

# Old Hallowell Day 2018: This will be one to remember

#### BY NANCY MCGINNIS Correspondent

t was fifty years ago, in 1968, that Hallowellians celebrated their first Old Hallowell Day. As the story goes, the city's bicentennial in 1962 had been such a great success that (once they fully recovered from it) citizens eventually decided to throw a citywide party every year on the third Saturday of July.

Through the years and, indeed decades, hundreds of dedicated volunteers have pitched in and lent a hand; area businesses have generously helped to underwrite expenses. And generations of residents and visitors have made an annual tradition of celebrating Old Hallowell Day from the early morning road race and the big parade to the spectacular fireworks finale on the banks of the Kennebec.

Again this year, as was the case half a century ago and every year since the very first Old Hallowell Day, there will be exhibits at the Harlow Gallery and at the Hubbard Free Library, a luncheon at the American Legion hall, festivities at the Cotton Mill, the Hallowell Community Band and other musical performances, arts and crafts, and of course, food. Other traditions – such as the road race, cribbage, bocce, the bake-off, and of course, the parade and the fireworks – have sprung up over the years and also become an integral part of the day.

Each year, Old Hallowell Day is all about class reunions and family gatherings; a chance to catch up with old friends, and enjoy making new acquaintances; a time to share and savor old memories and to create new ones.

Though some early Old Hallowell Day events – historical reenactment pageants, for example, Flying Farmer airshows and house tours in which ladies were asked to kindly remove their spike heels (!) so as not to mar pristine wooden floors – have gone by the wayside, the sense of community pride and appreciation for all there is to celebrate in Hallowell remains stronger than ever.

Here is the schedule of events for Old Hallowell Day 2018 although for last minute updates, please visit *oldhallowellday.org*, check out the Old Hallowell Day Facebook page, call 207 462-4067 or inquire in person at the information booth on Old Hallowell Day.

#### OLD HALLOWELL DAYS 2018 SCHEDULE Through Sunday, July 22nd

Old Hallowell Day Poster for sale at Boynton's Market, City Hall, Hubbard Free Library, and online. Price: \$20. Old Hallowell Day 2018 commemorative buttons for sale, \$3 each, limited quantity. T-shirts for sale for \$15.

Thursday, July 19th 6 pm – Old Hallowell Day Art Poster Print Signing, Harlow Gallery and Craft Shop, 100 Water Street. Meet the 2018 Old Hallowell Day artist Jen Greta Cart and have your 2018 commemorative poster print signed and personally inscribed.



Nancy McGinnis photo Primo Cubano: Describing themselves as "Maine Made Cuban Music," this popular band returns to OHD this year to present son, bolero, salsa, cha cha cha and other Cuban dance music, part of the diverse lineup on tap at the bandstand on Saturday afternoon.

#### Friday, July 20th

Noon – 6 pm – Summer Members' Show (upstairs) 3 Faces/3 Forces (downstairs) Harlow Gallery and Craft Shop, 100 Water Street

**5 pm – 6:30 pm – Lobster Roll Supper**, St. Matthew and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 20 Union St. with parking on Academy St. Menu: Lobster Roll, Chips, Pickle, Beverage, Homemade Pie \$18.00; or Hot Dog Roll, Chips, Pickle, Beverage, Homemade Pie \$8.00.

5:30 pm – The 26th 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. \$75 first prize and \$50 second prize. Sorry, but play is limited to adults.

**7:30 pm – 9 pm – 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 online.

#### Saturday, July 21st

6 am – 7 am – Old Hallowell Day 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 am – 9:30 am – Old Hallowell Day Café, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Summer Street

Serving a breakfast of mixed fruit, yogurt, juice, pancakes, bacon, kielbasa hash,

bagels, English muffins, coffee cakes, muffins and Bolley's famous donut holes. Plenty of good "wake-up coffee" and other beverages. Children under 12: \$3.00, others: \$5.00, family: \$15.00

7:30 am – Old Hallowell Day 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 welcome.

**7:30 am – Hills and Thrills Bike Ride**, Hallowell Boat Landing The 4th Annual Hills and Thrills bike ride takes cyclists on a 20-25 mile journey through the beautiful rolling hills of Hallowell and neighboring communities. 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 am – Old Hallowell Day Fun Run for Children 10 and under. Vaughan Field, Vaughan Field Way near Middle & Lincoln Streets. Participant refreshments and 5K awards.

#### 8 am – 1 pm – Second Annual Yard

**Sale**, Cox Memorial United Methodist Church, Central and Middle Streets The church hosts its Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale with all proceeds benefited the Hall -Dale Elementary School Food Pantry hosted at the church. Items in the Indoor Yard Sale are "sold" by donation versus any set pricing. The church also offers free parking, restroom facilities and bottled water for those making the trip up the hill to stop in and shop or just rest a while.

