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Town of Gorham announces election & voting information

GORHAM, ME (August 18, 2023) -- A State Referendum and the Town's Annual Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in which voters will have an opportunity to vote on People's Veto Referenda, Direct Initiatives of Legislation (i.e. Citizen Initiatives) Bond Issues, other referenda proposed by the Legislature, and Constitutional Amendments, as well as appointments to the Gorham Town Council and Gorham School Committee.

The State will have eight referendum questions on the ballot, which can be viewed on the Town's website.

The Town has two seats open on the Town Council, and three seats open for the three-year School Committee seat, and one seat open for a one-year School Committee seat.

You can request an absentee ballot by visiting the Town's website. Your ballot will be mailed to you once we receive them in early October.

Voter Registration

Unenrolled voters can enroll in a party at any time, including Election Day,

since the State of Maine offers Election Day voter registration.

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballot requests are now available. You can request an absentee ballot by calling the Clerks office or by going to the Town's website. Ballots will be mailed out the first week of October once the Town Clerk's Office receives them.

Absentee voting will be available in the Council Chambers at the Gorham Municipal Center (75 South Street, Suite 1) between Monday, October 23 and Thursday, October 26, as well as Monday, October 30 and Thursday, November 2. The last day to obtain an absentee ballot will be Thursday, November 2 at 5pm.

To be counted, absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by 8pm on Election Day - November 7, 2023 by you or an immediate family member.

If you have further questions about absentee voting, please stop by the Town Clerk's Office, call 222-1670, or see the Town's website.

Gunpowder mills of Gorham & Windham documentary to air

GORHAM, ME (August 18, 2023) -- A documentary, produced by Saco River Community Media's Executive Director Patrick Bonsant (former Gorham Community Access Media Specialist) and Gorham Community Access Media (GoCAM) Manager Georgia Humphrey, will reveal the little known, but consequential story of the Towns of Gorham and Windham's history. Gunpowder mills once served as a major employer and an integral contributor to the Union troops during the U.S. Civil War.

In The Gunpowder Mills of Gorham & Windham, Maine, Patrick and Georgia take viewers on a journey back in time. Not long after Maine was incorporated as a state in 1820, the mills were established along the banks of the Presumpscot River. Based on late author and University of Southern Maine chemistry professor Dr. Maurice Whitten's book

The Gunpowder Mills of Maine, the story emphasizes the process of making gunpowder and the people who worked in the mills under dangerous conditions for 81 years.

Of the collaboration, Patrick shared that Georgia "conducted the most essential documentary interview featured in the film in the GoCAM studio. Georgia was also instrumental in gathering valuable footage and archival materials, including a critical scene of the late Dr. Maurice Whitten, the respected author of the book, adapted into a documentary. Georgia also "lent her smooth narrative voice to the documentary."

The Gunpowder Mills of Gorham and Windham, Maine will air on Maine Public Television on Thursday, August 31 at 9pm and Saturday, September 2 at 2pm. Congratulations to Patrick and Georgia on this achievement!



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

A WAW evening of high spirits and remembrance

WISCASSET, ME (August 18, 2023) – Nearing the end of the summer’s peak season, the Wiscasset Art Walk on Thursday, August 31, 5 to 8pm, offers visitors an assortment of activities to enjoy, ponder, and share. From the magnificence of award-winning artists to the reflections on loved ones lost to drug use, the evening promises a stimulating experience.

Sylvan Gallery on Water St. hosts award-winning artists, Crista Pisano and Neal Hughes, fresh from travels as plein air painters. The gallery features an exhibit of their new work, and the artists will be on hand to talk about the plein air competition circuit and the qualities that make their fresh art so successful.

August’s Wiscasset Art Walk coincidentally falls on the date of International Overdose Awareness

Day and so WAW has invited the 716 Candles Project, in partnership with Healthy Lincoln County, to share insight and the human side of substance use with the Wiscasset community. 716 Candles is a multi-site, multi-day program which, in Wiscasset, will feature hands-on making of paper cranes, an international symbol of hope and peace; and “Show of Hands,” the forming of plaster hands to reflect care for those affected by substances, under the guidance of Merrymeeting Adult Education’s Maggie Morgan, also illustrating art making as a means to healing. An exhibit of photos, “Lights of Lincoln County,” by Charles Richards, poignantly displays the faces of our neighbors and friends who have been impacted by drug use.

