

Trip to Augusta

Forty Midcoast seniors went to Augusta on the 22nd of March to visit the capital of Maine and its governmental buildings. It turned out that the rest of Maine was there that day as well. Not only did we get a chance to tour the Maine State House, The Maine State Museum and Blaine House (our Governor's home) we also had an opportunity to see our government in action.

Balancing the budget while taking care of the needs of state residents is no easy task. Constituents were there to help their legislators with this responsibility. We mingled with agricultural workers, growers, breeders and produces of our vegetables, honey, maple syrup, wool fiber, meat and poultry. They were there to promote their industries along with the institutions and associations that represent them. We spoke with labor as well, from teachers, firefighters and other public employees to ironworkers, welders and their unions. Issues including the right to work, pensions and subsidies for childcare were on their minds and in their discussions with their representatives.

Erin Herbig, a Maine state legislator who represents Belfast, greeted us as we arrived and again when we got back from lunch at Slates, a Hallowell bistro. A busy schedule kept her from joining us a Slates for lunch.

All of this contributed to an informative and fun-filled day... one more reason for being part of Senior College.

Summer University Offerings

Are you one of those seniors with a desire to get that degree you didn't get? Need a class to fulfill a degree requirement? Do you have a grandchild who needs an extra course for college? Or one who wants to make up a class or get ahead for next year? Are you looking for an interesting learning experience this summer?

The Hutchinson Center may be the answer! There are online and video-streamed classes if you'd like to sit on your deck and learn. There are also live, onsite classes. A few are listed below.

Oceanography with Lab
Nature Drawing
Figure Drawing
Sculpting Across 3 Media
Peace Studies
New Media
An Institute for Teachers of Languages

Check with the Hutchinson Center for more information. Some limited scholarship help may be available.

Senior waivers may be available, depending on class enrollment, but notification of waiver acceptance does not occur until shortly before classes begin.

Membership Benefit

There are commonly "member" and "non-member" prices for both Senior College and YMCA outings. Did you know that membership in one allows you to receive "member" prices in the other? Take advantage of this extra (thrifty) benefit of belonging!

Senior College Calendar at a Glance

(as of April 8, 2011)

Thursday, May 5

Last day of Spring classes

Wednesday, May 11

Specialty Shop Tour, Lincolnville and Northport, 8:30—2:30. See information in this newsletter.

Thursday, May 12

Special Course "Whole Earth"

May 12—15

9th Annual Festival of Art
Hutchinson Center

Thursday, June 2

Boothbay Gardens Tour, 10—5
See information in this newsletter.

Look for future events...

A trip to Black House, Haystack Ctr and Deer Isle

Brunswick Music Theater and Edward Hopper's Maine at Bowdoin

*A few days in Quebec City
(And other exciting trips this summer and fall)*

What a Year!

Belfast Senior College now has over 600 members, 163 of whom are new this year. Three hundred and forty one (341) students registered for 1 or more classes, for a total of 452 attendees.

In addition to our own newsletter, the Maine Senior College Network has a newsletter also. To read it, go to www.maineseniorcollege.org and click on newsletter.

Community Column

Belfast Chamber Needs Volunteers

Between Memorial and Columbus Day weekend the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce staffs the Welcome Center with volunteers. Please call Cindy Harnden, 338-3808 to volunteer or for more information.

Drug Disposal Event

Saturday, April 30th 10—2 in Belfast

It is important that drugs, both prescription and non-prescription, not be flushed down the toilet or put in trash as this results in environmental pollution. The Belfast, Searsport and Lincolnville Police Departments are participating. The Belfast PD will be open 10—2 for collection.

From the YMCA

Portugal/Spain Trip—November, 2011

There will be an informational meeting and sign up on April 28th. Call the YMCA for more information. 338-4598.

AARP Driver Safety Course

Learn about defensive driving techniques and reduce your insurance cost. May 18th. Call the YMCA for more information, 338-4598.

Harvest for Hunger

Master gardeners and other farmers in the area will be growing extra vegetables this summer to donate to senior citizens. We are looking for the names of seniors with limited incomes who might benefit from this program.

