



The Bell Tower

Newsletter of the Ocean Park Association

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OPA ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 8, 2023 AT 9:30 AM

The 144th Annual Meeting of the Ocean Park Association is going to be held at 9:30 am on Saturday, July 8, at the Temple. The booklet of annual reports and other materials for the Annual Meeting were mailed and emailed on May 26th to OPA members in good standing as of May 24th. Extra copies will be available in the OPA office and will be made available at the meeting. Please note: masks are appreciated!

AS A REMINDER: To vote in the Annual Meeting you must be a life member or have paid your annual membership dues for 2023. You are cordially invited to review the materials, read the Annual Meeting Booklet and participate in the governance of your Association at the Annual Meeting!

UPDATING OPA'S BYLAWS AND CHARTER, by Kathy Wade, Secretary

As you may know, the Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee of the Board (the "Bylaws Committee") has been working throughout the past year on reviewing and updating the OPA Charter and the Bylaws of the Association to bring them both into compliance with current Maine law and to provide a good foundation for the current and future needs of the Association. Both documents were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors for submission to the Members for approval at the upcoming Annual Meeting of Members on July 8th.

These two documents are included in the Notice of Annual Meeting that has been sent to all current OPA members. There is also a report of the Bylaws Committee in the Notice of Annual Meeting summarizing the work that was done and highlighting some of the key elements of the two documents. Understanding that (i) these don't read like your favorite mystery novel and (ii) they may seem to be of little interest to many of you but are important for the operation of OPA, the Bylaws Committee and members of the Board want to give you the opportunity to learn more about what would change and what would not if these are adopted in July.

We are planning to have at least one in-person gathering in Ocean Park and one Zoom meeting later in June for anyone who would like to learn more about the two documents and to ask questions prior to the Annual Meeting. The dates and times have yet to be set, but notices will be posted online and on the OPA Facebook page as well as in the OPA office in Jakeman Hall. We hope you will be able to attend the Annual Meeting on July 8th and support the proposal to update these documents that will provide the structure for the operation of the Association going forward.

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NEW OPA WEBSITE - COMING IN JUNE! *By Linda Lauritano*

For the past 10 months the OPA Technology Committee has been working on a new website. The goal of this new site is easier and more intuitive navigation as well as allowing for updates and changes to be more easily made. We are excited about the new look and feel and we hope you will be too! The address for the new site will be the same as the current website, oceanpark.org. Stay tuned for our official release date!

A big thank you to our web designer Bill Oleszczuk along with committee members Jim Grace, Barry Jackman, Linda Lauritano, Suzanne Liacos-Dix, Debbie Sousa, Steve Sousa and volunteer Eden Grace for their hours of hard work.

NEW OPA COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS NOW IN STOCK!

Just in time for that perfect gift! 2 new and unique commemorative items are in stock at the OPA office! Stop by and get yours - limited quantities available.

SET OF 4 STONEWARE COASTERS - ONLY \$25.00/SET

Courtesy of 4 Maine Promos in Biddeford



2023 HOLIDAY ORNAMENT - ONLY \$15.00

Courtesy of Treasured Scenes, by Keystone Specialties



RETRO NIGHT AT THE REC HALL - QUESTIONS ANSWERED!, By Debbie Sousa

By now you (hopefully) have marked your calendars for the July 1st fundraiser at the Rec Hall from 6:00 PM -9:00 PM. Tickets are \$30 per person (or two for \$50) and all proceeds will go towards the Rec Hall renovations. Tickets can be purchased from the OPA office or at the door – look for details on the OPA Facebook page.

How old is the Rec Hall? It was built by the Education Bureau on land owned by the Ocean Park Association and was dedicated on July 8, 1949. The building is named after Agnes L. Park who was President of the Bureau from 1937 until her death in 1951. Agnes was very influential in planning the Rec Hall. We are excited to learn that at least two great-grandchildren of Agnes L. Park may be joining us for Retro Night.

