



Old HALLOWELL Day

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Old Halloween Day 2019 is here!

The party begins July 19



Nancy P. McGinnis photo

The colorful Old Halloween Day parade along Water Street is a festive celebration enjoyed alike by young, old, and furry.

BY NANCY P. MCGINNIS
Correspondent

Hallowell's about to host its biggest party of the year, wrapped up with an epic homecoming and extended family reunion! The Old Halloween Day Committee is once again inviting those who live here, those who used to, and those who wish they did, to come together and celebrate all things Hallowell.

Every year, centered around the third Saturday of July, a mind-boggling array of events unfold across this historic, welcoming city on the scenic Kennebec River. While the OHD parade (down Hallowell's now completely renovated Water Street, where there's no longer a construction vehicle nor a hard hat to be seen) and the grand finale fireworks are justly famous, there are dozens of additional ways to enjoy the festivities and get in the Hallowell spirit.

Whether you fancy a lobster roll, a hearty breakfast, a homemade muffin, lunch with a firefighter, or strawberry shortcake served up at the American Legion Post celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, Old Halloween Day 2019 offers all of the above and more. And Hallowell's legendary Water Street dining and drinking venues are sure to entice with their OHD offerings.

If you're so inclined, you can run or walk the 5K, sign up for a spirited competition on the bocce field, or even, if you dare, take part in the grueling Hills & Thrills bike ride.

If spectator sports are more your speed, choose your spot to cheer on the runners zipping by in the 5K, take in the Vicki's school of dance performance post-parade at the boat landing

or be mesmerized by a pottery wheel demo at Hallowell Clayworks.

Kids can take part in the OHD fun run at Vaughan Field before the parade and won't want to miss the International Kids Festival there after the parade. After many years, the Bessey family and their corps of dedicated 'Hearts for Ezra' volunteers have turned over leadership of this perfectly timed post-parade opportunity for members of OHD's youngest crowd to let off steam while learning and having fun. The event is now being organized by the Capital Area New Mainers Project (CANMP), and will offer children and their families a chance to enjoy games and activities, food and music, make new friends and "travel the world" without leaving Vaughan Field.

Shoppers and collectors can support the arts by browsing two exhibits and the members' craft shop at the Harlow Gallery, or seeking out bargains and unique treasures at the Hubbard Library used book sale, white elephants at the Cotton Mill or yard sale finds at the Cox Church, always a welcoming oasis of hospitality "well worth the walk up the hill."

Savvy folks make a point of perusing the schedule in advance to plot their own OHD program for the day. More details, directions and last minute updates will be available at the Information booth at the foot of Central Street, where Old Halloween Day memorabilia will also be available for sale, and at www.OLDHALLOWELLDAY.ORG.

Old Halloween Day Poster is for sale at Boynton's Market, City Hall, Hubbard Free Library, and at www.OLDHALLOWELLDAY.ORG. Price: \$20. Old Halloween Day 2019 commemorative buttons for sale, \$3 each, limited quantity. T-shirts for sale for \$15.

OLD HALLOWELL DAY SCHEDULE 2019 FRIDAY, JULY 19 THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 21

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH

12 - 6 p.m. "The Places in Between, a solo exhibition of paintings by Tom Ferrero of Vienna, Maine," Harlow Gallery, 100 Water Street. The Places in Between is a series of paintings that explore blurred boundary lines and subjects in transition. These works depict people on the verge of a discovery, objects in a state of decay and locations that straddle two worlds. The work is hopeful, sometimes somber and intentionally mysterious.

12 - 6 p.m. "Striped" the annual Summer Members' Show and Sale, Harlow Gallery, 100 Water Street, downstairs gallery. The theme is open to the artists' personal interpretation.

5 - 6:30 p.m. Lobster Roll Supper, Sts. Matthew and Barnabas Church, 20 Union Street. Just \$18 for a generous lobster roll, chips, coleslaw, pickle, drink and dessert. Hot dog plates will also be available. Parking on Academy Street.

5:30 p.m. The 27th Annual Cribbage Tournament, Hydeout at the Wharf, Water Street. Come show off your best moves and strategy! The tournament is single elimination and you must sign up at Hydeout at the Wharf beginning at 5:30 pm. Play begins at 6 pm. \$10 entry fee. Bring a cribbage board and deck of cards. No board and no cards = no play! \$75 first prize and \$50 second prize. Sorry, but play is limited to adults.

7 - 8:30 p.m. Red Cloak Haunted History Tour of Hallowell. Join The Lady in the Red Cloak for a lantern-lit walking tour of Hallowell. Discover the back streets and hidden stories of this "Antique Riverport", its mysteries and haunts. The moderate walk is suitable for all ages and is by reservation only. 207-380-3806 or www.redcloaktours.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

6 - 7 a.m. OHD 5K Road Race Registration, Vaughan Field, Vaughan Field Way near Middle & Lincoln Streets. This is the same site that has been used for the finish area in recent years.

