

## Welcome to our November Activity Guide!

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### “Taylored” Thoughts for December

#### What Is Christmas?

I always think of Christmas in the terms of Charles Dickens and the wonderful classic, *A Christmas Carol*. Everyone knows the story of the three ghosts; the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present and the Ghost of Yet to Come. This tells the story of self-redemption. I think the Ghost of Yet to Come is of course, the hero in this – in that you always get another chance to change things and make things right. I think many of us try to do the right things all year long, but this story reminds us that there is always more people and organizations that need help. It seems that the need is the greatest this time of year, or perhaps we are just more aware of the asking. Treating people with kindness, generosity and compassion should be a mission all through the year – not just at Christmas.

Wikipedia says that Christmas is generally observed as a holiday to commemorate the birth of Jesus. Celebrated the world around it means many things to many people including: gift giving, the exchange of greeting cards, church celebrations, special decorations for the season, such as mistletoe, nativity scenes, garlands and pretty lights. It also means musical celebrations and giving from the heart. Perhaps you write a check to your favorite charity, give at church, help prepare and serve a meal at the homeless shelter, or give food to a food cupboard – it’s all about the helping.

Christmas means warmth and love and giving and sharing. The Christmas season is something that I treasure – what a wonderful time of the year.

Wishing you a warm and wonderful Christmas.

*Juanita*

# December

## Special Events & Guest Speakers

### Discussion Series with Tom & Stan

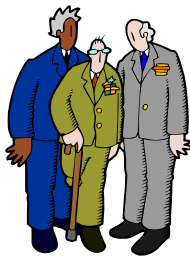
“Islam Discussion—continued from November”

Thursday December 2nd—7:15 (PMR)

### Festival of Lights Parade

Saturday December 4th

If interested in riding in the Van, see Steve Bowler!



### Don't Miss this!!! Orono Community Theater Presents:

“Heroes”

Monday

December 6th—7:15 (PMR)

### LOTS with Tom Watson (Looking Over Theatres' Shoulder) “Pal Joey”

Tuesday December 7th—7:15 pm (PMR)

### REMEMBER — Songsters!!

Tuesdays at 3:30 (PMR)

### Dirigo Pines Tree Lighting

Tuesday December 7th  
4:00 pm — on the Patio

### Student Piano Recital

Tuesday December 14th—4:00 pm (KGP)

### Out to Lunch Bunch

City Park Grille

(GREAT VIEW)

Friday December 17th

Bus Leaves at 11:15



### Christmas Light Tour with Kelsey

If enough interest

Thursday December 23rd

Bus to depart 6:30 pm

See Jean for sign up sheet

### Resident Meetings

Wednesday December 8th—1:30

Penobscot

Wednesday December 15th—1:30

Kenduskeag

# December

## Musical Events

### **Brian McLennon—Guitar**

Wednesday December 1st at 2:00 (Arbor)

### **Nancy Carson—Karaoke**

Wednesday December 8th at 2:00 (Arbor)

### **Judy Faust—Harp**

Thursday December 9th at Noon  
(Meadowbrook)

### **North Country Strings**

Thursday December 9th—7:15 pm (KGP)

### **Durango Mango-Pop / Country**

Friday December 10th at 2:00 (KGP)

### **Pilgrim Orthodox Church**

Saturday December 11th — Holiday Caroling—4:00 pm (KGP)

### **Opera Night with Tom Watson**

No December Opera

### **New Renaissance Singers**

Holiday Program

Monday December 13th—7:15 (PMR)

### **Clayton Rogers—Piano**

Monday December 13th—Noon  
(Meadowbrook)

Monday December 13th—2:00 pm (KGP)

### **Joe Weisheit—Christmas Piano**

Tuesday December 14th—7:15 pm (KGP)

### **Dave Fisher Music**

Gospel, blues and holiday songs

Thursday December 16th—7:15 (PMR)

### **Gilbert & Sullivan Society**

Friday December 17th—7:15 pm (KGP)

### **Song & Dance with Theresa (Karaoke)**

Friday December 17th—2:30 pm (Arbor)

### **Fran & Dave Sing Along**

Monday December 20th—Noon  
(Meadowbrook)

