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## Film Festival Turns 24

by Gregor Smith



**Bread in the Bones**

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 7:00 PM EDT  
Waterville Opera House

The annual Maine International Film Festival 2021 will present this year 18 new feature films, two remastered classics, and four collections of shorts. Included in those totals are three Maine features and two compilations of Maine shorts. Whereas this year's MIFF is its 24th, it is a fitting coincidence that the sum of the features plus the shorts programs comes to 24. Screenings will take place from Friday, July 9 to Sunday, July 18, at the Waterville Opera House, at Railroad Square Cinemas in Waterville, at the Skowhegan Drive-In, and online.

Each of the features is a premiere of some sort (Maine, New England, Eastern U.S., North

American, World) and documentaries dominate. Fully two thirds of the new features are non-fiction — so many that we will enumerate them in a separate article. While it may not be possible for any one person to see all the features and shorts this year's festival, a dedicated filmgoer will be able to see most.

The festival opens at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the Opera House with the New England premiere of *Nine Days*, in which a mysterious man — is he God? — watches various people around the world on old-style TV sets. When one of them dies, he selects, interviews, and tests several candidates over nine days to take the dead person's

place. Only one will be chosen; the rest will cease to be. The MIFF website calls the film “a deeply imaginative, heartfelt and contemplative story of unborn souls trying to make their way to earth...” *Nine Days* will have a second screening on Tuesday at 7:30 in Railroad Square's Cinema 2.

The first Maine film will debut the following night at the Opera House at 7:00. *Fighting Indians* will be of particular, local interest, as it deals with the controversy over the mascot at Skowhegan Area High School, the last school in Maine to drop its Native American figurehead. The two-hour documentary will have its second screening Monday at 8:30 at the Skowhegan Drive-In.

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The other two Maine features are both dramas, one shot in Maine and the other set here. The former, *The Bride in a Box*, is a quirky ghost story about a young girl and her parents who vacation in a Maine coast house, where a mysterious, locked trunk lies at the end of a corridor. What is in that trunk, and is the girl somehow in communication with it? The latter film, *The Catch*, is a thriller about a woman who returns to her estranged lobstering family and conspires with her ex-boyfriend to hijack a drug shipment, thereby putting all their lives at risk. *The Bride in a Box* screens Tuesday at 3:00 and Thursday at 7:00, both times in Railroad Square's Cinema 1, as well as Wednesday at 8:30 at the Skowhegan Drive-In. *The Catch* will be shown Monday, July 12, at 8:30 at the drive-in and the next night at 7:00 in Cinema 1.

As noted above, there will be two programs of Maine Shorts this year, instead of the customary one. Maine Shorts I comprises four biographies totaling roughly 76 minutes. Their subjects are artist and political activist Natasha Mayers, a 66-year-old man who is leaving the island where he has lived and worked most of his life, a formerly Amish farmer and woodworker who is now shunned by the community whose strict beliefs he no longer shares, and a "Mainer of color [whose story] makes clear how pointless, destructive, and heartbreaking longterm incarceration almost always is."

The seven films in Maine Shorts II are harder



Fighting Indians

to classify. Ranging from 3 to 18 minutes, three of these shorts are animated, three have live action, and one combines both. Noteworthy in this set are "Waltz in Time" and "Chloe and the Five Elements," Gordon LePage's third and fourth clay animations about Chloe, an introverted girl who frequently get carried away on flights of fancy. His second Chloe film, "Say Cheese," was one of last year's Maine Shorts, and his first, "Three/Four," came to MIFF in 2019. One can stream both of the earlier Chloe shorts at [www.lepagecreatives.com](http://www.lepagecreatives.com).

One can watch Maine Shorts I on Saturday, July 10, at 3:00 at Railroad Square in Cinema 1 and Maine Shorts II a day later at the same time in the same room. One can see all the Maine shorts together on Tuesday, starting at 8:30 at the Skowhegan Drive. The two shorts programs will

return to Railroad Square on Saturday, July 17, with Maine Shorts I at 3:30 in Cinema 2 and Maine Shorts II at 7:30 in Cinema 1. Finally, following the initial screening of each set of shorts, one can watch the set online for the rest of the festival. (Go to [www.miff.org](http://www.miff.org) for more information about online viewing.)

There will be two other programs of shorts:

Transitions Shorts and From Away Shorts. According to Saidah Russell, curator of Transitions Shorts, "These stories of individuals and communities encountering shifts in space, perception, self, and time illuminate the complex and varied ways we navigate transition, and the new realities we discover within the in-between." They include tales of a mortician's son who learns about grief after a night out turns violent, a group of Central American mothers seeking their children who vanished while traveling to the United States, a debutante who grapples with her sexual identity, and undocumented immigrants recently deported from the U.S. and now working in call centers in Mexico to serve customers in the U.S. One can watch the seven films Saturday, July 10, at 7:30 in Railroad Square's Cinema 2, 48 hours later in the same room, and online

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## When The Storm Came



Photos by Dick Greenan

There are tales in Belgrade of storms past - hurricanes with names that brought fear and destruction, that were predicted approaching, covered a broad path for hours and left memories for future generations to absorb.

The storm of 2021 was different, a swift one that came up unpredictably, wrecked havoc quickly and left a mess in a very narrow corridor - the Village of Belgrade Lakes. And, it didn't even have a name - a public one anyway.

Although the storm could be described as horrifying and the response, as always with Belgrade Fire and Rescue, impressive, it was the clean-up that was the real show. The Village teemed with CMP trucks, tree removal trucks, cranes, wood chippers and workmen who made it all look simple as they swung in the air to cut off branches, carried limbs and trunks to waiting trucks and returned this tourist destination to scenic peace - minus quite a few trees.

