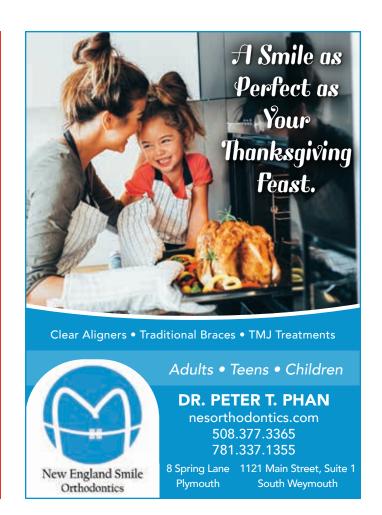




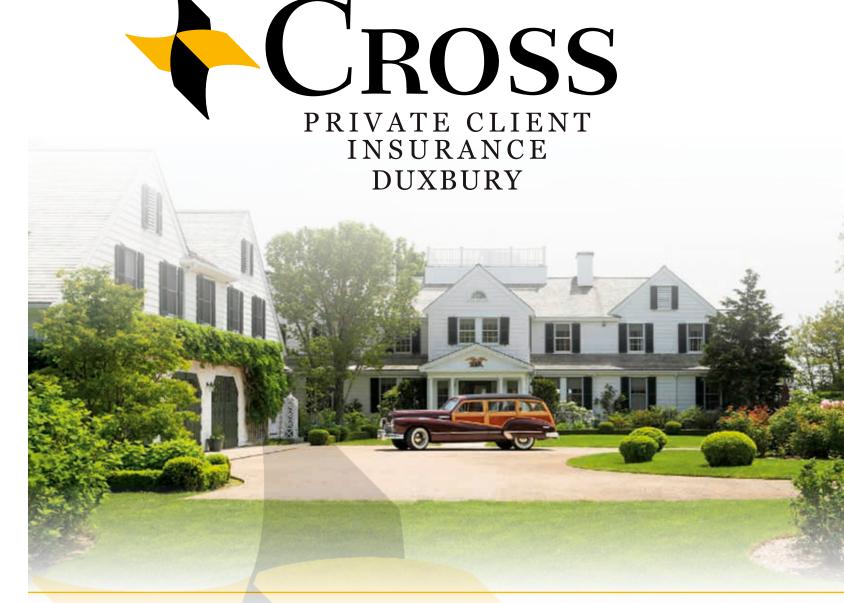
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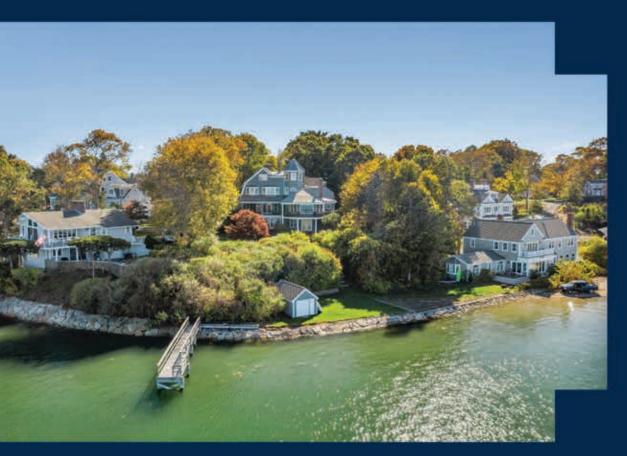
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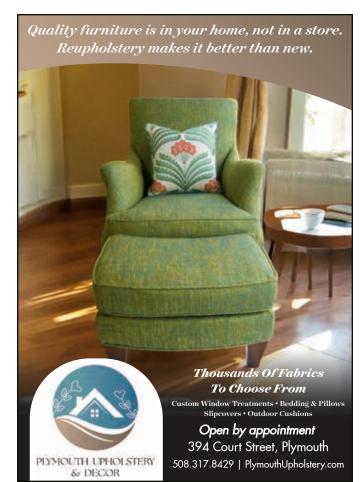
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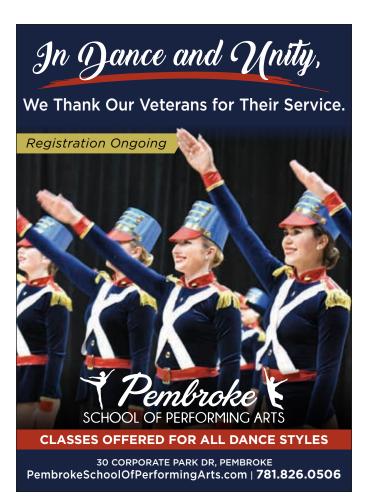
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Having 150 acres, 14 properties, 7 historic buildings, and thousands of collection items is impressive by any measure—but what truly sets the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society (DRHS) apart is how this talented team transforms those assets into experiences that connect our community.



