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God's love is a pure, selfless kind of love, which He gives to his followers so that they might extend it to others as well: from those in our community to those on the other side of the globe. One of the ways Rye Congregational tries to do this is by sending prayerful, financial support to two missionaries in Central Africa, and Eastern Europe, respectively.

A Missionary group that the Men's Bible Study has supported for many years is in Rwanda. The African Evangelistic Enterprise coordinated by Mrs. Icyishaka Marie-Josee cares for the children of Rwanda living in poverty. The AEE provides meals, health care and education for these children. The teachers and caretakers work to lift the people from spiritual and material poverty. The school becomes a family and a place of belonging for the children. Both the school and others of the Enterprise work to provide access to clean water and teach them about sanitation. The teachers also educate the families and the children about farming and raising animals for food sources. They partner with the Church to holistically transform the community by sharing in word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Missionaries Bob and Nona Baker have long received contributions from Rye Congregational Church. Working in the mission group Global Grace, the Bakers work with the Roma people in Slovakia. The Roma people have lived a nomadic way of life in the past and do not have their state and are found in several European countries. Some of the Roma live in segregated communities in Slovakia with no electricity or stable water supply. Most of those people have only basic education, are unemployed and face discrimination when they try to get jobs. The Baker's mission has been to help the poor by teaching the children and families to build emotional, intellectual, spiritual and financial resources in Jesus' name. They have developed relationships with the Roma and served as mentors and role models. Bill has worked with members of the parliament trying to change laws, but he believes that relationships change lives more than good laws. They have worked for welfare reform and have initiated concrete changes for the communities. Their work is most appreciated by the Gypsy population in Slovakia.

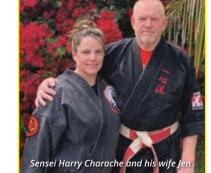
The congregation also sends financial aid to Church World Service, an organization that travels the world over to help immediately with disasters, clean water, and educational support.

Through Operation Christmas Child, Christmas shoeboxes are filled with gifts and are sent to needy children living all over the world. Along with the gifts, an opportunity to hear about Jesus is presented to these children and their families.

Several members of the congregation sponsor children in poor areas of the world through Compassion International. This sponsorship provides education, health care and food assistance with a Christian foundation.

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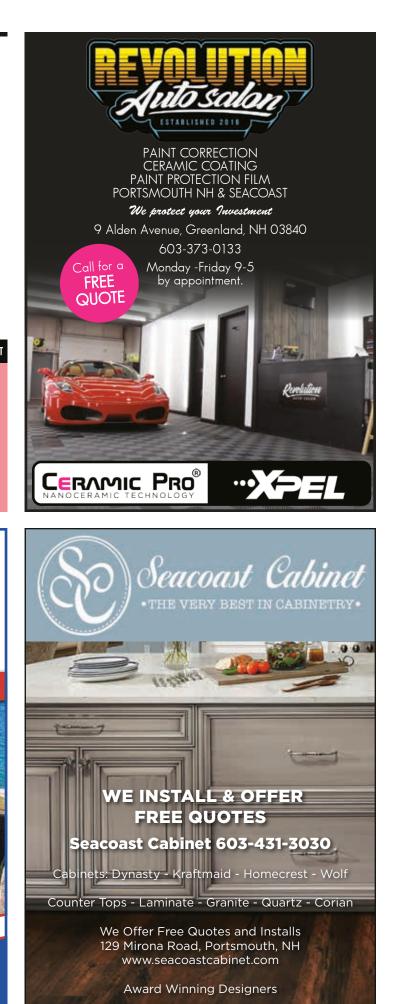
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Adapt & Thrive: Gardening in Our **Changing Climate**

he Rye Driftwood Garden Club is excited to be kicking off its 2023-2024 season on Tuesday, September 19th with a presentation from Master Gardener, Michael (Mike) Koutelis.

September 19th at 10:00 am (9:30 am social 1/2 hour) Rye Congregational Church 580 Washington Road Rye, NH 03870

Gardeners are on the front line as witnesses to the changes in climate that have been occurring in recent years. Later frosts in the fall, earlier planting times, heavier rain events, and longer stretches of drought. Mike Koutelis will provide a brief look at the science of climate change and the impact it has on our daily lives while also offering ideas about how we can adapt our growing strategies and habits to both reduce our impact on climate change and keep growing the plants we enjoy.