8 am – 2 pm – Cotton Mill Fair, Cotton Mill Apartments, 2 Academy Street Stop by for fresh donuts and coffee (\$1), lobster rolls (\$9), or hot dog plates (\$3.50). An individual hot dog and roll, \$2. Water and soda, \$1. An assortment of baked goods and baked beans will be offered. Also a White Elephant Table along with discounted crafts, jewelry and plants. Check out a raffle table of gift cards and gifts donated by local merchants.

8:30 am - 11 am - "Anything Goes As Long As It's Flat" Old Hallowell Day 2018 Bake-Off, Slates Bakery parking lot, 161 Water Street For this year's bake-off, Old Hallowell Day announces a fun and different contest coinciding with the "Down with the Crown" Water Street improvements in downtown Hallowell. All bakers are invited to "construct" their best and most original entry with the theme "anything goes as long as it's flat" - think cookies, brownies, bruschetta, tortillas. Contestants must bring a flat item that is divided into 12 equal portions or 12 individual serving items, such as cookies. The categories are: Best Flat Savory and Best Flat Dessert. There will be first and second place prizes for Adult and Under 15 for each category. NOTE new time! Entry drop off begins at 8:30 am, and the contest starts promptly at 9:30 am. Check out the unique entries. All contest entries will be sold for \$1.00 each.

9 am – 1 pm – 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 am – 3 pm – Hallowell Citizens Initiative Committee booth, Water Street in front of McAllister's Real Estate Stop by to learn more about the community's commitment to restoring the fire station hose tower. Support the efforts and buy a T-shirt for \$15.

9 am – 3 pm – "Down with the Crown" booth, Water Street in front of McAllister's Real Estate

"Down with the Crown" supports Hallowell's people and businesses during the reconstruction of Water Street. Stop by to learn more or check out our website here.

**9 am – 1 pm – Literacy Volunteers Children's Bookmark Making**, Hubbard Free Library, 115 Second Street Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta will hold a children's bookmark making activity in support of family literacy. Table will be located just inside the library. There is no cost for families to craft a bookmark together. All materials are provided.

9 am - 1 pm - Sale of student work
(with a pottery wheel demonstration at 11:30) Hallowell Clay Works, 157 Water Street
9 am - 2 pm - Hallowell Age-Friendly
Committee booth, Water Street in front

**Committee booth**, Water Street in front of McAllister's Real Estate Visit Hallowell's Age-Friendly booth and sample a great fruit smoothie made with a bicycle-power blender! Learn about Hallowell's Age-

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Friendly Committee's action plan and view a selection of adaptive tools for everyday living spotlighting an extensive selection of items to make people safer in their homes and make it easier to do household tasks. Special information and publications from AARP Maine will be available as well.

9 am – 3 pm – Old Hallowell 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 am – 4 pm – Arts and Crafts

**Festival**, Central and Water Streets and McAllisters Real Estate. Come and see arts and crafts presented by local and not-solocal artisans and crafters. Find unique gifts for an upcoming birthday, wedding ... or for yourself! There will be first, second and third place ribbons.

9 am – 9 pm – Old Hallowell Day Food Court, Granite City Park, the base of Winthrop Street

Enjoy a snack, lunch or dinner in Granite City Park at the base of Winthrop Street by the beautiful Kennebec River where sturgeons may be jumping and eagles may be flying. Vendors will be open from right after the parade until after the fireworks.

**10 am – 10:45 am – Old Hallowell Day parade** down Water Street An annual favorite! Pick your spot early. Wheelchair seating in front of the judges' stand at the corner of Water and Wharf Streets offered.

**10 am – 2 pm - "Water Street Then and Now!" pop-up museum**, Hubbard Free Library, 115 Second Street Come see a display of artifacts uncovered during the reconstruction of Water Street and other recent projects around town. Open during Old Hallowell Day and beyond! This pop-up, mini-museum is presented by the Historical Hallowell Committee in cooperation with the library and features a selection of historic downtown photos from the Library collection.

**10 am - 4 pm - Open House for Kennebec Masonic Lodge 5**, 330 Water Street - across from Maine Tourism Association Early Hallowell was founded by people who shared a passion for Education, Arts, Sciences, Social, Civic and Moral virtues. In 1796 Paul Revere, Grand Master of Massachusetts, chartered the early founders of Hallowell to open a Masonic Lodge named "Kennebec." The Kennebec Lodge of Masons has been active in the community for 220 years promoting the same moral and civic values. Plenty of parking around the back of the building.

**11 am – Noon – Hallowell Community Band**, Cotton Mill Courtyard, Water Street. The Hallowell 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 am – Noon – Old Hallowell Day Art Poster Print Signing**, Harlow Gallery and Craft Shop, 100 Water Street Meet the 2018 Old Hallowell Day artist Jen Greta Cart and have your 2018 commemorative poster print signed and personally inscribed.