This month, meet Executive Director Sabrina Kaplan and her dynamic team—Cheryl Lalonde, Susie Uitti, Caroline Ravenscroft, and Claire Senatore—who are redefining what a historical society can be. Together, they're turning Duxbury's past into something living, vibrant, and inclusive. Whether through engaging Book Clubs, 5th Grade Bradford House field trips, partnerships with DBMS and the Senior Center, or creative programs like Women at Sea and Holidays at the King Caesar House, they're opening doors—literally and figuratively—to people of all ages.

In the spirit of service this month, I'm also proud to share how N2GIVES, our company's charitable arm, makes a difference through products, profits, and people. We provide free ad space for local nonprofits, donate 2% of our gross revenue to organizations fighting human trafficking (a total of \$26 million over the past six years), and encourage our team to engage in meaningful volunteer work nationwide. Each year, on N2GIVES Day, nearly 800 N2ers give back through blood drives, food donations, volunteering at schools and nursing homes, and other community service activities.

Bringing you this publication and sharing the stories of our residents brings me as much joy as volunteering. Hearing how these stories inspire and connect our community is deeply rewarding — and reminds me of the power of service, leadership, and connection in Duxbury.



If you'd like to volunteer with us or learn more about N2GIVES, please get in touch with me at luci.scott@n2co.com.

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Duxbury Senior Center

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VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT WITH OTHO ESKIN

Duxbury Senior Center Zoom Room

Wednesday, November 19; 3:00 - 4:30pm

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VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK WITH JUNE THOMAS

Duxbury Senior Center

Thursday, November 20; 3:00 - 5:00pm

June Thomas, author of *In a Place of Our Own*, will be joining us on Zoom (from Scotland!) to discuss her book, which celebrates the lesbian spaces that have shaped queer women's culture over the past 60 years. Join us for Mocktails, icebreakers, and discussion!

ART CART DAYS

Art Complex Museum

Saturday, November 22; 1:00 - 3:00pm

Drop in and make some art! Free art activities suitable for all ages. Museum admission is free.

DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION'S CRAFT SHOWCASE

Duxbury Art Association

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Saturday, November 22; 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday, November 23; 11:00am - 3:00pm

Join us on November 23rd & 23rd for the DAA's juried Craft Showcase featuring handcrafted items by over 70 talented artisans from all over New England just in time for the holidays! This special event features unique jewelry, clothing, ceramics, woodworking, home decor, and more. A great opportunity to support small business and find that perfect holiday gift. A \$10 (2 for \$15) admission fee at the door grants full weekend access. Kids under 12 enter free.



49TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT ROAD RACE

Percy Walker Pool

Saturday, November 22; 10am

This is an out-and-back 5k road race held in Duxbury on the Saturday before Thanksgiving for runners of all abilities. (For the safety of all please leave your dogs at home). Participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank. Link to sign up: https://raceroster.com/events/2025/109090/duxbury-recreation-department-49th-annual-turkey-trot-road-race

HOLLY DAYS IN DUXBURY

Sunday, November 30

See duxburyhollydays.com for more details.

AUTHOR LUNCHEON WITH CATHERINE NEWMAN

Duxbury Senior Center

Tuesday, December 2; 1:00 - 3:00pm

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HOLIDAYS AT KING CAESAR HOUSE - MEMBER PREVIEW PARTY

King Caesar House

Friday, December 12; 4:00 - 8:00pm

Women at Sea: Ports of Call: This year's holiday theme celebrates the adventurous women of Duxbury who traveled the world by sea. The holiday party is open to all current members who are asked to register online.