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## — Calendar —

The saga of 2021 events continues: last minute additions, changes to be discovered upon arrival, phone and web information understandably outdated, and certain re-openings pushed into fall. What's an event seeker to do? Just enjoy "going out;" enjoy seeing other people going out even more. Enjoy the drive - there's sure to be beautiful scenery. Enjoy the destination - there's sure to be food in the area, an ice cream stand, a farm stand, a park with a picnic table, an access to a lake, a view, an historic downtown with shops and window shopping.....

Check out the outings listed below....

**Wednesday 7/7 through Saturday 7/10 - "Mid Summer,"** 474-7176, Lakewood Summer Theater, Route 201, Madison.

**Friday 7/9 through Sunday 7/18 - Maine International Film Festival,** [miff.org](http://miff.org), Railroad Square Cinema, Waterville Opera House, Skowhegan Drive-In.

**Friday 7/9 and every Friday - Farmington Farmers' Market,** 10 am-1 pm, parking lot near Better Living Center, Front Street, Farmington.

**Friday 7/9 - Summer Celebration for the Belgrade Lakes**

Watershed, reconnect with old friends and meet new neighbors, hear about watershed protection from Dr. Whitney King of Colby College, RSVP by 7/1 at [www.7lakesalliance.org](http://www.7lakesalliance.org), 5-7 pm, Pine Tree Camp, 114 Pine Tree Camp Road, Rome.

**Friday 7/9 and every Friday in July and August -** Historic Johnson Hall's Free Waterfront Concerts, 7/9 Pat Colwell & Soul Sensations 6-7:30 pm, on the Kennebec River, Gardiner.

**Friday 7/9 - The Kneeling Art Photography Project & LumenARRT! MIFF Opening Night Event,** 9 pm, live music, impactful photography and projections on the facade of City Hall, Castonguay Square, downtown Waterville.

**Saturday 7/10 and Sunday 7/11 - 51st Annual State Appaloosa Horse Show** future shows 7/16-18 and 7/23-25, covered arena, concessions, free to public, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

**Saturday 7/10 and every Saturday - Skowhegan Farmers' Market,** 9 am-1 pm, Somerset Gristmill, corner of Court and High Streets, Skowhegan.

**Saturday 7/10 - Are You Buff Enough? Get LakeSmart Workshop,** virtual, 9-11 am, North Pond Association. [www.NorthPondMaine.org](http://www.NorthPondMaine.org).

**Saturday 7/10 and Sunday 7/11 - Fairfield Historical Society Quilt Show,** 11 am-5 pm, antique quilts, new

quilts, lunches, snacks, suggested donation \$5, Victor Grange Hall, 144 Oakland Road, Fairfield Center.

**Saturday 7/10 - Community Art Activism Workshop,** 1 pm, strategies to use activism art and set a course for social change, 18 Main Street, Waterville.

**Saturday 7/10 through Sunday 7/18 - The Kneeling Art Photography Project & LumenARRT! Exhibition & Photobook,** 1-5 pm, Photos of Mainers from all backgrounds taking a knee in support of anti-racist action in their communities, photographs made as guests take a knee, Castonguay Square, Waterville.

**Sunday 7/11 and every Sunday - Belgrade Lakes Farmers Market,** 9 am-2 pm, 7 Lakes Alliance, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

**Monday 7/12 - Waterville Rocks Free Concert,** 5:30 pm, Head of Falls, Waterville.

**Monday 7/12 - Star Party with John Meader of Northern Stars Planetarium,** sharing is knowledge of stars, planets and the Milky Way, 10:30 pm, bring your own binoculars, Welcome Center, Quarry Road Trails, Waterville.

**Tuesday 7/13 and every Tuesday - Early morning paddle on Great Pond,** 7 am, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards available, no fee, The Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

**Tuesday 7/13 - Tinkergarten - Outdoor Playtime,** 495-3508,

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## Water Quality Monitoring has Rewards

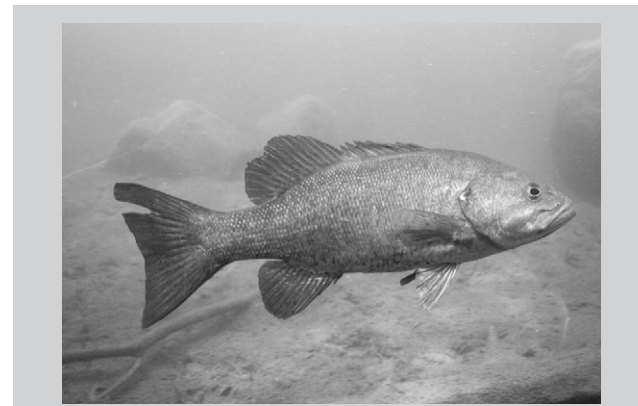
by Pete Kallin

Last week, Mother Nature reminded us all how much power she can generate sometimes and how quickly she can change things up without warning. After a couple of extremely hot days early in the week, a violent, midweek thunderstorm spawned a microburst with winds in excess of 90 mph that was pretty much centered on Belgrade Lakes Village. The storm caused extensive damage, taking down many large trees that landed on houses, power lines, and a few vehicles, causing at least one serious injury. These intense weather events can also affect water quality in our lakes, rivers, and streams. Significant precipitation events usually result in large erosion events that can add significant sediment loads when Mother Nature uses her pressure washer instead of her normal gentle rain that infiltrates slowly while removing contaminants. Typically, "The First Flush" is especially contaminated as it often contains a lot of dust, grease, oils, etc., that is washed off impermeable surfaces such as roofs or pavements. High winds stir up the lake and can change both temperature stratification and currents, as well as causing large waves that cause additional shoreline erosion. Ongoing water quality monitoring programs coordinated by 7-Lakes Alliance and Lake Stewards of Maine (former Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP)) are in place to help document changes to our water quality and better understand how to protect our water quality.

