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Noteworthy

"Challenge of Change," p. 2

Since 2013, it's been discussing economic, environmental, and cultural challenges facing our society.



Monday fall walks' photos, p. 3

"Journeys with Will": Jan. 16 – *As You Like It*

Brown Bag Lunch Series

returns this winter with noontime programs on the **last Monday of each month**. These are offered free to Coastal Senior College members.



January 30 at Porter Hall, Skidompha Library, Damariscotta (Live only; no Zoom): **Mon-hegan Art of the Early 20th Century** with artist, educator, curator Leith MacDonald.

February 27 at St. Andrews Church, Newcastle (Live and on Zoom): **A Second Look. Who is the most misunderstood historical character of all time?** A panel of your fellow Coastal Senior College members will tackle this question.

March 27 at St. Andrews Church, Newcastle (Live and on Zoom): **The Farnsworth Turns 75: Highlights from the Collection** with Gwendolyn Loomis Smith, Phyllis Wyeth Director of Learning and Engagement.

Further details about the programs will be available on the CSC website

The picnic walks will resume in April.

Jayne Gordon, Facilitator

Winter classes preview!

ON WEBSITE: Dec. 19

TUESDAY

The Presence of the Past: History and Memory.

Jayne Gordon. **Zoom.**

Turgenev's Fathers and Children: A Key to Understanding Russia. Maryanne Ward. **Zoom.**

WEDNESDAY

The Art and Poetry of Snow.

Winslow Myers. **On Zoom.**

The Psychology of Aging: What It Is and How to Do It. Joel Shapiro. **Zoom.**

John Keats's Pathway to Perfection: Early Works Informing Later Odes.

John Ward. **Zoom.**

THURSDAY

Form in Nature and Design.

Arnold J. Aho. **Zoom.**

We All See the Same Moon. Theodore (Ted) Williams. **Hybrid.**

True Love Comes to Those Who Wait: Esquivel and Hurston.

Michelle Miller. **Zoom.**

FRIDAY

Historians and the Holocaust.

Bob Rackmales. **In person: Rockland.**

What Is Woman? Philosophers Weigh In. Sara Shute. **Zoom.**

**Registration opens Jan 2
Courses begin Jan 17**

Notes from the president



Dear Members and Friends:

Thanks to the balmy weather, this year I really will have my garden ready for spring. A seed of wisdom I gleaned from Jane Austen's *Persuasion* was to think forward like a farmer. Don't put your garden to bed for the winter; get it ready for spring! So, looking ahead, especially to Spring term, I urge members to start using the Waiting List function when Walks or courses are filled. Jayne Gordon had room at the last minute in each of her walks, but since no one used the Waiting List, she couldn't fill those spots.

With courses, even if you are not taken off the Waiting List, that list is valuable. We need to know if more members are interested in a course so we can reoffer it in the future. You don't have to wait until Spring term, if a Winter term course is filled – use the Waiting List.

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" P.B. Shelley

Maryanne Ward

CSC "Challenge of Change" group

By Susan van Alsenoy

"Challenge of Change," formed in 2013, is a group where economic, environmental, and cultural challenges facing our society are discussed. Members propose and choose the meeting's topics and readings.

The group provides a venue for friendly and respectful discussions.

Programs can take various forms, such as independent research, reactions to a book or article, or a pre-

sensation by a guest speaker. New ideas are welcome. If there is something you would like to mull over with other minds, you are very welcome to join. This activity is presented as a service, free of charge, to our the Midcoast Community. Membership in Coastal Senior Col-

lege is not a prerequisite.

Because of the pandemic, members were forced to assemble on Zoom, but in September they resumed gathering in person at the Midcoast Friends Meeting House in Damariscotta. At that time, the group hosted a guest speaker, Stephen Shaw, author of *The Power Conundrum – Exploring the Puzzle of How to Reclaim a Democracy*.

At the end of October, Lane Sturtevant, an organizer from the Maine League of Women Voters, gave a

presentation on voting in Maine, its history, current status, and future concerns. The last gathering for 2022 took place in November with the topic "Election Wrap – Now What?"

There will be no meeting in December. Looking ahead to 2023, meetings will resume on a once-a-month basis at the Friends Meeting House, 77 Belvedere Rd, Damariscotta, on Tuesdays from 10:00 to noon. The first meeting of the new year will take place on Tuesday, January 10. We will discuss the recent book by James Lovelock, *Novacene: The Coming of Age of Hyperintelligence*. Treat yourself over the holidays by reading this book.



Challenge of Change group discussing Stephen Shaw's *The Power Conundrum – Exploring the Puzzle of How to Reclaim a Democracy* with the author, seated at head of table.



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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 10
10 a.m. - Noon

Discussion of James Lovelock's *Novacene*,
The Coming of Age of Hyperintelligence

Friends Meeting House,
77 Belvedere Rd.
Damariscotta

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Monday fall walks' photos

Jayne Gordon

Activities Chair, Walk Coordinator, Photographer

Head Tide, Sep 12 – Walk leader Karyn Townsend

IT TOOK A VILLAGE. When the CSC walking group came to Head Tide in September, it seemed as though the whole village was there to welcome us!



Head Tide village

As we learned about the industrial heritage of this tiny mill village (part of the town of Alna), we were greeted and treated royally by residents and local historians. We visited the dam and mill building sites, two homes, the village store and the church. And we had a lovely lesson on how a community works — past and present. Neighbors came together that morning to share their love of this beautiful spot on the Sheepscot River, with compelling stories that showed a commitment to preserving its landscape and to fostering activities that

strengthen community spirit. The folks in Head Tide clearly demonstrated the vitality and richness to be found in connections to a geographical place, to the interrelationships among the people living there, and to the history and future of that place.

— Jayne Gordon



East Boothbay, Sep 26 – Walk leader Rich Gillespie



South Bristol, Nov 14 – Walk leader Dave Andrews