#### **11 am – 1 pm – Strawberry Shortcake Luncheon**, American Legion Hall, 114 Second Street

An annual tradition. Stop in for a sandwich, chips, a beverage and, of course, the Legion's famous strawberry shortcake – a freshly baked dessert biscuit smothered in fresh Maine strawberries and heaped with whipped cream topping for \$6.

11 am (or after the parade) - 1 pm - "The Heavenly Bites of Hallowell," Old South Congregational Church, 2 Chestnut Street Do you have a bar or cookie recipe that your friends and family rave about? Enter it in the community taste competition. The judges: anyone who attends Old Hallowell Day. Winners will be announced just after 1 pm. Prize: Old South Etched Slate, Blue Ribbon and bragging rights. Categories: Chocolate or Not Chocolate. To enter please email oldsouthhallowell@gmail.com by July 15. Please include your name and category. And, plan to deliver at least one 9×13 pan of bars (do NOT cut) or 3 dozen cookies to Old South by 10 am on Old Hallowell Day. To judge, a \$5.00 entrance fee will allow you to taste one of as many bars/cookies as you like and then vote on the most heavenly in each category.

**11 am (or after the parade) – 2 pm – Super Fun in Motion**, Vaughan Field Way, near Lincoln and Middle Streets Children and families are invited to the 6th Annual Super Fun in Motion hosted by the Hearts for Ezra Foundation. Come listen to music by Mark Horn. Super Fun in Motion! is an amazing children's event celebrating how strong and active our bodies can be. Fun includes 2 bounce houses, a kids' obstacle course provided by Kennebec Valley Coaching, face painting, arts and crafts, and more. Fresh Ella's Ice Cream Truck will be on site selling yummy treats. Fun for all ages.

**11 am – 1 pm – Firefighters' Lunch**, Slates Bakery parking lot, 161 Water Street

Come have lunch with your favorite firefighters. Menu will include hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and assorted drinks by donation.

**11 am – 3 pm – "Touch a truck!" Old Hallowell Fire Station**, 124 Second Street Join us for the opportunity to "touch a truck." Kids will be able to sit in and play with our fire trucks.

Noon – 2 pm – 'Create and Take' button making, Harlow Gallery and Craft Shop (downstairs), 100 Water Street. By donation.

Noon – 6 pm – Summer Members' Show (upstairs) 3 Faces/3 Forces (downstairs) Harlow Gallery and Craft Shop, 100 Water Street.

**Noon – Swingtime, City Bandstand**, Water Street. Kicking off this year's entertainment perennial favorites Swingtime! Elaine Bender and her crew of exceptional local players return to Old Hallowell 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 pm – 4 pm – 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. Entry fee: \$15 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 pm – Primo Cubano**, City Bandstand, Water Street Welcome back a favorite: Primo Cubano plays traditional Cuban dance music dating back to the turn of the 20th Century. Son is the most popular style to come out of Cuba and is the primary contributor to the blend of Latin styles today known as Salsa. A music of the country people, it migrated to Havana and now with Primo Cubano to Maine.

**3 pm – Mes Amis**, City Bandstand, Water Street Mes Amis means "my friends," but it also means Gypsy Jazz! Led by guitarist, vocalist and composer Steve Lynnworth – and featuring Shane Ellis on clarinet and saxophone, Harry Richter on rhythm guitar and Wells Gordon on upright bass, the quartet plays an infectious mix of traditional Gypsy, Latin and American jazz standards along with many original compositions. Insistent rhythms, bouncing bass lines and sweetly intricate melodies are easy on the ears for those unfamiliar with jazz and can stand the scrutiny of an aficionado.

**4:30 pm – The Cavemen**, City Bandstand, Water Street Fronted by Hallowell icon Jeffrey Farnsworth, The Cavemen always get the crowd going. These boys thump to the stalwart rhythm section of Greg "The Shiv" Lindholm on bass and Derek "D-Rock" Gannett on drums (Both of School Street Band fame.)

6 pm – Tim Sullivan Band, City Bandstand, Water Street Tim Sullivan has a long history of popular musical projects in Maine. He is currently the leader of both The Maine Dead Project and The Shakes. Tim recently released his third solo CD "From The Root Cellar" to rave reviews. From the first downbeat The Tim Sullivan Band will have you dancing with their powerful groove.

**7:30 pm – Hallowell Does Neil Young**, City Bandstand, Water Street The folks who brought us tributes to The Last Waltz, Woodstock, Tom Petty, and Bob Dylan are turning their attention this Old Hallowell Day to the music of Neil Young. Some of our hometown's finest musicians once again come together to honor the enduring music of a rock and roll legend.