7 - 9:30 a.m. Old Halloween Day Café, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Summer Street Come join us for a nice healthy breakfast of mixed fruit, yogurt, juice, pancakes, bacon, kielbasa hash, bagels, English muffins, coffee cakes, muffins and Bolley's famous donut holes! We will also have some good "wake-up coffee" and other assorted beverages. Children under 12: \$3, All Others: \$5, Family: \$12.

7:30 a.m. OHD 5K Road Race, Vaughan Field, Vaughan Field Way near Middle & Lincoln Streets. Start and Finish at Vaughan Field. Out and back course along Middle Street. Spectators welcomed!

7:30 a.m. Hills and Thrills Bike Ride, Hallowell Boat Landing. The 5th Annual Hills and Thrills bike ride takes cyclists on a journey through the beautiful rolling hills of Hallowell and neighboring communities. The ride is between 20-25 miles. For those who prefer more of a challenge, there is a hilly detour that adds another mile and an additional 200 feet of climb. This detour ascends one of the more notable hills in Hallowell - Central Street. This recreational ride is for moderately experienced cyclists. Due to the distance and the hills, beginners and children will not do well.

8 a.m. OHD Fun Run for Children 10 and under, Vaughan Field, Vaughan Field Way near Middle & Lincoln Streets. Participant refreshments and 5K awards.

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Third Annual Yard and Bake Sale, Cox Memorial United Methodist Church, Central and Middle Streets There are always wonderful, surprising treasures to be found at the indoor sale and delicious home-made baked goods to enjoy. All proceeds will benefit the Hall-Dale Elementary School Food Pantry which is hosted by the church. All items are for sale based on donation with no fixed pricing. The church also offers parking in its lot on Middle Street, bottled water and restroom facilities. This event is always well worth the walk up the hill. For more information visit: coxmorialumc.360unite.com

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cotton Mill Fair, Cotton Mill Apartments, 2 Academy Street There will be something for everyone - plenty of tasty food, lunches and baked goods, gift certificates to be won, crafts, art exhibits, bargain priced jewelry, and hidden treasures to be discovered on the White Elephant table. See you at the fair.

8:30 - 11 a.m. Old Halloween Day 2019 Muffin Bake-Off, Berry and Berry parking lot, 121 Water Street. Muffin drop off starts at 8:30am. Judging starts promptly at 9 am and ends at 9:30 am. Winners will be chosen at 9:45 am. This Old Halloween Day bring 6 of your best muffins to enter into the bake off. This year's theme is muffins! There will be three categories-sweet, savory and fruit. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place winners. Remaining muffins will be sold 2 for \$1.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Hubbard Free Library GIANT BOOK SALE, 115 Second Street. Terrific bargains on large selection of fiction and nonfiction, paperback and hardcover, as well as videos and audio books. For all ages and interests.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sale of student work (with pottery wheel demonstrations 11 am to noon) Hallowell Clay Works, 157 Water Street

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9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Old Halloween Day Committee Booth, Central & Water Street. Swing by to pick up your free schedule of events. The booth will be selling posters, t-shirts, buttons and raffle tickets!

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Arts and Crafts Festival, Central and Water Streets and McAllisters Real Estate. Come and see arts and crafts presented by local and not-so-local artisans and crafters. Find unique gifts for an upcoming birthday, wedding ... or for yourself! There will be first, second and third place ribbons.

9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Old Halloween Day Food Court, Granite City Park, the base of Winthrop Street. Enjoy a wonderful snack, lunch or dinner in the Granite City Park at the base of Winthrop Street. Enjoy the beautiful Kennebec River - sturgeons will be jumping and eagles will be flying! Vendors will be open from right after the parade until after the fireworks!

10 – 10:45 a.m. Old Halloween Day PARADE down Water Street. An annual favorite! Who knows what you'll see? Pick your spot early! We offer wheelchair seating in front of the judges' stand at the corner of Water and Wharf Streets.

11 a.m. – Noon Halloween Community Band, Cotton Mill Courtyard, Water Street. The Halloween Community Band will continue their tradition of entertaining you with many of your old favorites. Again this year, the performance is hosted by the Cotton Mill residents.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Open House at Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 135 Second Street. Light refreshments will be offered.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Strawberry Shortcake Luncheon Goodrich-Caldwell American Legion Post 6, American Legion Hall, 114 Second Street. Price: \$6 Per Person (includes sandwich, chips, drink, and strawberry shortcake) Or Shortcake only \$3.

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. International Kids Festival, Vaughan Field Way, near Lincoln and Middle Streets. The Capital Area New Mainers Project (CANMP) is sponsoring the International Kids Festival featuring games, music, food, and fun from all across the globe. Children can get a special Old Halloween Day passport and travel the world! Amer Najar, an Iraqi musician based in Portland, will play traditional Middle Eastern music. CANMP is a cross-cultural organization that welcomes immigrants and works to create a thriving, integrated community in central Maine.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Firefighters' Lunch, Slates Bakery parking lot, 161 Water Street. Come have lunch with your favorite firefighters. Menu will include hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, chips and assorted drinks by donation!