Along with several other Master Gardeners, Mike helped to rebuild the rain garden at the NH Audubon Massabesic Center in Auburn, NH. He has been involved in the energy/environmental field for over 30 years and considers sustainability as the key to understanding how we individually and collectively protect our ecosystems.

Gardening has become part of his connection to this effort, and he continues to expand his knowledge of gardening through the UNH Extension Master Gardener Program.

As our climate continues to change, we must figure out alternative methods to the way we garden. A delayed or extended flowering season can result from increasing temperatures. Shifting hardiness zones may make it easier to grow frost-sensitive plants while extreme rainfall in the winter can negatively affect growing bulbs or tubers since they rely on good drainage. One specific example in our area happened this past spring when we saw very few or no forsythia blooms. This was due to a mild winter and early thawing period which began to wake up these bushes. Then followed a period of freezing temperatures which damaged some of the tender buds, preventing them from blooming.

Taking steps to make our gardens more resilient while being open to pivoting as needed can make a significant impact on our growing seasons. A balance of adapting to climate changes and working out what is best in our microclimates are becoming necessary for successful

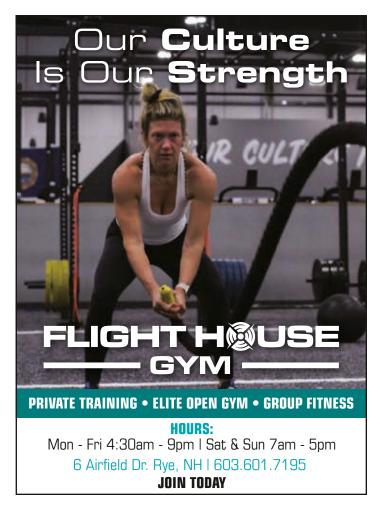
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gardening. Learn how we can help our gardens thrive in the face of ongoing climate change by joining us on September 19th! The public is invited to attend this presentation. Non-club members are welcome for a suggested donation of \$5, which goes towards RDCG's Landscape Grants and Scholarships as well as future programs. Before the presentation, the Club has an enjoyable social half-hour at 9:30 am, which is a fantastic opportunity to get to know our members and get more information on RDGC's mission.

For more detailed program information, any changes to our schedule, or to learn more about Rye Driftwood Garden Club, please visit our website at: www.ryenhgardenclub.org



Celebrating Rye's Historic Homes

ver the past 400 years, our town's residential architecture has evolved from 17th-century colonial to 21st-century modern styles. Each one has a story that is part of who we are as a community.

As one of the final events of our 400th celebration, the owners of four historic homes and one barn are opening their doors to a limited number of visitors on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (last entry at 3:30 p.m.).

Decorated for the holiday season by leading area designers - Darcy Boyle, Cara Burzynski, Renee Carmen, Colleen Lake, Alisha Lavasseur, Kendra McCauley, Bridget Shannon and Suzanne Stone — the self-guided tour is an opportunity to not only enjoy the beauty of the season, but also learn more about the significance of these structures to our local cultural identity. Tickets go on sale, online only via Eventbrite, beginning Sunday, October 15, 2023.

The buildings include the:

- Marden/Parsons Homestead @ 520 Washington Road (c. 1757)
- William Trefethen House @ 540 Washington Road (c.1812)
- William Berry House @ 546 Washington Road (c. 1725)
- Dr. Charles F. Patterson House and Office @ 585
- Washington Road (c. 1900)
- Simon Goss House Barn @ 1 Central Road (c. 1810)

After the tour, visit the Rye Town Museum, open for holiday shopping, and the Rye Congregational Church for "Holiday Tea" in Fellowship Hall.

According to Jean Briggs Badger, the Rye400 Tour Coordinator, "I wish to thank the homeowners for their generosity and hospitality, the designers for their vision and talent and the community members who have helped plan this event for the past year! It will be a magical day in Rye as we honor our past and celebrate our future."

Learn more about Rye's historic homes by researching the archives at the Rye Historical Society. Also, watch the YouTube video (https/m.voutube.com/watch?v=U8VWeb0h-Gw) for the Rye Advocates — formed by volunteers from the Rye Historical Society, Rye Heritage Commission, Rye Historic District Commission, and

the Demolition Review Committee — who are working to preserve our historic buildings.

