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Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Org
Celebrates *Youth Art Month*



Artwork Pre-K-5th Gr
East End Community
School Students

Opening Reception

MHNO 92 Congress St
Friday March 10th 5:00-8:00

Open House

Saturday March 11th 12:00-3:00

MHNO HOSTS EAST END COMMUNITY SCHOOL ART SHOW
AT HILL HOUSE
Friday March 10 and Saturday March 11

The Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization and the East End Community School (EECS) arts program have joined in an exciting collaboration to bring the first annual student art show into the community. Art created by EECS elementary students will be on display at the MHNO's Hill House on Friday, March 10th, 5-8 pm for the gala opening, with the show continuing on Saturday, March 11th, from noon to 3. The Hill House, located in the heart of Munjoy Hill's commercial center at 92 Congress Street (the corner of Atlantic and Congress Streets), will make it convenient for neighbors to drop in to view the show.

The art on display will be creations by students in Pre-K through grade 5. A variety of media are used, appropriate to the grade level. The goal is to expose the students to art in its many forms. Pre-K students are learning to use a single color in an original piece. Grade 1 students have experimented with pattern weaving and repeating patterns. Layering landscapes have engaged Grade 2 students. The older, Grade 5 students create surprises with interesting gel prints.

People who do not have a child enrolled in our neighborhood school may not be aware of the full range of activities that take place at the school. According to the EECS's PTO, the school brings together children and teachers from 36 different countries speaking 31 different languages. It reports that the languages

spoken include Portuguese, Spanish, Somali, Arabic, French and American Sign Language, and "more than half of East End students are learning English as a second, third, or fourth language".

Art is an important language as well. The EECS has a vibrant art program, headed by art teacher Melissa Maher. MHNO Board Member and former arts educator Carol Connor is working with Ms. Maher to produce the show. This event coincides with the national recognition of March as Youth Art Month. The Council for Art Education, national sponsor of Youth Art Month promotes art education as an important tool to encourage children of all ages to express themselves, allowing them to translate thoughts and emotions into creative visual art.

Ms. Maher's enthusiasm for art and her dedication to her students is contagious! So please drop by to catch this great show and support our children, community and neighborhood school.

Questions: info@munjoyhill.org



Coffee & Climate 2023 Series

**Friday, March 10th, 9 am via
Zoom:
Complete Streets**

The City of Portland Sustainability Office is hosting a monthly speaker series called Coffee & Climate. Each session explores a sustainability or climate topic with the help of guest speakers.

The guest in March will be Jean Sideris of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine. She will be joined by city staff to talk about projects underway to improve walking, biking and transit in the community. Sessions are remote, via zoom, starting at 9 am.

To register for the virtual event, go to:
<https://portlandmaine-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZLocu2hqj8vGNAD2NWj35piKvt2yclRbln>

For more information and to see the entire list of sessions for 2023, see www.oneclimatefuture.org.



**HANDCRAFTER GATHERINGS
CONTINUE EVERY SUNDAY
AFTERNOON, 3-5 AT THE
MHNO'S HILL HOUSE,
92 CONGRESS STREET**

The MHNO Handcrafters weekly Sunday afternoon gatherings are ongoing every Sunday for the foreseeable future.

All levels and types of hand-crafted projects are welcome. Bring your knitting, crocheting, hand piecing, darning, etc. Or just bring yourself and join in the conversation. Hosted by MHNO President, Maggy Wolf.

**Knitters!
Crocheters!
All hand needlecrafters!**

**The MHNO welcomes you to our
Needlework Sunday afternoons!**

**Sundays from 3-5
92 Congress St**

For more information, contact:
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President's Message:

Greetings fellow Hill-folk!

It is the time of year when we have to remind ourselves that “it’s a marathon, not a sprint!” Just because we marvel that it is now still light at 5, and we are getting spring-teaser temperatures, we have a long way to go before the finish line.

In actual fact, though, as I write this message on February 18*, it seems like winter has still hardly begun. We’ve only had one “decent” snowfall so far and although we got a month’s worth of arctic cold all in a 24-hour period at the beginning of the month, it has been unseasonably warm since then. I think I am partly responsible since I contracted with a snow remover to pay up-front for the season, and so far he is getting a pretty great deal. And if we now get a 20 inch snowstorm, that will now also be on me and my jinx-power, but at least I will feel like I am getting my money’s worth!

If you find yourself obsessing about climate change on a 50-degree day in February, you are not alone. While global cooperation will be essential to combat climate change, there is much that can be done on a local level while we are waiting for governments and politicians to take meaningful actions.

I recently read that Portland is about to launch a new program called Sustainable Neighborhoods and will be holding information sessions this Thursday, March 2 from 7-8 PM. I hope lots of Munjoy Hill residents will attend so we can find out more about it and potentially get involved as a neighborhood. <https://www.portlandmaine.gov/1360/Sustainable-Neighborhoods-Program>

For other ideas on how to do even a little bit more to help reduce our carbon footprint, you could think about joining the Portland Climate Action Team (portlandclimateaction@gmail.com), following the city’s sustainability office on social Media (<https://www.instagram.com/sustainableportlandme/>), studying Portland’s One Climate Future joint plan with South Portland (<https://www.oneclimatefuture.org/>), take advantage of the some of the rebates and credits for weatherizing your home or switching some of your appliances from fossil fuel to electric versions (<https://www.energymaine.com/>).

In the meantime, enjoy the snow-drops/crocuses(!) peeking up, but don’t be fooled by that approaching Equinox on the calendar. Spoiler alert: I will be quoting T.S. Eliot’s famous line about April in a few weeks!

* Sure enough, the jinx kicked in and brought us at least one more big snow in February!

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To join or rejoin as a member, or make a contribution to support your neighborhood organization, please visit www.munjoyhill.org and click on "Join Us" or "Donate." We are a 501(c)(3) organization. All memberships and contributions go to support the work of the MHNO.

Members are welcome to sit in on the monthly meetings of the MHNO Board of Directors. They have resumed in person at the MHNO's "Hill House", 92 Congress Street, Portland, Maine. The meetings are generally held at 6:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, except in the case of Monday holidays; in that event they are held the second Monday. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Questions: info@munjoyhill.org.

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