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BSCC - Bay Spring Community Center



Lend a Helping Hand

Volunteers are the heart of the BSCC, helping to ensure that everything goes smoothly and everyone has a great time, whether that's helping with setup, concession sales, breakdown, taking tickets, and more. Contact the event coordinators below if you're interested in volunteering at one of these events:

Feb 6 - Local Brew
Sydney Montstream-Quas:
sydney_mike@fullchannel.net

Feb 15 - Sunday Music Series
Gia Drummy: giadrummy@gmail.com

April 11 - Local Brew
Sydney Montstream-Quas:
sydney_mike@fullchannel.net

May 9 - The Currents
Chris Watson: writerguy@cox.net

Do you want to get more involved with the FBSCC and bringing great programs to the East Bay? Let us know at:

www.bsccri.org/get-involved/volunteer/



We'd like to extend a special thank you to all the volunteers and donors who have helped make our fall events a success and improve the BSCC, including (and in no particular order):

Creative Design

Kate Adams

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Hey, We've Made New Friends!

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Friends of the Bay Spring Community Center:

Michael Obe-Omia Susan Eaglesm



BAY SPRING COMMUNITY CENTER

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January - February 2015

Find us at www.bsccri.org



February

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| 7 | Local Brew Coffeehouse "Five for 5" | 7PM |
| 9 | FBSCC Open Meeting | 7PM |
| 15 | Sunday Music: Michael Fishel Bresler and Phil Edmonds | 3PM |

April

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| 11 | ARTS ALIVE! Master Class Performance of "Almost Maine" | 1PM |
| 11 | Local Brew | 7PM |
| 12 | ARTS ALIVE! Master Class Performance of "Almost Maine" | 7PM |

For the most up-to-date event and activity information, check our online events listing at:

<http://www.bsccri.org/calendar-of-events/>

Are you interested in proposing an event, concert, educational program or other activity to be held at the BSCC? Submit your proposal at:

<http://www.bsccri.org/get-involved/propose-an-event-or-activity/>



We are thrilled to have received new speakers for BSCC and Local Brew programs!

Thank you to Greg Sadovnikoff, Audrey Tyrka, and the late Vsevolod Sadovnikoff for this very generous donation.



BSCC Kicks Off Strategic Planning Effort

In January 2015, the Friends of the Bay Spring Community Center's Board of Directors kicked off a strategic planning process that will be completed this spring. A Strategic Planning Committee that includes Tristan Barako, Kate Lentz, Denise Conway, Chris Watson, Sydney Montstream-Quas, and Julian Alssid is guiding the process with assistance from strategic planning experts Larson Gunness and Steven Deboth.

The strategic plan, intended to help guide the growth, mission, and programs of the BSCC for the coming years, will be developed with input from key stakeholders including FBSCC committee members, the Town of Barrington, and the broader community.

The FBSCC Board's Open Meeting on February 9th will feature a discussion from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. during which community members will have an opportunity to contribute to the Strategic Plan. All are welcome!

For more information, contact Julian Alssid at jalsid0815@gmail.com.

Luminaries Light Up the Night in Barrington

Thank you to everyone who participated in the luminary night this year, making it a great event.

With the help of our Neighborhood captains, community volunteers, National Honor Society volunteers, high school and middle school students, we were able to assemble and sell 310 luminary kits, which lit up our town during the winter solstice.

The result was a glowing sense of community throughout Barrington, and tremendous support for the arts, music and cultural programs at the Bay Spring Community Center.



Become a member at WWW.BSCCRI.ORG & make some new friends!

Become a Friend of the BSCC and join a vibrant community filled with art, music, activities and more. Join online or complete the form below. Checks can be made payable to "BSCC" and sent to Bay Spring Community Center, P.O. Box 184 Barrington, RI 02806.

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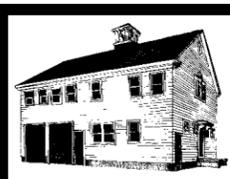
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To foster a community spirit and to engage and enrich Barrington by bringing neighbors together through a variety of social, artistic, cultural and educational activities.

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Storyteller Len Cabral

Don't Miss Out on the Fun in February!



Local Brew Coffeehouse Brings "Five for 5!"