We also are looking for drivers who would be willing to deliver a few boxes of produce once or twice a month during the growing season. Delivery will take place on Wednesdays.

If you know of seniors who might benefit, or you'd like to help with delivery, call Debbie Mitchell, 338-1255.

Many Thanks to our Readers in Read Across America!

Once again, Senior College volunteers helped celebrate Read Across America in style by reading to students in 4 area elementary schools. This year, we added Monroe Elementary School to the roll, and some of us added Dr. Seuss hats to our attire! As you will see from the following list, several people read in more than one school.

Captain Albert Stevens Elementary:

Marge Sheridan, Gail Smith: Coordinators
Judy Beebe
Judy Whitney-Blake
Joanne Boynton
Nancy Boyington
Paula Cannon
Jon Cheston
Jean Cummings
Anne Dolbashian
Linda Pickering-Dunson
Mary Frenning
Dennis Harrington
Barbara Klie
Debbie Mitchell
Sheila Nickerson
Maggie Reilly
Jean Russell
Ellen Sander
Doug Smith
Fran Torreson
Caroline Waldman

Drinkwater Elementary

Barbara Nathanson, Coordinator
Sonja Vasquez
Maria Vasquez
Elaine Witt
Ann Dolbashian

Miles Gray
Ron Jarvella
Joel Karp
Roberta Albert
Kate Duncan
Barbara Lavoie

East Belfast Elementary

Francine Brown: Coordinator
Maynard Clemons
Miles Gray
Michael Simon
Jean Cummings
Carolyn Otto
Harold Vine
Cary Bradford

Monroe Elementary

Marge Sheridan, Coordinator
Becky Huefner
Lynn Bieble
Martha Goodale
Mary Marchini
Neva Moody
Nina Oxley
Sandy Stanicki
Jo Cooley

Thanks so much to all of you. You really made the day special for the children at these schools! Extra thanks to Francine Brown, Barbara Nathanson, and Marge Sheridan for all they work they did to organize these events at Drinkwater, East Belfast, and Monroe schools. They set up schedules, contacted school officials and volunteers, and generally kept everything running smoothly so that all involved had a great time.

Again, many thanks to all who had (or will have) a part in Read Across America.

Gratefully,
Gail Smith, Community Service Chair

And looking ahead. . . Michael Simon will be organizing a reading event at Nickerson Elementary School in June. If you enjoy reading to children and didn't get to do it this time, call Michael, 338-1462.

Augusta



Visit the website to see the pictures in color.

A visit to the State Capitol



The Maine State Museum



Meeting Baxter, the governor's dog At Blaine House



Lunch at Slate's in Hallowell



Rep. Erin Herbig went to great effort to meet the Senior College group (without missing a vote on the floor)

Read Across America In the Mid-coast



At Monroe School



At CASS -
Captain Albert Stevens School



9th Annual Senior College Festival of Arts Thursday, May 12th – Sunday, May 15th 2011

The Senior College Festival of Arts opens with a celebration reception on Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be a special dedication! Rainy Brooks, a Searsport resident, will be our featured artist for the show. Her painting, "Acadia", will be seen on all posters, programs, and advertising. The painting will be seen during the exhibit in the Atrium.

Friday, May 13th will feature a water color demonstration from 12:00 Noon – 2:00 p.m, by **Senior College member Anne Spencer**, a multi-talented lady, whose works have been exhibited throughout Maine. She has won juried shows, and we are so pleased to have her join us. At 3:00 p.m. we will have a panel discussion on "How to promote and Market Your Artwork." Friday evening from 7 – 9, the University of Maine Hutchinson Center will present a performing arts concert.

Robert Hamilton, American painter 1917-2004, is the featured artist for this year's Saturday afternoon special event at Senior College Festival of Art. We are celebrating his life and works with a presentation of the Maine Masters video, produced by Richard Kane and Robert Shetterly. Immediately following the video will be a presentation of his work by his widow, **Nancy Hamilton**. She will be joined by a distinguished panel moderated by nationally known artist **David Estey**. Other members of the panel include director and chair of the Maine Film and Video Association **Richard Kane**, nationally known artist **Eric Hopkins**, director of CMCA and former chief curator at the Farnsworth Art Museum **Suzette McAvoy**, international artist born in Scotland **William Irvine**, and nationally known artist **George Llyod**. Their wealth of knowledge and appreciation of Robert Hamilton's work will lead to an informal exchange with the audience, to share influences, inspiration and the significance of his work.