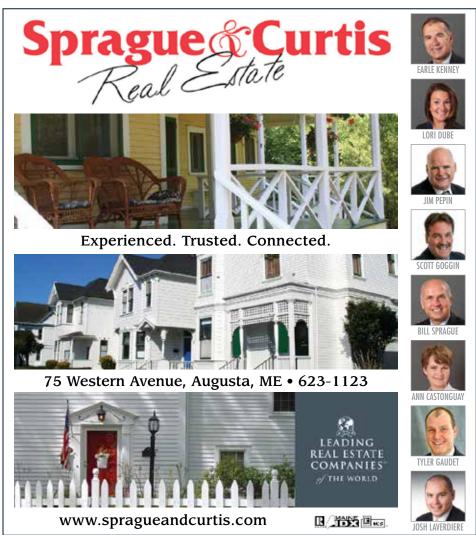
**9 pm – Fireworks**, Downtown Hallowell The Grand Finale! Fireworks will be set off from Butter Nut Park on the Chelsea side of the Kennebec. The fireworks will be presented by Central Pyrotechnics. Bring the whole family...it's a delightful way to cap off Old Hallowell Day.

#### Sunday, July 22nd

Noon – Raffle Prizes Drawing, Boynton's Market, Water Street

Noon – 4 pm -Summer Members' Show (upstairs) 3 Faces/3 Forces (downotaire) Harlow College and Craft Sho

(downstairs) Harlow Gallery and Craft Shop, 100 Water Street





# "Down with the Crown" Old Hallowell Day: What you need to know

BY NANCY MCGINNIS Correspondent

#### IT'S ON!

Hallowell has survived floods and fires. Old Hallowell Day has gone on despite scorching heat on some occasions, rain and wind on others. So a \$4.5M downtown construction project is no big deal. Hallowell, arguably Maine's smallest city and also one that knows how to throw the best parties, will host its biggest celebration again this year. As usual it will be centered around the third Saturday in July, despite the work-in-progress reconstruction of Water Street that began three months ago. Built into that planning from the start was a threeweek construction "ceasefire" that is currently under way.

Some work will continue, but away from the main thoroughfare during this time. Water Street will be fully open but remain one-way (northbound traffic) from Temple to Winthrop Street, with southbound traffic following the established detour along Second Street. Extra parking has been made available, signage is in place to direct motorists as needed, and details and updates on progress, detours and traffic patterns are readily available – you can even sign up for email alerts at maine.gov/mdot/ projects/hallowell/waterst/

Says Old Hallowell Day chair, and volunteer, Jane Orbeton: "Please be attentive to the new traffic pattern while we complete infrastructure work and repaving of Water Street and some smaller streets. The roads are well marked, but people should pay close attention. And don't forget – there is now parking available in the area above and behind Camden National Bank and along the railroad tracks between Winthrop and Central Streets."

The necessary construction is being strategically orchestrated so that all downtown businesses can remain open and accessible throughout the project, according to the DOT. If you've ever parked in downtown Hallowell only to scrape the lower edge of your vehicle's curbside door or had passengers struggle to get in or out, you're sure to appreciate the improvements. The sidewalks are being widened, leveled and paved with new bricks for smooth footing year round.

OLD HALLOWELL DAY TWISTS & TWEAKS

Despite the construction, rest assured that virtually all of your favorite OHD events will take place – with a few modifications, and even some fun additions. For example, the OHD 5K Road Race route for 2018 will consist of an alternative out-and-back course, with both the start and the finish line near Vaughan Field, at the north end of Middle Street. If you're a spectator, take note! Participants will follow the length of Middle Street, then proceed out Litchfield Road to a turnaround point near the intersection with Smith Road, before enjoying a primarily downhill return route. Full details and registration can be found online at oldhallowellday.org/events/ road-race

Another switch-up is the Old Hallowell Day traditional bake-off contest, which has become famous as an opportunity for local bakers to show off their best homemade pies, or cupcakes or even whoopie pies once a year. This time around, to salute the long awaited removal of the crown in the road, the bakeoff guidelines are "anything goes, sweet or savory, as long as it's flat." Just think of the possibilities.

#### **EVERYBODY LOVES A PARADE**

And this year will be no exception, the Old Hallowell Day parade will go on! As part of the master plan, construction crews have diligently prepared the road surface along Hallowell's Water Street in order to safely and smoothly accommodate parade floats and marching units on the 21st. See oldhallowellday.org/parade for details, and to register. Detailed instructions will be sent to registrants, who will check in as usual north of the railroad overpass, and proceed in the parade lineup south along Water Street through downtown Hallowell to the official end of the parade route, at Maple Street.