Will there be enough room for everyone inside the Rec Hall? Just in case, we are applying for a permit to close off the street in front of the Rec Hall so we can enjoy music and dancing from inside and outside. Fingers crossed for good weather!

When can you bid on silent auction items? We have about 15 items that have been obtained by, donated by, or created by talented Ocean Parkers. Restaurant gift certificates, professional services and works of art including the Rec Hall painting by Russel Whitten can be yours for the highest bid. You will be able to place bids on your favorite items on June 29th and June 30th in Jakeman Hall during business hours if you can't join us on July 1st. The auction will end at the dance, but you don't need to be in attendance to be the highest bidder.

What should you wear? There is no formal dress code, but don't be surprised if you see a few folks wearing outfits from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's or whatever era you may have attended a dance at the Rec Hall as a teenager. The important thing is not what you wear – but that you are here helping us to preserve this building for future generations. See you on July 1st!



GUIDED NATURE WALKS AT GUILD PARK, By Rick Koehler

Guided Nature Walks at Guild Park to explore what is blooming, growing, and living inside the preserve, and perhaps refresh your spirit. Please join local naturalists on this leisurely paced guided walk. The walk will be approximately 2 hours and cover about 1 mile on flat, yet somewhat uneven ground.

You can come on any or all of the planned walks on June 27, July 19 or July 26, or August 16 or August 23. Meet at the kiosk in Guild Park at 10:00 AM. There is limited parking on Temple Ave.



For more information contact the OPA or Ruth Leavitt at mleavitt@roadrunner.com. Ruth is a Maine Certified Naturalist, a Master Gardener through the U-Maine Extension Service, and holds a B.S. in Plant and Soil Science.

THE EDUCATIONAL BUREAU ANNUAL BAZAARS - JULY & AUGUST, by Nancy Kenney

This year, the Educational Bureau bazaars will be held on:

- Wednesday, July 19 - rain date on Thursday, July 20 – 9:00-1:00
- Wednesday, August 16 - rain date on Thursday, August 17 – 9:00-1:00



If you are interested in reserving a table(s), please complete the form below and return it to Nancy Kenney as indicated.

Ed Bureau Annual Bazaar Table Reservation Form

2023 Table Fee: \$25.00 per table

To reserve a table(s), please fill out the form below and submit to Nancy Kenney

(Nancy Kenney – nancyckenny@aol.com or call 978-502-2615)

Note: Table layout may be different than in past years due to spacing requirements.

Date: _____

Name: (Please Print) _____

Address: (Please Print) _____

Contact Phone: Cell: _____ Landline: _____

E-mail: (Please Print) _____

Items selling: (Please Print) Please be specific to ensure we do not place crafters with similar items next to each other. Examples: Flee market, jewelry, crafts – list craft, painting, beach art)

I would like to reserve a table for: (please check date/dates you would like to reserve a table)

_____ Wednesday, July 19 9:00 - 1:00 (Setup time 7:30) _____ Rain Date: Thursday, July 20

_____ Wednesday, Aug. 16 9:00 – 1:00 (Setup time 7:30) _____ Rain Date: Thursday, Aug. 17

_____ Number of tables / _____ Number of chairs (2 max)

Note: All tables are to be purchased from Ed. Bureau.

Note: Please bring protection from the sun, it can be very hot. It is not provided.

Requests/Questions:

IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of those friends of Ocean Park whose passing has come to the attention of the Association since the printing of the June Bell Tower:

Elaine Sharkey	Waltham, MA	May 25, 2022
Robert Meserve	Reading, MA and Ocean Park, ME	August 12, 2022
Barbara Ericson	Saco, ME	May 4, 2023
Rosemary Fettinger Worth	Saco, ME and Ocean Park, ME	May 9, 2023
William S. Edgerly	Concord, MA and Ocean Park, ME	May 24, 2023
Eden Grace	Ocean Park, ME	May 27, 2023
Steve Nelson	Saco, ME and Ocean Park, ME	May 30, 2023

To notify the Ocean Park Association of the passing of a loved one, please contact the office at (207) 934-9068, option 0, or opa@oceanpark.org.

