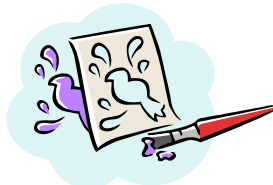


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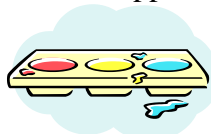
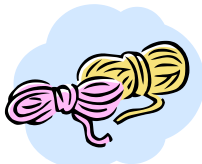
THE WINTHROP AREA CHAMBER SPONSORS 24TH ANNUAL WINTHROP ART SHOW ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH

The Winthrop Sidewalk Art Show is known as one of the best art festivals in Maine. The event, which will be held from 10 am to 4 pm (rain or shine) in downtown Winthrop, features many high-quality artists and draws attendees from throughout the region. This year's array of artwork has been expanded to include fabric, leather, metal, and wood, in addition to the traditional categories of oil paintings, watercolors, photography, and other media.



The event is complemented by many other special activities in Winthrop that are

held on the day of the Sidewalk Art Show, including the library book sale and church bake sales and luncheons. In addition to viewing and purchasing the amazing art on display, attendees have the opportunity to take advantage of these special activities, as well as numerous discounts and sales that are offered by local merchants.

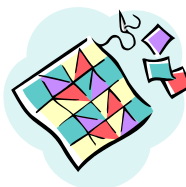


- A number of local authors will be available to sign their books at **Apple Valley Books** (121 Main Street). In the morning: Lynn Plourde with her two new children's books, "Only Cows Allowed" and "Dino Pets Go

Home," as well as her earlier books; Barbara Walsh with her new children's book illustrated by Jamie Wyeth, "Sammy in the Sky;" and Ben Thomas with his two young adult novels "Scuba Gold" and "Code Breaker." In the afternoon: Nancy Prince with her children's book, "Libby's Loons."

- The Charles M Bailey Public Library will be holding its Friends of the Library Book Fair from 9 am to 2 pm. Please note that the book sale will be taking place in the multi-purpose room of the Winthrop Town Office (17 Highland Avenue).
- Subman the mascot of Subway will be walking around town and handing out coupons, courtesy of the Winthrop **Subway** (134 Main Street).
- The Winthrop United Methodist Church (58 Main Street) will be holding its annual "Whale of a Sale" from 8 am to 1:30 pm. There will be something new this year, "The Treasure Chest," featuring antiques, collectibles, and new items.

For more detailed information about the 24th Annual Winthrop Sidewalk Art Festival, please go to www.winthropchamber.org, send an email to info@winthropchamber.org, or call 207-377-8020.

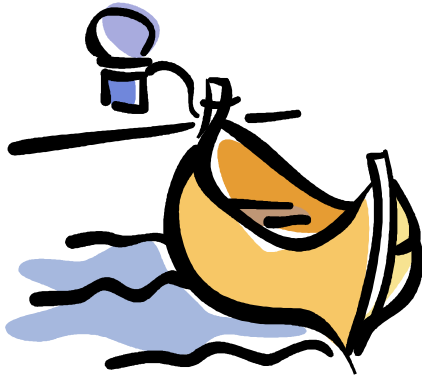


Member News & ANNOUNCEMENTS



This month, the **Kennebec Land Trust** (KLT) is hosting trips to the islands-- Hodgdon and Horseshoe islands, that is!

On the morning of Sunday, August 7, expert kayaker Nathalie Woolworth and trail builders Erik and Jon Lund will lead a canoe and kayak tour of KLT's islands on Cobbossee Lake, as well as a hike on the new Horseshoe Island trail. The canoe and

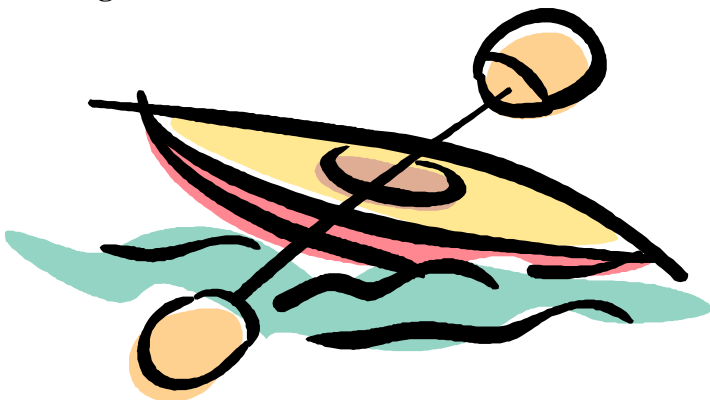


kayak tour will start at 8 am and go until 10:30 am.

