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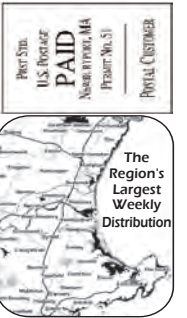
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With 60% Drop in Freshman Enrollment, Should Georgetown High School Close, Go Regional?

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – The school district, suffering a declining student enrollment and a growing group of disgruntled parents, is considering several options including having Georgetown High School (GHS) students join a regional district.

The school board and Supt. Dr. Margo Ferrick have scheduled a series

of listening sessions, *The Future of GHS - A Community Conversation*, for parents to voice their concerns and ideas to fix challenges in the schools.

A group of concerned parents wrote the school asking the board and superintendent to issue a Request for Proposal by Sept. 30 for a feasibility study evaluating a possible school closure, regionalization or joining another

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Paisley's Farm - Boxford

Lori and Kiera from Paisley's Farm in Boxford help prepare for the upcoming fall season. (Photo: Alan Aulson)



Jen Perry, Susan Spellman and Elizabeth Lorayne hang painting at Illume. (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

Newburyport's Illume Bookstore Adds Art Gallery

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – When Donna Marie Sein, the author, and Susan Spellman, the illustrator, launched their series of children's books last year at Illume Bookstore, Spellman thought the store was a perfect space to exhibit her art.

After looking at her portfolio, store owner Jen Perry and her art curator, Elizabeth Lorayne, agreed.

Spellman has exhibited her paintings and illustrations in one-artist shows at the Newburyport Artist Assn., at the Firehouse Theater and in the cancer ward at MassGeneral Hospital, but never in a bookstore.

Now she has. For the next two months, she has hung a new exhibition of 30 paintings in oils and watercolors at the Illume Book Store's new art gallery. Entitled, "I Hope You Dance," the exhibit features paintings that

express her love of dance and human movement.

"This body of work explores the lan-

guage of dance as a form of human storytelling," Spellman wrote of the

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Illume Books & Art

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exhibit. “My intention is to not just capture the grace of the dancer’s body, but the unspoken emotions that live between gesture and stillness.”

The new exhibit, the store’s third two-month art show in its well-lit back room, was installed over Labor Day weekend. It is Perry’s third artist since she took down a wall to make the room large enough to house an art gallery.

The official opening of the art show was held last week at Illume, 10 Market Square.

“I’m thrilled” at being able to exhibit in the new gallery space, Spellman said.

Spellman, who moved to Newburyport in 1975 when the city was a less-affluent haven for artists, paints in oil and watercolor in her studio here. She began as a staff illustrator for a film strip company in Westport, CT, after graduating from Marymount College in Tarrytown, NY. She illustrated books by Donna Marie Seim, including children’s books that are on the shelf at Illume.

But in recent years, she has focused her compositions on dance. The paintings feature dancers in various poses from jumps and extreme movements

to dancers at rest and reflection.

“Art and dance have been driving forces in my life,” she said. She is a frequent participant in the dance classes at The Dance Place in the Tannery, owned by Fontaine Dollas Dubus.

“I am drawn to dancers because they embody vulnerability and strength at once,” Spellman wrote. “Their movements reflect the paradox of being human: grounded yet striving, disciplined yet free, fragile yet powerful. I am aiming to reveal dance not only as performance, but as a dialogue between body, space and spirit.”

Her love of movement, she said, even creeps into her landscape paintings.

Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord, a calligrapher, has posted her cards with quotations throughout the exhibit.

Elizabeth Lorayne, the first artist to have an exhibit at Illume, now serves as the store’s curator. An artist, printmaker, award-winning author, ICF Associate Certified Coach, an accredited Jungian and Expressive Arts coach, Lorayne was followed in the Illume space by Celine McDonald.

Described as “hauntingly beautiful” by Cape Cod Magazine, McDonald’s paintings have been exhibited in galleries and museums from New York City to the Berkshires before finding her way to Illume. ♦



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GEORGETOWN SCHOOLS

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school district. The parents proposed that the study should be completed by the end of January.

