



## **Town of Strafford Arts & Events Council – A Master Plan Subcommittee**

**Mission:** *Enrich community connections by expanding local arts and culture through community events, activities, and programs for residents of all ages.*

**MEETING:** ARTS & EVENTS COUNCIL- A SUBCOMMITTEE of the TOWN OF STRAFFORD PLANNING BOARD

**MEETING DATE:** May 16, 2024, 3:00-4:00pm (Meeting Three)

**MEETING PLACE:** Hill Library

### **COMMITTEE:**

**Chair:** Susan Ryan (603-321-0163 = cell phone or text) (SuzRyan1@Gmail.com)

**Committee Members** Daniel Dupee ([Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com](mailto:Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com)), Kaitlin Whitcher LaBreck ([Kaitlin@ProfoundRealEstate.com](mailto:Kaitlin@ProfoundRealEstate.com)), Risa Winter Ceskavich ([Rceskavich@Gmail.com](mailto:Rceskavich@Gmail.com)),

Kelly Kilgallon ([Kelly@Taphousemedia.com](mailto:Kelly@Taphousemedia.com)), Pamela Boyer ([Boyerpamela633@gmail.com](mailto:Boyerpamela633@gmail.com))

**Event or Ideas Volunteers not in attendance but copied for agenda and minutes:** Cristyn Black ([CristynBlack@gmail.com](mailto:CristynBlack@gmail.com)), Cindy Lavigne ([thevine57@yahoo.com](mailto:thevine57@yahoo.com))

**Copy to Town Clerk:** Terri Marsh ([townclerk@strafford.nh.gov](mailto:townclerk@strafford.nh.gov))

### **AGENDA**

**3:00** Call Meeting to order

**3:05** Vote to approve meeting minutes from 4/18 meeting.

**3:10** Committee member report out on any contact or TO DO updates based on assignments distributed in prior meetings:  
Risa: Historical Society

Susan contacts: Ellen White at Town Hall: Susan emailed Ellen asking about how insurance works for events this Council would hold either on public or private land, how we would go about requesting the use of public lands like the Dam and surrounding areas and how to bank any money we raise (we are not a 501c3).

Pam: Bob Bennett Garden Club update? Cookbook costs from clubs who produced/considered them previously?

**3:20** Events for 2024!

**Susan Update on BowLakeAPoluzza-** Saturday July 6: Four bands have agreed to participate for free this year- Miner & Ryan Musicians, Second Wind, Barry Schraufnagal, and Tritter & Darla. We have one location so far at the Dupee Residence in Skiiers Cove. Perhaps on the Dam Beach, Whitcher Point (Mike And Marcys home) and need others. Posted in Com Calendar for June and new more specifics for July edition. FB, Posters and other ideas to promote the event? (Shine only-no rain date). Raffel tix and prizes to raise money for Council?

**Daniel Update on Artist Training Session** for local artists on how to use social media to sell their works- perhaps hold it in September?

**Kaitlin update on Cookbook-** logo for council bix cards and cover artist? **Pam update on Cookbook costs** from clubs who produced/considered them previously? Work on this until November and produce for sale during Christmas in Strafford.

3:55 New Business

4:00 Adjourn

**FOR REFERENCE: EVENT and ACTIVITIES IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION**

	<u>Arts &amp; Events Ideas</u>	<u>Season</u>
1	Air National Guard Helicopter Display Day (Rochester did this) Touch a truck too?	Spring/Summer/Fall
2	Bingo and Beers night	Year round
3	Cardboard Boat Races	Summer
4	Children based events	Year round
5	Christmas Tree Decorating Contest (donate after to less fortunate?)	Winter
6	Coffeehouse for music, poetry/spoken word, storytelling etc. (possibly themed)	Year round
7	Community Cookbook	Year round
8	Concerts	Summer/Fall
9	Public Murals display, Arts&Events Council logo contest, Public Arts displays in	Year round
10	Cooking Classes- vary culture and types of courses	Fall/Winter/Spring
11	Cultural Food Day	Fall/Winter/Spring
12	Dating Game Show- Dinner Date nights	Fall/Winter/Spring
13	Family Fun Days	Spring/Summer/Fall
14	Family Treasure Hunts	Spring/Summer/Fall
15	Farmers Market with music and art displays/sales	Summer/Fall
16	Flea Market	Summer/Fall
17	Holiday Lights Competition	Winter
18	Ice Hockey Tournament	Winter
19	Ice Sculpture Display/Competition	Winter
20	Karaoke Idol Contest	Fall/Winter/Spring
21	Local Arts, Crafts, Hobby & Music Show with Food trucks	Spring/Summer/Fall
22	Meet your Neighbor's dinner-Dinner for 4 (couples teamed w/ those don't know)	Fall/Winter/Spring
23	Music on the Lake	Summer
24	Pet Parade and Beauty Contest	Summer
25	Pie Baking, Pizza or other food contests	Year round
26	Road Clean-up day	Summer
27	Senior based events	Year round
28	Social Media training for Artist sales	Year round
29	Sports competition based events-three-legged races, most basketball shots, etc.	Summer
30	Skateboarding shows	Summer
31	Strafford Book of Town Records gathering- i.e. Tallest person, longest beard, oldest truck	Spring/Summer/Fall
32	Vendor Fair	Year round
33	Who's Got Talent Show	Year round