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Updating the Master Plan

SUBMITTED BY KIM REED

he Town of Rye is updating its Master Plan and is looking for residents, business owners, and community leaders to get involved in shaping the community's path into the future!

Rye is currently updating its 2013 Master Plan to respond to the emerging needs, priorities, and desires of the community while identifying coastal resiliency efforts to preserve the unique qualities that make Rye a special place. A Master Plan is a community-driven vision for the future of the town and serves as a roadmap of

strategies and actions the town will use to achieve that vision. The purpose of the Master Plan is to help guide decision-making around growth, infrastructure improvements, regulatory initiatives, and natural resource protection for the next ten to twenty years. To be eligible for state and federal funding, a Master Plan is required to be updated.

In June, the Master Plan Committee began working with the Town's consultant Resilience Planning and Design on this initiative. Over the next year, there will be a variety of opportunities

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to provide their thoughts on how Rye should address important community issues opportunities, and challenges related to natural resources, housing, development, coastal resiliency, transportation, community services, and more.

For more information on the planning process and how to get involved in Rye's Master Plan update, please visit: http/www.publicinput. com/RyeFuture



RYE ART STUDY GROUP



Sculpting for Healing, Peace and Harmony BY NATASHA DIKAREVA

As an artist, I find inspiration in the world around me and in my personal experiences. I am moved by events, people, books, movies, music, and nature. At the heart of my art is a desire to communicate something meaningful and profound to the audience. I use my work



to tell stories, challenge assumptions, and inspire others to see the world in a new light.

I employ a traditional process. It all starts with an idea that is born in my head. From there, I begin to depict it in my sketchbook, exploring different angles and perspectives until I arrive at a vision that excites me. Once I have refined the design of the maquette, I move on to creating the final sculpture. Throughout the creation of my sculptures, I remain connected to my original inspiration, allowing the

piece to evolve and grow as I work through the process. Clay remains my favorite medium, yet other media can enhance it.

Recently, I started sculpting and blowing glass to capture the essence of translucent, ephemeral shapes evoking water and clouds. As stimuli for imagination, clouds invite us to find familiar shapes and recognize figures in the drifting puffs, inspiring countless legends of atmospheric deities from around the world. The combination of glass and clay sculpture traces the line between reality and reverie, bringing to life exquisite, surreal, impossible creatures to evoke serenity and transformation.

My artistic journey has been marked by a profound shift, the invasion of my beloved motherland, Ukraine by Russia in 2022. It has left an indelible mark on both my personal and creative identity, propelling my work in a direction that bears witness to the harsh realities and enduring spirit of my people. Before the war, I used to sculpt serene, otherworldly creatures. Now, the visceral wounds inflicted on my homeland are mirrored in the very fabric of my sculptures. These perforations serve as tangible reminders of the destructive forces that have disrupted the harmony of my people's lives. Drawing inspiration from the concept of negative space, I aim to elicit both absence and presence, darkness, and light. The light penetrating through the openings of my sculptures reminds us of the resilience and enduring hope that dwells within the human spirit, even in the darkest of times. The faces depicted in my work are searching for salvation, solace, and solidarity. I hope that through continued personal and collective healing, I can embark on a new chapter of my artistic journey, where my sculptures will reflect tranquility, and inspire a renewed sense of peace and harmony.

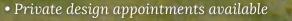
Natasha, www.dikarevart.com will be presenting to www. Ryeartstudy.com on Monday, October 16th at 10 am, with refreshments at 9:30, at the Rye Congregational Church.



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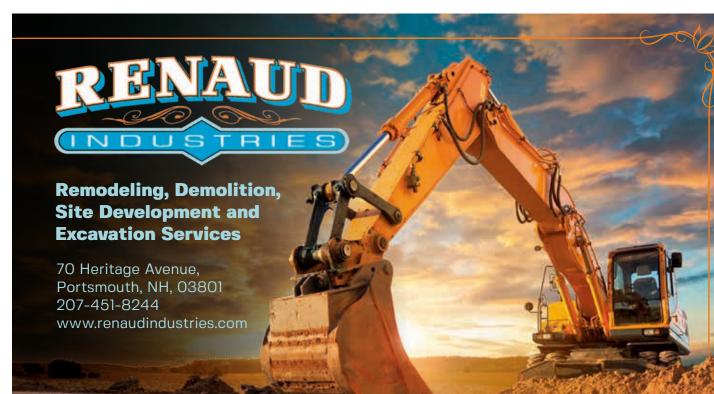
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Explore Nature

Bioblitz data provides a snapshot of changes in Odiorne Point State Park.