JUST ASK – or SIMPLY SAY HELLO Be sure to stop by and say hi to the friendly volunteers staffing the booths this year near

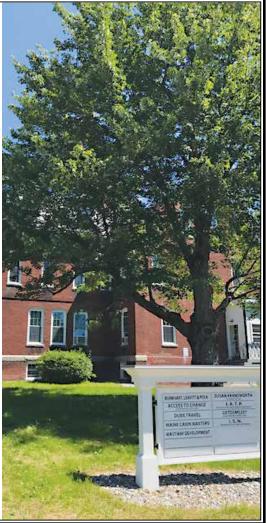
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the foot of Central Street. As usual, there will be the Old Hallowell Day information booth, where you can check on event times and locations as well as buy OHD poster prints, T shirts and buttons. But this year, you will also find a 'Down with the Crown' booth where you can learn more about the project, and support community volunteers' marketing efforts on behalf of our downtown merchants and businesses throughout the challenging construction period. Now is your chance to purchase a limited edition salvaged vintage sidewalk brick, either plain or emblazoned with the Down with the Crown logo; or a souvenir 'Down with the Crown' T shirt to commemorate this unique era in Hallowell history. Details will be available on the Painting The Street community event that has now been confirmed for the weekend after Old Hallowell Day, July 28th and 29th.

And nearby will be "Age Friendly Hallowell" volunteers, a group focused on assessing and enhancing Hallowell's ongoing efforts to make our community "the way life should be"for citizens and visitors alike, of all ages. Activities and social events geared for all ages, along with accessible outdoor spaces and buildings, volunteer opportunities, affordable housing and communications have also been cited as qualities that make Hallowell age-friendly. Learn more and check out the bicycle-powered



smoothie blender (no kidding!) at the Age Friendly Hallowell booth.

In summary, the basic plan for OHD during this unique construction year is business as usual, as much as possible. But the safety and wellbeing of Hallowell citizens and visitors remains the primary concern, and last minute changes may be necessary. Keep abreast of updates online at *oldhallowellday.org* or on the OHD Facebook page, or check in with the volunteers at the OHD booth at the foot of Central Street for information and latest developments. Nancy McGinnis photo What a difference a month makes! These photos, taken this past week, show that even though the work is not complete, there will be improved accessibility for pedestrians and motorists as well as the level pavement surface and smooth, wide new sidewalk thanks to the downtown Hallowell renovation project.



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## Jen Greta Cart named Old Hallowell Day 2018 Artist

BY NANCY MCGINNIS Correspondent

If you set your mind to it, nothing's too difficult in "the Little Easy" as Hallowell has come to be affectionately known. A major downtown construction project can't stop an annual celebration or put too much of a damper on the colorful place – and state of mind – that is Hallowell.

That's certainly the perspective of Jen Greta Cart, this year's Old Hallowell Day artist, who says "Thinking of Hallowell brings a joyful, happy, easy feeling every day, but that's especially embodied every year in Old Hallowell Day."

To set the stage for her original acrylic on board painting, 'Let's Dance in the Little Easy," Cart started by combining some of her favorite visual elements in Hallowell – the landmark City Hall, the street clock, the Kennebec River and even an osprey overhead. She simplified and took some artistic liberties with the composition to spotlight the impromptu performers – youthful and elderly, citizens and construction workers – adding such vibrant color and movement that you can almost hear the music.

"It's really an impression of Hallowell," she explains. "Those creamy yellow bricks against a beautiful blue sky; flowers in bloom; musical instruments and hard hats all mingle on a bright, breezy summer day."

"We couldn't have imagined a more fitting and lovely artwork for a commemorative poster design uniquely suited to this memorable 2018 Old Hallowell Day," says OHD Chair Jane Orbeton. Limited edition OHD 2018 T shirts and souvenir buttons, featuring an image specially adapted from the original poster art, are also for sale.

Jen Greta Cart and her husband, artist and muralist Christopher Cart, moved to Hallowell 25 years ago and immediately felt welcomed into the small, colorful community. Their Victorian house on Page Street is not only their home but also serves as studio space for the two artists and, as of this summer, their newly opened cards, prints, and original art shop in the carriage house at the rear of the property.

Though she happens to be married to an acclaimed artist, Jen Greta Cart is "absolutely self-taught. I fooled around with art in my early twenties, but was never serious. Never took a class. Then one day in my early thirties, it was like something in me caught fire. With some of Chris' paint and brushes, I painted this picture of a woman in an arabesque on a roof. I called it 'Roof Tops of Page Street.' And my second one was a tree of life, with Maine forest animals and a girl up in a tree, reading. Both of them sold immediately, which was incredibly encouraging. And I just kept on."

Jen Cart's artwork is now also available for purchase through her website, on eBay and at select shops including Berry & Berry in Hallowell, Longfellow's Greenhouses in Manchester and Lisa Marie's in Portland and Bath.



Photo by Nancy McGinnis

Hallowell artist Jen Greta Cart created her memorable acrylic on board painting, "Let's Dance in the Little Easy," for the unique OHD 2018 poster print. Using her signature "magical realism" style, she has portrayed the color and character of Hallowell and of Hallowellians— making merry with the construction workers who have become part of the downtown landscape during the reconstruction project, this year.

She describes her style as "magical realism". Most of her work has a distinctively mystical, enchanting, romantic, even dreamlike quality. The mother of two grown children (Zack, nearly 30 and Kate, 25) she feels she speaks for many women of a mature age in some of her "fiercely feminist" artwork, which includes signature mermaids and goddesses, crones and maidens-coexisting with tigers, foxes, birds and dragons by the water's edge or in the forest.

