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Village News

September 2022

As summer winds to an end, we want to take the opportunity to acknowledge all the individuals who are making contributions to help the Village succeed.



On the top of our gratitude list is heartfelt thanks to Kathy Donovan, Kathy Rockwood, Cynthia Harvell and Nancy Euchner for leading the effort to solicit auction items to support our participation in Lonza's Harvest Open charity golf tournament, which is set to take place on September 8th. We are grateful to Lonza for having selected Seacoast Village Project as one of its two beneficiaries this year. And of course, a big 'thank you' goes to all those who have donated 26 items (and counting...) valued at almost \$5,000!

Some of the wonderful items that have been donated include two nights at The Water Street Inn, Kittery (donated by Amanda & Jay McSharry); two season passes to the Seacoast Repertory Theatre; two nights on a houseboat at the Portsmouth Marina (donated by Tom Reis); Snorkeling Adventure for two w/ equipment & wetsuit (donated by Dennis Chasteen & Atlantic Aquasport); gift cards to an array of local businesses; various gift baskets; as well as a whale watch, gundalow cruise and harbor tour. Auction items will be accepted right up until the event, so if you have something you'd like to donate, please contact Kathy Donovan at kathyd@seacoastvillageproject.org.

Further thanks are due to those Village members who have stepped up recently to organize, present, or help support the events on our calendar. Read on for more acknowledgements in the Helping Each Other Out section.

It really does take a Village and we are so appreciative of all of our members and the many talents and resources they bring to our Village.



Turn the page for Upcoming Events ...

Upcoming Events

Visit www.seacoastvillageproject.org and click on the “Event” tab for more information on any event and to register by the day before (unless otherwise noted).

Last month!

Village Member Meet-up at Tuesdays on the Terrace

5:30-7:00pm, Strawberry Banke Museum

September 6: Chickenshack Bluegrass Band

September 13: Old Hat String Band

The concerts are free for Strawberry Banke Members or \$5.00 per person for non-members and tickets should be purchased directly from the museum.

Members-only Event

Fika Friday

Friday, September 9, 10:00-11:00am

Carey Cottage, Portsmouth

Join your fellow Village members for coffee, treats and a chat on the porch at Carey Cottage.

Rescheduled from last month!

Village “North” Neighborhood Picnic Meet-up

Friday, September 9, 11:30-2:00pm

Little River Park Pavilion, Lee

Enjoy a potluck picnic lunch with friends at Little River Park Pavilion in Lee. Members and not-yet-members welcome.

Please register ahead of time and let us know what you plan to bring.

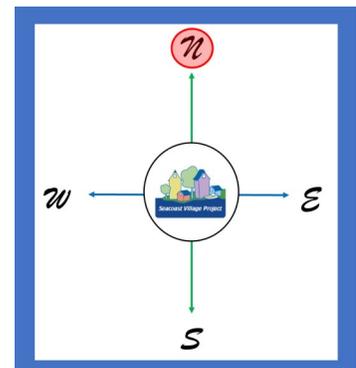
Prospective Member Information Sessions

Tuesday, September 13, 11:00am

Thursday, September 22, 4:00pm

via Zoom

Find out how Seacoast Village can help you maintain control over your life, stay in your home and actively participate in the community you love for years to come.



Upcoming Events Continued...

Members & Guests Event

Wagon Hill Farm Walk & Picnic

Thursday, September 15, 11:00am-12:30pm

Wagon Hill Farm, Durham

Our walk of approximately one-and-a-half miles will first take us along wide, mowed paths through the meadow area, down to the Oyster River at an area of restored shoreline with water access. We will take advantage of picnic tables there to stop briefly for a sandwich or a snack (bring your own), explore a small family cemetery, and/or bird-watch. Beyond there, the trail follows the shoreline through a wooded area. Space is limited. Members may invite a guest.



Lunch & Learn

"Avoiding Financial Scams"

with Ben Wheeler, Piscataqua Savings Bank

Tuesday, September 20, noon-1:00pm

via Zoom

Falling prey to a financial scam can wreak havoc on your life with potentially lasting consequences. Ben Wheeler of Piscataqua Savings Bank will present strategies and tips for avoiding financial scams. The presentation will include definitions and ways to spot IRS Scams, Grandparent Scams, Social Security Scams, and Tech Scams with real life examples of how people were led astray. Ben will also discuss better and safe ways to bank. The program is open to all but advanced registration is required.



