

Chamber News

August 2009

DON'T MISS THE 22ND ANNUAL WINTHROP SIDEWALK ART SHOW SPONSORED BY THE WINTHROP AREA CHAMBER

Oil paintings, watercolors, photographs, and other works of art will be on display at the 22nd Annual Winthrop Sidewalk Art Show in downtown Winthrop on Saturday, August 15 (rain or shine) from 10 am to 4 pm. Sponsored by the Chamber, the Annual Winthrop Sidewalk Art Show is known as one of the best art shows in the state and features the work of many high-quality artists from throughout the region.

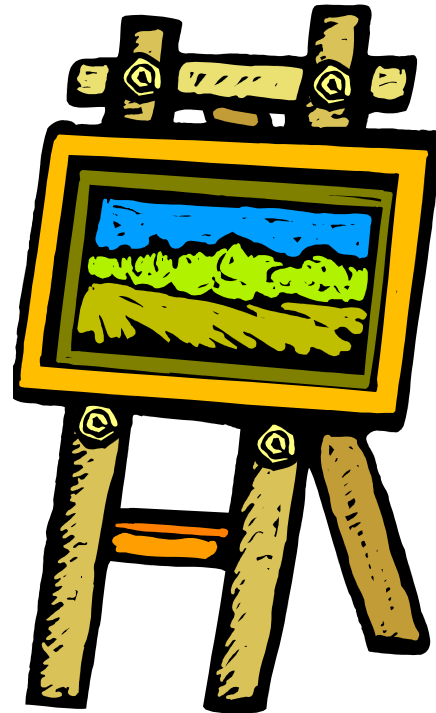
Participating artists compete for cash prizes (with judging for the prizes completed by noon). Attendees have the opportunity to view and purchase unique works of art and enjoy sales and specials offered by local businesses and community organizations.

Applications for artists to participate in this year's show are still being accepted. Work in oils, photographs, sculpture, and watercolors are being accepted; crafts are not. Applications and guidelines (invitational) are available online by going to the Chamber Web site or by request by calling Robin Struck at 207-458-4112 or Pat Ladd at 207-377-7303.

Opportunities to support the artists and/or the art show overall are available. Individuals may donate \$325 in exchange for a work of art selected on the morning of the show. (Selection must be made by noon.) The artist is paid the \$325 and the individual gets a high-quality work of art. In addition, donations are being accepted in support of the art show. In recognition of support, business, individual, or organization names are listed in the advertising.

See Art Show Support Form on Page 5.

See Fireworks Sponsors on Page 4.



Chamber Members' Art Show SPECIAL ACTIVITIES & SALES

Here are just a few of the Chamber member's special activities that will take place on the day of the art show:

Authors Lynn Plourde (Grandpappy Snippy Snappies and The Dump Man's Treasures) and Robert Fuller (Unnatural Deaths) will be autographing and personalizing books at **Apple Valley Books**. (People who cannot attend the art show can make arrangements for book autographing and personalizing.) In addition, Karen Barton from Mother Mable's (soaps, bath salts, lip balms, and other products) will do aromatherapy demonstrations.

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The Charles M Bailey Public Library will be holding its Friends of the Library Book Fair. Please note **that this year the book sale will be taking place at the Winthrop Town Office** from 9 am to 2 pm.

Maine Master Craft Artist Award nominee Mary Kay Spencer of **The Potter's House** is participating and will have her pottery on display and for sale.

The Winthrop United Methodist Church will be hosting the Whale of a Sale and Tabitha's Closet from 8 am to 1 pm. The Whale of a Sale is a giant lawn sale with a huge variety of household goods, furniture, children's items, and fun and useful "junk." (Cold drinks will be available.) Tabitha's Closet, located upstairs at the church, is a giveaway of gently-used, back-to-school clothing and other school supplies. Parents must accompany children.

Your Maine Stamper will be having their annual Craft Yard Sale from 9:30 a.m. to noon. (Rain date: Sat., Aug. 22.) In addition, there will be Make It/Take Its. Maine-themed book marks may be made by all who would like to participate.



Mark Your Calendars for these UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

September 3rd Breakfast Meeting

The next Chamber Breakfast Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3 from 7:15 am to 8:30 am at the **Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union**. More information about the meeting, which is generously sponsored by **Brian S. Berry & Associates, CPAs**, will be available soon.

September 24th Annual Meeting

The Chamber Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24 from 5 to 7 pm at the Augusta Country Club in Manchester. Members will have the opportunity to learn about Chamber's activities during the past year, as well as plans for the future. New board members will be elected.

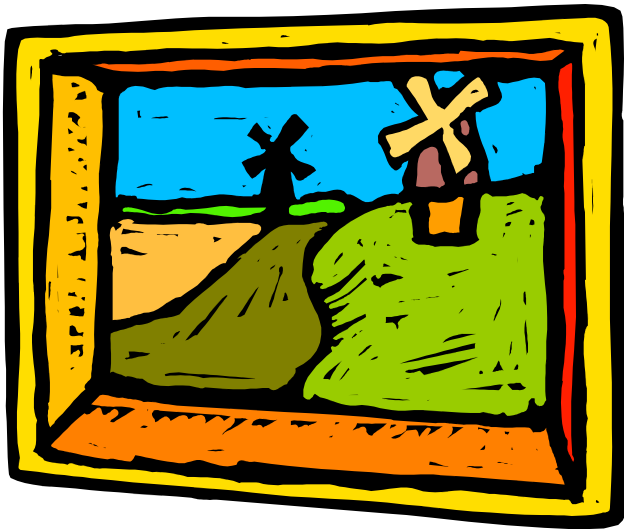
WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!!