The message from Supt. Dr. Margo Ferrick to the parents read: “Community members are expressing a sense of urgency around this due to the low ninth-grade enrollment numbers. I have been exploring and researching multiple options including redesigning GHS, tuition agreements with neighboring districts and creating a new regionalization. It is time to invite the community into the conversation.”

The current enrollment in Grade 9 is 32; Grade 10 is 66; Grade 11 is 61, and Grade 12 is 70 for a total of 229. A decade ago, Georgetown High had 404 students. According to the letter from the parents, the freshmen class enrollment fell 60 percent in one year, 77 students in FY25 to 31 in FY26.

The listening sessions began this week and will continue on Sept. 30, Oct. 15 and 23.

The district also sent out a survey to parents, asking their thoughts on regionalization. One question asked whether they wanted the district to remain independent.

Another question was, “How important is it to you that Georgetown students have access to strong academic programs, sports and extracurricular opportunities, even if that means partnering with other districts?”

The survey outlined the choices the schools face.

Which of the following options do you believe Georgetown should prior-

itize exploring?

- Maintaining and redesigning Georgetown High School
- Full Closure and regionalization with a neighboring district (K-12)
- Partial Regionalization (6-12), keeping the elementary school as a Georgetown school.
- Entering a Tuition Agreement - (grades 9-12 would attend another district's high schools and GPS would maintain elementary and middle schools)

The letter from the concerned parents read: “The situation is urgent. If we do not act now, doors will close that we may never be able to open again, and our children will be left behind.”

Among the regionalization options would be to join Masconomet Regional School District, which serves the towns of Boxford, Middleton and Topsfield. Masconomet has an enrollment of 562 students in its middle school and 955 students in the high school.

Triton, which serves Newbury, Rowley and Salisbury, has 127 students in its ninth grade. But the district is well along in the process of redesigning its 50-year-old high school and middle school with the Massachusetts School Building Assn. at its current enrollment levels.

Georgetown this year approved a \$6 million tax override largely because it provided more funds for the schools.

“The 2025 override was essential to keep basic operations intact, but it cannot solve this enrollment crisis,” the parents letter stated. “This challenge is about budgets and sustainability but it is also bigger than this—it is about whether Georgetown children will have the same chances to thrive

as those in surrounding communities and it is about a school system that is suffering rather than thriving.”

The listening sessions are scheduled for 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sept. 30 at the Perley School, third floor; 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at the high school auditorium and from 11 a.m. to noon on Oct. 23 at the Perley School, third floor. ♦

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Ipswich to Commemorate 285th Anniversary of the Devil's Footprint Legend



By Mary Kelley
Ipswich Resident

IPSWICH, MA – On Sunday, September 28, 2025, Ipswich will host a special event to celebrate the 285th anniversary of the Devil's Footprint legend. The celebration will take place on the Northwest Side of Meetinghouse Green and is free and open to the public. In case of rain, the event will be held inside First Church in Ipswich, UCC.

The legend, which dates back to 1740, tells the story of a dramatic showdown between the Devil and a young preacher named George Whitefield. According to the tale, the Devil was hiding behind a mirror in the North Congregational Church while Whitefield was preaching. Whitefield's fiery sermon shattered the mirror, and the Devil burst out. The two battled their way up the church steeple, where Whitefield cast the Devil down, leaving a single scorched hoofprint in a stone as he fled. The rock is still in Ipswich, and the story continues to be told and reinterpreted by each new generation.

The event, presented by First Church in Ipswich, UCC & Friends, will explore this strange story with a diverse group of participants. The day will feature artists, musicians, preachers, scholars, and skeptics who will examine the themes of truth, myth, memory, and meaning within the legend.

Event Schedule

- 11:00 AM: Live music by roots ensemble Clay Pigeons.
- 12:00 PM: "Devil's Lore Panel Discussion" with a diverse group of panelists. The panel will be moderated by Rev. Stacey Keane-Blagg, Minister of Faith Formation at First Church in Ipswich, UCC. Panelists include:
- Rev. Dr. Rebecca Pugh, Pastor of First Church in Ipswich, UCC.