I am both an invasive plant and water quality monitoring volunteer for these programs. While there is a certain amount of altruism involved,

there is also a great deal of self-interest and opportunities for other potential rewards. When it was 95 degrees (F) and humid, early in the week, it was a pleasure to don my snorkeling gear and spend several hours doing my "Adopt-a-Shoreline (see: <https://www.7lakesalliance.org/milfoil>) patrols in the comfortable 75 degree (F) water. Not only was I protecting Long Pond from invasive aquatic plants, but I was also getting an in-depth look at all the weed beds in my cove and finding out which ones had fish, turtles, and other aquatic life associated with them. The golf balls, empty beer cans (worth a nickel apiece!), and lost fishing lures I collected were an added bonus. While doing these patrols, it is especially fun to turn over a rock or some bottom debris and capture a crayfish (often they come with the empty beer cans) to carry along for a bit until I spot a decent size smallmouth bass. As the bass and I stare at each other, I slowly extend my hand with the crayfish and release it. Almost always, the crayfish swims away from me and is immediately attacked and swallowed by the bass. I am always amazed by the speed and accuracy of the bass in nailing the crawdad. I then make a mental note to come back later in my boat with a flyrod and a fly that is a crayfish imitation.

Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM), is statewide lakes nonprofit is that trains, certifies and provides technical support to hundreds of volunteers who monitor a wide range of indicators of water quality, assess watershed health and function, and screen lakes for invasive aquatic plants and animals. Formed in 1971, Maine's VLMP is



Smallmouth bass searching for some food.



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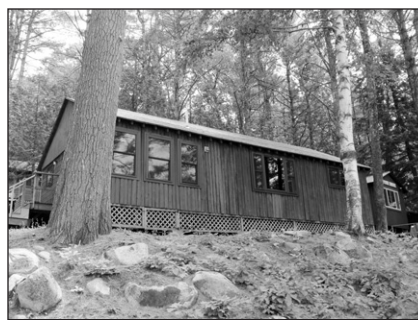
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## Call of the Loon



Last week we talked about “What is a Loon Territory?” which apparently was very well received to the extent that many of our loon volunteers have noted a recent increased presence of “rubber-neckers” around our nesting loons. We all understand and appreciate that folks all want to see “the nest” but, as stated earlier, our loons need their privacy and security even more during their nesting phase. But unfortunately, there are those few individuals that want to look right into the nest which will invariably flush the bird and possibly result in a failed nest. So please, give our feathered friends their space and it’s always best to observe their activities with a good pair of binoculars.

This is prime nesting time and actually, it is a bit late. Historically, our Belgrade loons hatch their offspring on or about the 4th of July but this year, even with the early ice out, all but one nest is running late. The answer at this point is anyone’s guess. As of this writing we do have two pairs of chicks and two singles which is a good start with five other nests in the oven sort to speak!

If you have a particular question regarding our Belgrade loon population, please email your inquiry to: [info@blamaine.org](mailto:info@blamaine.org) and we will try to answer your question either in this column or via email.

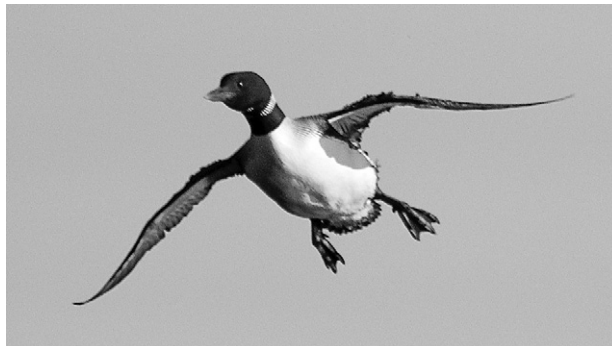
*Dick Greenan, Chairman,  
BLA Loon Preservation Project*



2021 Long Pond island nest



2021 Great Pond Loon Family



Un-banded adult loon coming in for a landing in Long Pond’s Beaver Cove

## Luna Moth

Glorious green-winged Luna Moth  
Has but a week to live  
To find a mate and reproduce  
A mother's life so sweet and brave

Tarrying too long 'neath the lamppost  
Drawn by the soft warm light  
She was easy prey, a midnight snack  
For the bats that fly by night

Her pale green wings are still now  
Tattered and tossed on the lawn  
A tragic end, "what might have been..."  
Her task undone -- she's gone

- Like spiders, once she lays her eggs, she dies.



Luna Moth on our Birch tree. Great Pond 6/15/21  
Kay Overfield

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largest, with more than 1,200 active volunteers monitoring more than 500 lakes statewide. On behalf of the Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA) Water Quality Committee, I collect dissolved oxygen (DO) and temperature profiles every two weeks at Water Quality Test Sites (marked by an orange and white buoy) in the deepest parts of both Upper and Lower Long Pond. After review by LSM these data are entered into the Lakes of Maine Database ([www.lakesofmaine.org](http://www.lakesofmaine.org)). That information not only helps monitor lake conditions and provides independent Quality Assurance (QA) for data gathered by Colby College and 7-LA, but gives me insight into where the fish (especially salmon and trout) will be hanging out. Hint: depth at which temperatures are between 55- and 65-degrees F and oxygen levels greater than 4 mg/L. This depth changes throughout the year and the fish will move until they find it. If they can't find it, they will not survive in the lake.

I was out taking profiles the day after the storm, and as I moved between test sites, I spotted a school of alewives at the right depth for trout. I happened to have my flyrod rigged with a sinking tip line and a fly that resembled an alewife (White Zonker). I cast out and let the fly sink to the appropriate depth and brought it in twitching it slowly. I was quickly rewarded with nice 45-cm (about 18") Rainbow Trout. A highlight this week was the appearance of at least three loon chicks on Long Pond. The new generation is beginning to appear at all the lakes in the area and it is a special time to watch the parents nourish their young and teach them to survive on their own. Bring a pair of binoculars so you don't get too close. I will be talking more about loons in a couple of weeks after the annual loon count on July 17th.

