

Bow Lake Community Center News

For the Care of the Beloved Bow Lake Grange Hall!

2024 is just around the corner! Don't forget to book your date, for your wedding, shower, birthday, and anniversary parties; theatrical events, celebration of life/memorial programs, concerts, education seminars, annual meetings, potlucks, Holiday parties, and more beginning March 25, 2024! You can email 569grange@gmail.com for more information about available dates, rental rates, and the contract you need.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS:

Now – January 2024, ticket sales for our 2nd BLCC Calendar Raffle for February 2024. For \$10.00 you can purchase one calendar raffle ticket which will give you 29 chances (one chance for each day of February) to win cash prizes. Even when you win one prize, your ticket will go back into the pot and possibly be picked again and again. We are only selling 300 calendar raffle tickets so buy yours soon! These make great gifts, stocking stuffers, and can be mailed to loved ones in holiday cards. They can be purchased at Christmas in Strafford on Dec. 2 and Dec. 3, from BLCC Board Members, or online at www.bowlakecc.org

Line Dancing with Wendy continues through December from 10-11:30 am, usually on Tuesdays. The suggested donation is \$10 per person. Please bring clean sneakers or dance shoes and change into them downstairs before heading upstairs. No food, only water permitted. The days of the week that line dancing happens may change because of the instructor's schedule. Check the BLCC website at www.bowlakecc.org for up-to-date information. For the winter (January – March), Line Dancing will take place at the Bow Lake Free Will Baptist Church.

Christmas in Strafford, December 2nd & 3rd! We will have the BLCC open for Christmas in Strafford and we'll be serving homemade soups and sandwiches for the shoppers and vendors on Saturday from 11 am until we run out! There are many vendors to shop from, all in one spot! Come and complete your Christmas lists!

The BLCC will close for the winter from **Jan. 1, 2024 – March 23, 2024**. Our next event will then be pictures with the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt on March 24, 2024!

We are still working on finishing the refurbishing of the building! We are looking for an industrial stove to replace our very inefficient and outdated one. We plan to update and paint the kitchen over the winter months. Please email 569grange@gmail.com if you can help us out.

We have depleted our funds significantly to achieve the much-needed renovations, including siding, roofing, repairs, and painting. Our only income, other than rental income, is from our generous community through donations and supporting all of our fundraisers! We do not receive funding from the Town or the State. We do not have a Trust Fund. And the expenses of yearly operation (heat, utilities, cleaning, snow removal, lawn maintenance, insurance, etc.) far exceed the rental income. If

you haven't already done so, please consider renewing your sponsorship of the BLCC now! You can make a tax-deductible donation at www.bowlakeecc.org or mail it to the BLCC, PO Box 204, Strafford, NH 03884. We appreciate all donations immensely! Thank you so much for your support!

The next regular meeting of the BLCC will be on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:30 pm** on Zoom. Our meetings are open to all so please join us and support a fantastic group of volunteers, and maybe even consider becoming a new volunteer for BLCC! Contact Tara at 480-229-5480 if you'd like to get the Zoom link and attend next year! Happy Holidays and best wishes for a year of peace and kindness in 2024!