Members & Guests Event

Cruise on the Gundalow PISCATAQUA

Wednesday, September 21, 3:30-5:30pm

Prescott Park, Portsmouth

Cost: \$26 per person. Register by September 20

Join us on our second two-hour cruise down the Piscataqua River to the mouth of the river! Along the way sights will be pointed out and, at one point, one of the crew members will provide an interesting historical talk about the role of gundalows in our region. We will be treated to some shanty singing as well!



Going on the Gundalow PISCATAQUA provides a leisurely, comfortable way to sail. While on board you cannot help but imagine what times were like in the past – and that the PISCATAQUA is the only gundalow in the country. We will provide refreshments.

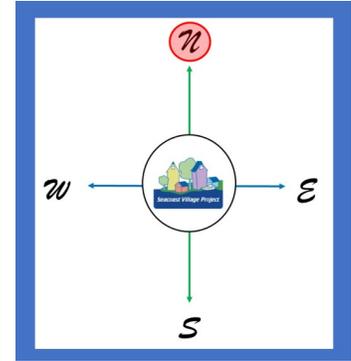
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Village "North" Meet-up: Important Planning Meeting

Monday, September 26, 4:00-6:00pm

Durham Public Library Community Room

The September meetup is an important opportunity for members who live in Durham, Dover, Lee, Madbury and Newmarket to share their thoughts and ideas for future social and educational programs and services and to help shape the future of the North Cluster. Light refreshments will be served. Every member in the North cluster should plan to attend.



Members & Guests Event

Great Bay Discovery Center Walk

Tuesday, September 27, 2:00-3:30pm

Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland

Join us for a nature walk at Great Bay Discovery Center. There are beautiful boardwalks that weave through the marsh, with wonderful views of Great Bay. Bring your binoculars and/ or camera. This is an easy 1- 1½ mile walk around the grounds. You will have the option of going into the Science Center as well. Space is limited.



Helping Each Other Out: It Take a Village

Last month's Tall Ships viewing party, which was attended by 50 or so Village members and their guests, was a smashing success because of the contributions of so many Village members. Thank you to the following people for their contributions and to any quiet helpers we may have neglected to name here:

- Denny Chasteen: setup, parking management, cleanup
- Maria Costello: amazing array of breakfast pastries, homemade calzones
- Penny and Mike Drooker: telescope to share, broccoli salad
- Nancy Euchner: location
- Susan Getman: setup, bagels, fruit salad
- Van Gsottscneider: giant tasty salad
- ML Hannay: setup, donuts for the early volunteers
- Merle Jacobs: setup, reception, parking
- Lori Lavac: setup, garden beautification and flower arrangement, blueberry muffins
- Fred Mauer: tables and chairs, parking assist
- Ron Pascale: parking
- Aimee Raymond: event and logistics support
- Kathy Rockwood: fruit tray, photos
- Gisela Wemple: watermelon
- Carol Sanderson: pasta salad, early setup
- Janet Tucker: reception



Get Connected: Recipes on Village Talk

Good news! For those of you who attended last month's Tall Ships viewing party and were interested in the recipes for the muffins and salad you sampled there, we have a group of Village members working to get those posted to the Village Talk section of the website. You can monitor that space by logging in to the member side of the Village website and clicking on "Village Talk" under the Members tab.

Not sure how to use Village Talk? You can watch last month's zoom training on how to use this special members-only feature of the Village website to connect with other members.



Member Stories

Susan Getman (L) & Merle Jacobs (R), soon-to-be Portsmouth residents

Susan Getman and Merle Jacobs are preparing to relocate to Portsmouth from Boston. Having learned about the Village-to-Village Network years ago (it was founded in Beacon Hill in 1999), the pair appreciated the grass-roots approach to connecting people and to being of service. They saw Village membership as a way to start to get to know people and make friends on the Seacoast, so they decided not to wait until they had a new address.

Shortly after becoming members this summer, Susan and Merle jumped right in and volunteered to help with the recent Tall Ships viewing party.

"We brought food (we love to cook for others!) and helped set up for the party. We were warmly welcomed by new and veteran members alike. We met lots of interesting and spirited people. So much fun!"

The couple is looking forward to their move and recognize the value that being part of the Village will bring to their new life.

"Merle hasn't moved out of state since her daughter was born in 1989 and Susan has raised her two children in the same house where she has lived for over 42 years. It's going to be a big adjustment for both of us and creating community for ourselves is, therefore, very important. We are excited to meet new friends, be of service to others, and to start our next chapter together."

You can read Merle and Susan's full Member Story on the website.