This area offers some great outdoor recreation, whether you like to hike, bike, birdwatch, fish, sail, or paddle a canoe or kayak. Pick up a map of the local trails at Day's Store or from the 7 Lakes Alliance at the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC). Individual trail maps can be downloaded from the 7-Lakes web site at: <https://www.7lakesalliance.org/trailsystem>. Also, please check the 7-LA webpage for details on upcoming interesting



Tools of the trade: WQ Meter, Secchi disk, Aquascope, and nice Rainbow Trout caught by fishing at the right depth in the temperature-oxygen profile.

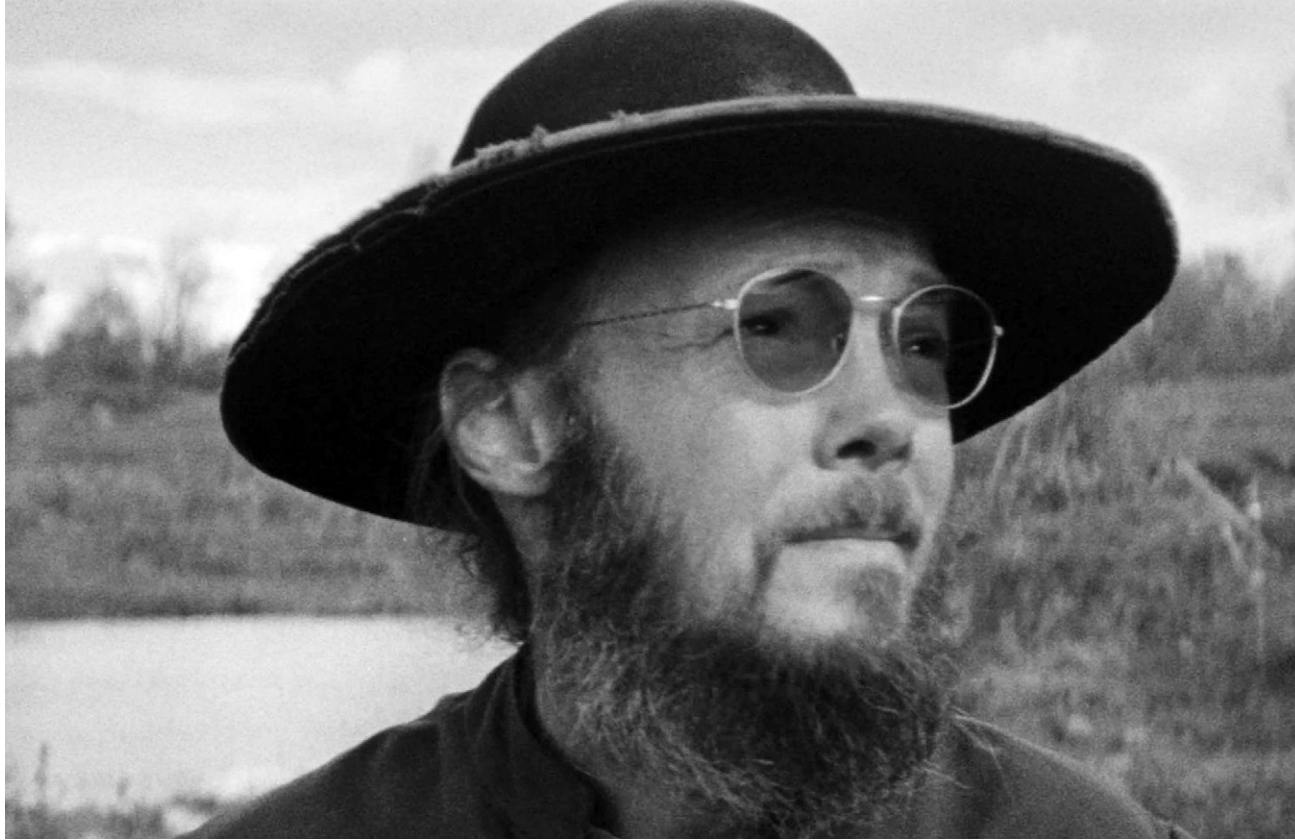
events scheduled this summer (<https://www.7lakesalliance.org/>). Next week will feature a set of hikes that will explore how Belgrade Lakes has changed over the past 200 million years. On July 14th, Geologist Mel Croft will show you how to “read the rocks” to understand how geological forces and glaciers have shaped the landscape and, on the 16th, I will discuss concepts of ecological succession and explain how pioneering lichens, plants, fish, and animals (including Homo sapiens) gradually transformed Mel's bare rocks and melted ice water into the teeming-with-life forests and lakes we enjoy today. And make sure you take a kid along on your next outdoor adventure.





## Documentaries Dominate at This Year's MIFF

by Gregor Smith



*The Seeker*

Besides *Fighting Indians*, this year's MIFF includes a wealth of other documentaries. They are listed in the order of their initial screenings. The film descriptions are shortened versions of those that appear on MIFF's website, and all quotations are from that site.

