

NANTUCKET COMMUNITY EVENTS MARCH 12 ~ MARCH 19

CALENDAR

BENEFITS

Kathi Ring Casino Night

Black jack, roulette, Texas hold'em, silent auction, buffet and DJ Bri-Guy. Tickets \$15, available at the door. Benefits Visiting Nurses, Family & Children Services, A Safe Place, Nantucket AIDS Network. Rose & Crown, 23 S. Water St. **Saturday** (15th) starting at 7 pm.

BOOKS, SPEAKERS & POETRY

Carving Out the NHA's Scrimshaw Collection

Presented by Tony Dumitru, NHA Collections Manager, highlighting some of the more important scrimshaw pieces in the NHA's collection, with a focus on the generous donors. Examples will include both decorative pieces – engraved whale teeth and walrus tusks – as well as utilitarian scrimshaw – pie crimpers, busks, canes, ditty boxes, and tools. Nantucket Historical Association Food for Thought Series. Free; bring your lunch. www.nha.org, 508-228-1894, x0. Whaling Museum, 13 Broad St. **Thursday** (13th), noon to 1 pm.

Bartlett's Spring Farm Talks: Easter Baking

Baker Jo Polowy will show you how to make Easter treats such as Morning Glory muffins, sticky buns, lemon curd, lemon curd tartlets, and shortbread cookies. Free. Bartlett's Farm. **Saturday** (15th) at 10 am.

Spoken Word Nantucket

Open Mic: Poets Against War. Featured Poet: Eric "Zork" Alan, author of "Things to do with Beer Bottles" and "I am NOT a poet". Poetry Reading Series. This reading marks the 5th anniversary (March 19th) of the Iraq war. Poets are encouraged to bring a poem to the open mic. that best voices their feelings about war. This reading is in conjunction with The Nantucket Peace and Justice events. Free. UMass Boston Field Station, 180 Polpis Rd. **Sunday** (16th), 2 to 4 pm.

CHILDREN & FAMILY AT THE ATHENEUM

Family Night: Storyteller Li Min Mo

With tales from Asian folklore, including Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese traditional tales. Also with taiqi, chi-kung, and a traditional Chinese parade. Children will also learn Chinese nursery rhymes. Free, but seating is limited. Tickets at the Weezy Library. Great Hall, **Friday** (14th), 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Crafts in the Afternoon: St. Patrick's Day

Story and craft for children ages 4 - 10. Attendance limited. Free. Gallery. **Saturday** (15th) from 2 - 2:45 pm.

Story Time

Free. No reservations required; attendance limited. 508-228-1110. Gallery. Ages 18 - 36 months: **Wednesday** (12th and 19th) from 10 to 10:30 am; 3 years and older: 11 to 11:30 am.

Home Schooling Club

For home schooling families and those interested in home schooling; share ideas and information, offer support to each other, work on projects together, and use library space and resources every Friday. Gallery, **Friday** (14th), 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

Postpartum Support Group

For anyone interested in discussing the complex changes that occur after the birth of a child. Free and open to mothers, fathers, families and friends. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Information: Nancy at 508-783-8841. Use side entrance of the Atheneum and take the elevator to the lower gallery. **Friday** (14th), 9

to 10:30 am.

After School Program: Working with the Elements

A special program for ages 8 and older. Series to run March 14, 27, 28 and April 11 and 17. This is an exploration of the elements that make up the natural world: earth, air, fire, water and spirit, both physically and symbolically, through art and craft projects, science experiments, movement and discussion. Taught by Casey Boukus. Free. **Friday** (14th), 3 to 3:45 pm.

After School Story Time

A special literature program geared for 1 - 3 graders, including stories, activities and book bingo. Free. Atheneum Gallery. **Thursday** (21st), 1 - 2 pm., and **Friday** (14th) from 3 to 3:45 pm.

CHILDREN & FAMILY

Pot-O-Gold Scavenger Hunt

Children will find the pot-o-gold while learning about lightship baskets and the current exhibit, "On My Own Time." Prizes. Free with admission to the Museum; free to NLBM members. 508-228-1177. Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum, 49 Union St. **Saturday and Sunday** (15th and 16th), 10 am to 2 pm.