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Groveland Partners with HomeWorks Energy

Submitted By: Annie Schindler
Executive Coordinator, Town of Groveland

GROVELAND, MA – The Town of Groveland is taking a step towards sustainability by partnering with HomeWorks Energy to enhance residential energy efficiency across the community.

Working alongside local Mass Save Sponsor National Grid, the town is committed to empowering residents with tools and resources to reduce energy consumption, lower utility bills, and contribute to broader environmental conservation efforts. This strategic partnership focuses on providing accessible, practical solutions for Groveland residents looking to improve their home's energy performance.

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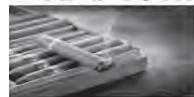
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- Mary Kelley, a community member and a catalyst for the day's event.
- Dr. Margo Shea, an Associate Professor of History at Salem State University.
- Peter Muise, an author and folklorist who has researched New England folklore for nearly twenty years.
- 1:00 PM: A historical reenactment of George Whitefield's 1740 sermon, featuring Katherine DeSilva, a seminarian at Phillips Theological Seminary, as Whitefield.
- 1:30 PM: A dramatic performance of "The Battle" staged with support from Mark Warner's Professional Martial Arts Academy.
- 2:00 PM: Another live music set by Clay Pigeons.

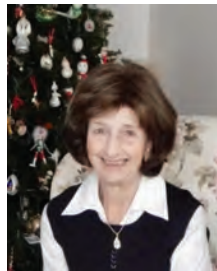
This event is not about honoring George Whitefield or the Devil, but rather about exploring how a single story has been carried through the town for nearly three centuries. It is a community event rooted in local tradition, bringing together neighbors, scholars, and storytellers to reflect on how folklore shapes the community and to open new conversations.

Food will be provided by Riverwalk Catering Company, a local family-owned business known for its comfort food and hospitality. Donations are welcome at the event via a QR code and will support historical and arts programming at the church.

For questions, accessibility, or more information, please visit firstchurchipswich.org.

Dorothy C. Galanis

Dorothy C. Galanis, a cherished matriarch and beacon of love, passed away peacefully at the age of 79 in Newburyport, Massachusetts on September 12, 2025. Born on February 26, 1946, in Newton, Massachusetts, Dorothy's life was a testament to her thoughtful, loving, and selfless nature.



Dorothy was a proud graduate of Catherine Gibbs School. She embarked on a career in stenography, where her precision and attention to detail shone. It was in the early days while employed that she ventured on a cruise ship across the Atlantic to Europe where she met the love of her life, Athan Galanis. Their meeting was what fairy tales are made of and the beginning of a beautiful partnership. Upon marriage, Dorothy embraced the Greek culture in every aspect of her life. She converted to Greek Orthodox, learned the Greek language fluently, and cooked all Greek foods.

In 1975, Dorothy played a pivotal role in establishing the family business, Paralia Corporation, alongside her husband. She balanced her professional responsibilities with the demands of raising three children in a nurturing, loving and supportive environment.

Dorothy's faith was a guiding principle in her life, fostering a home filled with compassion and kindness. She carried this spirit into all her endeavors, especially in the care she took to make her home a place of warmth and beauty. Her creative flair was most evident in the exquisite Christmas ornaments she hand crafted and the elaborate gingerbread houses she made from scratch. These became cherished family treasures and symbols.

A master of needlepoint and crochet, Dorothy's sewing patterns were not only a hobby but also a means to provide her children in the early years of their lives with unique and lovingly made clothing. Her culinary prowess was equally impressive; Dorothy was renowned for her sumptuous cakes and cookies, which she baked with joy for holidays and family gatherings.

She possessed a rhythm in her soul. She often found enjoyment dancing and listening to music, instilling a sense of merriment in those around her. Dorothy was also an avid animal lover, and accepted all kinds of animals as pets.

She is survived by her brother, Richard Palmaccio, and her adoring children, Evan Galanis, Melaina and her husband John Eggleston, Dianna and her husband David Scanlon. Her six grandchildren, Sierra, Athan, Alexandra, Olivia, Marina, and Seve, who will fondly remember their grandmother's love and gentle guidance.