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership for 2023



If you need a new sign, just stop by the office - you can buy a new one for just \$10.00!

Membership

The following is a list of new Ocean Park Association members approved by the Board of Directors since the March Edition of the Bell Tower:

Regular Members:

- David W. Babb
- Lyn Blouin
- Scott Morse
- Stacey Thieme
- Jill Kennedy Tobey

Life Members:

Youth Members:

- Lennon Holland
- Reid Holland
- Finn Novak



OPA CLEAN-UP DAY: THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

On Saturday, May 6th, 30 volunteers of all ages came together to clean up winter debris around Ocean Park. Our enthusiastic volunteers did everything from clean windows and the insides of Jordan and Porter to rake the outside all around the Temple, Bell Tower, Fairy Garden, the Cheney and more. Countless loads of debris were taken to the landfill. It is amazing what can be accomplished in just one day with a group of awesome Ocean Parkers!



TENNIS COURT CLEAN-UP, by Todd Whitney

16 loads - two trucks supplied by my son Mark; plus one by Bob (Enzo) Tkacik and another by Cliff Kenney! Many weeks were spent removing debris from both the courts and from Memorial Park. Dave Levesque unloaded 175 eighty pound bags of Har-Tru, and Enzo and I operated all the equipment required to distribute 7 tons of material. Everyone who had OK knees or strong backs nailed down the tapes (4,500 nails). A HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped get the courts ready for 2023!

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| Norb Beck | Betsy Enloe | Maureen Foster | David Keene | Bob Tkacik |
| Bill Carney | Diane Elvin | Mick Godkin | Cliff Kenney | Tom Toohey |
| Rod Choroszy | Joe Finn | Phyllis Hayes | David Levesque | Mark Whitney |
| Dana Defilippo | Bill Foster | Ron Houle | Bill Robidoux | Kathy Whitney |
| | | | Lori Thayer | Todd Whitney |



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS,

By Jerry Scheinfeldt

With the summer season upon us, you are invited to join in the music at the Temple.

Temple worship begins on Sunday, June 25th. The first choir rehearsal will be Saturday, June 24th at 5:30 PM in the Temple. The choir will also rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. The Temple Bells and the Temple Brass will also play. If you have questions please contact Sue Evans (Bells); Dan Evans (Brass) or Jerry Scheinfeldt (Choir) [Contact info is in the Annual program booklet.]. Or simply call the Ocean Park Association Office at (207) 934-9068, ext. 0.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS MORE THAN EVER!

Please visit the local stores in Ocean Park! The Ocean Park Association provides leases to these businesses, and your patronage helps further our mission.

Thank you!



OPA ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

How do you find the official OPA Instagram or OPA Facebook?

Instagram: www.instagram.com/oceanparkmaine/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/OPAMaine



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If you, or someone you know, are thinking about selling, reach out to us. Stop by our office at 14 Temple Avenue in Ocean Park or call or text Chris at 207-800-6116

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Date: _____ Order # _____

Temple Service Flower Order Form 2023

Those who wish to pay tribute to their loved ones by placing flowers in the Temple for Sunday services can do so by completing this form and submitting it to the OPA office by 4:00 pm no later than the Monday before the desired date. Arrangements are \$50 each, and are provided by Prestige House of Flowers in Biddeford.

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Date of Arrangement: _____ We will contact you if this date is not available.

Text for Sunday Bulletin: (no more than 15 words, please) _____

Special Floral Requests: _____

Payment Type (select one): ___ Check ___ Credit ___ Cash Amount Enclosed: _____

Credit Card: ___ Visa ___ MC ___ Disc. ___ Amex 3/4 Digit Sec. Code: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card Number: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Checks payable to: Ocean Park Association

Mail completed forms to: Ocean Park Association, PO Box 7296, Ocean Park, ME 04063

Sharon can be reached at 934-9068 (option 0) or via email at opa@oceanpark.org.