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December 2015

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events

December-January

- 12/5 7-9pm
Local Brew Coffeehouse with The Gnomes
- 12/14 7:30-9pm
FBSCC Board of Directors Meeting
- 12/19 7-9pm
Puppetry & Politics: "The Vagabond Puppeteers", a short documentary film and the Quahog Quire
- 12/22 Sunset
Barrington Light Up the Night Luminary Event
- 1/16 7-9pm
The Currents: "Witness"
- 1/25 7:30-9pm
FBSCC Board of Directors Meeting

For the most up-to-date event and activity information, check our online events listing at: <http://www.bsccri.org/calendar-of-events/>

Are you interested in proposing an event, concert, educational program or other activity to be held at the BSCC? Submit your proposal at: <http://www.bsccri.org/get-involved/propose-an-event-or-activity/>



Barrington Prepares to Light Up the Night with Annual BSCC Luminary Event on December 22

Join the Friends of the Bay Spring Community Center as we celebrate the 4th Annual "Light Up The Night". Purchase a luminary kit for \$10.00 and light up the enclosed five luminaries on December 22nd, the night of the Winter Solstice. Line your driveways, walkways or docks with these beautiful symbols of returning light and longer days.

We have many Neighborhood Captains who will be distributing order forms door to door but if for some reason you don't receive a form, you can also place your order online at www.bsccri.org and we will be happy to deliver your luminary kits to your door. "Light Up The Night" is our most important fundraiser of the year. Please join the hundreds of families who will be helping to support the programs of the BSCC by sharing in this meaningful expression of the holiday season.



Thousands of luminaries will be lit in front of homes throughout Barrington on December 22, creating a vibrant sense of community as well as showing support for arts and cultural programs in Barrington.

The Gnomes Return for December 5th Local Brew & Winter Coat Drive

If you've ever been to one of our December Local Brew Coffeehouses, you know it's a very special night. It's become a Brew tradition to reserve this month for one of our most popular bands - The Gnomes! Their brand of global folk-fusion is guaranteed to "touch both your heart and your feet". Bay Spring Folk will be starting the night! Best to reserve seats early for this show. It could very well be a full house.

As part of this Local Brew Coffeehouse, we're also collecting coats for our Annual Coat Drive. Please consider donating any clean, gently used coats to help someone in need stay warm this winter.

When: Saturday, December 5th at 7:00pm
(Doors open at 6:30 pm.)

Cost: \$10 for adults, kids 12 and under are free!





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Leadership RI Names BSCC One of Rhode Island's Top Community Resources

This past year, Leadership Rhode Island's 2015 Lambda II class of 75 RI leaders conducted 33 community meetings across the state in an exploration of what's going on distinctively well in communities and who the champions are behind them.

"Our goal was to not only identify and highlight these activities and initiatives but to also examine the secret formulas that make them successful in hopes that we might be able to enlighten and connect with other communities around these best practices," explained Mike Ritz, Leadership RI's executive director. "The Bay Spring Community Center in Barrington was identified as one of 1,200 great things happening in our state. Please take pride in being recognized by the citizenry of Barrington. We engaged them and they've spotted something great over there and they're talking about it – that's you!"

Strategic Plan Published

The FBSCC is pleased to announce the publication of the Bay Spring Community Center Three-year Strategic Plan, which will help guide the growth, mission, and programs of the BSCC.

It charts a path for the BSCC's core strategic initiatives, which include building on the BSCC's existing partnership with the Town of Barrington; expanding the reach of BSCC programs; increasing the diversity, scope, and appeal of future performances with local performers and other groups; and establishing a financial, administrative, and volunteer foundation sufficient to sustain and grow the BSCC. Download a copy today at:

www.bsccri.org/strategic-plan



A Fun Time for Ghouls and Goblins

Halloween brings out the spooky and the fun in kids of all ages. The volunteers at the BSCC were no exception as they hosted our annual Halloween Pizza Stop for weary, sugar-amped travelers throughout the Bay Spring area. Here, Magi "Spider Queen" Green and Gia Drummy are ensorcelled by a young fairy princess in exchange for a slice of pizza.

Volunteers Help Make Luminaries Possible

Thanks to all of the volunteers who assembled the more than 500 luminary kits that will be sold as part of the Light Up the Night event and fundraiser.