Dorothy joins her beloved husband Athan in eternal rest, leaving behind a legacy of love and selflessness that will continue to flourish in the hearts of her family.

Dorothy C. Galanis lived a life enveloped in the love of her family, marked by her unwavering commitment to them. Her memory will be held in the highest regard, as a woman who filled their lives with beauty, creativity, and an abundance of unconditional love.

Relatives & Friends were received Friday, September 19, 2025 at F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home, 14 Independent Street, Rowley. A Funeral Service was held Saturday, September 20, 2025 at F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home. Burial followed at Rowley Burial Ground in Rowley, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be pledged to Alzheimer's Association. To light a memorial candle or to leave a message of condolence, please visit www.fsrobertsandson.com.

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BYFIELD Triton High School Fall Electronics Recycling Event

BYFIELD - The Triton Music Parents Organization (TMPO) is holding their Fall Electronics Recycling Event, on Saturday, September 27th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Triton High School, 112 Elm Street, Byfield. EVERYONE WELCOME!



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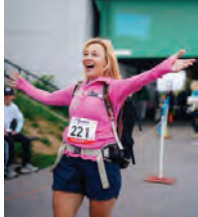
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Greater Newburyport Ovarian Cancer 5K Run/Walk

NEWBURYPORT – We are looking forward to the excitement and energy of seeing everyone on Sunday, September 28, 2025, for the 15th annual Greater Newburyport Ovarian Cancer 5K Run/Walk, in honor of Jackie Poor and Paula Holm. Proceeds benefit local women undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer and help fund research, education, and awareness.

The event begins and ends at our generous host, Michael's Harborside Restaurant & Bar, Newburyport.

- Registration: 8:30-9:30 AM
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Lisa Donahue, chair of the Recreation Committee cuts the ribbon as (from left) Lindsey Grea, Margaret Chow-Menzer, Charles Costello and other members of the selectboard and members of the community look on. Photos: Stewart Lytle



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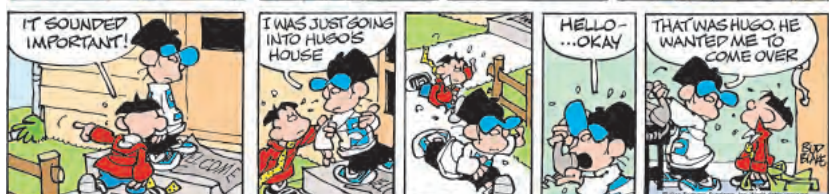
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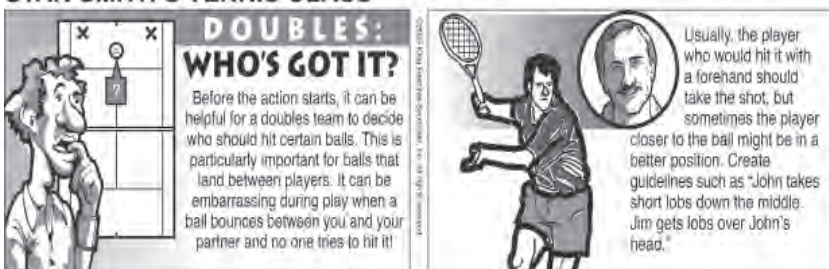
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27 Dot in la mer
28 Candied nut given to a kid to quell a tantrum?
30 Advice for Fonda when she has a grievance?
35 Finds a new purpose for
36 Saudi export
37 Adele's vocal range
38 Without remuneration
41 Big cheese
44 RBl, e.g.
45 "Lily White" novelist Susan
46 Colo.-to-Ga. direction
49 Present, as the whole group
51 Small car manufactured in Poland's capital?
54 Optimal nutrient amt.
55 In — of (replacing)
57 Suffix with hero or opal
58 Common brown rodent
59 Give praise to sellers of stolen goods?
63 Regarding
64 Like the horse favored to win
65 Units of gold purity
70 Zest or Dial
73 Fighting between Dracula and Lestat?
80 Puts into operation
85 Partner of neither
86 Land of Lima and llamas
87 "So that's it!"
88 Halt hubbub?
91 Is scornful of
93 Pork product
94 Ocean trip
95 Oolong and Darjeeling
97 List details
98 Isn't truthful with
99 Orch. section for timpani, triangles, etc.
100 Jet to JFK, once
101 Tater Tots maker
104 Give solace to actor Mike?
109 Win the contest?
113 — Grande
114 Meadow
115 From Havana, e.g.
116 Noting the differences between cutting utensils?
121 Nuclear trial, in brief
122 Respectful tributes
123 Hint-giving columnist
124 Old Persians
125 Unity
126 Plaits of hair