### **Dave Demers—Ballroom Piano**

Tuesday December 21st—7:15 pm (KGP)

### **Jerry & Friends (piano & singing)**

Friday December 24th—3:30 pm (Arbor)

### **Ed & Kathy—Nostalgia Music**

Monday December 27th—Noon  
(Meadowbrook)

### **Terry & Jerry**

Thursday December 30th—7:15 pm (KGP)

# December

## December "People's Choice" Movies



### The Blind Side

(2009 - PG13 - 126 minutes)

Wednesday, December 1st, 7:15 (PMR)

Oversized African American Michael Oher (Quinton Aaron), the teen from across the tracks and a broken home, has nowhere to sleep at age 16. Taken in by an affluent Memphis couple, Leigh Anne (Sandra Bullock) and Sean (Tim McGraw), Michael embarks on a remarkable rise to play for the NFL. Bullock's performance garnered a Best Actress Oscar and Best Actress Golden Globe Award. Kathy Bates co-stars.

### Singin' in the Rain

(1952 - G - 103 minutes)

Saturday, December 4th, 7:15 (PMR)

Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor combine their talents in one of the greatest big-screen musicals ever made, a two-time Oscar nominee that includes the songs "Good Morning," "Make 'Em Laugh" and the iconic title tune. When Hollywood attempts the transition from silent films to talkies, a matinee idol (Kelly) hopes to make the cut. But he's hampered by a silent-movie queen (Jean Hagen) with a voice like fingernails on a blackboard.

### The Pink Panther

(2006 - PG - 93 minutes)

Wednesday, December 8th, 7:15 (PMR)

Bumbling French Inspector Jacques Clouseau (Steve Martin) must solve the murder of a world-famous soccer coach and catch the thief who stole his priceless diamond ring in this prequel to the 1964 classic starring Peter Sellers. Suspects include a gorgeous pop star (Beyoncé), a soccer player and a Chinese assassin. But can Clouseau and his partner, Ponton (Jean Reno), solve the mystery and keep the chief (Kevin Kline) from taking all the credit?

### The Great Gatsby

(1974 - PG - 143 minutes)

Wednesday, December 15th, 7:15 (PMR)

Nominated for two Academy Awards in 1974, this movie brings to life F. Scott Fitzgerald's wrenching novel. Mia Farrow stars as Daisy Buchanan, the object of mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby's (Robert Redford) affections. Beyond Gatsby's grasp, Daisy is married to unfaithful Tom (Bruce Dern), making for a love triangle that ends, as they always seem to do, with broken hearts. The drama unfolds before narrator Nick Carraway's (Sam Waterston) eyes.

### Inspector Morse 1: The Dead of Jericho

(1987 - NR - 105 minutes)

Saturday, December 18th, 7:15 (PMR)

John Thaw stars as the cerebral Inspector Morse in this episode of the popular British television series. This time around, the enigmatic investigator looks into a mysterious "suicide." Also included is a special making-of featurette that offers a look back at many of the series' classic moments.

### Heartbreak Ridge

(1986 - Rated R for Pervasive Strong Language, Some Sexuality and Brief Drug Use - 130 minutes)

Wednesday, December 22nd, 7:15 (PMR)

Clint Eastwood stars as tough-as-nails sergeant and war vet Tom Highway, who's assigned to whip a platoon of unruly new Marines into shape as he faces his own of-ten-humorous battles with his ex-wife (Marsha Mason) and his by-the-book commanding officers. But Highway still manages to train his troops and command their respect -- lessons that are put to the test when the Reagan-era invasion of Grenada suddenly brings the platoon into battle.

### The Soloist

(2008 - PG13 - 109 minutes)

Saturday, December 25th, 7:15 (PMR)

This true-life drama tells the poignant tale of Los Angeles newspaper reporter Steve Lopez (Robert Downey Jr.), who discovers brilliant street musician Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), and the unique friendship that transforms both their lives. In helping his new friend deal with his demons, Steve ends up battling with his own. Joe Wright directs this inspiring drama based on the bestselling book by the real Lopez.