The public will be invited to visit King Caesar House during the weekend. Please visit duxburyhistory.org for more details.









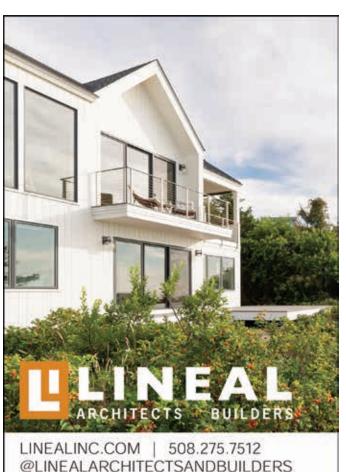


Holly Days Are Here Again

Celebrating 20 years of holiday celebrations!

his year Holly Days is celebrating the 20th annual event on Sunday, November 30th from 12pm-4pm. Visitors of Duxbury often refer to our town as picturesque, quaint, and beautiful. Holly Days accentuates all of that and is a day for everyone to celebrate our beautiful town, exceptional shops, and welcoming community.

Holly Days is a special tradition like no other, linking the villages of Duxbury with activities for the whole family. This local celebration includes festive trolley rides taking participants to the different villages in Duxbury to enjoy photos with Santa, pony rides, crafts and activities at local businesses, music and performances by local ensembles, and lots of holiday cheer. Some local shops offer Holly Days specials and treats so be sure to visit them all. This year participants can expect a special performance with Santa, new activities and special surprise opportunity with Santa.





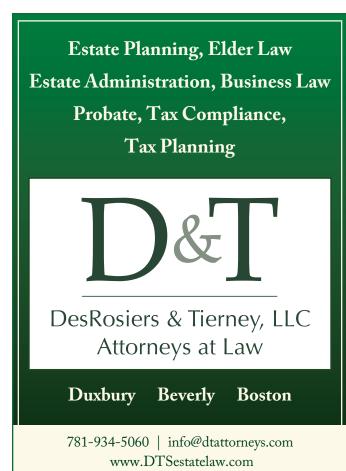














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Happy 75th Duxbury Thrift & Consignment!

BY ELEANOR MCGONAGLE



The extraordinary volunteers of the Duxbury Thrift Shop were featured on the November 2023 Greet Duxbury cover.

rom only two volunteers in 1950 to 72 current volunteers, the joy, camaraderie, and bargains have grown. Those two parent volunteers, from the Duxbury All School Association (now PTA), worked two afternoons in the back of the Home Ec room and distributed a total of \$2,000 in scholarships to college-bound

students needing financial assistance. The Duxbury Thrift Store is a modern, vibrant store open 5 days a week, distributing \$160,000 to 25 students in 2025. The shop has awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarships during its 75 years and was recognized by South Shore Magazine in spring 2025 as the best thrift shop on the South Shore.



25 YEARS OF **VOLUNTEERING!**

Hats off to volunteers Jane Cantwell, Susan Lawrensen, Anne Ellen Nolan, Judy Thomas, Tina Bruce, Joannie Simmons, Carrie Meier, and Linda Cully for their over 25 years of volunteering at the shop! They have made a lasting impact on our community, and we thank them for all they do!

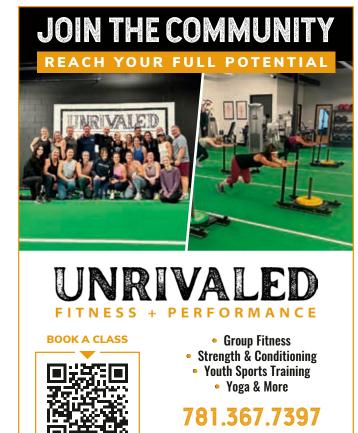
Incorporated in 1973, the nonprofit store has never wavered from its mission of providing financial aid to graduating students and those from Duxbury High School who need financial assistance to continue their education.