Also on the sidewalk during this beautiful evening is the dynamic musical twosome of Rick



The dynamic playing of Chris Lannon (l) and Rick Turcotte returns to Wiscasset Village during WAW on August 31, 5-8pm. (Wiscasset Art Walk photo)

Turcotte and Chris Lannon. When these guys play blues and country together, the energy rises and feet get tapping. They are high energy and an upbeat accompaniment to the sidewalk activities.

The enthusiastically anticipated opening of Jodie’s Restaurant, in the former Sarah’s Café at the corner of Main and Wa-

ter Streets, is here at last and open during WAW. Signs declaring that the new restaurant is ‘Coming Soon’ have teased passersby for weeks. And new owner Jodie Roquemore’s posts on Facebook, asking fans for their menu suggestions and dining hopes, have been tantalizing. The whole town is looking forward to checking out the

new menu.

Near the conclusion of Wiscasset Art Walk, a candlelight procession, organized by 716 Candles, will gather in the Railroad Ave. parking lot, starting at 7:10pm, and walk to the Sunken Garden as a communal expression of love and hope and personal reflections. Anyone impacted by addiction, their friends, families, and allies, are invited to participate.

In 2023, the business sponsors who support the many free WAW activities and performers are Lead Sponsor Fogg and Dalton Art Restoration and Major Sponsors Ames True Value, Big Barn Coffee, Bradbury Art & Antiques, Carriage House Gardens, Cod Cove Inn, First National Bank, J. Edward Knight Insurance, Jodie’s Café, Peter Eaton Antiques, Red’s Eats, Rock Paper Scissors, Sherri Dunbar/Tim Dunham Re-



Making plaster hands to reflect care for those affected by substance use will be a 716 Candles Project art-making activity during Wiscasset Art Walk, Thursday, August 31, 5-8pm. (Merrymeeting Adult Education photo)

Home Furnishings & Gifts, and Water Street Kitchen & Bar.

For more information about Wiscasset Art Walk and 716 Candles, visit www.wiscassetartwalk.org or email to wiscassetartwalk@gmail.com. Wiscasset Art Walk is a program of Wiscasset Creative Alliance.

Red Cross: Donation shortfall may impact blood supply

PORTLAND, ME (August 8, 2023) — The American Red Cross has seen a shortfall of about 25,000 blood donations in the first two months of the summer, which makes it hard to keep hospital shelves stocked with life-saving blood products. By making an appointment to give blood or platelets in August, donors can keep the national blood supply from falling to shortage levels.

Right now, the Red Cross especially needs type O negative, type O positive, type B negative and type A negative blood donors as well as platelet donors. For those who don’t know their blood type, making a donation is an easy way to find out this important personal

health information. The Red Cross will notify new donors of their blood type soon after they give.

The Red Cross needs donors now. Schedule an appointment to give by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All who come to give throughout the month of August will get a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of their choice. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Movie.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Aug. 16-31:

Androscoggin
Auburn
8/19/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Senior Community

Center, 48 Petengill Park
Livermore Falls
8/22/2023: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Livermore Falls Town Hall, 2 Main Street
Cumberland
Brunswick
8/30/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Brunswick Hotel and Tavern, 4 Noble St
Freeport
8/21/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn Freeport, 5 Park Street
Gorham
8/17/2023: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road
Portland
8/23/2023: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Portland Elks Lodge, 1945 Congress St.
8/25/2023: 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., MMC 995 Congress Street, 995 Congress Street

8/29/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Martins Point, 891 Washington Avenue
Scarborough
8/24/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Saint Maximilian Church, 150 Black Point Rd
South Portland
8/31/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Portland Sheraton at Sable Oaks, 200 Sable Oaks Drive
Westbrook
8/25/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge Street
Windham
8/16/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., North Windham Veterans Center, 35 Veterans Memorial Drive
Yarmouth
8/25/2023: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., American Legion Post 91, 196 Main St

How to donate blood
To make an appointment, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain

height and weight requirements.

Amplify your impact – volunteer!