"Raising two kids and living off artwork takes strength, as well as vision and imagination," she reflects.

Jen Cart started painting almost exclusively in watercolor and still turns to watercolor for some projects, although she became a fan of egg tempera for small, luminous portrait work. Lately she has favored acrylics, employing a thin, dry brush technique.

Because Hallowell is "so unique and different from other small towns," it has been the inspiration for "probably a hundred or more" of Jen Cart's images, she says, ranging from readily recognizable entire settings to components such as a roof or a doorway, or a glimpse of nature captured in memory from an excursion on the Rail Trail or in Vaughan Woods ... or her own garden.

As for Old Hallowell Day, it's a muchanticipated event in the Cart household. "Being self-employed, Chris and I don't take many days off," says the 2018 artist. But on Old Hallowell Day, with her dancing shoes and her sun parasol, "I always feel young and irresponsible and carefree!" she said. The Carts enjoy watching the parade when they are not participating in it (over the years, they have reveled in taking part in prizewinning NoHa and Woodstock parade entries), and the used book sale at the library, and "spending the whole day drifting around town, seeing people and taking it all in." This year, as the Old Hallowell Day artist, Jen Greta Cart will be at the Harlow Gallery,



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#### JEN GRETA CART, ARTIST

100 Water Street, for OHD poster signings on Thursday July 19 at 6 pm and on Saturday, Old Hallowell Day, after the parade until noon.

Of course, for the Carts who first met at a contradance, the bandstand is their favorite place to be on Old Hallowell Day, dancing to the live music all afternoon and into the evening, in the Little Easy.

For more about the artist and her work, visit *jengretacart.com* or contact her at 207-607-9513 or *jengretacart@gmail.com* Check out Jen Greta Cart on Facebook and Instagram and visit the card, print and art shop located in the carriage house at the rear of 3 Page Street in Hallowell. The shop is open whenever the OPEN flag is flying on the tree in the front yard, or by appointment.

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## Anthony Romano, a Hall-Dale senior is 2018 Timson Award Recipient

BY NANCY MCGINNIS Correspondent

The Old Hallowell Day Committee has announced that Anthony Romano has been selected to receive the Barry S. Timson Community Service Award for 2018.

This award has been established to celebrate and memorialize 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.

Romano, who lives in Hallowell with his parents Jeff Romano and Maria Fuentes, will enter his senior year at Hall-Dale High School this fall. He has managed to find ways to make a difference in his school and community while keeping up with classwork and an intensive array of cross country, basketball and track team practices, events and activities.

Romano is Vice President of the National Honor Society at Hall-Dale. As former Treasurer and current Vice President of the Hall-Dale Key Club, he has participated in initiatives such as the annual Polar Plunge to raise funds for Camp CaPella (offering year-round recreational and educational opportunities for Maine children and adults with



*Jeff Romano photo* Anthony Romano, who raised over \$5,000 in his "Hike for a Cure" to benefit the Hearts for Ezra Foundation, has been chosen to receive the 2018 Old Hallowell Day Barry S. Timson Award for Community Service.

disabilities) and Camp Sunshine (supporting families affected by life-threatening childhood illness). He has also volunteered at the community supper and auction held at Hall-Dale in support of Welcoming New Mainers this past spring, and when his sports schedule has allowed, has volunteered on Old Hallowell Day for the Hearts for Ezra Foundation's popular 'Kids in Motion' event.

Anthony Romano is also an avid hiker just like his dad, Jeff, who has been hiking for more than four decades and has written three guidebooks. Anthony and Jeff Romano have been climbing mountains throughout Maine and beyond for years now, as often as their schedules allow. To date, says his proud mom, Anthony has climbed 62 of the 4,000-foot summits in New England with his dad, leaving only five to go.

"The climb and the community service I'm most proud of," Anthony says, "was when I hiked the Long Trail in Vermont with my dad a couple of years ago. I set it up as a GoFundMe fundraiser to support Hearts for Ezra." The latter is a nonprofit foundation established by Hallowell residents Emily and Ethan Bessey, to promote awareness and find a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). The Besseys themselves only learned of this little-known debilitating genetic disease when their son was merely four months old, and suffered unspeakable loss when SMA claimed little Ezra's life four months later.

At the age of 15, Anthony Romano set his sights on supporting Hearts for Ezra by attempting to raise \$10 for each mile of the 271.3 mile Long Trail, which follows the Green Mountains, stretching from Quebec to the Massachusetts border. Known as the "Footpath in the Wilderness," it showcases the natural beauty of the landscape and its wildlife as hikers traverse Vermont's highest peaks and deepest valleys.