- *The Self Portrait* is a haunting documentary about Lene Marie Fossen, a gifted Norwegian photographer who documented her severe anorexia through her photographs. (Sat., 3:30, RR2 and Thurs., 7:30, RR2)
- Frank and funny, *Rebel Dykes* explores the lesbian and transgendered women's subculture of 1980s London. (Sat., 7:00, RR1 and Thurs., 3:00, RR1)
- *Ailey* is a biography of groundbreaking, gay, African-American choreographer and dance company founder Alvin Ailey. (Sun., 3:30, RR2 and Thurs., 7:00, WOH)
- *Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain* celebrates the late celebrity chef whose "out size[d] personality, insatiable curiosity, and passion for food, travel, and culture tapped into a deeper humanity..." (Sun., 7:00, WOH)
- *Sapelo* follows two brothers as they come of age in the last enclave of the Saltwater Geechee people on an island off the coast of Georgia. (Mon., 3:00, RR1; Sat., July 17, 7:00, RR1; and online)
- *Truth to Power: Barbara Lee Speaks for Me* follows the career of the congresswoman from Oakland, California, a dogged and outspoken champion for social justice and the sole member of the House to vote against the resolution authorizing military force after the 9/11 attacks. (Mon., 3:30, RR2 and Wed., 7:30, RR2)
- More illegal border crossers have died in rural Brooks County, Texas than anywhere else in the U.S. As two families search for missing relatives, they meet "vigilante ranchers, humanitarian activists, Border Patrol search and rescue teams, and others locked in a proxy version of the national immigration debate" in *Missing in Brooks County*. (Mon., 7:00, RR1; Fri., July 16, 7:00, RR1; and online)
- *Nueve Sevillas* ("Nine Sevilles") plunges the viewer into the world of flamenco as it lyrically follows nine residents of Seville, Spain. (Mon., 7:00, WOH and Wed., 3:00, RR1)
- The Big Scary "S" Word explores the history of socialism in the U.S., an ideal that was perceived positively in the early 20th century but is now a dirty word. (Tues., 3:30, RR2 and Fri., July 16, 7:30, RR2)
- *Bread in the Bones* takes the viewer on "an exploratory bread journey from France, Germany, Bulgaria, and beyond to Vermont...to...Central Maine!" The interviewees include Railroad Square co-founder Stu Silverstein. (Tues., 7:00, WOH; Thurs., 8:30, SDI; and Sun., July 18, 3:30, RR2)
- *The Loneliness of the Bones* tells of an American woman who came to Tierra del Fuego, the inhospitable archipelago at the southern tip of South America, in the early 1960s, where she collected plant specimens and bones of whales and dolphins for a museum. Hers is "a nearly forgotten story from another time and another astonishing part of the world that few ever see." (Wed., 7:00, WOH and Fri., July 16, 3:30, RR2)

Except where otherwise noted, screenings take place between Saturday, July 10, and Thursday, July 15. All times are p.m. The locations are Waterville Opera House (WOH), Skowhegan Drive-In (SDI), and Railroad Square Cinemas 1 & 2 (RR1 and RR2). Railroad Square's third and smallest theater will not be used during the festival.