A stable blood and platelet supply is critical to national preparedness. Additionally, as we approach the beginning of what is expected to be another active hurricane season, the Red Cross urges everyone to get ready now and consider becoming a volunteer to help people affected by the growing number of climate-driven disasters.

Support impacted communities by assisting at Red Cross shelters, using your professional skills as a licensed health care provider or becoming a member of the Red Cross Disaster Action Team. To learn more, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Remembering Rosalie Elizabeth Preble Barde of Gorham



It is with profound sadness but uplifting memories that the family of Rosalie Preble Barden of Gorham announces her passing on 29 July, 2023, at age 96. Rosalie lived an active life, cherished her family, loved people and animals, and she always felt blessed.

Rosalie was born in Bath, Maine, on September 22, 1926 to Clarence Appleton Preble and Grace Gertrude Shea Preble. She attended Day's Ferry school then Morse High School in Bath. She left high school during World War II to attend the Quoddy trade school to learn drafting. Returning to the Bath Iron Works she worked in the Hull Drawing Room as an Apprentice Draftsman at age 16. During this time, she took flying lessons. After the War, she finished high school and then attended

Stephen's College in Columbia, Missouri. Later she transferred to Gorham State Teachers College in Gorham and received her BA in Biology.

She married Richard Thomas Barden on September 4, 1949, at the First Parish Congregational church in Gorham. They were married 70 years. Richard passed in 2019, shortly after this remarkable anniversary. When first married they opened and operated the Standish Pharmacy and Restaurant. Rosalie became a member of the Dawn of Hope Chapter of Eastern Star and Secretary of Maine Vacation Dog Club training obedience and showing American Cocker Spaniels while they lived there.

When Richard's father needed to retire, Dick returned to Gorham to operate Barden Drug Com-

pany. Gray Road was the first home for their three children Michael, Terrilynn and Gregory. In 1959 they moved to Deep Cover Shores on Sebago Lake in Raymond, Maine. When the Bardens moved back to Gorham a few years later they kept the cottage on the lake. Dick eventually purchased the pharmacy from his father and opened Gorham Pharmacy with his former competitor, then partner, Bill Rickards. Dick's mother deeded her childhood home in Kingfield to him, which was used as a skiing vacation camp. While their children grew, their activities kept the whole family busy. They also hosted a high school exchange student, Patricia Palma from Ecuador, who became a member of the family to this day.

Rosalie, being multi-talented, created the architectural design for the home they built on Flaggy Meadow Road. She also initiated an art program and taught art in the Gorham Public Schools. One summer she presented art workshops on the cruise ship the S.S. Rotterdam. She was Vice President of Maine Women in the Arts, a member of the Art Guild of the Kennebunks, the Maine Art Gallery in Wiscasset, and Associate Member of the American Society of Marine Artists. She created art in several media, from oil to sculpture in wood and bronze, but eventually she focused on watercolor as her preferred medium. She won numerous awards and sold over 600 watercolor paintings. After receiving her self-designed Master's De-

gree in Education, she became an Associate Professor at USM and Associate Professor at St. Joseph's College.

Rosalie was an active member of the First Parish Congregational UCC Church in Gorham since 1949. She served on several committees, most importantly the Building Committee for the large extension that was added to the church. She was a deacon for seven years and she enjoyed attending Bible classes there. Rosalie and Dick both sang in the church choir and often sang duets during the morning service. While they were members, the First Parish Choir released a Christmas CD "What Sweeter Music" and traveled together to North Carolina and throughout Europe in Choir Festivals. Rosalie sang in the choir for 60 years.

Dick and Rosalie loved to travel and visited 21 countries, 8 large islands and a good part of the United States. Rosalie's favorite personal trip was to Jerusalem and Israel. She was a member of several clubs but felt the most worthy activity was being a volunteer for 10 years in Hospice which at that time worked out of two



churches before there was a central facility. Interesting fact is that Rosalie was a distant niece of Commodore Edward Preble whose flagship at Tripoli during the First Barbary War of 1803 was "Old Ironsides", the U.S.S. Constitution.

Rosalie enjoyed people, art, music, dancing, water and snow skiing, cooking, reading, cartoons, sports, and was an avid Celtics fan. She was beloved and respected by all who knew her.