Patti and Dave Gardner*
 Kate Bonneau*
 Kim Parkhurst
 Jennifer Watson*
 Gia Drummy*
 Susan Wood*
 Magi Green*
 Denise Conway*

John Wood
 Tristan Barako and family
 Samantha Cesan
 Julian Alssid and family
 Karen Kemp, Jason Salter and family
 Sydney Montstream-Quas
 Adam Portugali

* Luminary Committee member



Homes around Barrington will be aglow on December 22



Some of the more than 500 luminary kits assembled by our volunteers

Lend a Helping Hand

Volunteers are the heart of the BSCC, helping to ensure that everything goes smoothly and everyone has a great time, whether that's helping with setup, concession sales, breakdown, taking tickets, and more. Contact the event coordinators below if you're interested in volunteering at one of these events:

Dec 5 — Local Brew Coffeehouse

Sydney Montstream-Quas:
sydney_mike@fullchannel.net

Dec 19 — Puppetry & Politics

Denise Conway: denise4@cox.net

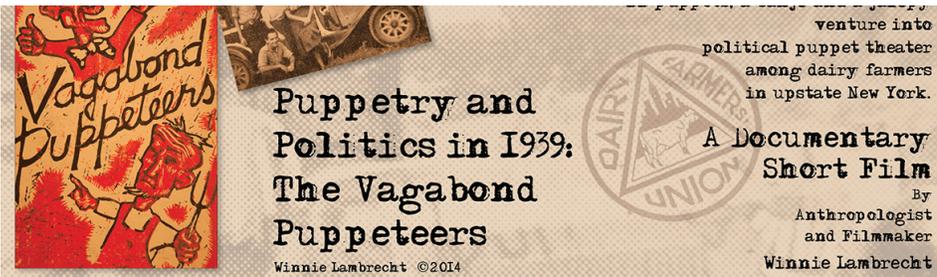
Jan 16 — The Currents

Chris Watson: writerguy@cox.net

Do you want to get more involved with the FBSCC and bring great programs to the East Bay?

Let us know at:

www.bsccri.org/get-involved/volunteer/



Puppetry and Politics in 1939: The Vagabond Puppeteers

Winnie Lambrecht ©2014

venture into political puppet theater among dairy farmers in upstate New York.



A Documentary Short Film
By Anthropologist and Filmmaker Winnie Lambrecht

Film Screening



Bay Spring Community Center
170 Narragansett Av Barrington RI
Saturday December 19th 7:00pm

\$5 Adults, kids 12 & under free bayspringcommunity@gmail.com

Join us for a presentation & screening of Winnie Lambrecht's short documentary film of Jerry Oberwager, Pete Seeger and friends merging puppetry and politics in the 1939 NY dairy strike.

Followed by **Bill Monroe** & the **Quahog Quire** singing union songs & work tunes.

Join the *Quahog Quire*
To quaint yourself with a Quorum of Quaddibetic Quoristers Questing a Quantuplicity of tunes. We sing of Quirks & Quacks, Quinting & Quagmires. Bring a Quoin to Quaff & Quaff a beer and be Quotted. So Quit your Quisichen and Quire with us.

Film, History & Music Come to the BSCC in December

Four New York City artists traveled through upstate NY in 1939, with the intention of helping farmers obtain electricity. But the summer of 1939 was also the time when The Dairy Farmers Union organized strikes to demand a better price for their milk. The artists (Jerry Oberwager, Mary Walton, Pete Seeger, and Harriet Holtzman) chose puppetry to carry their message and joined the dairy farmers' efforts, adapting their performances to help the strikers' cause.

Join us for a screening of "Puppetry and Politics in 1939: The Vagabond Puppeteers," a documentary by RISD's Winnie Lambrecht. It examines the three-month adventure through interviews with Oberwager and Seeger, and is illustrated with artwork by Mary Walton and archival photographs from the period.

Plus, Bill Monroe and the Quahog Quire will perform union songs of the era and holiday tunes. When: Saturday, December 19 at 7:00pm Cost: \$5 for adults, kids 12 and under free

How Can You Help? Join the FBSCC or Renew Today!

How often have you attended a Local Brew or the Harvest Festival at the BSCC and found yourself running into people you know? Or taken a seat at a Sunday Music Series or Battle of the Bands concert next to someone you've never met and struck up a conversation? Maybe you attended the BSCC's spoken-word program The Currents and found yourself laughing, crying, and nodding your head along with everyone else in the room?