DOWN

- 1 Part of YMCA: Abbr.
2 Computer support whiz
3 Supply with new weapons
4 2,100, to Caesar
5 "— you in?"
6 Communal
7 Vodka brand, familiarly
8 Suffix with 6-Down
9 Abbr. for those with only one given name
10 "Gee, I would never do that!"
11 Perez of film
12 Elevator company
13 "— asking?"
14 Big Apple mail abbr.
15 "I do so suffer!"
16 Slimy shore deposit in some spa treatments
17 Sleeve ends
18 Bandleader Shaw
19 Takes it easy
24 — Work ("Down Under" band)
29 Industrial city in southern Poland
31 Pal of Tigger
32 Maligned in print
33 "The Hunger Games" star, in tabloids
34 Acquire
38 D.C.'s land
39 Rustic denials
40 Tempo
41 DEA agent
42 "Battle Cry" actor — Ray
43 "Kapow!"
44 Watermelon waste
45 "So that's it"
46 Work to get
47 Mark for life
48 Suffix with kitchen
50 Watermelon waste
52 Big GOP get-together
53 It splits light
56 Aliens' ship
60 Clean a spill on the floor
61 Ltr. enclosure
62 Slalom, say
66 Jean of Dada
67 Bog grasses
68 Lot division
69 Vacation travel, often
70 Window part
71 Twice tetra-
72 Quark locale
74 Price to play
75 "Li'l ol' me?"
76 For the time being
77 Portend
78 "Excuse me"
79 Fling
81 Mishaps
82 Ripped into
83 Tall birds
84 "The Power of the Dog" co-star Kodi — McPhee
89 Spanish for "bear"
90 Spongy ball
92 Teeny-tiny
96 Oak nut
98 Enzyme in fat breakdown
99 Thick soup
100 Dracula creator Bram
101 Philosopher with a "razor"
102 Way to travel
103 Plant firmly
104 Channel that televises hearings
105 Correct
106 "Blue Suede Shoes" singer
107 Della of song
108 RSVP card encls.
110 Say again
111 Great benefit
112 Single-named plus-size model
117 Apt., e.g.
118 Mag. edition
119 Mets' div.
120 Platform for iDevices

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by Zoom videoconference on **October 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** or such other time when posted to consider the **Request for Determination of Applicability** by applicant **Shannon & Peter Hendrickson** for the property located at **24 Glendale Road, Boxford: Map 13, Block 3, Lot 21, to remove an existing pool and associated hardscaping within the Buffer Zone to Wetland Resource Area, and restore the project area to lawn and landscaping.**

The Zoom videoconference information will be posted on the Town website in advance of the meeting. This is a joint meeting under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sect. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. To view application materials, call (978) 887-6000, ext. 506.

For the Commission,
Ross Povenmire, Director of Conservation

9/24/2025

BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by Zoom videoconference on **October 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** or such other time when posted to consider the **Request for Determination of Applicability** applicant **Leonard & Samantha Simonelli** for the property located at **12 Lantern Lane, Boxford: Map 28, Block 2, Lot 7, to remove an existing pool, pool patio and shed within the Buffer Zone to Wetland Resource Area, and restore the project area to lawn and landscaping.**

The Zoom videoconference information will be posted on the Town website in advance of the meeting. This is a joint meeting under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sect. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. To view application materials, call (978) 887-6000, ext. 506.

For the Commission,
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held via Zoom videoconference on **Thursday October 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** or such other time when posted for the **Notice of Intent** by applicant **Chris Olbrot for the Town of Boxford DPW** for the property located at **Balmoral Road, Boxford, to make roadway and drainage improvements, portions of which are located within 100-feet of Wetland Resource Areas.**

The Zoom connection information will be posted on the Town of Boxford website prior to the meeting. This is a joint hearing under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sec. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. For more information, contact Ross Povenmire at rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us.