11:30 a.m. Senior Dance Company Performance, Halloween Boat landing. Senior Dance Company and students from Vicki's



Nancy P. McGinnis photo

The giant dragon puppet, skillfully maneuvered by members of Tao Karate, is one of the many memorable features included in Old Halloween Day 2019 artist Nancy Barron's "Halloween on Parade" poster painting.

School of Dance will be performing.

Noon - 1 p.m. Old Halloween Day poster signing, Harlow Gallery, 100 Water Street. Artist Nancy Keenan Barron will be signing Old Halloween Day posters of her painting "Halloween on Parade."

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Noon: Swingtime, City Bandstand, Water Street. Kicking off this year's entertainment

is perennial favorite Swingtime! Elaine Bender and her crew of exceptional local players return to Old Halloween Day with a fabulous collection of songs from the golden age of American music. Whether dancing or just listening, everyone is sure to enjoy the sounds of Swingtime!

1 - 4 p.m. Bocce Tournament, Vaughan Field, Vaughan Field Way near Middle & Lincoln Streets. Come and enjoy traditional lawn bowling. Elegant in its simplicity, bocce is played between two teams of two players on a team. Learn about the game at the US Bocce Federation website (www.bocce.com). Entry fee: \$20 per team. Prizes presented for first, second and third place teams. Register at Boynton's Market. Play is limited to 16 teams so register early. First come, first serve. Didn't make the list? Stop by the bocce field on OHD and you may find a spot. Sponsored by Fortin & MacDonald Real Estate.

1:30 p.m. Inanna Plus, City Bandstand, Water Street. The world music ensem-

ble Inanna, Sisters in Rhythm started out playing music centered around age-old drum traditions, from Africa, Brazil, Cuba, and the Middle East. After thirty years of studying various world musical forms they have created their own sound and are happy to debut their newest and seventh CD entitled, "The Beauty We Love." Their newest line up, Inanna and Friends, includes Paul D'Alessio, from Maine's Cuban Son Band Primo Cubano, and Tina Nadeau Murphy from Maine's Reggae band The Dani Tribesmen.

3 p.m. Juke Joint Devils, City Bandstand, Water Street. The Juke Joint Devils The Blues is back! The Juke Joint Devils are a traditional 50's-era Chicago style quartet featuring amplified harmonica, big-box electric guitar, upright bass and drums, infused with a heap-in' helpin' of high energy West Coast Jump and swing. Bandleader Tommy O'Connell has been playing the harp since the tender age of 15, and for Old Halloween Day he'll be backed by a "who's who" of Maine blues veterans: Steve Lynnworth on guitar, Andy Buckland on upright bass, and Jeff Davison on the drums. You're bound to enjoy the ride!

4:30 p.m. Ed DesJardins and Katie Daggett, City Bandstand, Water Street. Ed DesJardins and Katie Daggett will take the bandstand for Old Halloween Day 2019! Ed and Katie are well known for their fine songwriting and fantastic vocal harmony and musical chemistry. They will be joined by local favorites David Thibodeau (bass guitar) and Richard (Dickie Doo) Hollis (percussion).

6 p.m. Jinxed, City Bandstand, Water Street. 20 years since their start, the band Jinxed will reunite for Old Halloween Day 2019. Jinxed formed in 1999, while they were still in high school and performed throughout New England gaining a large and loyal following. Over the course of 5 years the band put out multiple albums and won over countless fans with their unique style of jam/rock/funk music. Joel Lockwood, Cody Brown, JR Davis & Matt Perez will come together to bring back the memories from 20 years ago by performing songs from their various albums.

7:30 p.m. Halloween Does The Beatles, City Bandstand, Water Street. From Here, There and Everywhere Halloween Does... the Beatles! Join us and Get Back with A Little Help from our Friends for a 'Magical Mystery Tour of the iconic catalogue of the Fab Four. Let's Come Together and travel The Long and Winding Road. All You Need is Love....and your dancing shoes!

9 p.m. Fireworks, Downtown Halloween. The Grand Finale! Fireworks will be set off from the Kennebec River right in front of Halloween. The fireworks will be presented by Central Maine Pyrotechnics. Bring the whole family...it's a delightful way to cap off Old Halloween Day.

SUNDAY, JULY 21ST

Noon. Raffle Prizes and original OHD 2019 artwork Drawing, Boynton's Market, Water Street.

Hallowell – The way music should be

OHD offers up a great big musical smorgasbord

BY NANCY MCGINNIS
Correspondent

Maine's arguably smallest city was once famous as the antiques capital of Maine. While it still boasts a variety of vintage and specialty shops, Hallowell is now also known far and wide for its arts scene and the live music that wafts from venues up and down Water Street, just about every night of the week.

Old Hallowell Day's legendary parade would not be the same without the stirring musical strains of the beloved Hallowell Community Band on their bunting-bedecked float, as featured prominently in Nancy Keenan Barron's 2019 original Old Hallowell Day poster painting. After the parade, everyone is welcome to enjoy the Hallowell Community Band's open-air performance on the Cotton Mill lawn.

