

FRIDAY, MARCH 13:

- MOFGA Organic Certification Services Taking Applications, through June 30 for the 2020 growing season for organic certification of crops and most livestock products. Find forms and more information at MOFGAcertification.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14:

- Program on Lyme Disease and Pets, 10 a.m. at P.A.W.S., 123 John Street in Camden.
- Bicentennial Birthday Bash Show at Strand Theatre, Rockland, 5 to 6 p.m. The culminating event of the Bicentennial Birthday Bash in Rockland – a day full of fun, free family activities – features Penobscot storyteller John Bear Mitchell, Maine tourism “commercials” created by Ash Point Community School fourth-graders, and the screening of a new short documentary.
- Centennial Celebration Potluck in Tenants Harbor, at 5 p.m. in the Fire Station Meeting Room. St. George Historical Society hosts the community potluck (bring a dish to share; they’ll provide drinks) followed by a program on what St. George was like 200 years ago. The hat will be passed for the society.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15:

- Maine Bicentennial Celebration in Rockport, starts with a 9 a.m. walk to the top of Beech Hill. Noon, lunch at the Masonic Hall. After lunch, tour historic Simonton Corner Community Hall, which is being renovated as a gathering place for dances and meetings. From 4:30 to 8 p.m., a community supper and Bicentennial gathering at Rockport Opera House will be catered by Cafe Miranda, with a menu reflecting what citizens enjoyed in 1820. See the town’s website for details.
- Sunday Jams in Rockland, Sail, Power, & Steam Museum, 75 Mechanic Street, 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 16:

- “March Motifs” Art Workshop Series at Rockland Public Library, 11 a.m. Catinka Knoth leads the free Monday classes. Work with pencil, colored pencil, crayon, and papercutting, with a focus on drawing in color. All materials provided. This week the focus will be on St. Patrick’s Day.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17:

- “Global Warming: Moving Beyond the Problem to Solutions,” 7 p.m. at Camden Public Library. Dave Oakes, co-director of the Center for Ecological Living and Learning, will propose what can be done at the individual, family, community, and global levels to resolve the climate crisis.
- Tuesday Jams in Thomaston, Federated Church, 8 Hyler Street, at 7 p.m. Folk, country, blues, gospel. FMI: 273-2914.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18:

- Rockland Public Library’s Tech Tools: Windows 10, at 10:30 a.m. Librarian Jessie Blanchard explains how to use the newest Microsoft system. Call the library at 594-0310 to sign up, and bring your Windows 10 device (if transportable).
- Contemporary Fiction Discussion Group at Rockland Public Library, meets at 3 p.m. This month’s selection is “The Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead.
- Talk on Family Journey to the Grand Canyon, 6:30 p.m. in the Armchair Adventure Series at Vose Library in Union.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19:

- Rockland Public Library Monthly Concert Series: Davis Duo, at 6:30 p.m. Josie and Sophie Davis perform a violin concert featuring classical, jazz and folk. The Davis sisters grew up in Waldoboro and teach and perform as a duo and as members of Halcyon, a Maine string quartet.
- Thursday Karaoke in Thomaston, Threshers Brewing Company, 1 Starr Street, 7 p.m.
- Thursday Jams in Warren, Saint George River Cafe, 310 Main Street, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20:

- Poster Contest for Union Fair, Maine Wild Blueberry Festival, for the 2020 fair in August, is taking submissions from adults (\$500 prize) and young artists (\$100 and a pass to the fair). The deadline is March 31. Details: UnionFair.org.

Around Town is compiled by Chuck Gifford.

See expanded listing online at wrfr.org.

Submit calendar items to Chuck at gowrfr@gmail.com.

Our thanks to The Free Press for sharing its calendar with us.

Once I meet my friend, I hear of Trump's speech last night, missed while I flew towards Europe. I now understand an announcement on the plane as we landed, telling folks "concerned about their return flights" to check airline web sites.

I later watch the rerun, and learn that "a large number" of US virus outbreaks were "seeded" by travelers from Europe, and that the US has the most professional and expert team of any in the world fighting this "horrible...foreign...infection" and that Europe did not do enough to fight the outbreak in recent past.

Tonight Pres. Macron announced a series of strong measures on national TV to fight the spread and impact of Covid 19, in concert with other European nations:

Closure of ALL day care, schools and universities. No events allowed with over 500 persons.

Request that all persons over 70 yrs old stay at home except for necessity. Request that all avoid public transport except for necessity. Guaranteed unemployment insurance for any employee who needs to stay at home and cannot work remotely. Postponement of any taxes or payments due the government from private enterprise for the month of March. And many other measures to beef up the health care response and avoid spreading of the virus.

Macron also mentioned he will be in touch with Pres. Trump very soon to work on joint measures.

To be continued.

Rockland Metro Show on WRFR



Fletcher Smith and Melanie Trott from Rockland's ad hoc committee on short term rentals joined us last week on the Rockland Metro show on WRFR.

This week we will have special guests to help us understand the coronavirus pandemic and our local response to it.

**Tune in Wednesday 5 to 6 pm
93.3 fm Rockland, 99.3 fm Camden.**

Editor's note on the Coronavirus Epidemic

The coronavirus public health emergency is a great challenge, to the world, to our nation, and to our Rockland community. It is a time that will test our courage, and our commitment to each other. We must put aside our differences and work together to get through this with honor.

There will be heroes. Let's all strive to be among them.

We volunteers at WRFR and The Buzz will try to be useful to our community in this challenging time. If you have any advice for us, or are able to join us to help in any way, please email us at the address below, or call me, Joe Steinberger, at 596-0731.

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