

Kearsarge Elementary students tap their creative side through wide-ranging art programs

NEW LONDON – When elementary students in the Kearsarge Regional School District walk into their art classroom, they take a step back from the rigors of language arts, math and science and are free to let creativity flow in a judgment-free zone.

They know they are in a safe place where there is no right or wrong.

"You can physically see some of the students relax," said teacher Elise Dubreuil. "While other subjects have 'right' and 'wrong' answers, art is all about personal representation and interpretation.

It allows students to be creative, problem-solve, try new things without the fear of failure. It is also an outlet for some students to just be themselves. Much like yoga calms the body for those who practice it, art does that for most students."

Dubreuil and Caitlin Mauser-Rowe make up the district's elementary school art team, collaborating on the curriculum and assessments.

Mauser-Rowe said their goal is to have a cohesive art curriculum filled with essentials for making

art in a variety of ways. Teaching elementary art means that they can work with students from Kindergarten through Grade 5.

"It is a unique opportunity to see your students develop and grow creatively over time," Mauser-Rowe said.

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INTERTOWN RECORD COMMUNITY CALENDAR *Area code is (603) unless indicated otherwise*

Tuesday, April 23

ORFS HIKE – Audubon MacLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, 9:45 a.m. Silk Farm Sanctuary trails, three trails totaling 2 ½ miles. Directions: I89 south to exit 2 for Clinton St. onto Route 13. Left toward Dunbarton. Right on Silk Farm Road, 2 miles left into parking lot. Park toward rear. Wear appropriate boots/shoes for hikes and poles for uneven terrain. Wearing layers also helpful. Brown bag lunch to enjoy at picnic tables or bring a chair.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION AND TRAINING – At The Fells Gatehouse, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, 2 p.m. An introduction for returning and new volunteers through orientation and upcoming opportunities. Review the volunteer handbook and a slide presentation on the history and current programming. Everyone welcome. Space limited. Register at info@thefells.org. A second date may be an option to accommodate the popularity of this meeting. Info: www.thefells.org.

Thursday, April 25

UNDERSTANDING ZONING – At the Wilmot Public Library, 11 N. Wilmot Road, Wilmot, 7 p.m. A presentation by Bill Chaisson, Wilmot's property clerk and land use coordinator. What zoning can and can't do -- how zoning is decided -- how zoning may affect your property -- new and old thinking about zoning. Info: www.wilmotlibrary.org.

Saturday, April 27

FREE DROP-IN ART PROJECT – At the Library Arts Center, 58 N. Main St., Newport, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop in to create a variety of crafts in celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. Included will be Chinese Dragon Puppets, Indonesian Shadow Puppets, and Japanese Kokeshi Dolls. Supplies provided. All ages are welcome. Info: www.libraryartscenter.org.

Saturday and Sunday, April 27 & 28

'THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK' – At the Newport Opera House, 20 Main St., Newport, Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m. Doors open half hour early both days. Twenty junior high and high school students from Mount Roy-

al Academy will be performing. Presented by Mount Royal Academy's Knights' Theater, in partnership with the Newport Opera House Association. Tickets online at www.newportoperahouse.com or 603-863-2412.

Monday, April 29

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS – In the Community Room at Tracy Memorial Library, Main Street, New London, 9 a.m. to noon. Welcome reception for new and returning volunteers. Light refreshments will be served, followed by spring clean-up in the garden. Bring garden gloves and expect to have fun. Volunteers welcome on Mondays, anytime between 9 a.m. and noon, until late October. Visit www.gardenattracy.org.

Purchase by April 30

BLACK FLY BLITZ T-SHIRTS – For the race at the town green, intersection of Kearsarge Valley and Village roads, Wilmot Flat, Monday, May 27, check in, 7:30 a.m., race start 9 a.m. The 3.1-mile, 5K scenic course is a relatively flat clockwise loop that starts on Village Road. Runners will receive free beverages and snacks after the race. Blitz T-shirt cost, \$10. Sponsored by the Wilmot Community Association (WCA). Info: www.wilmotwca.org, 603-526-7934 or wca@wilmotwca.org.

PFAS PRESENTATION – Via Zoom, 7 p.m. PFAS, the Forever Chemicals: Sources and Ecotoxicology in Aquatic Food Webs. Celia Chen, research professor of biological sciences, Dartmouth College, will focus on the environmental sources, fate and bioaccumulation of per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances now in our environment. Also discussed will be their sources to the environment and their bioaccumulation and movement through freshwater and marine food webs. For the link and more info: www.lakesunapee.org.