BY KATIE BRODEUR, COMMUNITY PROGRAM NATURALIST. SEACOAST SCIENCE CENTER

ach year, Seacoast Science Center (SSC) brings scientists and community members together to conduct a dawn-todusk biological survey of Odiorne Point State Park. This year's BioBlitz event, held Saturday, September 23rd, will mark its 21st anniversary! Like an extreme nature scavenger hunt, BioBlitz is a fun event for all ages and a great way for kids, families, and nature enthusiasts to hone their field skills alongside scientists and expert naturalists.

Over 2,500 species have been documented in the past two decades. Representing plants, animals, fungi, insects and more, this biodiversity catalog grows each year with the addition of species either previously not identified on the day of the event or species that have newly arrived to the Seacoast. For example, 2022 marked the first sighting of a harbor porpoise on the day of BioBlitz, despite this elusive species being endemic and common in our area.

Twenty years of snapshots on a single day in September have coalesced into a fascinating picture of the changing biodiversity



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of the Park. In recent years, new species have been documented from across the world, including the European Rock Shrimp (Palaemons elegans) in 2020 and several European and Asian insect species seen for the first time in New Hampshire in 2021. One of these species was a small species of false barklice (*Heterocaecilius n.sp.*) that had only been recorded once in the United States!

Of the many habitats found within Odiorne Point State Park, the composition of our rocky shore zones has been most dramatically altered in recent decades, reflecting an increasingly connected and warming world ocean. Introduced and invasive species of seaweeds, crabs, sponges, mollusks, and more are regularly found during tide pooling programs at SSC. Other species that are traditionally found south of Cape Cod are moving northward in response to warming water temperatures in the Gulf of Maine, including the blue crab (Callinectes sapidus) of Maryland crab bake fame.

BioBlitz allows us to track the rapid changes seen in both Odiorne Point State Park and along our coast in the Gulf of Maine. The flora and fauna of our region was influenced when European settlers arrived, and it continues to change in the modern age. The record of biodiversity generated from BioBlitz serves as an important indicator of environmental health and is one way for us to monitor our coastal environment and track its change over time.

In addition to tracking the biodiversity of Odiorne Point State Park, BioBlitz is a great, fun way for visitors and families to get involved in community science and a rare opportunity to explore nature alongside many passionate biologists at work in the field. Explorations of the many habitats found in the Park run throughout the day, including tide pool and salt marsh exploration. You can join Seacoast Science Center for all or part of the day to help add to its twenty years of data and help create a more thorough snapshot of the variety of species that live here.

To learn more and view the full BioBlitz exploration schedule, please visit www.seacoastsciencecenter.org/ events/bioblitz. See you at Seacoast Science Center on September 12th!

1 / Photo by Kate Wilcox. 2 / Heterocaecilius photo by Diane Young. A false barklice species (Heterocaecilius n.sp) first seen in NH at the 2021 BioBlitz, only recorded once previously in the U.S. 3 / European Rock Shrimp (Palaemon elegans), an invasive species first seen in Odiorne Point State Park in 2020.

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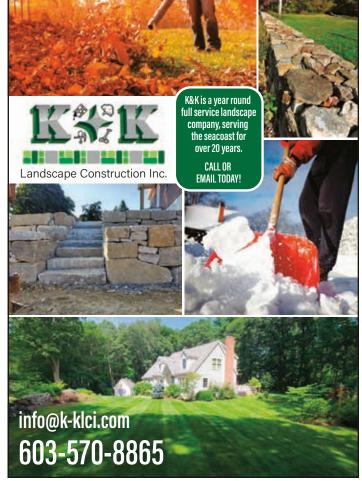
ydia's work is inspired by abstract shapes, and the influence of atmosphere and light on color. Her paintings are created "en plein air" and from memory in her studio at the Button Factory in Portsmouth, NH. Painting in oils, her work expresses the serenity that surrounds her every day while living on New Hampshire's seacoast.