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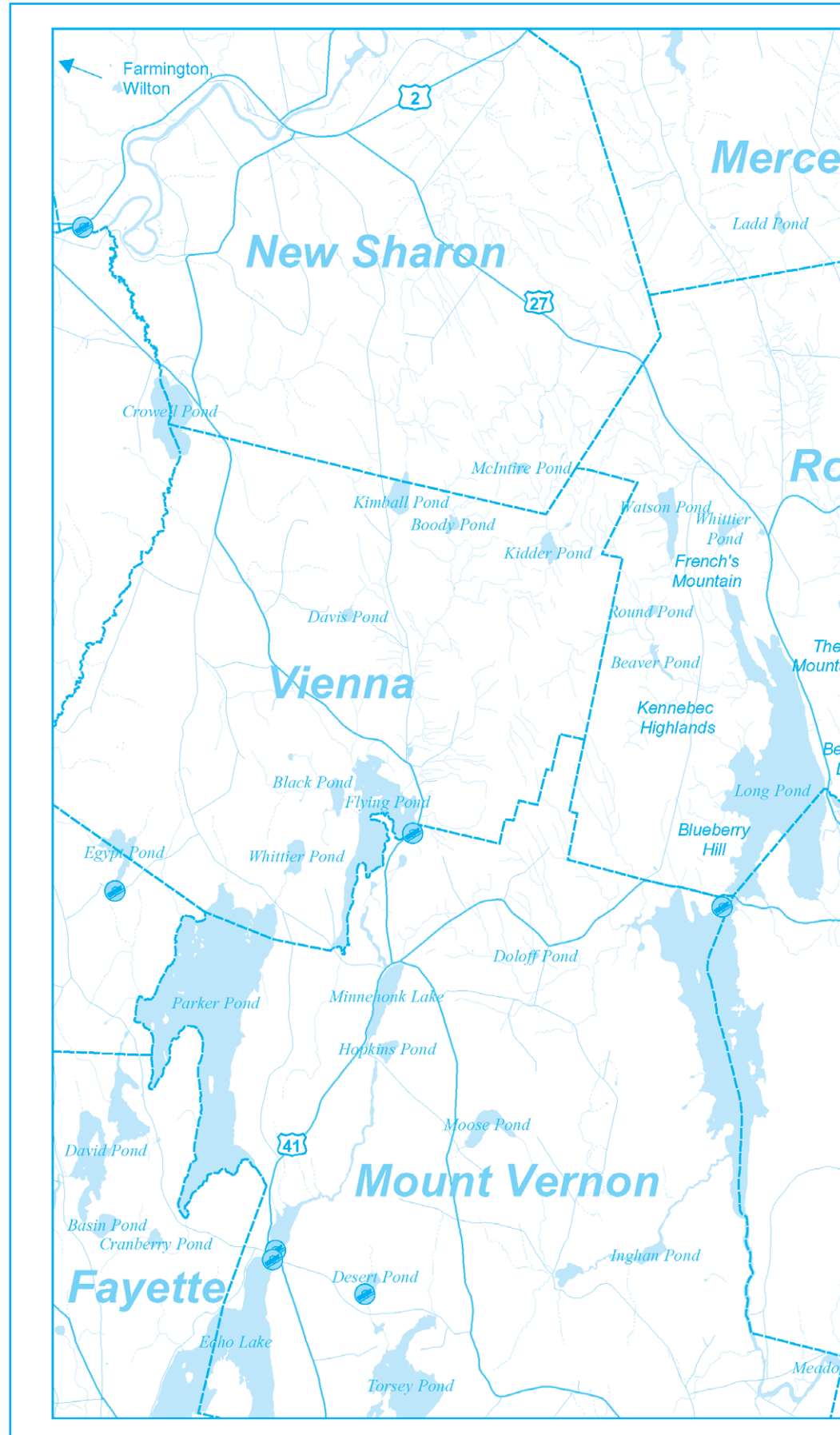
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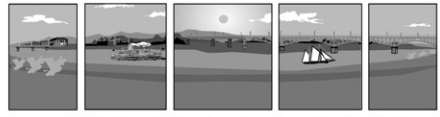
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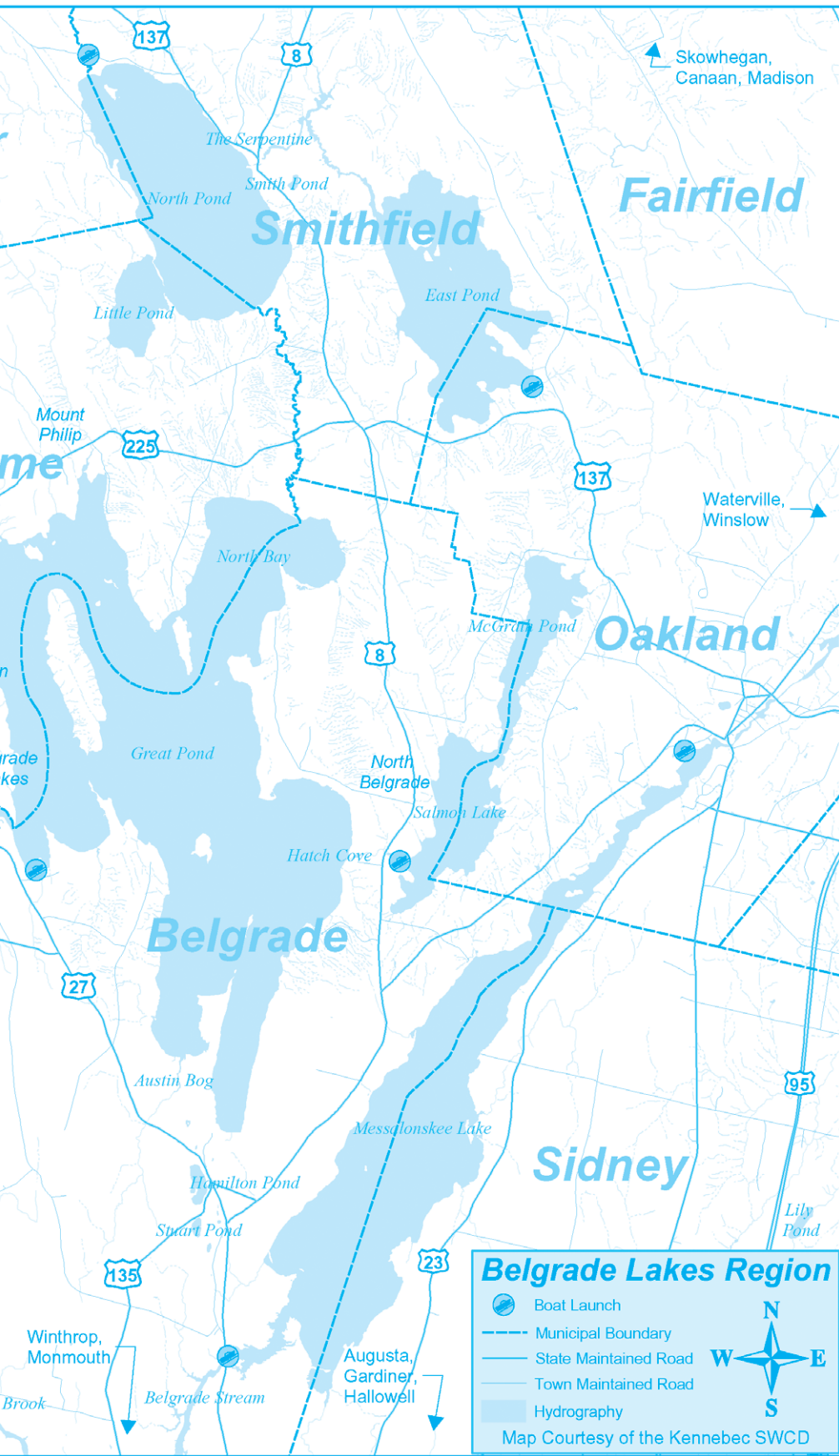
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The word DUMP is still used by some folks, and rightly so. In the 1950's, 60's and 70's the Belgrade town dump was on the Chandler Road, as some of you may recall. The property was owned by the Damren family until the 70's when the Day family bought it. The town paid a fee to the landowners to have the dump there. The dump was open 24/7 in the earlier years, but as time went on, hours were established and the dump was “tended”. Our dump guy, no offense intended, was Old Phil as we called him. Phil was a gentle bear of sorts, once the road commissioner of Belgrade in the 1950's, but his age and health precluded him from doing any heavy labor now.

Old Phil would appear at the door of his shed at the DUMP (actually an old rickety ice-fishing shack) when you drove up into the yard. He would slowly make his way over to your truck and greet you, all the while perusing what you had to drop off. The unspoken rule was that Phil had first “pickin’ rights” to any and all items at the dump, though he had a few friends from other towns that might come to visit and perhaps take a look at the goodies available. It was above our pay grade to know what deal Phil had made with them.

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10 am, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Road, Belgrade.

**Tuesday 7/13** - Book Group featuring the Community Read book, *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, 10:30 am, register at 495-3508 or Library@TownofBelgrade.com, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Street, Belgrade Depot.

