

The works of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow are filled with vivid evocations of the natural world, from the forest creatures of HIAWATHA and the farming communities of EVANGELINE to the furious wind and waves depicted in THE WRECK OF THE HESPERUS. Join us in Brunswick this February as we honor the distinguished author with cultural programs that celebrate our environment and explore sustainability strategies and solutions.

Thursday, February 4, 6:30 PM • GARDENS GALORE

Immerse yourself in lush landscapes and bountiful bouquets as you hear from some of Maine's best gardeners. First, enjoy tasty treats at the Café, view exquisite watercolors by Evelyn Dunphy and a film about the artist (5:30). \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Benefits the Maine Street plantings of the Village Improvement Association. Reservations: 207-725-5222.

Frontier Café, Gallery & Cinema, Ft. Andross

Saturday, February 6, 4:00 PM • AROUND THE OLD CAMP FIRE

Many of our first experiences with nature take place at summer camp. Replicate that experience with children of all ages. Toast marshmallows by a bonfire. Gaze at stars (bring your telescopes or binoculars). Sing camp songs led by Rob Jarratt and friends. Free.

Crystal Spring Farm, 277 Pleasant Hill Road

Sunday, February 7, 1:00 PM • POETS IN THE COMMUNITY #1

Longfellow is just one of many poets who have graced the Brunswick area through the years, and the tradition continues today. Over three Sunday afternoons, Herb Coursen curates a three-part series of readings by local writers. Today the works of Alice Persons, Anne Oleson, and Coursen are featured. Refreshments. Free.

Fireplace Room, Curtis Memorial Library

Wednesday, February 10, 6:00 PM • VERY NOURISHING: A LOCAVORE DINNER

Savor a dinner buffet from the renowned dining services at Bowdoin College, drawn from local suppliers of produce, cheese, and beef. The multi-course meal will be followed by a lively presentation outlining the College's many sustainability achievements. \$20 per person.

Reservations required by February 2nd: 207-729-4439.

Maine Lounge, Moulton Union, Bowdoin College

Thursday, February 11, 7:00 PM • SEED STARTING

Join host Fred Horch and master gardener volunteer Brett Thompson to learn secrets for starting a bountiful garden from seeds. Supplies and organic seeds will be available for purchase. Seating is limited, so reservations recommended. 207-729-4050. Free.

F.W. Horch Sustainable Goods, 56 Maine Street

Saturday, February 13, 11 AM-1 PM • CERTIFIED ORGANIC FUN

While you're shopping, come sit and listen at our narrative stage, where an oral historian will interview local farmers, bakers, cheese makers, and others about their work and their products. Free.

Ft. Andross (enter through West Tower at left of mill building near flea market)

Sunday, February 14, 1:00 PM • POETS IN THE COMMUNITY #2

Readings by poets Kevin Sweeney, Joan Nicholson, and Darcy Shargo. Refreshments. Free.

Fireplace Room, Curtis Memorial Library

Wednesday, February 17, 12:15 PM • A SENSE OF PLACE

Whether you are a native-born Mainer or "from away," you recognize qualities that make Maine life special. Local author Jane Brox will discuss writers whose distinct sense of place informs their subject and style. Part of Midcoast Senior College's Winter Wisdom program.

Morrell Room, Curtis Memorial Library

Thursday, February 18, 6:30 PM • ECO-PECHAKUCHA

Nancy Randolph emcees ten 6-minute presenters from environmental agencies and businesses that sustainably manage natural resources and model green practices, including Cold Water Vodka, Shelter Institute, and Maine Coast Heritage Trust. Benefits the Androscoggin Brunswick-Topsham Riverwalk. \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Call: 207-725-5222.

Frontier Café, Gallery & Cinema, Ft. Andross

Saturday, February 20, 7:00 PM • ENVIRONMENTAL SONGS AND STORIES

The world around us inspires music, poetry and prose. Tonight, readings by prize-winning high school readers and storyteller Pat Gardiner, ballads performed by Kat Logan and Jim Loney, and original songs for singing along with Grace Lewis McLaren. Refreshments. \$10 adults, \$5 students.

The Theater Project, 14 School Street

Sunday, February 21, Noon - 4:00 PM • VISIT LONGFELLOW'S HOUSE

His Brunswick home, that is. The Pejepscot Historical Society provides free tours on the hour, adding some Civil War history to our literary mix.

Joshua Chamberlain Museum, Maine and Potter Streets

Sunday, February 21, 1:00 PM • POETS IN THE COMMUNITY #3

Poets Marta Finch, Ted Bookey, and David Adams complete our three-part series of readings. Refreshments. Free.

Fireplace Room, Curtis Memorial Library

Thursday, February 25, 6:30 PM • BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

Join Kevin Salatino, new Director of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, for a walkthrough of nature-oriented exhibitions, including *Grounded: Two Centuries of American Landscape*, then chat with some contemporary landscape painters. Co-sponsored by the Five Rivers Arts Alliance. Free.

Bowdoin College Museum of Art

Sunday, February 28, 11:00 AM • HONORING HWL

One day after Longfellow's 202nd birthday, the Merrymeeting Singers and other talents help bring Longfellow Days 2010 to a close in the church that showcases a Bible contributed by the poet.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 15 Pleasant Street

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