**Town of Strafford Arts & Events Council – A Master Plan Subcommittee**

**Mission:** *Enrich community connections by expanding local arts and culture through community events, activities, and programs for residents of all ages.*

**Strafford Town Wide Events Calendar as of April meeting**

<b>DATE 2024</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>OFFERED BY</b>
March 23	Easter Bunny	BLCC/Grange
March	Drama Performance	School
April	Spring Music Concert	School
April	Arts Week (type of art showcased is changed up each year. One year we had artist in residence that she recycled art, last year was performance art so different groups in all week. This year is a sculpture theme)	School
April 20	Coffee House at Foss Hall of the Christian Education Building. Music, Poetry etc	Third Baptist Church
May	Father Daughter Dance	Strafford Rec
May 25	Annual Plant Sale	Garden Club
May 27	Memorial Day Parade, Food and Ceremony	Town, BLCC, SWC
May/June	K-5 Family Dance	School PTO
June 1	Bow Lake Road Race	?Sponsor
June	Graduation (June for 8th grade and Little Spartans Preschool)	School
June	Field Day	School
June 9	Childrens Day with Family Concert	Third Baptist Church
June 29	Pancake Breakfast	Fire Dept
June 29	Steak Tip Drive Thru	Bow Lake Baptist Church
July 3	Food Truck Fest, Fireworks	Town and BLCC
July 4	Day at the Dam	BLCOA
July 13	Chicken BBQ	BLCOA
July TBD	Ice Cream Social, Summer Raffle	SWC @ Waldron Store
July 27	Blueberry Festival at Waldron Store with live Music	Town Democrats
August 10	Lobster Cookout	BLCOA
August TBD	Bake Sale	SWC
August	Popsicles on the Playground for incoming kindergarteners	School PTO
August 31	COGO Golf Tournament	BLCOA at Nippo Lake CC
September 1	Ducks over the Dam, Food and Family games	BLCC/Grange
September 1	Loon Aid Benefit Concert on the Lake	Island Mike and Friends (Isla Saunders Benefit)

September	Open House	School
September 27	Firemen's Golf Tournament	Fire Dept
Fall TBD	Ice Cream Social	SWC
October 12	Chili Chowder Cook off	BLCC/Grange
October 30	Haunted House Trick or Treat	BLCC/Grange
October	Trunk or Treat	School PTO
November	Veteran's Day Assembly	School
December 1	Tree Lighting with Santa	BLCC/Grange
December 7-8	Christmas in Strafford, BakeSale	BLCC/Grange, SWC
December	Holiday Craft Fair	School
December	Holiday Shop for Kids	School PTO
January- December	Private Events and public fundraisers	BLCC/Grange

**Not in Calendar:**

- Middle School Dances (Various months)
- Other various School assemblies (change annually, such as bullying, science themed, TIGER show, etc)
- Fire Safety Presentation at School (October)
- School sporting events- various games, clinics
- Strafford Rec Sport Clinics
- Strafford Rec Adult Sports
- Strafford Rec Mother/Son Fun Night (date varies)
- Strafford Rec Cupcake Challenge (no date provided)
- Town Democrats and Republicans events through the year
- Line Dancing Classes at Grange Fall/Spring/Summer and Church in winter
- Member of the Year and a Strafford Citizen of the Year awarded by Garden Club in March
- Library event calendar is very robust and varied and is not incorporated here. Offerings range from poetry round tables, mahjong, game nights, senior safety classes, knitting/spinners/fiber arts groups, cookbook club, historical events, chair yoga, music and movement class, support meetings, to children's programs galore.