Also after the Parade, children and families are invited to expand their cultural horizons at the Capital Area New Mainers' Project-hosted International Kids Festival, where Amer Najar, a Portland-based Iraqi musician, will entertain with traditional Middle Eastern music.

For many, Old Hallowell Day (OHD) afternoon offers a much-anticipated opportunity to take in an array of musical offerings at the city's Warren Heald Memorial bandstand at the north end of Water Street. Heald, incidentally, was a longtime Hallowell resident who founded the Hallowell Community Band about 70 years ago, and "kept it going through lean times," according to the city of Hallowell website. (The band, which currently consists of about 15 spirited "regulars," is always ready to welcome new musicians of varying experience and abilities.)

This Old Hallowell Day, beginning shortly

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BOB COLWELL, OLD HALLOWELL DAYS MUSIC ORGANIZER

after the parade and continuing right up until the famous fireworks, there will be a spectacular and diverse line-up of talented musical performers at the bandstand. The one common thread is their connection to Hallowell, according to local resident and musician Bob Colwell. He has been volunteering as the OHD music organizer for more years than he can recall.

"Hallowell has a population of 2,500 and about 2,400 of them are musicians. The other 100 are fans," Colwell quips. He continues, "Hallowell musicians know how to have a great time, and our audiences do, too." There's energy, honesty and spontaneity to the music.

"Listening is the goal – that's the standard you're always seeking. Hallowell audiences listen, and Hallowell musicians also really listen to each other."

A keyboard player and member of bands including the Boneheads, Alter Igor, the Colwell Brothers, and Delco Ray, Colwell has also recorded hundreds of albums for colleagues over the past 25 years at his Root Cellar recording studio. Not surprisingly, his cell phone contact list is overflowing with musicians from near and far. Many are top notch. But Colwell is selective about the Old Hallowell Day line-up.

"I feel strongly that since we have some of the finest musicians in Maine right here in Hallowell, our Old Hallowell Day community

celebration should feature them," he said.

And that it does. Traditionally kicking off the OHD program is 'Swingtime,' "a Hallowell icon," said Colwell. This ensemble of skilled local performers, ably led for many years now by Hallowellian Elaine Bender, offers their renditions of classic old-time melodies that set toes young and old tapping, and audiences singing along.

Throughout the afternoon and into the evening, the beat goes on. Former local, Tori Morrill returns to Hallowell along with Shirsten Lundblad and Annegret Baier of the 'Inanna' sisterhood. They will perform their

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Ed DesJardins, local musician and concert organizer, is one of the many musicians who live in or near Hallowell, play here often, and consider the community as "home". He performed on a recent lovely summer evening with (L to R) Robbie Coffin, Dave Thibodeau, and Dick Hollis at a 'Rock on the River' concert at the bandstand. DesJardins, Hollis, and Coffin will also take the bandstand stage with other talented colleagues on Old Hallowell Day.

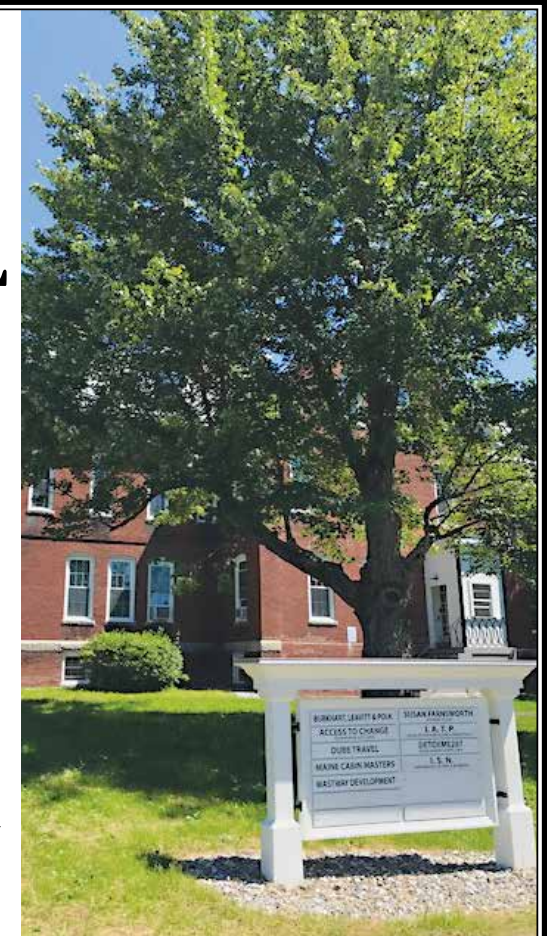
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irresistible West African, Middle Eastern and Brazilian drumming, singing and music, on this occasion with the addition of Paul d'Alessio's 'Primo Cubano' Cuban son; and reggae thanks to Tina Nadeau Murphy of the 'Dani Tribesmen.'

Old school, Chicago-style blues and swing fans are in for a treat when the 'Juke Joint Devils' take the stage. And local music lovers are rejoicing that adopted Hallowellians Ed DesJardins and Katie Daggett are performing together again and will be sharing their eloquent songwriting, skilled guitar work, magical vocal harmonies and legendary chemistry.