Let's Dance

Playgroup to explore movement in a fun and creative way using music, allowing children to be expressive and gain body self-awareness. Dress comfortably; bring mat or towel. Facilitated by Yvonne Gorman, certified Danskinetics teacher. For ages 3 - 5 with parent or caregiver. No registration necessary. Attendance limited. Nantucket Boys & Girls Club Gym. **Wednesdays**: March 19 and April 2. 9:30 - 10:15 am.

Tumbling Tots

For children to have fun as they discover their motor skills in a safe environment. Parent or caregiver participation encouraged. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Facilitated by Mark Carapezza. For ages 18 months to 5 years. No registration necessary; attendance limited. Nantucket Boys & Girls Club gym. **Wednesdays**: March 12, 26 and April 9, 9:30 - 10:15 am.

Dad's & Kids Pizza Night

Easter theme. A night for dads and kids to spend time together with pizza, an Easter project, and kids playing with their favorite toys. Ages birth through 5 with father, grandfather, uncle, etc. Sign up by noon on March 13. High School Cafeteria and the ECC, Room 106. **Thursday** (13th), 5:30 - 7 pm.

Pint-Sized Pool Party

Singing songs and playing with water toys in the Community Pool, then pizza. For mothers, fathers and children 6 months to 5 years old. Must be one adult per non-swimmer. Ages 6 months - 5 years with parent or caregiver. Sign up for this event by noon March 20 to secure a spot. Community Pool and Cafeteria. **Thursday** 20th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

Thursday Morning Parent's Group

Weekly drop-in discussion group for parents to meet other parents and discuss parenting topics. Childcare provided. Facilitated by Pauline Cronin, CNC playgroup coordinator. Ages birth - 5 years. ECC, Room 106, High School. **Thursdays** through April 10, 9 - 10:15 am.

Farm Stories

Children's stories with a different farm life theme each week; beverages and snacks. For ages birth through 5. Bring blanket to sit on, and your favorite farm book or animal.

Drop in; no registration necessary. 508-228-7257 x1166. Bartlett's Farm Hayloft. **Fridays**, March 14 and 28, from 10 - 11 am.

How To Improve Your Child's Attitude And Compliance

Behavioral specialist Sam Towers with a training seminar for teachers and parents. Free; lunch included. 508-325-5276 to register. Presented by Nantucket S.T.A.R. Nantucket High School LGI. **Saturday** (15th), 9:30 - 3:30.

Play With Me

Drop-in playgroup for babies 0 - 12 months with parent or caregiver. No registration necessary. Presented by the Community Network for Children. 508-228-7257 x1166. St. Paul's Parish House, 20 Fair St. **Tuesdays** from January 15 - April 8, 11 am - 12:15 pm.

COMMUNITY

Auditions for Community Talent Show

To schedule an audition or to volunteer: 508-228-7257 x1571 or x1817. Applications at the Nantucket Community School office, or at npsk.org. Applications must be received by March 12 at the NCS office, CPS room 2. Acts should be no longer than 3 minutes. No winners, no losers. Open to all ages. High School Auditorium, 2 Surfside Rd. **Saturday** (15th), 10 am to noon.

Peace & Justice Demonstration

Wednesday marks the 5th anniversary of the war in Iraq. This demonstration is a public stand against the war to commemorate this day, and to honor the almost 4,000 American soldiers and more than 80,000 Iraqi civilians who have died in the war. All are welcome. In front of the Federal St Post Office. **Saturday** (15th), 11 am.

24th Annual Andy Lowell Palm Sunday Breakfast

Benefit the Sons of the American Legion Scholarship Fund. \$5. 508-325-6677. American Legion Hall, 21 Washington St. **Sunday** (16th), 8 am to noon.

Crochet Granny Squares Class

Instructor Liz Flanagan will teach a four part class on the versatile Granny Square. Bring a crochet hook size 'g', and 3 color coordinated 4 - ply yarns if you want to make a tri-colored version. Free. Nantucket Atheneum Lower Gallery. **Tuesday** (18th) at 6 pm.