Participants should meet at the outlet dam on Cobbossee Stream and park along Collins Rd.

On Saturday, August 27, at 4:30 pm, the KLT Outing Club*, led by kayak guide Nathalie Woolworth, will take a sunset paddle to Sunset Beach on Hodgdon Island for a picnic and swim.

Please pre-register for these programs by calling KLT at 207-377-2848.



*The LKT Outing Club (KLTOC) is a new outdoor activity club offering a wide variety of events for active young adults. KLTOC is a great way to explore the outdoors, learn about KLT properties, and socialize with a fun, friendly, nature-loving group. KLTOC outings are free for KLT members and \$5 for non-members.



Winthrop Rotary Sunset Installation: Left to right: Rotary Past District Governor, Jan Goddard; "Lefty" McIntyre, standing in for Secretary Ryan Frost; Treasurer Phil McSweeney, Vice President Craig Hickman; and President Kathy Thorenson.

At an informal family gathering at Anabessacook Farm Bed and Breakfast, the **Rotary Club of the Winthrop Area** welcomed new officers. Attended by friends, family, and visiting Rotarians from afar. The food and fellowship was enjoyed on the deck of the B&B before the setting sun.

Incoming President Kathy Thorenson detailed some of her plans for community service and fund raising in the coming year. The group was honored by the attendance of Rotary's Past District Governor Jan Goddard, who addressed the group with a portion of Rotary history and conducted the installation ceremonies just before the sun set.

"I've attended many, many Rotary ceremonies over the years," said Bill McKenna, an Augusta resident and Winthrop club member. "This has to be one of the most relaxing and friendly events yet. The club has good energy and will continue to do well in the community."

Rotary International is a global network of community volunteers. The Winthrop Area Club is made up of business professionals from Winthrop and the surrounding communities and meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 am in the conference room of the **Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union** on Highland Avenue. Visitors are always welcome.

Help the Chamber Share the NEWS ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

Do you have news about your business that you'd like to share with your Chamber colleagues? Send an email message to info@winthropchamber.org and we'll put it in the *Chamber News*.



207-377-8020 or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org

Mark Your Calendars Now! Fall EVENTS INFO. COMING SOON!!!

Mark your calendars now to be sure you don't miss any of the Chamber events coming this fall:

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| Thursday, September 1 | Breakfast Meeting |
| Wednesday, September 21 | Annual Meeting |
| Thursday, October 6 | Breakfast Meeting |
| November 3 | Breakfast Meeting |

Advertise on the Chamber Website SO CUSTOMERS CAN FIND YOU!

The current state of the economy makes it more important than ever to promote your business—and advertising on the Chamber's Website is a cost-effective way to do it. Advertising

rates are posted online at www.winthropchamber.org. For more information about advertising on the Chamber website, call



Capital, Contracts, & Counseling HELP IS AVAILABLE AT SBA

Since its founding, the US Small Business Administration has delivered millions of loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions, and other forms of assistance to small businesses. SBA provides assistance through four programmatic functions:

- Access to Capital (Business Financing)
- Entrepreneurial Development (Education, Information, Technical Assistance & Training)
- Government Contracting (Federal Procurement)
- Advocacy (Voice for Small Business)

The SBA provides support to small businesses and small-business owners across the nation through the "3 Cs" of SBA service:

- Capital: SBA works with about 5,000 banks to provide SBA loans to small businesses.
- Contracts: SBA works to ensure that 23% of federal contract dollars go to small businesses.
- Counseling: 14,000 SBA-affiliated counselors provide small business guidance.

The SBA also assists small businesses with disaster preparedness. To learn more about what the SBA has to offer, visit www.sba.gov.