### Winged Migration

(2001 - G - 89 minutes)

Wednesday, December 29th, 7:15 (PMR)

Presented with almost no narration and filmed primarily from a bird's perspective, this study of the lives and habits of migrating birds re-creates as nearly as possible the experiences of the birds themselves. Amazing cinematography and gorgeous music drive this Academy Award-nominated documentary, a thrilling visual adventure created by French filmmakers Jacques Cluzaud, Michel Debats and Jacques Perrin.

### Weekly Exercise Classes (PMR)

Every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

All classes are at 10:00

Exercise classes are held three times a week for all who are concerned about maintaining optimum health. These include stretching and balance exercises, both necessary to help keep the body in good working condition.

### Sittercise

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 10:30

In the Kenduskeag Gathering Place

If gentle exercise is right for you, join this sitting-down class, led by Dirigo Pines staff.

### Line Dancing

Every Thursday at 10:00 in the KGP



### Organizer Days with Sandy Imondi

Tuesday December 7th & 21st

8:30—3:30 (VCO)

See Jean for an appointment

### VIOLA—Alterations

Tuesday December 14 and 28 —10:00 a.m.

Resource Room

**NOTE** — Day of the Week Change for Viola!!

### Coping Group

Wednesday December 8th—3:00 pm

(Library)

Join Anne Donovan Fortier for help with coping.

### Hearing Center (VDO)

Wednesday December 8th—2:30 pm

### Pearle Vision (VDO)

Thursday December 30th at 3:00 pm



### *Out to Lunch Bunch*

Friday December 17th -Leaving at 11:15  
City Park Grille—  
GREAT VIEW!



### *Garden Club*

No Garden Club Meetings for November, December and January

### *Cribbage Club*

Every other Thursday at 3:00  
December 9th and 23rd (PP)

### *Library Committee*

1st Thursday—December 2nd at 3:30  
p.m. (Library)

### *Bible Study with Rev. Lorna Grenfell*

Every Monday at 3:30 (PP)



### *Scrabble Group*

Every Tuesday at 1:30 (GR) Do you like friendly word games? Join this group!

### *Bridge Club*

Wednesdays, 3:00 (PP)  
All Bridge players are welcome at this Wednesday afternoon group.

### *Mahjong Club*

Mondays, 1:30 (PP) and Fridays 2:00 (PP)  
This is an incredibly fun game and easy to learn. Come let the residents teach you!

# December

## December Religious Services



*Van departs for Church Services in the local area every Sunday at 9:45*

### Catholic Communion every Sunday at 10:00

A Catholic Communion Service is offered in the Arbor every Sunday at 10:00.

### 1st Sunday Service December 5th, at 2:00

Rev. Lorna Grenfell,  
Church of Universal Fellowship (Arbor)

### 2nd Sunday Service – December 12th, at 2:00

Bill Fink, Inter Church Ministries  
(Arbor)

Further information on the abbreviations in the Activity Guide:

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|-------|---|--|
| GR    | - | Garden Room                                    |
| PMR   | - | Penobscot Media Room                           |
| KGP   | - | Kenduskeag Gathering Place                     |
| L     | - | Library  |
| L & L | - | Lounge & Lobby                                 |
| MDR   | - | Penobscot Main Dining Room                     |
| KCK   | - | Kenduskeag Country Kitchen                     |
| KLR   | - | Kenduskeag Living Room                         |
| PP    | - | Penobscot Parlor (Social Room next to library) |
| A     | - | Arbor  |
| M     | - | Meadowbrook Living Room                        |
| VDO   | - | Visiting Doctor's Office                       |

### 3rd Sunday Service – December 19th, at 2:00

Pastor Dave Natale, Faith Baptist Church  
(A)

### 4th Sunday Service - December 26th, at 2:00

Bill Fink, Inter Church Ministries (Arbor)

### Bible Study - Every Monday - 3:30 (PP)

Rev Lorna Grenfell, Church of  
Universal Fellowship

### Bible Study and Hymn Sing Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Pastor David Natale (Arbor)

## Looking Ahead..... to The New Year!

Jed Profeta Sings Sinatra

Neil Comins “What If the Earth Were a  
Moon?”

Dan Bird –Old Town Fuel & Fiber

Mazie Hough—Good Samaritan Home

Dr. Rebecca Holberton—Bird Specialist



# DECEMBER PHOTO GALLERY

