

## **President's Message**

February is just around the corner and it's time to encourage you to come to our next **monthly meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom**. Our speaker, Myles Felch will give us a virtual tour of the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum in Bethel Maine. Over 20 members attended our Zoom meeting in January (including several "snow birds"). I'm hoping for a strong turnout on February 2<sup>nd</sup>!

The business portion of our February meeting will address our usual committee reports. In addition, we will discuss the formation of the nominating committee to set our slate of officers for our spring elections. If you would like to participate, please contact me directly. I will also address the startup of Dine Arounds again. We've set a date please see the separate article in this news blast. Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom,

Kate

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## **Monthly Meeting on ZOOM Thursday February 2 6:30 pm informal social; 7:00 pm speaker; 7:45 pm Business Meeting**

Speaker: Myles Felch, curator and staff geologist

Join Myles Felch from the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum in Bethel Maine on **ZOOM** to hear about our geological history, see beautiful gems AND, the largest piece of Mars on earth!

Zoom link and reminder will be emailed next Wednesday, Feb 1 before the meeting.

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The **Beachside Bookenders** is the book group for N&N. We meet monthly on the second Thursday at 3:30 p.m. We have returned to meeting at the homes of members. On Feb. 9 at 3:30, we'll meet to discuss *The Last Ballad* by Wiley Cash.

On March 9 at 3:30 we will meet to talk about *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker.

If you are interested in joining the book group, contact Sue Gilbey.

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**Breakfast Group** Newcomers breakfast will be at ALL Day Breakfast on Tuesday February 7 at 9:30 please contact Marie Ali Hassan before February 5.

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**Bridge at Duffy's** – We have a great group of players every week, of all skill levels. Even if you haven't played in many years, you will remember and have fun. Lunch at 12:30 and then bridge from 1:30 to 3:30. Please join us.

Leader: Tom Boak

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**Knitting and Crafts group** will meet on Tuesday February 7 from 1:30 to 3:30. If interested in hosting please contact Marie Ali Hassan.

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**Dine Arouds:** After a long hiatus, Dine Arouds are back! For anyone who doesn't remember them, or if you are new and have never attended one, they are a fun way for members to gather in each other's homes in small groups to get to know each other by sharing dinner together. One member plays host, opening their home to other members who each bring a portion of the meal (pre-arranged with the host). If this sounds like fun to you, please save the date of Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and contact me if you would like to participate as a Host, or as a guest.

To kick this event off, Jim and I will host one of the Dine Arouds on that night at our home in Kennebunkport and we would like to extend a special invitation to any singles that would like to dine with us. Cindy and Stephen Sayers have volunteered to host a Dine Around on the same evening at their home in Kennebunk. In the past Dine Arouds were an excellent way to meet new members or re-connect with long time members in a welcoming venue. Please let me know by Thursday February 2, 2023 if you would like to be a Host, or attend on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>!

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**Directory update:** If you have moved, changed your e-mail or gotten a new cell phone number, please notify Bob Mills.

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**Sunshine outreach:** If you know of a club member who is sick or hospitalized, please let Donna Gomez know so she can send a card.

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Check our website for calendar and activities or to refer potential new members

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