Rosalie was predeceased by her parents, her older sister Grace Louise, a nephew Daniel Sawyer, and her loving husband of 70 years, Richard T. Barden. She is survived by her three children, Michael Barden, Terrilynn Barden Dubreuil, Gregory Barden, her half-sister Grace Ellen Preble Sawyer and her husband Gerald Saw-

yer, her half-brother Clarence A. Preble ("Chip") and wife Judy Hill, along with ten grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, five nephews and four nieces.

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Gorham Schools first day & school bus safety reminder

GORHAM, ME (August 18, 2023) -- As all Gorham grades return to school the week of August 28th, we want to remind citizens to be aware and stop for school buses. Please remember cars must stop a safe distance away and not start again


until a school bus's red lights stop flashing, the stop sign has been folded back, and the bus begins to continue on its way.

A great visual reminder and PSA on distracted driving and School Bus Safety, created by 3 Gorham Community Ac-


cess Media (GoCAM) and Gorham PD, can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/303121561>

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MaineCF grants available, deadlines approaching

MaineCF grants available to support transportation services
PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH, ME (August 18, 2023) — Grant funding for organizations and projects that provide community-based transportation is available from the Maine Community Foundation's (MaineCF)

Maine Charity Foundation Fund. Eligible organizations and projects must provide transportation and/or delivery services to people with limited or no access to transportation. In 2022, MaineCF's Maine Charity Foundation Fund awarded \$127,498 to

13 organizations. An additional three grants totaling \$17,500 were made by donors with advised funds at MaineCF.

Last year's grantees include:

Intercultural Community Center, to expand educational, health, and social services to immigrants and refugees through accessible transportation and services; Penquis Community Action Program, to provide transportation for adults over 60 in Piscataquis and Penobscot counties; Safe Voices, to help survivors of domestic abuse and sex trafficking gain and maintain stability and safety by providing transportation to access resources.

The deadline for applications is Sept. 15. For more information and to apply, visit www.maine.cf.org/mainecharity. Contact Program Officer John Ochira with questions at jochira@mainecf.org or 207-412-0834.

MaineCF grants available to organizations that support LGBTQ+ Mainers

ELLSWORTH & PORTLAND, ME (August 18, 2023)— Non-profit organizations that support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people and their needs may be eligible for funding through the Maine Community Foundation's (MaineCF) Equity Fund.

The fund helps strengthen LGBTQ+ organizations and supports initiatives that work toward inclusive, diverse, prejudice-free communities for the LGBTQ+ population and all people in Maine. In 2022, the fund awarded eight grants totaling \$60,000. An additional five grants totaling \$37,500 were made from donors with advised funds at MaineCF.

The fund's priorities include supporting orga-

nizations or projects that increase access to health care or reduce health disparities; reduce race-based disparities or barriers to opportunities; reduce violence and/or harassment; and promote respect and understanding.

2022 grantees include:

Downeast Rainbow Alliance, for its Traveling Rainbow Project, which creates affirming spaces at schools, community centers, and local events that connect vulnerable youth with resources from community partners

Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, to provide culturally competent health care, including gender-affirming hormone therapy for LGBTQ+ people, and to connect patients to additional services

Maine Transgender Network, to make Maine a place where transgender people can thrive in their communities.

The application deadline is Sept. 15. For more information about the program and a list of all recent Equity Fund grantees, visit www.maine.cf.org/equityfund. Contact Senior Program Officer Gloria Aponte C. with questions at gaponteclark@mainecf.org or 207-412-0847.

MaineCF grants available for leaders of color

ELLSWORTH & PORTLAND, ME (August 18, 2023)— Nonprofit leaders of color may be eligible for grants from the Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF).

MaineCF's Investing in Leaders of Color (ILOC) grant program supports nonprofit leaders of color and their organizations. The program provides one-on-one coaching, a stipend for professional development and operating costs, and networking opportunities.

The applicant must be a person of color in a leadership role at an organization that primarily serves communities of color and promotes racial equity.

In 2022, ILOC

awarded 13 grants totaling \$90,350. An additional \$6,950 grant was awarded by a donor with an advised fund at MaineCF.

The application deadline is Sept. 15. For more information about the program and a list of all recent ILOC grant recipients, visit www.maine.cf.org/iloc.