The community shares in the shop's success, and the shop appreciates the community's patronage. 40% of earnings from consigned items sold and 100% of revenues from donations sold go directly to the scholarship fund. Our donors, customers, consignors, and volunteers are the backbone of our success. Our donors, customers, consignors, and volunteers are the backbone of our success. Eight dedicated ladies have each volunteered over 25 years to the store: Jane Cantwell, Susan Lawrensen, Anne Ellen Nolan, Judy Thomas, Tina Bruce, Joannie Simmons, Carrie Meier, and Linda Cully. It takes a village!

Stop by the Thrift store and sign a birthday card to celebrate our 75th. Or better yet, there will be a special drawing during Holly Days. Come visit us then, too!







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BY HEATHER NORTH MCGRAW

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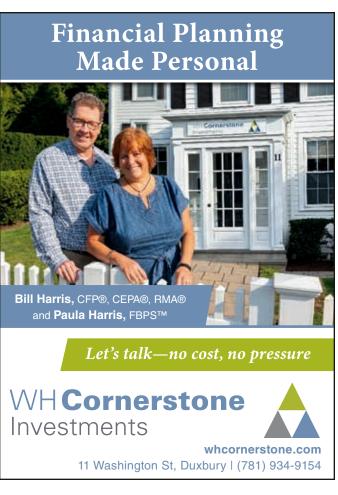
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gesture can impart immeasurable warmth. I know, firsthand, the indescribable power of feeling seen and supported in a moment of need.

Contact duxinterfaithcouncil@gmail.com for more information. All donations should be received no later than December 9, 2025.











Two years ago, I was watching a fast-paced pickleball game showcasing crazy footwork, body rolls across the court, and lots of laughs from all four competitors! Once the game was over, Rob Thomas plopped down next to me on the bench, smiled as he said "Aloha," and instantly we started chatting about our families, hometowns, and eventually our companies.

Fast forward to today... Rob and I have become close friends. We've hung out at après-pickleball events with each other's spouses and kids, and I continue to learn a lot about Rob's family-run business: Marshfield Electric.

Rob and his wife, Cheryl, actually met at Everett High School, and they started dating after graduation. Rob was training to be a journeyman carpenter. After attending the University of Tampa, Cheryl came home and promptly stated to Rob, "I want to move to someplace tropical. Want to move to Hawaii with me?" And so they did...

Rob and Cheryl married in Hawaii. A few years later, their two daughters, Juliet and Gianna, were born as Rob continued to work as a licensed carpenter. After being in Hawaii for over 7 years, Rob's mom was diagnosed with cancer, so Rob, Cheryl, and their daughters moved to Marshfield to be closer to his mother.

Rob just has a passion for learning! He couldn't pass up the chance to train and then work as a Master Electrician, joining the Local 103 Electricians Union. But when the pandemic in 2020 halted most commercial construction in Boston, Rob saw an opportunity to serve local families and business owners with their electrical needs. He thought to himself, "Why not go out on my own?" What started as small electrical jobs quickly grew through word of mouth and community involvement, leading to the creation of Marshfield Electric.

Marshfield Electric is a family-run business. Rob and his two experienced full-time employees provide residential and

commercial electrical services. Cheryl manages the office, and yes, she actually calls you back with a friendly "Aloha." Their business includes electrical troubleshooting, lighting design, electrical service and panel upgrades, home electrical and safety inspections, EV charger and smart home installations, generator installations, and emergency services.

Rob continually researches new technologies to make his clients' lives easier, including the Lutron Caseta smart switches, which connect to a smartphone. He loves Google's Alexa abilities to turn on and off light switches remotely including one's garage light. To add additional security to his own home, Rob uses a wireless "Pico" companion remote that turns on and off lights to simulate the presence of a resident. Rob is currently studying thermography principles, which involve the use of a thermal imager to help diagnose electrical problems before they can be seen by the naked eye, or using traditional electrical testing methods.

Marshfield Electric also installs recessed lighting that is colortone adjustable. These lights have a slider that can be adjusted from a warmer white (2700 K) to a cooler white (5000 K).

