit www.newportnavychoristers.org or call Looking Upwards 847-0960, ext. 56.

Historic church hosts holiday tea

Trinity Church in Queen Anne Square, Newport will host the annual Christmas Silver Tea and Holiday Gifts Sale on Saturday, Dec. 6, in Honyman Hall from 1 to 4 p.m.

This is a "Christmas in Newport" event.

The tea will include finger sandwiches, desserts and tea, coffee or warm cider. Gifts for sale will include handmade ornaments, fresh seasonal greens, and homemade baked goods including fudge, bourbon balls and decorated holiday cookies. Admission to the hall is free. An \$8 donation will be collected for the tea. Historic Trinity Church will be open for visitors from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information, call the church office at 846-0660.

Wickford band to hold holiday program

The Lafayette Band of North Kingstown will perform a Holiday Concert on Friday, Dec. 5 at the Wickford Festival of Lights.

The free public concert begins at 7:15 p.m. and will be held at the First Baptist Church, located at 34 Main Street, Wickford. Audience members of all ages will enjoy this festive concert featuring familiar holiday music, both modern and traditional, including an audience Christmas Carol sing-along. The band will present several spectacular new musical arrangements, thanks to a sponsorship grant from

the North Kingstown Arts Council and Centreville Bank.

The Lafayette Band of North Kingstown is a non-profit community concert band whose mission is to celebrate community through music. Now 126 years old, it is one of the oldest bands in continuous existence in Rhode Island.

For more information, visit the Lafayette Band's web site: www.Lafayette-Band.com.

Seaport community caroling event

The 53rd annual Community Carol Sing at Mystic Seaport will be held Sunday, Dec. 21 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Admission to the museum is free that day with the donation of a canned food item. All contributions will be donated to and distributed by the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

A brass quartet will accompany the carolers.

Additionally, the museum's planetarium will present "The Star of Bethlehem," a program that explores the winter skies, merging science, mythology, religious observance, winter traditions and music. The show will run hourly from noon to 3 p.m. The cost is \$3. Children five and under are free. Visitors are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to starting time. For more information about the program, call 860-572-5315.

The museum is located one mile south of exit 90 off I-95 in Mystic, Conn. For more information, call 888-973-2767 or visit www.mysticseaport.org.

Bird sanctuary offers new winter classes

The Norman Bird Sanctuary is offering a number of lectures and hands-on classes for children and adults during the month of December.

Holiday wreath and candle making for families will be on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. Learn to create holiday decorations with a natural twist. Participants will leave with a seasonal candle and wreath of their own creation. The cost is members, \$6, adults and \$4 for children 3 to 12. The cost for nonmembers is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. One free adult per each paid child can attend.

Teaming with Nature: Winter

Wonderland will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The engaging, age-appropriate Saturday classes for preschoolers ages 2 to 4 and their parents include animals, crafts, songs, and outdoor discovery. This month, explore the many ways that animals and plants survive in the winter. Participants will bundle up as they experience nature's coldest season through games, animal presentations, and more. The Teaming with Nature program meets on the first Saturday of every month and costs \$4 per child for members; non-members are \$6. Parents are free.

Pre-registration is required. Call 846-2577 to register or for more information. child

Episcopal church to host holiday bazaar

St. Matthew's annual Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Parish Hall at 87 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is a chance to purchase beautiful handmade knitted and crocheted items, jewelry and other affordable gifts, Christmas decorations and wonderful homemade baked treats. There will be a door raffle for various gift baskets. It's a great time of island fellowship and a chance to take care of some holiday shopping early and conveniently.

Concerts upcoming at URI Kingston

This year's holiday concert, featuring both the URI Symphony Orchestra and the University Chorus, will be performed on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m.

Some other concerts during the week of Dec. 5 to 9 include the URI Concert Band, on Friday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m., the Symphonic Wind Ensemble on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m.; and Lively Experiment, URI's top small vocal ensemble, on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

All of these concerts will be held in the university's Fine Arts Center Concert Hall, 105 Upper College Rd., in Kingston.

Regular concert admission is \$8 general audience, and \$2 for students.

For more information, call the URI Music Department at 874-2431.



Elementary physics

Max Coletta demonstrates how his project works during the first grade's Balance and Motion night at Melrose Avenue School.

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