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**Thursday 7/15 and every Thursday** - Downtown Waterville Farmers Market, 3-7 pm, Head of Falls and

## Old Phil and the Old Dump

by Rod Johnson

On really hot summer days when hauling lobster innards from the Colby College clambakes on the shore of Great Pond, or perhaps a load of brush from someone's camp, we would stop at Day's store enroute to the DUMP and pick up two 16 ounce bottles of ice cold Narragansett beer for Old Phil. When he approached our beat-up old Ford pickup, his bright red cheeks and 5 days of gray whiskers were glistening with sweat, and the Red Top snuff was ever present around the corners of his mouth. We proudly presented Old Phil with the 2 Narragansetts (he called them Nasty Gansetts) and he would crack a smile as genuine as they come. He would then stuff one of the bottles in the back pocket of his old coveralls, then pop the top off the other with his jack knife. Two long, long swallows with his head back and bottle tipped to the sky would lead to a grand belch, and then he'd say, “Jesus boys, that was some tasty, go ahead and put your stuff right over there.” We would, and as we were driving out with a hand wave to Old Phil, he would be popping the top of number two brew!

*Sidebar: You might wonder why teenage boys were quite so generous to an old man. In fairness, Phil was good to us in several ways. About every month or two, depending on need, the town hired Reggy Hammond or Bill Pray to bring their dozer up and push back the dump, which cascaded into the old gravel pit out back of it. During this process Phil let us boys bring our 22's down and shoot rats as they scurried about during the push back. In those days, no separation of items took place. Everything from unbagged household garbage to an old junk car all went down over the bank.*

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## The Dams Keeper Report

Well, we can throw out the long-term forecast that the Dams Committee has been following for the past few years as we are obviously back to more normal summertime afternoon showers – and the occasional downburst, wind shear or whatever the meteorologists ultimately come up with for this historic Village weather event! I was in the Village when this debacle hit and was stranded down in Hulin Road due to a large three foot pine tree that took down the power lines, a neighbor’s SUV and of course, blocked the road. Thanks to CMP and associate contractors, the road was unbelievably cleared later that evening. Looking across Mill Stream, I saw all of the fire trucks and emergency vehicles up at OUR Village Dam so, as the road was blocked, I walked up in the pouring rain to see the fire and rescue crews from Belgrade, Augusta and neighboring communities working on clearing the live wires and debris. What-ever we’re paying these folks ain’t enough! They are incredibly dedicated and hard-working people.

Even with the aforementioned afternoon showers, our water levels are still going down but not as drastically as we have seen lately.



Looking North from the Village Dam

Salmon/McGrath reported in this afternoon that they are still 2.6" below full pond with their one gate opened just enough for the mandated 1cfs. Our neighbors on Messalonskee are now down 5.4" below full pond with their gates now closed. Long Pond is presently 1.44" below full with Great Pond once again holding their own, right at full pond.

As I pen this week’s issue, we are forecasted to have 1.07" of precipitation over the next ten days, which if we get it, will still be somewhat of a relief. But with such an unsettled forecast, 1.07" of precipitation is a paltry excuse for all of this basically, bad weather!

Enjoy the family, your vacation and please, stay safe!

*Dick Greenan*

*Chairman, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee*



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## The Quotable Moose

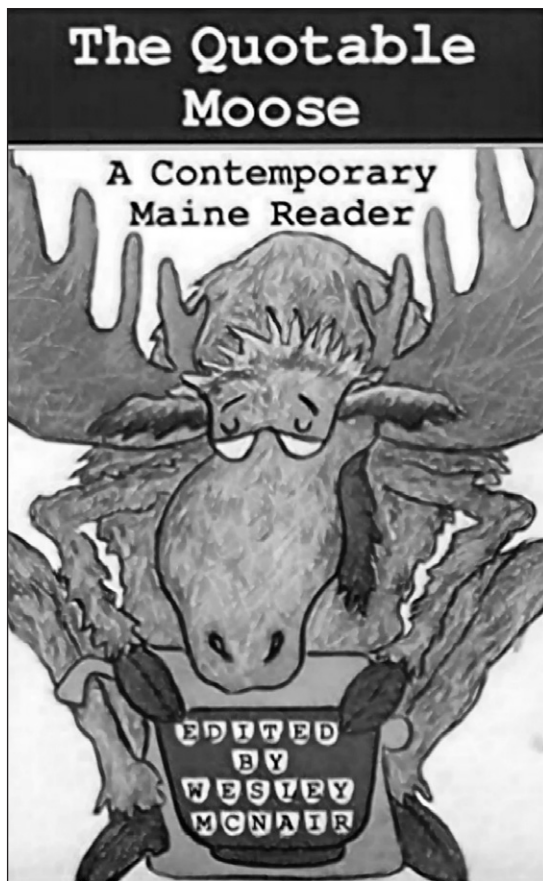
by Martha F. Barkley

A Contemporary Maine Reader is edited by Wesley McNair, our local poet from Mercer, Maine near Farmington. He has presented several times at our Belgrade Library. One time was extra special because McNair was here to celebrate the opening of our new building. In 2020, he gave many books to our library's new poetry section in memory of and to honor Kati Sutton who loved poetry.

This Quotable Moose wearing eye glasses on the amusing purple and brown cover is one of those many donations. It is a collection of many of your favorite Maine writers, some poets and some not. "Of Moose and a Moose Hunter" is by Franklin Burroughs, a favorite of mine. Burroughs was given a special South Carolina Writers Award in 2012, compared to Henry David Thoreau in the Academy of the Arts category for essays. He lives near Bowdoin College where he retired from several years ago and writes to me about Maine scenes out every window.