The Romanos also navigated physical and emotional highs and lows during their month-long Hike for a Cure. Their exhilaration was tempered by sobering moments of realization that not everyone is blessed with strong healthy muscles for hiking or anything else. In the end, the outstanding effort raised public awareness and over \$5,000 for Hearts for Ezra, from more than 90 donors.

Says Emily Bessey: "We've had the honor of getting to know Anthony through his involvement with our Foundation. Hiking 271 miles takes more than just strong muscles. It takes commitment, dedication and perseverance- all of which Anthony has in abundance. This was such a huge challenge, and to think that this young man's motivation came from such a selfless place speaks volumes about the type of person Anthony is."

"It feels great to help people who need it," says the Timson award winner. "I'd like to think that if I were the one in need of help, someone would be there for me. We all need each other."



# **Old Hallowell Days Citizens of the Year: Pam and Eric Perry**

#### **BY NANCY MCGINNIS** Correspondent

The Old Hallowell Day Committee is pleased to announce that Pam and Eric Perry have been selected as the OHD Citizens of the Year for 2018. Old Hallowell Day could not be more special for this couple and the feeling is mutual.

Both Pam and Eric Perry were born and raised in Hallowell, Maine and have chosen to raise their own family here, in the community they love.

"We've both spent some time away from Hallowell, but our roots are deep," said Pam Perrv

Looking back, it was the couple's chance meeting and conversation on Water Street on Old Hallowell Day, 1987 that marked the beginning of their relationship, they recall.

"I was a freshman, and he was a senior the captain of the Hall-Dale football team, and voted Most Handsome," she said. They married three years later. Last year, Pam was swept away when Eric surprised her with a 1987 OHD T-shirt and a full-page ad in the Old Hallowell Day program book to mark the occasion of their 30th Old Hallowell Day

together and looking forward to the next 30 or more.

As a teenager, Pamela Young Perry worked behind the counter making hoagie sandwiches in the family business, Fido's Market, a popular local landmark still fondly remembered by generations of Hallowellians. She recalls numerous Old Hallowell Day celebrations as a youngster, in the mid '70s when she and her cousins dressed up as roast beef, cheese, lettuce, green peppers and the like to transform themselves as fillings in a canoe that completed a Fido's hoagie sandwich for the parade each year. She still teases Eric that he was attracted to her because she often smelled like steak and cheese with onions.

In 1997, after a stint with Granger Northern during which he managed the \$7 million renovation of Portland's Merrill Auditorium, Eric Perry founded E.J. Perry Construction Company out of their home in Hallowell. It was a humble beginning, starting off in business with nothing but his skills, a few tools, and a borrowed pick-up truck. E.J. Perry Construction now boasts a growing

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photo Hallowell natives Eric and Pam Young Perry, who trace the beginning of their relationship to OHD 1987, have been recognized as the Old Hallowell Day Citizens of the Year for 2018. As individuals, as a family with their three children, and through Eric's local business, E.J. Perry Construction Company, they have been generous and enthusiastic supporters of their hometown community and loyal contributors to area organizations, cultural and educational initiatives.

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portfolio of delighted commercial and residential clients in Maine and beyond, and an entire fleet of distinctive bright orange vehicles, still based in Hallowell. But what really sets the business apart is its company culture based on Eric Perry's integrity, character and leadership.

As citizens, the Perrys are generous and enthusiastic supporters of their hometown community and loyal contributors to numerous local organizations, cultural and educational initiatives. Their longtime passion for appreciating and preserving local history carries over into the family business, as well. As a local company, E.J. Perry Construction is committed to demonstrating its support of the community that has helped the business attain success over the past two decades.

Old Hallowell Day is one example. For as long as they can remember, Pam and Eric Perry have been loyal supporters of OHD, and especially the famous fireworks that cap off the daylong celebration. E.J. Perry Construction Company has been a longtime OHD corporate sponsor, joining other community businesses to underwrite the family-friendly festivities every July.

Over the years, E.J. Perry Construction, and the Perry family, have also shown

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their commitment to supporting Historic Hallowell's Museum in the Streets, the Last Crane Standing, the Hubbard Library and Gaslight Theater. They have been longtime supporters and sponsors of the Hall-Dale Boosters Club, Little League, Youth Soccer, and Youth Softball. Even though the Perrys' own children, Rebecca, Hannah, and Matthew have now all graduated, E.J. Perry Construction is one of the major underwriters of the new Hall-Dale high school gymnasium floor being installed this summer.

The Perrys' shared passion for saving historical buildings has led them to buy and renovate a number of older residences in Hallowell. And thanks to purchase by the Perrys, the dilapidating old Rialto Theater has been rescued from ruin and now awaits the next chapter in its venerable life. E.J. Perry Construction Company was the successful bidder to renovate Hallowell's historic landmark fire station hose tower, which also had been in a precarious state of disrepair.