'Jinxed,' which debuted in 1999, came into existence when Joel Lockwood, Nick Grant (1983-2002), and Cody Brown connected while competing at their hometown Hall-Dale High School battle of the bands. Lockwood and Brown, joined by J.R. Davis and Matt Perez, will mark their 20th anniversary reunion on OHD with their special jam/rock/funk sound – celebrating their numerous albums and loyal audiences along the way.

And wrapping up the live music at the bandstand, as the fireworks crowd gathers while the sun slowly sets over the Kennebec,



Nancy P. McGinnis photos

Above, The Weasels, Steve Vellani, second from left, took the stage with (left to right) Dave Wakefield, Lance Burpee, and Jeff Farnsworth when the Weasels opened the 2019 'Rock on the River' Tuesday night concert series last month at the Hallowell bandstand. Vellani will also be part of the 'Hallowell Does... the Beatles' ensemble wrapping up the live music entertainment on Old Hallowell Day.

Colwell and friends will present their third annual OHD performance of "Hallowell does..." The 2019 version will feature selected songs of the Beatles, including beloved as well as lesser-known works. Colwell, joined by Dickie Hollis, Robbie Coffin, Jonah Howard, Mark Matsell, and Steve Vellani, will be aiming to play at least one tune from every Beatles record ever released. Colwell said "Hallowell does... has become a 'thing.' Steve and I came up with the idea after being inspired by

'The Last Waltz,' and Roger Sampson and Stevie Jones joined us for the first spontaneous one – it was over Thanksgiving, a few years back, at Easy Street Lounge."

Mark your calendars! Colwell says that Hallowell does . . . Woodstock is already in the works for Hallowell's own upcoming August 14th celebration of the 50th anniversary of the legendary music fest that took place in rural upstate New York in 1969.

And in addition to special events such as

Old Hallowell Day and the Woodstock anniversary, Hallowell resident and bass guitarist Steve Vellani has once again organized another popular annual 'Rock on the River' summer concert series featuring local performers, at the Hallowell city bandstand every Tuesday evening, weather permitting, at 7 p.m.

For more information, including events, venues and music listings, visit www.hallowell.org or follow Hallowell Music and Arts on Facebook.

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Old Halloween Day 2019 artist Nancy Keenan Barron

She remembers learning early on to paint emphatically

BY NANCY MCGINNIS
Correspondent

Nancy Keenan Barron recalls, as a young girl, being awed by a visit to the apartment above her grandmother's residence at the Cotton Mill. It was overflowing with paintings and sketches. The artwork had been created by the occupant of the apartment, Ray Skolfield. He was a local character and prolific artist, whose wise words she took to heart and remembers to this day.

"It ain't art unless it's emphatic."

Skolfield's influence, and a host of personal Halloween recollections, are evident in Barron's original painting, selected as the image for the 2019 Old Halloween Day poster art.

Entitled 'Halloween on Parade', her painting is a vibrant 24"x24" acrylic on birch panel.

Barron worked from dozens of archival photos and her own impressions and experiences from decades ago to the present day, to create her interpretation of the traditional Old Halloween Day parade.

The viewer's eye moves from the musicians of the Halloween Community Band float in the foreground, to the dance students and confetti, to the Capital Area New Mainers – local residents and new immigrant neighbors, proudly marching, side by side; to the Tao Karate parade contingent with their gigantic, articulated dragon puppet in the distance.

Downtown Halloween's iconic "cityscape" sets the backdrop for the pageantry of the parade as it makes its colorful way past the spectators, tots and dogs along flag-lined Water Street. One can almost hear the Halloween Community Band music and feel the excitement and anticipation in the air.

The more one looks at the painting, the more one sees. Even Barron's grandmother is faintly visible, watching from her Cotton Mill apartment window.

The late Skolfield would surely have declared that as an artist, Barron succeeded in emphatically capturing the enthusiasm of the day.

Nancy Keenan Barron's paintings tend to take shape spontaneously, without a set plan. "It evolves as the process goes along."

She explains that she focuses on the negative spaces – first underpainting, often with whatever's handy on the palette, and then whittling away with her brushes to reveal what is left as shapes indirectly take form. The result lends a dynamic energy to her paintings. "Sometimes I purposely squint as I work, to avoid making things too clear and tight," she said.

Barron, who resides in South Gardiner with her husband Bill and their daughters, grew up in Farmingdale, and graduated in the Hall-Dale class of 1984. Her late mother, Julia Ann Webster, was the sixth of 13 children born and raised in Halloween, living in various locations and graduating from Halloween High School in 1958.

"Over the years, I recognized people here because I grew up with them," she said. Barron's maternal grandmother was Marie Odelie Lerette Webster, among the first to move into the Cotton Mill after it was transformed into a residence.

"Creating this painting for the Old Halloween Day poster has made me think about the past and brought back a flood of memories," she said.