"In 1980, for the first time in forty-five years, Maine declared an open season on moose. Given the nature of the animal, this was bound to be a controversial decision...When the votes were counted and the attempt to repeal the moose season had been defeated, I doubted that much had been lost, in any practical way. The hunt was to last only a week, and only a thousand hunters, their names selected by lottery, would receive permits each year...Hunter success ran close to 90 percent in that first year, and has been just as high in the years that followed..."

Moose remained untrained by shootings that occurred for one week in Maine, according to this essay. Moose remained their shy and unsmart



selves, standing in roads and highways like a big boulder and unmoving.

The moose hunting stories are difficult to read, but true, unfortunately. Maybe try other favorite writers that McNair highlights in this collection. I dipped into Bill Roorbach's "Into the Woods" and Cathie Pelletier's "Civil Defense", and Monica Wood's sensitive "Wish", and Carolyn Chute's shocking "The Other Maine"...

"I have a dream. Not like Martin Luther King had a dream. Not that kind of dream. What I've been having is more like a nightmare. It is always good to wake up and see that it hasn't happened yet...Broken snowmobiles. Car parts. Plastic toys strewn around...Bring back humanity. What did we do with them? Where did we put them all? All those lawbreakers who broke the codes! Find them! They were beautiful."

Tourists in Maine went away for trips abroad to see the real humanity in Carolyn Chute's nightmare, not a dream. This summer, 2021, we are ALL back in Maine enjoying every virus free moment we can savor in this beautiful place. Check out some of

Wes McNair's compilations of Maine authors and enjoy local color on the page of one of his many titles at the Belgrade Public Library.

Two of Monica Wood's books have been part of the Belgrade Library book discussions in summers gone by and she has even presented twice in Belgrade. Aren't we the lucky readers? Some have even enjoyed her writing classes in Portland, not far away. "One-in-a-Million Boy" was a truly fascinating novel about a brave elderly lady who mentored an extraordinary boy on a bicycle. "We were the Kennedy's: a memoir" was a wonderful Mexico, Maine story of a quirky Catholic priest uncle and mill town trauma. Yes, JFK time period, if you were wondering.

Read them both, great reads. Not my opinion alone. Everyone in both book discussions soaked up Monica Wood's wonderful writing.

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Belgrade Public Library

Summer of 2021  
**Community Art Project**

Please help us spread awareness about the importance of nature conservation in the Belgrade Lakes watershed and beyond. Artists of all ages are welcome!

As part of our community read, featuring *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, we are building a community art exhibition throughout the town of Belgrade!

Submissions should embody the beauty and wonder of our natural environment, with a special focus on trees. All qualifying submissions will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a gift card to a local business.



## — Real Estate Update —

### A Good Time To Sell The Family Compound

Too crowded, too controversial, too uncomfortable, too changed...and maybe too confusing to make decisions.

Family properties, camps, compounds are a significant ownership arrangement when it comes to vacation and second homes and they were ideal when the investment began.

But when families expand, when additional property isn't an option, when generations can't agree and when it's a seller's market as it is today, it's a good time to talk over the option of selling.

Talk it over especially with an area real estate representative. They know the area; they know about family camps and compounds.



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throughout the festival.

The final group of shorts has no unifying theme other than that all come from outside Maine and some from outside the U.S. Collectively, the nine films tell the stories of a Haitian drummer, a Nepalese family, a Sudanese cotton farmer, and a Turkish gravedigger, among others. Running nearly 2¼ hours, the From Away Shorts can be seen Sunday, July 11, at 7:30 in Railroad Square's Cinema 2; Wednesday, July 14, at 3:30 in the same room; as well as online.

Finally, this year's festival will offer two "rediscoveries," i.e. newly restored classic films. According to the MIFF site, Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky's *The Mirror* (1975) is "a sublime reflection on 20th century Russian history...In a richly textured collage of varying film stocks and newsreel footage, the recollections of a dying poet flash before our eyes, dreams mingling with scenes of childhood, wartime, and marriage, all imbued with the mystic power of a trance." Accompanying the film will be a new documentary, *The Dream in the Mirror*, about the making of Tarkovsky's epic. *The Mirror* and its companion film will be shown Sunday,



Kansas City

July 11, at 7:00 in Railroad Square's Cinema 1 and again Thursday, July 15, at 3:30 in Cinema 2.

The second "rediscovery" will be more familiar to local audiences. Director Robert Altman's award-winning *Kansas City* (1996) is set in a 1930's jazz club the eponymous town. When a petty thief is captured by a local gangster, the thief's wife kidnaps the wife of a local politician to induce said politician to use his influence to free her husband. The jazz soundtrack will keep the joint jumping, and the ensemble cast includes Hollywood hotshots Miranda Richardson, Harry Belafonte, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Steve Buscemi, and Michael Murphy, who won MIFF's Mid-Life Achievement Award in 2015 and who will introduce the screenings. The movie will be shown Wednesday at 7:00 in Railroad Square's Cinema 1 and two days later in the same room at 3:00.

One can find full descriptions for all the festival's films and previews for some at [www.miff.org](http://www.miff.org). On the website, one can also buy festival passes and advance tickets to individual screenings. A non-transferable Full Festival Pass costs \$150 and will admit the buyer to all in-person, drive-in, and virtual screenings. One can also buy a Partial Pass, which costs \$95 and is good for ten admissions, one or two per screening, for any festival event. Tickets to individual screenings cost \$10 per person, except for the opening and closing night films, which cost \$12.



## Guidelines

- Paintings & Drawings  
(Any size between 3"x5" - 11"x14")
- Quilting & Embroidery  
(Any size between 5"x7" - 16"x20")
- Poems & Short Stories  
(No longer than 2 pages)
- Photographs  
(Any size between 3"x5" and 11"x14")
- Small Sculptures  
(No larger than a cubic foot)

Art submissions can be brought to the Belgrade Public Library or submitted electronically at [Library@TownofBelgrade.com](mailto:Library@TownofBelgrade.com)

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