For the Commission,
Ross Povenmire, Director of Conservation

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21st Newburyport Documentary Film Festival - September 26-28, 2025



Submitted by Peter B. Carzasty

Each September, the seaside hamlet of Newburyport comes alive, uniting filmmakers and audiences to celebrate this truly original American form of narrative storytelling. The 21st version of the NBPT DOCU FEST will feature 35 films from local, regional, national, and international filmmakers. Selected from a record-breaking number of entries, this year's Festival offering spans a wide range of subject matters and topics, from intimate and introspective personal stories to the profound impact of global issues—all to be experienced over an immersive two-day, 48-hour period.

Tentpole Screenings & Highlighted Events

Opening Night / Friday, September 26 – 7:30 pm @ The Firehouse

Checkpoint Zoo – In the early days of the Ukraine-Russia war, the Feldman Ecopark found itself in the midst of the crossfire. Flanked on either side by the Ukrainian front and the Russian invaders, thousands of animals

were trapped, with little food and water to survive. Against all odds, a courageous team of zookeepers and volunteers risked their lives to embark on a seemingly impossible mission: bring these innocent creatures to safety.

Mid-Festival Feature / Saturday, September 27 – 7:30 pm @ The Firehouse, Come See Me in the Good Light – Trying to contextualize a terminal cancer diagnosis brings heartbreak and heavy realization. Colorado Poet Laureate Andrea Gibson approaches their situation with honesty and art. Alongside their fellow poet partner, Megan Falley, Gibson works toward a big final performance, bringing their spoken word skills to life on another grim topic. The true beauty comes from within their relationship.

Closing Night / Sunday, September 28 – 7:30 pm @ The Firehouse
Memories of Love Returned – On a spring day in 2002, filmmaker

Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine's car broke down in the small town of Mbirizi, Uganda. While waiting for the car's repair, he stumbled upon a small photo studio, where he met the photographer, Kibaate Aloysius Ssalongo, and viewed his work from the last 50 years. This chance encounter evolved into a 22-year journey to document Kibaate's life and legacy, and the profound impact it had on Ntare's life and the lives of Kibaate's entire community.

YES Award

FREE Event / Screening September 26, 2025 @ The Screening Room

The YES Award (Young Emerging Filmmakers Showcase), launched in 2021, serves as a new platform for showcasing the creativity and passion of emerging talents. In year one, only eight entries were received from the limited outreach to 16 local colleges

and universities. Since it has grown to include over 45 submitted entries from more than 60 national colleges and universities, as well as two from countries abroad. Four of the five finalists hail from one of the eight nationally ranked film programs. A blind jury competition selects the winner of a \$1000 first prize. The YES Award is more than just a competition—it's a launching pad for the next generation of cinematic voices.

Short Film Blocks Consult program guild @www.nbptdocufest.org for locations, dates & times.

Our four short 'themed' blocks feature 14 films ranging from 9 to 48 minutes in length.

Block 1 – Substance

Four films focusing on the material world and the meanings it can hold.

Block 2 – Half the Sky

Three films highlighting a few of the myriad ways that women hold up

'half the sky.'

Block 3 – Justice

Two films on the role of the prison system in the modern world and what it should be.

Block 4 – Devotion

Five films on how we dedicate our time and energy, and sometimes our entire lives to one cause.

Up Close and Personal – Meet the Filmmakers

Filmmakers' Roundtable

FREE Event / Saturday, September 27 @ 5:30pm @ The Joy Nest @ the Tannery Complex

Filmmaker's Work-In-Progress

FREE Event / Sunday, September 28 @ 10:30 am @ The Screening Room

TICKETING INFORMATION

Ticket pricing and Festival Passes are available through the Festival's website. Please visit <https://www.nbptdocufest.org>.



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The Georgetown Knights of Columbus and the Georgetown American Legion Post 201 have joined together to create "Flags for the Faithful."

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