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As a youngster, Barron loved hanging out downtown after school and on Saturdays. She fondly recalls perusing the junk shops, spending time at the library and visiting her grandmother. And Barron actually played the flute as a teenager in the Hallowell Community Band. Her sister Sandy and their friends were also band members and they would carpool on summer Thursday evenings to the Hallowell Community Band's weekly lawn concerts.

Barron forged many more local connections during her seven years at the Kennebec Valley Art Association's Harlow gallery, where she began in 2007 as a volunteer gallery sitter, then took a position as the gallery's Program Director and eventually served as Assistant Director. A self-taught artist, sculptor and maker, she is currently an Artist Mentor working with, and finding herself constantly inspired by, adults with disabilities at Spindleworks in Brunswick.

Barron is also showing her work with eight other artists at Studio 53, a collective gallery in Boothbay, and continues as an active member of the Kennebec Valley Art Association.

On Old Hallowell Day, Nancy Keenan Barron will be signing 'Hallowell on Parade' 2019 OHD posters from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harlow Gallery, 100 Water Street in downtown Hallowell.



Nancy P. McGinnis photo
2019 OHD artist Nancy Keenan Barron signed posters and chatted with guests at the Old Hallowell Day painting "reveal" at the Harlow Gallery last month. Barron will return to the Harlow for an OHD "meet the artist" limited edition poster print signing on Saturday, after the parade.

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Linda and Tony Masciadri chosen Old Halloween Day Citizens of the Year

BY NANCY MCGINNIS
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The Old Halloween Day Committee is pleased to announce their selection of Tony and Linda Masciadri as the 2019 Old Halloween Day Citizens of the Year.

The couple, who recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary, have volunteered in so many ways for the city of Hallowell and its various organizations over the decades that it would almost be simpler to list what they haven't done.

Born and raised in Hallowell, where he is now the third generation owner of the century-old monument business that bears his grandfather's name, Tony Masciadri has at one time or another served on various city committees as well as the ballot clerk and warden, City Councilor and Mayor.

For decades, Tony and Linda Masciadri have been members of the City of Hallowell Cemetery Committee, and even longer, officers of the Hallowell Centennial Burial Ground Association, Inc. The latter organization underwrites the cost of perpetual care, they explain, along with maintenance and repair of the cemetery roads, the fountain, the water lines, and the spigots – all at no taxpayer expense.

Linda Masciadri left a fifteen-year banking career to start her own business, Masciadri Accounting, in 1981. But despite serving 800 income tax clients, and also handling payrolls and small business accounts, she still has found time to serve over the years on the City of Hallowell Community Development Committee and on the boards of Row House, Inc., Old Fort Western and the Hubbard Free Library. She has provided accounting and payroll services to the latter

for almost three decades and has volunteered as Treasurer of the Old Halloween Day Committee since 2014.

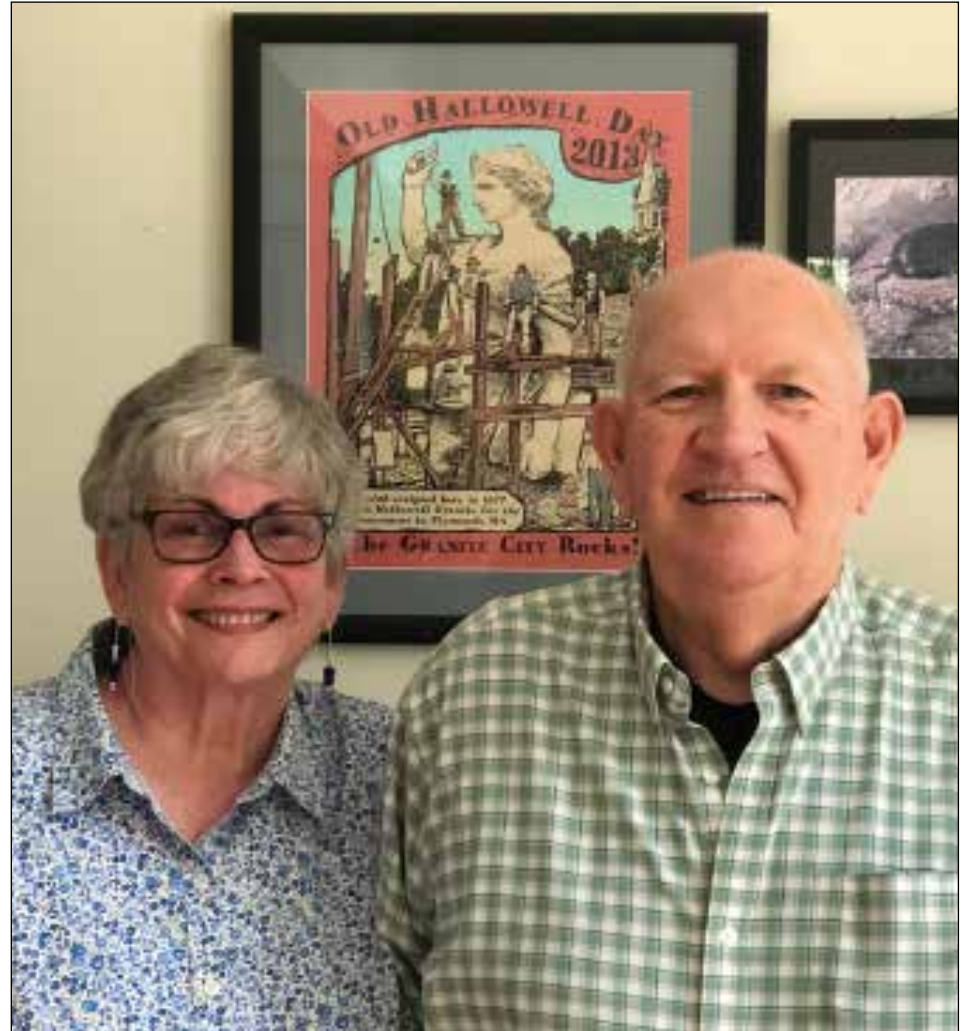
Tony Masciadri declares that he lived a perfect "Happy Days" boyhood here, "roaming all over Hallowell on my bicycle, with my fishing pole attached to it and my baseball glove hanging off the handlebars. And I never went hungry – I knew the location of every fruit tree and every garden in Hallowell," he said.