Pam Perry, a pediatric occupational therapist, has spent the past 30 years working with children with special needs, WENDY LARSON, PROPRIETOR SLATES RESTAURANT, HALLOWELL

from babies to school-aged children, and is currently employed in the Winslow and Vassalboro schools. The Perrys organize and host an annual Adults with Autism barbecue and get together at their Hallowell home every summer.

As for civic engagement, Pam served on the Hallowell Board of Appeals for over a decade.

"I chaired the Board for a couple of years, back when there was a lot of lively discussion as the Rail Trail came through," she recalls.

Eric Perry has served on the Fire Station Committee and is currently a Hubbard Library trustee. They have both participated on the Open Space Committee and the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

"I laugh when I remember [then Mayor] Tony Masciadri joking that there are 47 committees in Hallowell and only nine people serving on all of them," Pam said laughing. The couple agree that volunteering and getting involved has been a great way to meet their neighbors.

"One of the reasons we love Hallowell is its wide variety of people – it's truly a melting pot," said Eric Perry. "It's such an eclectic town, with lots of different perspectives... political, social, theological... but we care about each other, and we take care of each other. We're quick to put aside individual agendas and work together for the greater good. And I've been blessed to get to know people I had not known before, and would not have met, but we've become friends now through our collaborative efforts to make Hallowell better."

"If you looked up the terms good neighbors and valuable and respected members of the community in the dictionary, it would list Pam and Eric Perry first," declares Dawn Gallagher, a Hallowell resident who says she first met the Perrys at the time she was chairing the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. She recalls how they always worked toward consensus and valued everyone's opinions. "Not only have they given so much to Hallowell in terms of their public service and rescuing properties, they live their lives and treat their Hallowell 'family' with grace and dignity. They are Hallowell and all we stand for."

Chef and artist Wendy Larson, proprietor of Slates Restaurant, couldn't agree more.

"I'd known the Perrys as customers, and Eric as a fellow local businessperson, for a while, but I really came to know him after the fire (that devastated the former Slates restaurant building in 2007)."

"Determined to keep Slates' doors open and keep my loyal crew employed, we started

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Karen Libby, Project Resident with the Maine DOT's Bureau of Project Development Highway Program, Region 2, is responsible for overseeing the entire downtown Hallowell renovation, which has continued to progress steadily and, for the most part, smoothly, since this photo was taken in early June. Hallowell citizens and business owners, as well as motorists passing through, have been very impressed. The construction "ceasefire" currently in effect, along with additional parking in the area above and behind Camden National Bank and near the railroad tracks, will help to ease the logistics.



It wouldn't be Old Hallowell Day without live music every year by the Hallowell Community Band. Here, members warmed up their instruments shortly before taking their place in the OHD parade last year.

Enter to win up to four tickets for the Old Hallowell Day fireworks private viewing raffle to watch the famous OHD fireworks in comfort from the best location in town – the Harlow balcony at 100 Water Street, directly across the river from the fireworks launch site. Tickets are \$5 each, on sale at the Harlow and benefit the gallery, sold until 1:00 pm on Old Hallowell Day, July 21. Winner notified immediately by phone and winner must answer. Message will not be left. Arrive at The Harlow at 100 Water Street at 8:45 pm with winning raffle ticket in hand. Fireworks begin at 9 pm. Guests will leave the building within 15 minutes after fireworks end. Winner may bring snacks and beverages, but no alcohol. Anyone visibly intoxicated will not be allowed to enter.



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cooking outside on the grill, and as the months progressed, eventually in a makeshift trailer arrangement out back in the garden. But by the end of October, we were freezing -- still out back grilling, now with our mittens on. Eric came down, took in the scene, and said, "I need to help you.""

And he did. He insulated and weatherized so that the set-up was vastly improved.

"Two years ago, when we wanted to renovate our building next door so that we could move to our present location," she continues, "of course I hired E.J. Perry. I wanted someone local, fair and honest. I had a vision, but I also had a budget, and modest expectations. Eric is so knowledgeable and so resourceful. Working with old buildings is never straightforward. He uses the best materials, and has the best people working for him. The results are way beyond my wildest imagination, and the new Slates is nicer and better than ever!"

"And I suspect we're not unique," Larson adds. "It's obvious that Pam and Eric Perry really love Hallowell and they really want it to succeed and keep its charm. I can't think of more genuine people than Eric and Pam."

Not surprisingly, the Perrys are more than a little overwhelmed by the praise and attention they've been receiving since the Citizens of the Year announcement. After all, their contributions come from the heart



Nancy McGinnis photo Kids enrolled in the Hall-Dale Summer Rec program, here showing off their "Team USA" red, white and blue, are always a crowd favorite at the parade.

and it's a natural way of life for them. Their typical Old Hallowell Day consists of helping set up for the library book sale, watching the parade, enjoying the strawberry shortcake lunch at the Legion Hall, browsing the arts and crafts vendors, home for a nap and then back downtown to watch the fireworks... and a sentimental kiss, for old time's sake, on the banks of the Kennebec in the hometown they love.

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