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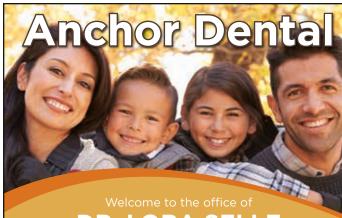


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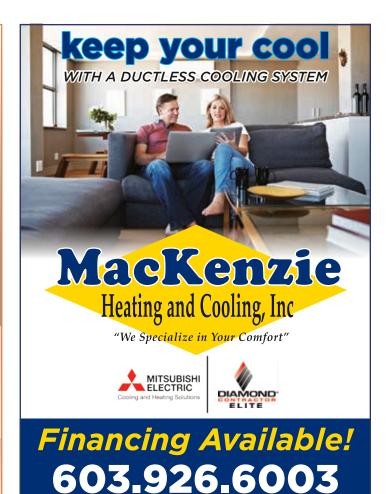
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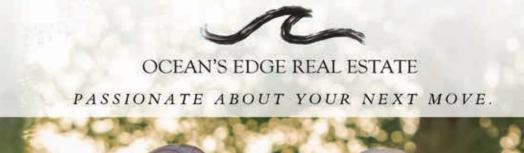
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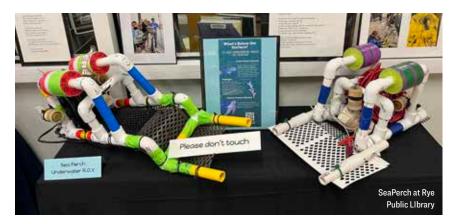
a culmination of their 7th grade year, this spring Rye Junior High students embarked on an interdisciplinary project, SeaPerch. Funded by the Rye Education Foundation this immersive robotics-building program gave the children an opportunity to learn beyond the walls of their classroom. They traveled from UNH's pool to Rye Harbor with the goal of exploring what is below the surface of our local watershed.

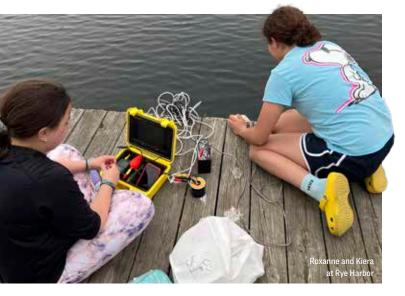
"It was real life," John Dinger, the 7th-grade math teacher, said. "At the harbor, the ROVs retrieved giant coveralls for fishing, plastic bags, foam, microplastic, shells, a crab, and a sunken SeaPerch."

According to its website, SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics building program that equips students and educators with the resources they need to build an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) that becomes "a bot for good."

REF's \$5000 grant allowed the purchase of 18 SeaPerch ROV kits, four tool kits, four underwater cameras and 20 copies of *Thirst*. Additionally, with the support of Principal Gilbert, the 7th-grade team got a day to plan and a day to build this unique curriculum.

Volunteers from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard spent a full day in the





life skills room helping teachers build the first bot.

"It was a deep dive to feel like a real student," Linsay Kaplan, 7th grade ELA teacher said. "I was uncomfortable but felt empowered." On the first day of the build, emotions were high for students. On day two, instead of building, the team opted for group discussions about quality team building.

"In hindsight, we would have prepped students more for the emotional component," Dinger noted. "We let the teams grapple and tried not to overpower their process." After a successful test run at UNH where all the bots worked, the students had two days at Rye Harbor to collect real-life data with their ROVs.

At the harbor 15 of the 17 ROVs worked. One SeaPerch sank in the morning and hours later when the second group of students arrived, it was found.

"We used the underwater camera to find the ROV and the fork attachment to pick it up off the ocean floor." Student, Hillel Hay-Tene laughed, "That boosted our grade quite a bit."

One unexpected outcome from the challenging and dynamic nature of this project was that students couldn't wait to get back into the classroom.

"Their ability to apply data and statistics was far superior to traditional learning," Dinger boasted about the post-curriculum evaluations.

"Because SeaPerch was exhausting mentally, the collaboration in the classroom improved," Kaplan observed.

This was evident in the significant reflection journals students wrote at the end of each day. Their poems, journals, and ROVs were on display at the Rye Public Library for three weeks this spring.

Next year RJH's S.T.E.A.M. program will continue with the momentum of the successful ROV curriculum.



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