What you've no doubt discovered is that BSCC is not just a place to enjoy music, visual and theater arts, events for children, and spoken-word programming. **It's a place where strangers meet and become friends. A place where you make connections.**

You also make BSCC the amazing place

it is with your membership, which enables the Friends of the Bay Spring Community Center to produce and support more than 25 exciting and diverse events each season.

Please renew your membership for 2016. Not a member yet? Please join! It's easy. You can visit www.bsccri.org to fill out the online form or, if you prefer, take a moment to complete the form on the back page of this newsletter and send it with your check payable to: Friends of the BSCC, PO Box 184, Barrington, RI 02806.

Thank you for your commitment to the FBSCC. We truly appreciate your support and look forward to a 2016 filled with exciting events, more opportunities to connect with you and, of course, more music, art and culture.

Playground Improvements Underway

The backyard playground at the BSCC has been a fun magnet for community kids for years as they swarm over the slides, the "big spinner" and the climbers. Now, the Town of Barrington and BSCC volunteers are taking steps to ensure that kids of all ages will be able to continue enjoying the playground safely.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Adam Portugali for organizing a group of Barrington High Schoolers to work on the playground. They are improving the areas beneath the equipment (per the Town's recommendation) by digging out the dirt surrounding all of the playground equipment. The excavated spaces will then be filled with wood chips for improved safety in the same fashion as other playgrounds in town.

Along with Adam, the students who have been carrying out "the heavy lifting" are Jake Lentz, Jack Holder, Tobias Rein, Will Languriand, and Angus Banks, who are doing the work at the direction of committee chair Larson Guinness and the rest of the BSCC Building and Grounds Committee. Thanks for the help, guys! The kids will love it come spring.



A Logo in Search of Credit!

This fantastic line drawing of the BSCC has been used for many years but we haven't been able to figure out who created it originally. If you know, drop us a line at bsccri.marketing@gmail.com so we can say thanks and give them the credit they deserve.



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meet a member

3 Questions with...Peggy Saurwein

At 91 years young, Peggy Saurwein is a whirlwind of energy. Martha Stewart could take lessons from her when it comes to cooking and entertaining and she epitomizes the best of what a 'senior citizen' can do. Today she works part-time at St. John's Church in Barrington at the Encore Store, enjoys bingo, gourmet cooking club, reading, plus volunteering her time to help the BSCC!

How did you get involved with the BSCC?

Magi Green invited me to some of the events and I was hooked by the diversity of programs. As a lover of music I enjoy the many types of venues that have performed. The Currents program is one of my favorites. I admire the honesty and heartfelt presentation. As a 'people person' I thoroughly appreciate volunteering at the outdoor festivals. So many wonderful people to mingle with. Halloween was a



Peggy Saurwein (center) gets into the spirit of things during the Halloween Pizza Stop at the BSCC, along with Magi Green (left) and Suzanne Farmer (right)

wonderful opportunity to see all the children. Residing in an independent living apartment complex, where there are no children, it was heartwarming to be part of the festivities and even dress in a costume.

Why Barrington, RI?

I love being near the water. Both my daughter and son were living in Rhode Island and I wanted to be closer to them. My community living gives me a sense of peace. I especially enjoy always knowing there are people around to talk and play with.

If money was no concern, what else would you like to be doing?

Traveling the world and eating out at fine restaurants. I am a 'foodie' and one of my best memories was traveling to Paris twice, where my daughter lived, an exciting adventure, for which I am still very grateful. It is exciting to go to new restaurants; still so many I have not been to in Providence yet.

Recently I gave up driving at night and on the highways which can be limiting to excursions. Thankfully living in Barrington I am able to get to Providence and the East Side the back way. There are still so many places and things I want to see. Learning is my number one priority.

"Artist's Orchard" Art Show Showcases Local Talent

Seven local artists came together for the first Artist's Orchard Art Show on October 23rd. Thanks to all of the artists, the more than 50 community members who came out to see the art, and to event producer Will Orchard. We can't wait for the next one!



Become a member at WWW.BSCCRI.ORG & make some new friends!

Become a Friend of the BSCC and join a vibrant community filled with art, music, activities and more. Join online or complete the form below. Checks can be made payable to "BSCC" and sent to Bay Spring Community Center, P.O. Box 184 Barrington, RI 02806.

\$20 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Your membership makes BSCC events possible by supporting our newsletters, website, supplies and more. We will never sell or share your contact info.

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