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***Commons Sense:
Monthly Column in the
Exeter NewsLetter***

Read about The Commons the third Tuesday of every month in "Commons Sense," our column in the Exeter NewsLetter.

Community members will offer perspectives based on their fields of expertise. Learn about The Commons and how it will change our community through a variety of viewpoints and experiences.



A Sign of the Future

Representatives of The Commons' participating agencies gathered in front of our new sign on the future site of the much-anticipated Seacoast community center. Pictured, from left to right: Karen Moyer, Rockingham Community Action; Kathy Crompton, SeaCare Health Services; Karen Desrosiers, Exeter Center for Creative Arts; Peggy Small-Porter, Richie McFarland Children's Center; Wendy Monroe, Great Bay Kids' Company; and Rob McGregor, Southern District YMCA.

Participating Agencies

Exeter Center for Creative Arts providing high quality arts education and resources for people of all ages and abilities in the community.

Great Bay Kids' Company providing quality early childhood education and school-age enrichment programs for children.

Richie McFarland Children's Center helping young children reach their full developmental potential and supporting their families

Kicking Off 2009: Welcoming Two New Members to the Board of Directors

Squamscott Community Commons is pleased to welcome Jordy Almgren and Erik Loranger to its Board of Directors.

Jordy is the Director of Health and Life Sciences Microsoft Corporation's New England practice. He is responsible for overall sales and business development activities with major healthcare customers in New England including health plans, life sciences and providers. These include such customers as Aetna, CIGNA, Thermo-Fisher Scientific, Partners Healthcare, Biogen and Genzyme among others. A lifelong resident of the Seacoast, Jordy lives with his wife and two children in Exeter.

through the process.

Rockingham Community Action preventing, reducing and working towards the elimination of poverty by helping people in need.

Seacare Health Services providing access to medical care for uninsured adults, prescription assistance for low-income families and home visiting & health education services for uninsured children.

Southern District YMCA/Camp Lincoln creating strong kids, strong families and strong communities through the operation of a full service recreational facility for Seacoast residents of all ages and economic capacities.

Erik is a financial advisor and Vice President of Investments with Raymond James and Associates. He works with small businesses, individuals and families to create personalized financial plans. Some of his specialties include retirement and college savings plans, philanthropic gifting and generational wealth transfer. Erik grew up in Exeter and recently moved back to raise his family here with his wife and their three children.

Southern District YMCA Appoints Six New Board Members

The Southern District YMCA/Camp Lincoln is pleased to announce the appointment of six new members to their board of directors: Hilary Coder of Exeter; Kellie Farrar of Brentwood; Justin Gage of East Hampstead; Jeff Jackson of Brentwood; Anthony Phillips of Brentwood; and Brendan Power of Exeter.

These six newly appointed members will bring the current board member total to 16. They join the following individuals who are currently serving board terms: W. Leeds Burchard of Kingston; Cynthia Dominguez of Exeter; Lynn Gainty of Kingston (co-chair); Beth Kerr of Exeter; Scott Kingsley of Hampton (co-chair); Robert Mitchell of Stratham; Salvatore Morgani of Exeter; Charles Perry of Newton; Mary Strathern of Exeter; and Terry Sullivan of Hampstead.

The board oversees the organization which includes the operation of Camp Lincoln, the School's Out Program in several area elementary schools, and the partnership with Squamscott Community Commons to fundraise and build a full facility YMCA and community center in Exeter. Board members embrace the Southern District YMCA/Camp Lincoln vision of building strong kids, strong families and strong communities. They meet regularly to provide strategic direction and guidance for the organization, and work as ambassadors for the Southern District YMCA/Camp Lincoln throughout the Seacoast community.

Local Artists Offer Classes at ECCA

Learn Woodworking, the Art of Welding and Creative Writing



The Exeter Center for Creative Arts is now offering three new classes with local artists: Woodcarving with Jeffrey Cooper, The Art of Welding with Keith MacLeod and creative writing with Karen Desrosiers.

Jeffrey Cooper is a nationally acclaimed woodworker and furniture maker. His class will provide instruction in tool selection and sharpening, sculptural design and carving technique. Participants will

have an opportunity to work on a relief carving, while learning techniques for woodcarving and improving their skills.

Keith MacLeod is an accomplished metal artist and artisan, with a lifetime of experience working with a variety of metals and techniques for decorative, functional and sculptural projects, as well as restoration work. The Art of Welding will provide an introduction to the many applications of welding in the metal arts.

Karen Desrosiers is a published author and experienced teacher, providing creative writing workshops for all levels and genres, fiction and non-fiction. The Craft Series is designed for beginning and intermediate writers who wish to develop the elements of craft in their writing, including character development, setting, scenes, plot, and dialogue.

For class schedules, to register, or for more information on any of ECCA's classes, please contact the Exeter Center for Creative Arts at 778-8441, by [email](#) or [visit their website](#).

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