Hamilton taught 34 years at the Rhode Island School of Design, "RISD". He mentored many successful painters (including many of our panel members), and produced over 600 paintings, had many exhibits, has his works in private, university and museum collections, and was presented as a "Maine Master" on the Maine PBS network. His friend and neighbor, Andrew Wyeth, called him "a real painter." His sophisticated, yet humorous, innovations are like no one else's.

David Estey and Thierry Bonneville have been collaborating on a book about Robert Hamilton and his works. It should be finished for publication by festival time.

Besides the Robert Hamilton presentation on Saturday afternoon, there will be a reception for the students of RSU20 in the morning from 10:00 A.M. - Noon. We are again showcasing the students' artwork in the large meeting conference room at the end of the new wing during the festival.

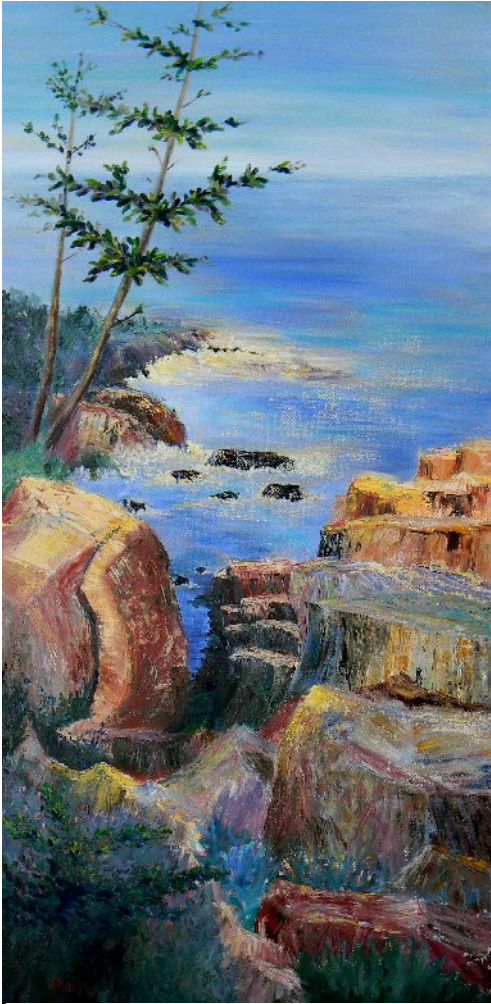
So,we need your help again in order to make Senior College's largest event more successful than ever! There are sign-up sheets in the Atrium during classes on Thursdays. You may also contact Ray Smith at 548-2141.

Sincerely, and with much gratitude,

Dorothy Alling - Co-Chair
Cathy Bradbury - Co-Chair

9th Annual Festival of Art

May 12-15, 2011



“Acadia”

Oil on canvas by Rainy Brooks

Exhibit Hours:

Thursday: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 Noon–3:00 p.m.

A celebration 170 Maine Artists

The Festival Events

Thursday, May 12:

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Opening Reception

Friday, May 13:

All Day – Auditorium

Artists’ Bios and pictures

Photography Slide Show

12:00 Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Anne Spencer – Demo. Water Color

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion

Marketing and Promoting Your Work

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Performing Arts Concert

UMaine Hutchinson Ctr.- Auditorium

Saturday, May 14:

10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

RSU 20 K-12 Children’s Art Reception: Meeting Rooms

1:00 Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Documentary Movie & Guest Panel:

David Estey, Nancy Hamilton,

Suzette McAvoy, Eric Hopkins,

George Lloyd, Richard Kane,

and William Irvine

Robert Hamilton

American and Maine Master Painter

The Festival of Art is co-sponsored by

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SENIOR COLLEGE SPECIAL EVENT

LOCAL SPECIALTY SHOPS NORTHPORT & LINCOLNVILLE Wednesday May 11, 2011

Have you ever driven by some of our local specialty shops and said "I've got to stop there some day"? Well, that day has come and it's Wednesday May 11. The Special Events Committee has organized tours of Swans Island Blankets in Northport, and Windsor Chairmakers and Cellardoor Winery in Lincolnville. The trip includes a nice lunch at the winery.