He also remembers walking to Curtis' Pharmacy, (the current site of Desi Kitchen, on Water Street) to enjoy a marshmallow sundae while perched on a fold-out seat at one of their glass-topped tables. To get there, he had to pass the fishmonger's shop: "you knew where you were before and after with your eyes closed because of their pickle barrel and the strong odor of fish."

"We had neighborhoods back then – kids were in the Page Street group, the Greenville- Loudon Hill group and the Granite Hill group," Tony Masciadri said reminiscing. "When we played ball, it was one continuous game. We usually didn't even bother to keep track, but when we did, the score would be something like 182 to 183! When one kid got called in for supper or chores, another kid would take his place. I remember Bill Webb lived over on Summer Street – his mom used to ring a cowbell to call him home." Tony Masciadri shares another memory: "As a kid, I took music lessons. I studied with great diligence and concentration . . . in order to play the cymbals!"

"In my childhood," Tony Masciadri said, "they would rope off Perley Lane as well as the stretch from Academy to Union Streets.

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Tony and Linda Masciadri are the 2019 Old Halloween Day Citizens of the Year.

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Pam and Eric Perry, OHD Citizens of the Year for 2018, were cheered by the crowds as they were driven in style through downtown Hallowell.

Citizens

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There was a little fair held in front of the old firehouse, with a coin toss, a roulette wheel and such. And I'll never forget when the circus elephants came to town. They arrived by train and had to be led off and walked through town over to where a circus tent was set up, near where the Maine State lottery building is now."

Linda Masciadri came to Hallowell to work for the Depositors Trust bank and was later hired away by Hallowell Savings and Loan. She eventually became a teller, then rose to assistant manager, and finally branch manager for the Gardiner Savings Institution bank located on Water Street.

That is where the two first met, when the local small businessman came in to do his banking business. Two years later, they

married. They now have three children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Nowadays, to celebrate Old Hallowell Day, the Masciadris look forward to the lobster roll church supper on Friday evening, the big parade, of course, and the library's book sale and the strawberry shortcake luncheon at the Legion Hall afterwards.

"We still know a lot of people around town," says Tony Masciadri. "When old classmates and former residents come back to visit, it's great to see them and catch up."

Hallowell has inevitably changed over the years, the Masciadris note, but the city has retained its character and appeal, they say, thanks in large part to the volunteer efforts of so many generous and civic-minded citizens. Without the contributions of volunteers, they said, citizens would have to pay a lot more—or do without.

It's certainly a way of life for the Masciadris, who encourage everyone: "When you notice something that's needed, get involved and make it happen."



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The Hallowell Community Band has been part of the OHD parade for decades. Here, the photo that served as inspiration for OHD 2019 artist (and one-time Hallowell Community Band member) Nancy Barron.

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2019 Timson Award winner wants to improve nature and entice us in

BY NANCY MCGINNIS
Correspondent

“Everyone has their passion,” says Rosemary Presnar. “Mine is: wherever you are, do what you can to leave the place better than you found it – especially if it happens to be outdoors, in nature.”

Presnar has been selected by the Old Hallowell Day Committee as the 2019 Barry S. Timson Memorial Community Service Award recipient.

This award was established to celebrate and honor the late Mayor Barry Timson’s contributions to the city of Hallowell, to make his commitment a model for others, to recognize the efforts and achievements of young adults in our community and to encourage the spirit of volunteerism, civic commitment and leadership.

Timson, twice Mayor of Hallowell, earned a doctorate in geology and worked for the Maine Geological Survey before launching his own Hallowell-based geology and environmental consulting business. He was a member of the Kennebec Land Trust and a vocal supporter of the Kennebec River Rail Trail.