Contact Senior Program Officer Gloria Aponte C. with questions at gaponteclark@mainecf.org or 207-412-0847.

MaineCF grants available for arts initiatives

ELLSWORTH & PORTLAND, ME (August 18, 2023) — Arts organizations throughout the state may be eligible for grants from two Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF) grant programs.

Maine Expansion Arts and the Maine Theater Fund are accepting online proposals from arts organizations and for arts-related programming throughout the state.

Maine Expansion Arts supports arts organizations serving rural communities and those led by and/or serving Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC). Maine Theater supports nonprofit professional and community theaters in the production and presentation of live theater.

The deadline to submit proposals is Thursday, Sept. 15. To apply, visit mainecf.org.

In 2022, MaineCF awarded 18 Expansion Arts grants totaling \$148,500 to organizations and projects ranging from hands-on workshops to cultural preservation and community art events. An additional 11 grants totaling \$80,800 were awarded from donors with advised funds at MaineCF.

2022 Grantees include:

Eastport ArtWalk, to support inclusive, interactive art activities, music, performance, dance, storytelling, and more

Indigo Arts Alliance, to continue to grow as an

incubator for professional development and amplification of BIPOC thought leadership, artistic vision, and practice

Maine Inside Out, for its arts and advocacy-based leadership development programs for youth of color.

The Maine Theater Fund awarded a total of \$126,485 to 16 professional and community theater companies throughout the state in 2022. Priorities of the fund include adult theater, dramas and organizations that have not recently received funding.

2022 grantees include:

Heartwood Regional Theater Company, for its production of "Hamlet"

Mayo Street Arts, to replace audience risers and add additional chair stops and handrails

Rangeley Friends of the Performing Arts, to support its 2023 productions.

For more eligibility, guidelines and to apply, visit www.maine.cf.org. Lists of all grantees are available at www.maine.cf.org/recentgrants.

For more information about the Maine Expansion Arts, contact Program Officer John Ochira, jochira@mainecf.org or 207-412-0837.

For more information about the Maine Theater Fund, contact Program Officer Katie Howard at khoward@mainecf.org or 207-412-0832. The Maine Community Foundation brings people and resources together to build a better Maine through strategic giving, community leadership, personalized service, local expertise and strong investments. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.maine.cf.org.

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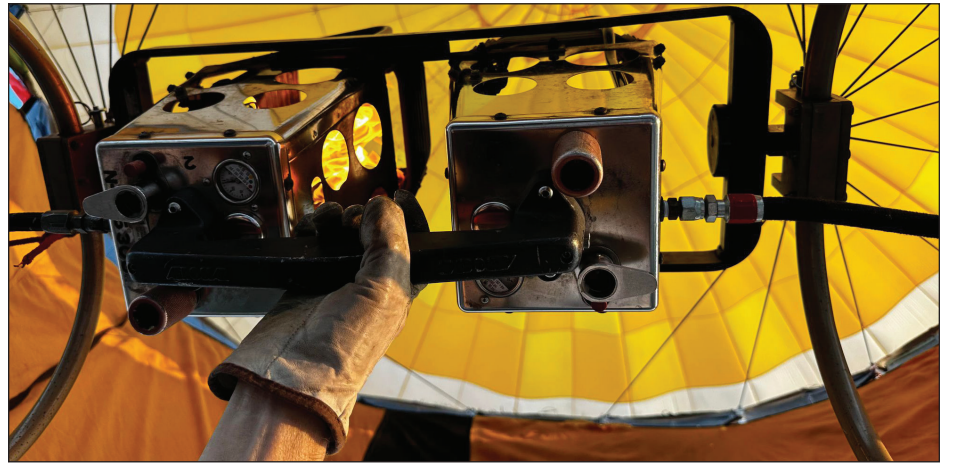
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Aug 24, 31
AUBURN -- The Maine Iris Society will hold its Annual Siberian & Day-lily Auction on Saturday, September 2nd at the United Methodist Church which is located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn, ME. The auction begins at 1:00 pm and will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Attendees may wish to bring their own lawn chairs for more comfortable seating. Admission is free and open to the public.

Aug 25
BAR MILLS -- JOHN JOHN BROWN - SONGS, STORIES AND ART: LESSONS FROM STRANGERS, at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, Aug 25 at 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org or call 207-929-6473 for reservations.