Departure: 8:30am from the Hutchinson Center south parking

Return: 2:30pm to the Hutchinson Center

Cost: (including transportation and lunch
\$28 per person for members
\$33 for non-members

Cutoff date: April 29, 2011 or whenever we reach the 18 seat capacity of the bus, whichever comes first

If you are interested, please complete the registration form on the reverse side and return it with your check to address shown.

Questions can be directed to Marilyn Caron at 763-3940

**SENIOR COLLEGE
SPECIAL EVENTS REGISTRATION FORM
Local Specialty Shops in Northport & Lincolnville**

NAME(S) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Local Specialty Shops in Northport & Lincolnville (Wednesday May 11)

Number of members: _____ @ \$28/person = \$ _____

Number of non- members: _____ @ \$33/person = \$ _____

CHECK # _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

(For purposes of Special Events trips, Senior College extends membership privileges to members of the Waldo County Y, just as they do for our members)

All trips are subject to cancellation when there are not enough registrants. Payment is final, but generally refundable if the trip is cancelled. However, if any trip is cancelled due to inclement weather, the cost of any advance ticket purchases may be forfeited. If any registrant cancels prior to the trip, his or her money will be refunded only if there is a waiting list. Please call Marilyn Caron, Chair of the Special Events Committee, at 763-3940 with any questions.

Through my signature on this registration form, I agree to hold harmless for any personal injury claims the Senior College University of Maine Hutchinson Center and the University of Maine Hutchinson Center. ***(Each registrant must sign)***

_____	_____	Member? ___Yes ___No
(date)	(signature)	
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**Send check made out to "Senior College" and this registration form to:
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Attn: Special Events Committee
80 Belmont Ave.
Belfast, ME 04915**

You will receive a phone call confirming receipt of this registration.

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SENIOR COLLEGE SPECIAL EVENT

COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS TOUR BOOTH BAY, MAINE Thursday June 2, 2011

Please join us for a visit to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Booth Bay. We will take a luxury coach bus for a comfortable journey down the coast to Booth Bay with a stop for lunch at a seaside restaurant. After lunch we will be greeted by a docent at the Gardens who will take us on a guided, one hour walking tour of the Gardens after which we will have an hour and a half to explore on our own. Many additions and expansions have occurred in the last two years. Just some of the Gardens you may wish to see include:

1. The Permanent Sculpture Garden
2. The Lerner Garden of the Five Senses featuring an abundance of plants and features designed to appeal to each sense
3. The Alford Children's Garden which grown-ups have discovered and enjoy tremendously
The Burpee Kitchen Garden which is a stone walled garden planted with herbs, vegetables, edible flowers with a focal point of the Granite Fountain by Gary Haven Smith

Some of the flowering plants will include the Rhododendrons, Azalea, Cornus Cousa, Viburnum, Geranium, Iris, Roses, and Trillium

We will then take the journey home with a stop at the famous Edgecomb Potters.

Departure: 10:00am from the Hutchinson Center south parking lot (begin boarding at 9:45am)

Return: 5:00pm to the Hutchinson Center

Cost: (including transportation by coach bus, lunch, and admission to the Gardens):
\$45 per person for members
\$50 for non-members

Cutoff date: May 15, 2011 or whenever we reach the 47 seat capacity of the bus, whichever comes first

If you are interested, please complete the registration form on the reverse side and return it with your check to address shown.

Questions can be directed to Jim Rose at 548-0020

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SPECIAL EVENTS REGISTRATION FORM
Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens Tour**

NAME(S) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens Tour (Thursday June 2, 2011)

Number of members: _____ @ \$45/person = \$ _____

Number of non- members: _____ @ \$50/person = \$ _____

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