Come to the next Local Brew Coffeehouse at the BSCC on February 7 to hear FIVE totally local groups and performers for only \$5! The lineup for the evening includes:

- Paul Rocha and Ned Connors
- Rick Kilgus
- Bay Spring Folk
- Mark Whittaker, and
- a jazz duo with Andy Reich and Chuck Rejto



Paul Rocha and Ned Connors

Doors open at 6:30 with a 7:00 show time. Coffee and homemade pastries will be for sale. Email sydney_mike@fullchannel.net to reserve tickets. Local Brew Coffeehouse is sponsored by the Barrington Recreation Department, Friends of the Bay Spring Community Center, Wildflour Vegan Bakery, and Coffee Exchange.



Sunday Music Welcomes Michael Fishel Bresler & Phil Edmonds

Michael Fishel Bresler and Phil Edmonds perform originals and traditional Irish and Jewish melodies interposed with heaps of humor. As Fishel says, "This is inspirational music – you have to play it from your kishkes (innards) and from your heart." The pair makes laughter and high spirits an integral part of every presentation and draws in audiences of all types and ages.



We hope you'll join us and these two fantastic performers for Sunday Music at the Bay Spring Community Center on February 15.



A Powerful Evening with The Currents

On January 17, more than 70 members of the community came together for a night of powerful speakers in the second edition of The Currents, the BSCC's original presentation and discussion series. Reflecting on the topic of "Bridges" and with both the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday only two days away and the ongoing racial tensions at the forefront, it was a stunning night. Speakers included educator Michael Obel-Omia, Liana Cassar, professor of English & African-American Studies Shawn Christian, and storyteller Len Cabral.



Michael Obel-Omia

"The audience was rapt, some in tears at times, and everyone laughing at others," commented Chris Watson, the co-host for the evening. "The speakers were phenomenal. In their own unique ways, they connected with everyone on the room and illustrated how we all build bridges in our lives and communities, between new friends, new cultures, new arrivals, and how there is much work to be done in so many ways."

Did You Get to See These Great Events?



The Gnomes at Local Brew



Zefiro on the Winter Solstice



Sam Gavish at Family Arts Night

Local students went unplugged on December 23, performing for family and friends while raising funds for the BSCC



Getting to Know Your Friends... A Volunteer Profile: Magi Green

If you have had the pleasure of knowing, speaking or working with Magi Green, the first thing that you come to realize is that she has lots of energy, which she brings to her participation in the BSCC Program Committee and to every event she attends.



Magi was born in Boston, Massachusetts and grew up in Florida and New York. After marrying, Magi and her husband and "best friend", Barry Green, moved to Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Ohio and Pennsylvania due to his position as a District Manager for a national retail firm.

Magi says that she has a passion for learning. She credits her mother, an "artist on Long Island" with passing on a love of the arts, creative writing, reading, cooking and travel. She has worked as a Real Estate Broker in Massachusetts, the first female sales representative for Pitney Bowes in Maine, senior vice president at Retail Recruiters of Rhode Island, and a partner in a sales and marketing company.

Magi and Barry moved to Barrington in 1978 and then to South County in 1990 because they had fallen in love with the area. Not being able to sit still for long, Magi started writing part-time for the local newspaper. Eventually, she was the full-time editorial assistant and a columnist for seven of the paper's publications.

In 1998, Magi retired in order to help her daughter, after she gave birth to premature twins while having a two-year old at home. She eventually moved back to Barrington last year to be closer to her family, including six grandchildren.

Magi's love of children has filled her much of her time over the years with teaching religious, art, and reading programs for youths. That volunteer spirit was fueled, once again, as Magi was on a Sunday walk this past October 5th. She heard music in the distance and followed it. She ended up at the BSCC Harvest Fest. She knew, then, that she could use her drive and "can do attitude" to help the Community Center move forward. "I have nothing but accolades for the work being done at the Community Center," Magi said. "I love the community coming together with ideas. There are so many avenues that we can take this, and it's up to us to get it there."

Magi says that she still doesn't know what she wants to do when she grows up but we are very happy to have her while she's trying to decide.

"Reflections" Brings History to Life

The history of Rhode Island and Barrington came to life through the stories of local residents ranging from their 70s to their 90s in the original theatrical production, "Reflections in Rhode Island", which had its debut at the BSCC in late November.



Playing to a packed house every night and with the residents whose stories were being told in the audience, Susan Collyer, Judy de Perla, and the entire cast and crew wowed the audiences and received well deserved standing ovations for their fantastic and creative performances. Bravo!