Aug 26
BUXTON -- Had-dock Supper Buffet - Saturday, August 26, 2023 - 5:00 pm at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family.

Please note: We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

Wearing of face masks for those who wish is optional.

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wish to use it.

Aug 26
GRAY -- First Congregational Church of Gray Saturday Night Church Supper, August 26, 2023, @ 5:00 P. M. at the Parish House, 5 Brown Street, Gray
 Handicapped Accessible; Meals are single-sized and are \$10.00 each. Please pay at the door.

The Menu includes: Variety of Casseroles & Salads, Baked Pea Beans, Red Hots, Breads, Assortment of Desserts & Beverages.

Phone # day of the supper - 657-4279

Aug 28
LEWISTON -- The Lewiston Public Library, in partnership with ArtVan, will be offering art programs in Kennedy Park this summer for children ages 5-14 on Mondays July 10, 17, 24 and August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 3:00PM. Information can also be found on our website at <https://lplonline.org/events/artvan-in-kennedy-park-2-july/> and <https://lplonline.org/events/artvan-in-kennedy-park-2-august/>

For any further information, please contact the Children's Department at LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov or call 207-513-

3133.

Sept 2
GORHAM -- On Saturday, September 2nd, starting at 1:00 pm at the United Methodist Church, 439 Park Avenue in Auburn, the Maine Iris Society will hold its annual auction of Siberian irises and day-lilies. All are welcome.

Sept 2
BAR MILLS -- DAVID MALLETT - at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, Sept 2 at 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org or call 207-929-6473 for reservations.

Sept 6
BAR MILLS -- MARIA MULDAUR'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "MIDNIGHT AT THE OASIS" - at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, Sept 6 at 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org or call 207-929-6473 for reservations.

Sept 14
AUBURN -- Job-InME is hosting a Career Fair that is Free to job Seekers at the Hiton Garden Riverwatch on Sept 14, 2023 from 3-6 PM. Some of the best companies in Maine will be there looking

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Oct 21
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Oct 28, 29
LEWISTON, TOPSHAM -- "Soulful Expressions" Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, 7:00 p.m. - Franco Center, Lewiston; Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, 2:30 p.m. - Orion Performing Arts Center, Topsham

Jan 20, 21
LEWISTON, TOPSHAM -- "Song & Dance Music from Around the World" Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m. - Franco Center, Lewiston; Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, 2:30 p.m. - Orion Performing Arts Center, Topsham

Mar 23, 24
LEWISTON, TOPSHAM -- "A New Artistic Mélange" - Emily Isaacson, Guest Conductor Saturday, Mar. 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m. - Franco Center, Lewiston; Sunday, Mar. 24, 2024, 2:30 p.m. - Orion Performing Arts Center, Topsham

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LEWISTON, TOPSHAM -- "Cityscape, Seascape, Soundscape" Saturday, May 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m. - Franco Center, Lewiston ; Sunday, May 19, 2024, 2:30 p.m. - Orion Performing Arts Center, Topsham

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August 30, 2023 – THE DAVINCI CODE – Ogunquit Playhouse – Bus will leave Lewiston Park and Ride on Lisbon Street at 12 Noon and travel to the playhouse for the 2 p.m. show. After the play we will go to the Clambake Restaurant in Scarborough for dinner on your own. The price

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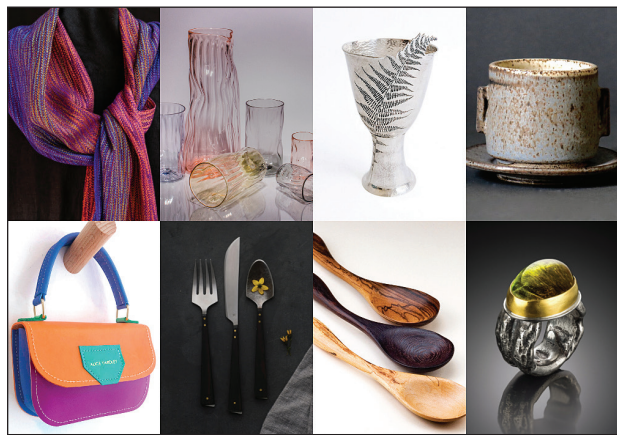
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