Daughters of the American Revolution Meeting

Regular monthly meeting of the Abiah Folger Franklin Chapter. Speaker: LCDR William M. Ranney, USN, who spent six months in Iraq in 2004 -2005, and who has spent the last two years aboard the USS Kitty Hawk (CV63). Members encouraged to bring guests. Reservations: Dot Vollans at 508-257-9858. Faregrounds Restaurant, 27 Fairgrounds Rd. **Thursday** (13th) at noon.

Informational Forum: Recreational Playing Fields

228-0484. High School Cafeteria. **Tuesday** (18th) from 7 - 9 pm.

Adult Learn to Skate New Session

Beginner to Intermediate Level Skaters: **Tuesdays** (March 18, 25, April 1, 8) from 5 - 5:50 pm. 6 Weeks for \$175. Drop In for \$30. Sponsored by the Nantucket Skating Club. Registration forms at the rink. Information: Belinda, 508-228-2516.

COMMUNITY - HEALTH

Free HIV and Hepatitis C Counseling and Testing

508-228-3955, www.nantucketaids.org. Nan-

tucket AIDS Network, 35 Old South Rd. Every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, 8:30 am to 3 pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings most days at 7 am, noon, 5:30 pm and 8 pm. Call 228-2334 for help, meeting times, days and locations.

FILM

The Real Dirt About Farmer John

Losing our traditional American family farms and a life lived on one's own terms, in balance with the land, through hardships and unexpected triumphs, with creativity and verve. Celebrity chef Alice Waters declared it "a charming, wonderful and important movie". Sense of Place II: A Film Series About Community, Sustainability, & the Environment. Co-sponsored by Sustainable Nantucket, Nantucket Green, and the Nantucket Atheneum, 1 India St. Free. Atheneum Great Hall. **Wednesday** (12th), 7 pm.

Peter's Vietnam (Documentary) by John Stanton

A short film about islander Peter Sylvia and his experience serving in the military during the war in Vietnam. Following the screening Stanton and Sylvia will discuss the film and take questions from the audience. Great Hall; free. Nantucket Atheneum, 1 India St. **Wednesday** (19th), 7 pm.

MARIA MITCHELL ASSOCIATION

Open Nights at Loines Observatory

Sample the sights of the distant heavens with MMA astronomers. Weather permitting. \$5 adult, \$3 child (members); \$10 adult, \$6 child (non-members). 59 Milk St. Ext. **Friday** (14th), 8 - 9:30 pm.

MUSIC AND DANCE

Auditions for Community Talent Show

See listing under 'Community'.

NCMC Student Recital

Free. Sherburne Commons, 21 South Shore Rd. **Friday** (14th) at 4 pm.

Katherine Wheatley

Canadian singer songwriter. New School students will perform the songs they write with Katherine in song-writing workshops from March 10-14. Wheatley is a member of the band 'Betty' and 'The Bobs', and plays the guitar in Wendell Ferguson's popular band, 'The Smoking Section'. Wheatley has written music for film and television documentaries and has been a musical guest on many television shows. She has recorded two solo CDs and regularly collaborates with many of Canada's musicians. 508-228-8569. Nantucket New School, 15 Nobadeer Farm Rd. **Friday** (14th) at 6 pm.

Jake Vos with Two Days Notice

Joel on bass; Jake on keyboard, Andy C. on guitar, Tommy D. on drums. Chicken Box. **Friday** (14th), 9 pm to 1 am.

The Shingles

Dave Provost, Andy Bullington, Michael Kopko, Chris Westerlund and Cary Hazlegrove with their eclectic, acoustic mix of bluegrass, folk standards, and original compositions. Great Hall; free admission. Nantucket Atheneum, 1 India St. **Saturday** (15th) at 7 pm.

The Undergraduates and 2 Days Notice

2 Days Notice: Tommy Diehl of Spookie Daly Pride on drums, Jake Vohs on keys and