

BAYSIDE ARTS, BAYSIDE MAINE

April, 2019

Dear Baysider,

Enclosed is our flier listing Bayside Arts' programs for the 2019 season. I want to thank Bayside Arts' Program Committee Chair, Sharon McCullough for helping organize the season's programs, and Emily Stetser for her design work on this flier and the posters that you will see on the Village bulletin boards. Also, an advance thank you to our new Publicity Committee chair, Nan Thorpe, for getting the word out in the village and the local media, and Colleen Oberg for chairing our Membership Committee. Also, many thanks to Steve Nelson, who is well along in designing our website. It should be up and running before summer comes around. Thanks also to Dan Webster for listing our events on BaysideMaine.com.

This year, we decided to fine-tune our program acquisition process. We got lists of performers from Belfast Summer Nights and New Year By The Bay organizers, and did some of our own research. We wanted to up the professional quality of our programs, since such offerings have been the most popular in the past. There are admission fees for most programs, but they are reasonable. In most cases, the projected ticket sales will not cover the cost of the performers, and so we hope you will consider helping to sponsor our programs. There is an option on the membership form for that, and sponsors will be acknowledged at each program.

Last year, Nan Thorpe generously donated \$2000 as a matching grant toward purchase of theatrical lighting equipment. Our members stepped up to the plate and matched it! Thank you!!! This past fall, Bill Cressey and Nan Thorpe submitted a grant application to the Maine Community Foundation for \$5000 for additional lighting equipment and infrastructure improvements, and the full amount was awarded in January. The NVC has completed electrical upgrades to the Community Hall, including wiring to accommodate our lights. Part of our grant money will be for locating outlets where we need them. Thanks also to Harry (Charlie) Rosenblum, who in a former life was a lighting pro, for helping us to design what would work best for us. We also thank the BHPS for allowing us to apply via their non-profit designation. Bill Cressey has upgraded our 501(c)3 papers so that in future we can do grants on our own. This summer you will see the inauguration of a really professional lighting system!

I want to thank Cynthia Stuen for coordinating our hosts for last summer's programs—and agreeing to do it once again!—and to thank all the hosts. You know who you are! Hosts are essential to the smooth running of our programs. In June, Cynthia will again be asking our members to help host the performances this summer: greeting the performers, setting up the hall and making sure things are clean and locked up after the performances. If you can serve as a host, please let her know at cynthia.stuen@gmail.com.

Finally, a big thankyou to John and Heidi von Bergen for hosting our garden party last summer. Not only is it a fun event, but it is a great way that we get feedback for what we are doing.

I look forward to seeing you this summer!

John Woolsey, President

Bayside Arts Membership Application 2019

Name(s) _____ Postal Address _____

Bayside Address _____

Preferred phone _____ Email address _____

I am interested in serving on the following committee(s)

____ Finance ____ Program ____ Publicity ____ Exhibition ____ Facilities/Technical

Enclosed is my check. Dues payments and donations are tax deductible under IRS Section 501(c)3.

____ Individual/Family Dues (\$25.00)

____ Program Support Contribution _____ (please consider \$100 or more!)

Please mail with your check to:

**Bayside Arts
c/o Colleen Oberg
776 Lightwood Ln
Hartwell GA 30643**