

ABOUT TOWN

Community Farm to hold Kids Fun Day

All kids are invited to come and have a blast at the Jamestown Community Farm during its first annual Kids Fun Day on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Activities will include a farm-themed scavenger hunt, seed planting, bean picking, chicken feeding and nature science activities, as well as arts, crafts and a hay ride.

Snacks and lemonade will be served.

All activities will be supervised by trained counselors.

JHS to hold annual meeting tonight

The Jamestown Historical Society (JHS) will hold its annual meeting tonight in the meeting hall at the Jamestown Philomenian Library. A short business meeting, including the election of officers and board members for 2009-2010, will begin at 7 p.m. A talk about shipwrecks in Narragansett Bay by Dr. Kathy

Abbass, director and founder of the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project, will follow at approximately 7:30.

Dr. Abbass founded the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project in 1991 to survey shipwrecks in Rhode Island waters.

The JHS is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to preserving, collecting and sharing Jamestown's history. Founded in 1912, the JHS maintains and operates the Jamestown Museum and three 18th century historic sites: the Windmill, the Quaker Meetinghouse and the Conanicut Battery, all of which are open to the public free of charge.

'Dig It' at Ft. Getty this Saturday

It's not too late to get your tickets for the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce's "Dig It," the annual Night at the Fort dinner-dance this Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Ft. Getty Pavilion.

The event will include dinner from Chopmist Charlie's, dessert

from Spinnaker's Cafe, and beer and wine. Live music will be provided by Forty Steps.

Proceeds will benefit the Quononoquott Garden Club.

Tickets are \$65 per person and may be purchased at Baker's Pharmacy, Conanicut Marine Ship's Store, East Bay Bed & Breakfast, Grapes & Gourmet, Jamestown Wine & Spirits and the Purple Door Bead Shop. For more information, contact the Jamestown Chamber at 423-3650 or info@jamestownRI-chamber.com.

Housing Authority commissioner's picnic

The Jamestown Housing Authority will host the annual commissioner's picnic on Saturday, Aug. 15, at noon outdoors at the Pemberton apartments. All island senior citizens and people with disabilities are invited to attend this free event.

For more information, call 423-1561.

East Passage closed to boats for swim

The East Passage of Narragansett Bay beneath the Newport Bridge will be temporarily closed to vessel traffic this Saturday, Aug. 15, between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. for the Save the Bay swim.

The U.S. Coast Guard will allow vessels to pass on a case-by-case basis during the event, and can be contacted on VHF channel 16 (Marine radio).

Boaters with questions or concerns should contact Save the Bay at

(401) 272-3540.

Community lobster roll dinner at CBC

Fresh lobster rolls will headline the menu at a community dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Central Baptist Church.

Each dinner will feature a lobster roll, chips, brownie and beverage for \$12. A kids' selection of a hot dog, chips, brownies and beverage will be available for \$3.

Diners will have the choice of eating in or taking meals out to enjoy at the beach or at home.

Central Baptist Church is located at 99 Narragansett Ave. For more information, call 423-1651.

Gallery night in Newport

Didi Suydam Contemporary is among the many local artists who will be included in tonight's gallery night in Newport. A diverse array of contemporary works will be on view, including floor, wall, figurative and tabletop sculpture; paintings, photography and limited edition prints in unique combinations of assorted media and unusual processes, as well as a wide selection of jewelry artists' one-of-a-kind pieces.

Among the artists featured during gallery night are Jamestown sculptor Janet Prip, Gretchen Dow Simpson, Mimo Gordon Riley, "Kate" Katherine Tishman, Jamestown resident Peter Diepenbrock and Barbara Heinrich Studio, including jewelry by artists Dahlia Kanner, Karen Gilbert, Sarah Richardson, EAM

Studio, and Jamestown resident and gallery co-owner Didi Suydam. The evening also includes Jamestown resident Onne van der Wal's beautiful photographs.

Free parking is available during Newport Gallery Night in the downtown area at the Visitors Bureau and at the Newport Art Museum.

For information, contact info@didisuydamcontemporary.com

Audition for Island talent show this week

Auditions for the Jamestown Community Chorus' 20th annual talent show will take place this Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 17 and 18, at 7 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

An accompanist will be available for the auditions.

Past shows have featured singers, dancers, instrumentalists, storytellers and more.

This annual summertime event showcases some of the finest talent in southern Rhode Island and is always entertaining. Performers do not need to live in Jamestown and residents of surrounding communities are encouraged to try out.

This year's talent show will be held on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jamestown Recreation Center.

All proceeds from the talent show benefit the programs of the Community Chorus, which include two yearly concert seasons, donations of music and movies to the Jamestown library, and a music scholarship.

Call 423-1574 or visit www.jamestownri.com/chorus for more information.

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