



Sabino Improvement Association

Potluck

8/17/23

Announcements started @ 7:15 p.m.

Thank you to our hosts for this evening, Nancy McKay and Frank Newton. Katelin McKay from Dover, N.H. attended with Nancy and Mike McKay.

Announcements:

Plans for the **Sabino Hall Centennial Celebration & Fair** are all set and this Saturday, 8/19, and it should be a fun packed day for the Sabino Community. Here's the rundown for the day:

9-2 Sabino Fair including *Vendor Sale, Bake Sale (you are welcome to drop off baked goods, etc. right up until the last minute. Please remember all items should be attractively wrapped, ready to sell either whole or individually. Kelley Powers will have stickers available for ingredients to be listed.), Raffle and Silent Auction (the Silent Auction will end at 12:45), and Tag Sale.* A Sabino walking stick, made by neighbor Ray Doughy (can be cut to size) is just one of the unique offerings that will be for sale.

Food (coffee and donuts, hotdogs with chips and soda, tacos) will be available.

1:00 Secretary of State, Shenna Bellows, will present a letter of Incorporation celebrating 100 years of the Sabino Improvement Association and cake will be offered.

Following this presentation, the burial of the **Time Capsule** will take place. Items to be included in the 8 x 11 inch marine box includes newspaper, photos, Sabino Cookbook, Shaw's flier.

Live music from neighbor **Carl Adams' band** will be part of the event.

A Porta Potty will be available.

While the morning activities surrounding the **Fair** are geared for the public, the afternoon is a time for the neighborhood to come together to celebrate the **Centennial**.

It's not too late to lend a Helping Hand on Saturday throughout the day. Please consider selling at the Food or Sabino tables, helping throughout the Hall generally, or assisting with the neighborhood activities in the afternoon. Volunteers will be needed at 7:00 am to help with the Hall set-up. If you would like more information on how and when to volunteer your help, Suzanne Andresen, suzandresen@gmail.com, Brad Powers, bradpowers@earthlink.net, or Kelley Powers, Kelleypowers@mindspring.com, can all provide more details.

Sabino Merchandise:

Sabino tees, sweatshirts, totes, and pillows sporting our logo are all available on Amazon. **Please use the link below to purchase directly on Amazon as it is the best way to support the hall and to receive the correct items.** By using the link below, it's easy to shop and your goods will be delivered right to your door.

[Design Bin on Amazon - Sabino Maine Centennial](#)

Also, hats (\$25.00) and decals (\$3.00) can now be purchased at the Hall or directly from Brad Powers @ bradpowers@earthlink.net. At the *Fair and Centennial Celebration* look for wooden Sabino Coasters (2 styles, sets of 4 for \$12 & \$25), wooden magnets (\$5), and a leather catch-all tray with the Sabino logo (\$15) for sale. There will also be a hand-stitched upscale leather catch-all available for special order. As quantities will be limited, please consider pre-ordering if you are interested in these specialty items, or order at the *Fair* and items will be shipped to you directly. Kelley Powers will have a sign-up sheet this week at the Hall or you may contact her directly at Kelleypowers@mindspring.com.

Next week's Potluck on 8/24, hosted by Angel Jamison, will be followed by a very unique program offered by Community Plate who will be sharing a Story Sharing Potluck Supper. In anticipation of the evening and to better understand what this evening involves, a letter from Community Plate follows:

Dear Friends,

Community Plate is thrilled to join you on August 24 at Sabino Hall for a Story Sharing Potluck Supper.

A Story Sharing Potluck Supper is a guided meal structured around story sharing and conviviality—we will be sharing dishes, recipes, and stories on a theme.

Our theme for this evening is "Celebrating Milestones"—broadly, it's about connecting with important moments in our lives, and the way that food moves through our stories and personal histories to create meaning in those moments. The evening is an opportunity to open our minds and our palates and try other people's foods, actively listen to our dining companions, and share stories (if it feels comfortable).