Sir Lines a Lot

Complete design, layout, and painting of pavement marking including lines, arrows, lettering, and ADA handicap.

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Contact: George Szadis
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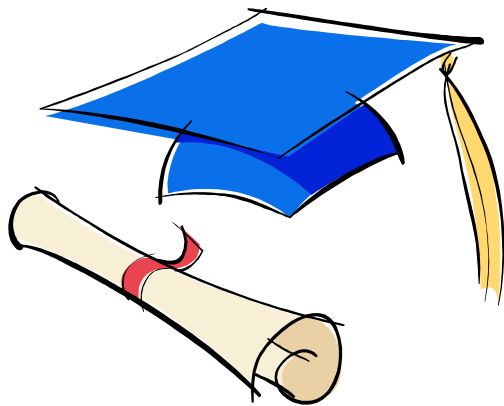
Member News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Adult Ed Program

Do you know someone who is out of school, needs a high school diploma, and is between the ages of 16 to 20? This fall, **Monmouth/ Winthrop Adult and Community Education** would like to start a new, no-cost program to get drop-outs back in school and we need your help to find participants. We can accept up to 12 students for the first year. Priority will be given for Winthrop residents.

The program will be modeled after similar programs currently running in Houlton, Livermore, and Presque Isle. Participating students go through an interview process and help design their own curriculum. The program can lead to a summer opportunity with instruction in plumbing, electric wiring, and construction skills, as well as on-the-job training with pay.

For more information, contact Mark Flight, Director of Monmouth/Winthrop Adult Education, by calling 207-377-2265 or emailing mflight@winthropschools.org.



HCCA Wellness Consulting Available

Did you know that well-designed worksite wellness programs deliver substantial returns on investment? Research shows that such programs lead to at least a 25% reduction in benefit and lost productivity costs. (Savings are typically realized about two to five years after the initial investment.)

Amy Wagner, Adult and Worksite Wellness Program Manager for Healthy Communities of the Capital Area (HCCA), is available at no charge to help businesses and organizations develop and implement or rejuvenate worksite wellness initiatives. She is a nationally certified Worksite Wellness Program Manager who uses the Health and Productivity Management Model and Healthy Maine Works to assist businesses and organizations with worksite wellness. She also is available to provide information about local options for helping to improve employee health and a monthly newsletter. She is able to join your wellness team at no cost to your organization.

For more information about this free consulting service, call 207-588-5019 or email awagner@mcd.org.



Kudos to Mary Kay

Congratulations to Mary Kay Spencer of **The Potter's House**. She has been named by the Maine Crafts Association as one of 15 nominees for its first Master Craft Artist Awards. Well known for her attractive and functional pottery, Spencer began her professional career as a potter in Connecticut, but moved to Maine in 1986 to follow her passion and her dream, first working in a well-established production pottery business where she spent formative years honing her skills. Since that time, she has made her living selling her work through wholesale, in retail craft galleries, from her studio, and at craft shows.

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Spencer's expertise and interest in the "business" of a craft career led her to participate in curriculum building work with the Maine Crafts Association and Eastern Maine Community College, collaborators in establishing a new Associate Degree in Traditional and Contemporary Craft. She is an avid "demonstrator" and educator for clay work, as well as an active member of Central Maine Clay Artists and Designing Women.

Spencer is represented at the Center for Maine Craft in the Turnpike West Gardiner Travel Plaza, and she keeps up a steady calendar of shows—including the Annual Winthrop Sidewalk Art Show. Her work is always available at www.thepottershouse.com.

Advertise Your Business on THE CHAMBER WEB SITE

The current state of the economy makes it more important than ever to promote your business—and advertising on the Chamber's new Web site is a cost-effective way to do it. Advertising rates are posted at www.winthropchamber.org/advertising.html. For more information about advertising on the Chamber site, call 207-377-8020 or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org.

Happy Summer: Let There Be Sun!



Fourth of July 2009 Fireworks: A SIZZLING SUCCESS!

The Chamber would like to thank this year's sponsors for making the Independence Day 2009 fireworks a sizzling success!

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Shepherd Chiropractic Wellness Center
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WINTHROP AREA
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July 1, 2009

Dear Fellow Art Patron:

The 22nd Annual Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Art Show is being held August 15th with over 75 top quality artists displaying and selling their work, which would make it our largest show ever! Winthrop's show is known as "one of the best in the state"! Please help show your appreciation by supporting the artists' with a purchase prize or helping to promote the show with a sponsorship.

In the past, you and many others have been very generous with donations. Purchase prizes are a donation from you of \$325.00 for which you select a work of art the morning of the show (**it must be done by noon**). The artist is then paid the \$325.00 and you get a fine piece of artwork to take to your home or office. Sponsors may make a donation and will be listed in the advertising for the show.

If you are interested in participating in the art show in either of these ways, please fill out the form below and return as soon as possible to:

Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 51
Winthrop, Maine 04364

If you have any more questions about purchase prizes or sponsorship, please feel free to call Robin Struck at 458-4112.

Sincerely,

Robin Struck
Pat Ladd
Co-Chairpersons

Yes, I want to be a purchase prize participant. Enclosed is my check for \$325.00 made payable to the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce.

Yes, I would like to be a sponsor. Enclosed is my check for:

___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$150 ___\$250 ___\$500 ___\$1000

No, I cannot participate this year, but please contact me next year.