

President's Message

As we finish out 2021, a year that went by in the blink of an eye, or perhaps lasted a decade, I hope this message finds you, your family, and friends all well.

Despite the fact that we begin the year with a Zoom meeting, I feel as though 2022 brings cause for optimism.

The knowledge gained and social changes brought about by our travails will prove beneficial to us in the future. Hopefully, the near future.

Jeff

Monthly Meeting Thursday January 6, 7:00 pm

The January 6th meeting of the Newcomers and Neighbors Club will take place on Zoom due to the heightened rates of COVID infection. We will listen to a presentation by Dr. Libby Bischof, Executive Director, Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education.

Dr. Bischof will speak to us about the history of the library, feature some maps of the Kennebunks and surrounding areas and preview the Library's new Fantasy Map exhibition due to open at the end of January.

Shortly before the meeting you will receive an email with the Zoom information. Please share the information with friends/neighbors who might be interested.

See you on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 7pm!

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

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

Scheduled N&N activities

The **Beachside Bookenders** will hold their Jan. 6 meeting by Zoom. We're looking at an old favorite this month, *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. If you are interested in becoming a member of the book group, we welcome you. For February our book is *The Lowering Days* by Gregory Brown.

Leader: Susan Gilbey

The **Breakfast Group** will meet on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 9:30 am at Mike's American Diner in Arundel. Since Kathy is traveling, please let Carolyn Kershaw know by Sunday, January 9th, if you will be attending.

Bridge at Duffy's – on Wednesdays, Lunch at 12:30 pm, Bridge 1:30-3:30 pm.

Leader: Tom Boak

Knitting and Crafts group: meets monthly on the second Tuesday from 1:30-3:30 pm. Please join us for an afternoon of knitting, crafting and conversation on Tuesday January 11 at 1:30. This might be an opportunity for one of you to host.

Leaders: Linda Gaumond and Marie Ali Hassan

TGFun: Due to the high covid surge, we will not be planning any TGFun events right now.

Leaders: Pat & Bill Dugan

Other activities/interest groups can be formed if someone wants to establish and chair them. Suggestions include mah-jongg and pinochle.

December sky and icicles framing a full moon over the roof



Opportunities for member volunteers:

The Hospitality Committee needs a leader!

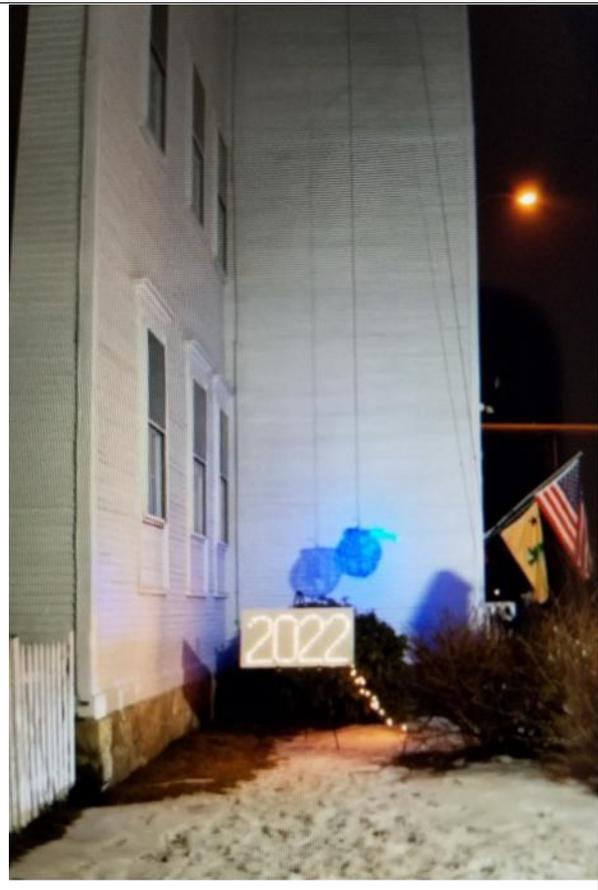
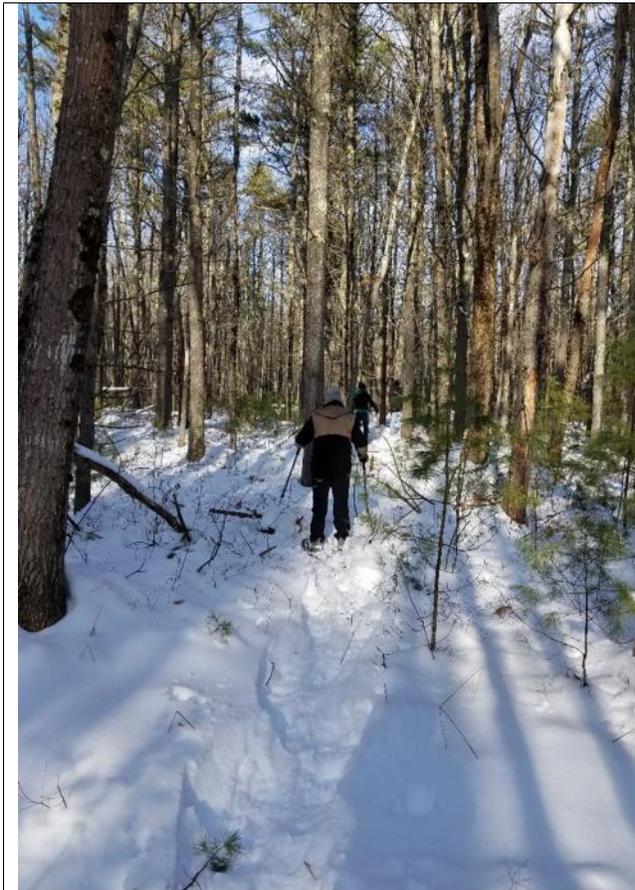
Otherwise known as the keeper of the key/hospitality/facilities Committee, this is the group that opens and closes the Community Hall and coordinates the refreshments. The Board has decided to eliminate the coffee/tea service at the monthly meetings, but refreshments (by members) can only continue if there is a Chair and small committee to do the following.

-) *Beginning of a meeting:* open the doors; turn on the lights; and set up the tables
-) *End of meeting:* gather the trash, turn off the lights and lock the doors.

Everyone loves having refreshments during our social time at the beginning of meetings. And it's a key position if our meetings return indoors! Please consider taking this on and pulling in a couple of members to share.

Social Committee needs a chairperson!

There is an experienced team willing to help but the team needs a leader. Most of the social events (including the December holiday dinner, the March potluck and the year-end event at The Colony) have taken place for years. As Chair, you will not need to reinvent the wheel! The leader coordinates and finalizes the details.



HAPPY NEW YEAR !