Our meal will be structured with story sharing prompts, which you will find at the end of this email, and will end with performative storytelling or readings by several guests who have prepared in advance.

One note: there is a difference between "story sharing" and "storytelling." Story sharing is how human beings communicate with one another. It's how we learn from one another, make connections, and establish common ground. Everyone can share a story. Story sharing is an act of community building. Storytelling is a performance, engaged in by a few brave souls who have volunteered to stand up, hold the room, and regale us with an entertaining yarn. If the spirit moves you, we welcome impromptu storytelling, too!

So that's the idea! Now here are more details and instructions:

*Story Sharing Potluck Supper
Sabino Hall, West Bath, Maine*

Before August 24 decide what you will bring to the supper.

It can be anything you want, and if it has a story behind it, all the better! If you want, you can send us the recipe, a story, or both through this link before the supper: <https://www.maine200cookbook.com/submit-a-recipe> . Recipes and stories from the supper will be printed in a mini community cookbook that Community Plate will create for all guests at the supper to commemorate our evening together. If we don't get your recipe and story ahead of the event, we will follow up after the supper.

On August 24, please bring your dish to share.

This is a potluck, we never know what everyone will bring, but it always turns out to be delicious and bountiful! Sabino Hall may have its own protocols around what and how to bring your dish, serving utensils, etc. When you arrive at the supper, we'll ask you to fill out a card (that we will provide) with your name, the name of your dish, and the main ingredients, especially any common foods that may cause allergic reactions (ie, meat, eggs, nuts, seafood, gluten, etc.)

In the days leading up to the Story Sharing Supper, please take a few minutes to consider the following story share prompts:

- *Share a story about a meaningful meal you shared with someone. What made it meaningful?*
- *Share a story about the first time you ate something that really surprised you (in a good or bad way!).*
- *Share a story about a food you once hated, but now you love.*

Ok, that's it! We know that this is a lot of information to digest—thanks for reading this far! We are looking forward to sharing stories (and food!) with you!

*Thank you for being part of our community,
Karl & Margaret*

P.S. If you would be interested in telling a story (or reading a story) at the supper, please let us know!

Community Plate

Serving community one food story at a time.

c/o Ten Apple Farm

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Learn more about Community Plate at <https://communityplate.me>

For information about the change in West Bath's Mill Rate, abatements, or an update on the Sabino Launch time limits for clambers, Suzanne Andresen, as our Select Board member, can answer questions or you will find information on the Town's website.

Announcements ended at 7: and the *Sneak Peek Preview* of the *Sabino Hall Centennial Celebration & Fair's* Tag Sale followed. This was a chance for Sabino neighbors to browse and purchase Tag Sale items before the public's opportunity to shop at the *Fair* on Saturday. Many thanks to those who stayed to move tables and chairs, and set up the Hall in preparation for Saturday's event. Your help was very much appreciated.

30 people attended the Potluck. Thank you to all who stayed to set up and organize for the *Centennial Celebration & Fair*.

Ongoing reminders:

An ice bucket is still needed for Potluck dinners.

Please remember to browse the *Sabino Hall Mall* which is full of treasures. If you have donations for the Mall, they can be dropped off at the left side of the Hall front porch.

Clynk bags are available on the porch as well as inside the Hall.

Please review and edit your personal information in the Sabino Directory which is available at the Hall.

If you have not yet done so, **please pay the Annual dues (\$50) by August 31st (the last Potluck of the summer and the Ice Cream Social)** to Izabela Werner, 233 Houghton Pond Rd., West Bath ME 04530. Checks can be made out to the *Sabino Improvement Association*. You can also bring your dues to the Hall. Thank you.

The website <https://sabino100.com/> is being updated with new information. Please review the site for specific dates and activities.

Minutes by Christine Smith and submitted by Deborah Jordan Pearson.

If you would prefer not to receive messages from Sabino Hall, please contact Deborah Jordan Pearson at djordanpearson@gmail.com to be removed from future mailings.