Presnar’s interests and efforts are reflected in her vision for Hallowell: “to showcase our outdoor spaces, natural resources and parks.” She aims to connect volunteers and city resources “to figure out how to maintain and improve existing assets – and to extract the best practices and learning to help manage and improve Vaughan Field, Granite City Park and the Berry Conservation Area.”

“My goal is to leave it better for the next person (and the next generation) whether they are long-time Hallowell residents, new residents or visitors,” she says.



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Presnar’s background includes military service in the US Air Force and the USAF Reserves, degrees in industrial engineering and computer science, and employment in technology, manufacturing and banking. But since arriving in Hallowell in 2006 she has been drawn to volunteering with the Vaughan Field Committee, the Stevens School Committee, the Hallowell Planning Board and the Hallowell Conservation Commission.

As Chair of the latter, “We’re just wrapping up a pilot project at the Hallowell Recreation Area with the assistance of the National Park Service’s Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program,” she said, “working on

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ROSEMARY PRESNAR
TIMSON AWARD WINNER

how to manage and promote the trail system for all users.”

Most recently, she has been asked to join Hallowell’s Comprehensive Plan 2020 Team, and Presnar also looks forward to volunteering for Olympia Snowe Women’s Leadership Institute as a mentor to young women at Cony High School.

Receiving the Timson Award is an especial-

ly fitting personal honor for Presnar, she said. Though she never worked with Barry Timson, who died in 2007, she said she would have loved to have had the opportunity. She has selected the Hallowell Food Bank, of which Timson was a founding member, as the local nonprofit to receive a contribution from Old Hallowell Day in her name.

Some folks don’t realize, Presnar notes, that “the late Barry Timson was a renowned champion of conservation, with his advocacy and testimony on preserving Maine beaches and shorelines through his geology consultancy. He was well aware of Hallowell’s natural features and what makes this place a special place – granite, river, ponds and more.”

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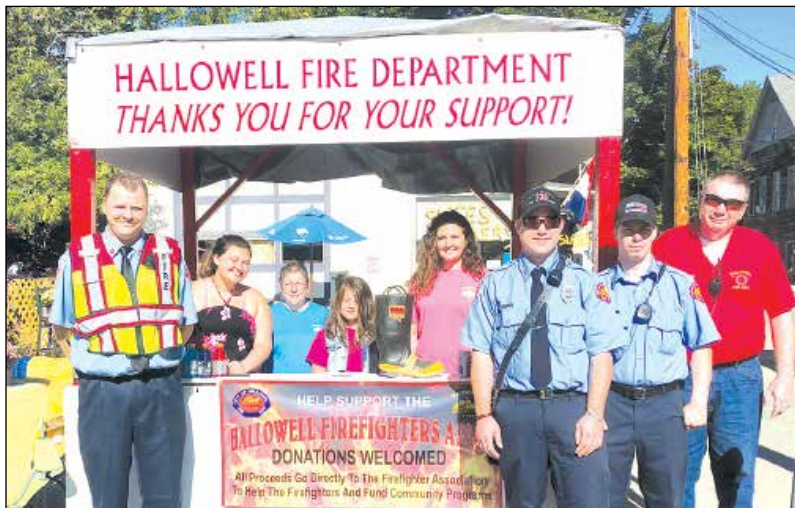
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Above, members of the Hallowell Fire Department and its Auxiliary will be serving lunch again this year.

Top right, representing the Capital Area New Mainers Project, Hallowellians and local residents assembled with some newly arrived neighbors to march in the parade last year. This year they will host the International Kids Festival at Vaughan Field after the parade.

Bottom right, the color guard comprised of members of Hallowell's American Legion Goodrich-Caldwell Post 6, assisted by local boy scouts, traditionally leads the annual Old Halloween Day Parade.



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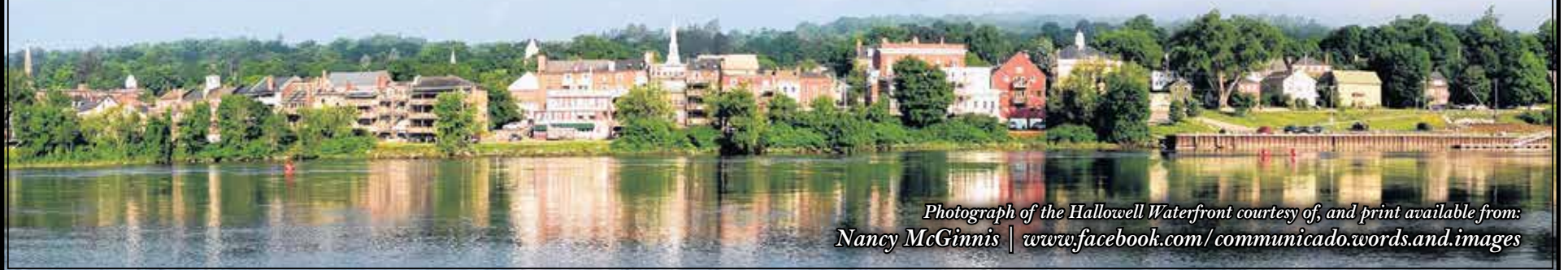
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