Thursday, May 2

COMMUNITY DROP-IN – At the Red Barn, 64 Village Road, Wilmot, 9 a.m. This month's local celebrity guest will be Glynis Hart, director of the library. She will discuss the library, including its newest acquisitions and upcoming programs. Info: 603-526-7934 or at wca@wilmotwca.org.

Thursday, May 2

BUTTON UP WORKSHOP – In the Adventures in Learning Classroom at Colby-Sawyer College, 100 Chargers Road, New London, 6:30-8 p.m. In person or via Zoom. Light refreshments will be served. Presented by Ted Stiles, BPI Building Analyst. Sponsored by NHSaves: www.nhsaves.com. RSVP <https://nhsavesevent.revpify.com>. The Zoom link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7808782618?omn=84018314908> Meeting ID: 780 878 2618. Email Anna White with questions: anna.white1@colby-sawyer.edu.

Friday, May 3

FREE CFA GALLERY STROLL RECEPTION – At Whipple Hall, Grounds Coffee, Bar Harbor Bank, Blue Loon Bakery, Tatewell Gallery, New London Inn, The Fleming Center Connolly Gallery at the New London Barn, New London, 5-7 p.m. First Friday event open to the public. Appetizers and wine are offered at all locations. The exhibits run from May to the end of August. For more info and to see a list of artists, visit: www.centerfortheartsnh.org.

May 3 through end of August

CFA GALLERY EXHIBITS – At Whipple Hall, Grounds Coffee, Bar Harbor Bank, Blue Loon Bakery, Tatewell Gallery, New London Inn, and the New London Hospital, New London. During their open hours. The Fleming Center gallery is available for viewing by contacting info@cfanh.org. For more info and to see a list of artists, visit: www.centerfortheartsnh.org.

Saturday, May 4

CLEAN UP DAY – In Grantham, 9 a.m. to noon. Register at the town hall or Eastman.

HAM AND BEAN TAKEOUT SUPPER – Pick up at the Croydon Church, 29 Croydon Turnpike, Croydon, 4-5:30 p.m. Baked ham, homemade baked beans, coleslaw, roll and dessert. Cost: \$12 per dinner. Call in advance to reserve dinner and leave a message: 603-863-6195.

Through May 4

GREEN UP WILMOT – Throughout Wilmot. Town-wide event, sponsored by the Wilmot Community Association (WCA)

and the Town of Wilmot, ensures roadsides throughout town will look wonderful this summer. Blue bags available during the campaign outside the town office, Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plastic grocery bags and five-gallon buckets also are easy-to-use trash-gathering containers. Info: 603-526-7934 or wca@wilmotwca.org.

Sunday, May 12

MOTHER'S DAY TEA – At The Fells, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tea service provided by Mary McDonald, chef of Simple Goodness. Menu includes scones, tea sandwiches, savory bites and sweets. On the veranda, weather permitting, or in the historic main house. Three different sittings; 10 a.m., noon or 2 p.m. Tickets per person: \$35 for members; \$45 nonmembers. Advanced reservations required. Email info@thefells.org or call 603-763-4789, ext. 3. Info: www.thefells.org.

Monday, May 13

SUNAPEE SENIORS POTLUCK – At the LSPA's Knowlton House, Sunapee Harbor, noon. Call 603-763-2869 to sign up for an entree, side dish, salad or dessert. Enjoy the afternoon by beautiful Lake Sunapee with se-

nior friends, many of whom are returning for the summer.

Tuesday, May 14

COA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – At the Tracy Memorial Library, Main Street, New London, 10 a.m. "Maisie Dobbs" by Jacqueline Winspear. Call 603-526-6368 to register.

LET'S EXPLORE! DISCUSSION GROUP – At the COA, 37 Pleasant St., New London, 2 p.m. Wrestle with timeless questions such as: Who are we? Why are we here? Do we really know how the world works? Bring your thoughts, questions, interest in learning and your desire to share with others. This is a walk-in program. Info: 603-526-6368.

Through May 29

ART EXHIBIT – At the Library Arts Center, 58 N. Main St., Newport, Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. HOME: Real or imagined; the places we call home. Community art exhibit includes artwork from professional artists, community members and youth in a variety of mediums. The exhibit is sponsored by LaValley Building Supply and Summercrest Senior Living Community. Info: 603-863-3040 or info@libraryartscenter.org.

LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Submit information about your non-profit events to the INTERTOWN RECORD Community Calendar.

*Please include date, time, location of event and contact information. Ongoing weekly events are not allowed. Please take out an ad to support the local news if you would like to promote a weekly event.

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(Small general listing only: title, date, location, time and contact.)



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