As Rob and I have come to know each other over the years, I've learned that he is highly invested in his business, as well as his professional and personal reputation, and his community. He once told me, "Relationships are so very important. Getting to know the families in Duxbury and its surrounding towns has been such an important part of my life. My children are growing up here. I make sure that I try my best to be an upstanding and kind person so that they can naturally do the same themselves. Doing the right thing has grown my business and allowed Juliet and Gianna to thrive in school and on local sports teams. Being part of this community is a privilege that both Cheryl and I take very seriously. I think a little of the Hawaiian Aloha culture has rubbed off on me. Living on an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean really helps you grasp the sense of community or "Ohana" around you. Respect for the "Aina" or the land is something that you must embrace, or you are just not going to make it in business or in life. I try to continue to live daily by those values."

On a personal note, my husband, Jeff, and I have lived and worked in Duxbury for over 21 years. We love the home our son, Camden, grew up in and trust it only to a select group of tradesmen. Rob and his team at Marshfield Electric are included in that coveted group. And that's not just because Rob always makes me smile when he greets me with a neighborly "Aloha."





OLLIE'S MISSION

Pet Ambassador Ollie helps bring community and connection.

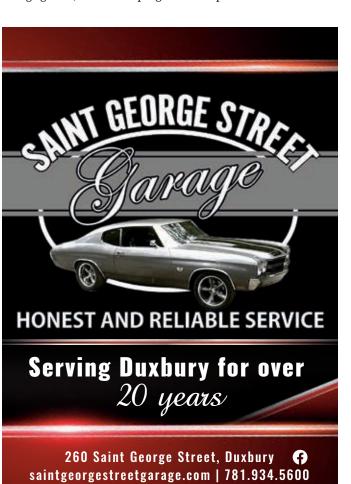
BY OLLIE KOREY, AS TOLD TO ROBERT KOREY

WHOIAM

Hi, I'm Ollie — the namesake of Ollie's Angels Foundation and the proud pup behind its mission. I'm not just a mascot; I'm part of the family that started this foundation in memory of my best friend, Elana. She was my person. The foundation carries her name, her kindness, and her spirit forward.

WHATIDO

I go with my family to community events, college games, and school programs. I help



people feel at ease. Most of the time, folks don't know my story — they just see a friendly dog with big brown eyes and a wagging tail. That's where it starts. My presence opens the door, and then my family shares why I'm there: to honor Elana and to remind people that every choice behind the wheel matters.

WHY IT MATTERS

PRECIOUS PETS

Elana's story is about love, loss, and the importance of looking out for one another. Not everyone knows it when they meet me — but through me, they begin to feel it. My job is to make sure people feel safe enough to listen. Because once they do, hearts open.

MY LATEST MILESTONE

I just earned my Canine Good Citizenship certification! That means I'm officially one step closer to becoming a therapy dog. Soon, I'll be able to visit hospitals, schools, and campuses to bring comfort to others. That's how I'll keep doing what Elana did best — helping people feel loved and seen.

WHAT "LOVE LIKE ELANA" MEANS

It's not just a slogan. It's how my family lives every day. It means showing compassion, being accountable, and spreading kindness — even when life is hard. I help remind people that healing starts with love.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

Ollie's Angels Foundation is about safe driving, empathy, and healing. We partner with MADD Sports and other groups to reach student-athletes and young drivers with a simple message: your choices matter. We also celebrate the bond between people

and animals — because love can reach places words can't.

MY FAVORITE PART

Every time someone kneels down to pet me, I know they're feeling something good — even if they don't know why yet.

I've seen people smile, cry, and laugh. That's when my family steps in to share Elana's story. Together, we bring love and awareness wherever we go.

A MESSAGE FROM OLLIE

You don't need to be famous or perfect to make a difference. You just have to care. If I can do that with four paws and a wagging tail, imagine what people can do when they lead with love.

For more information, please visit Ollies-Angels.org or on Instagram at ollies angels foundation.



PET AMBASSADORS

Elana's love for animals was one of her most beautiful traits. She brought Ollie home from college, filling the Korey family with even more love, joy, and laughter. Elana's kindness inspired those around her-even leading a close friend to adopt their very first dog in Elana's honor.

Ollie's Angels Foundation was created to honor Elana's love, her kindness, and her belief that every life matters. The mission is to spread kindness, promote safer lives, and inspire others to #LoveLikeElana.

The Foundation's Pet Ambassadors celebrate the love Elana found in animals. Visit https://ollies-angels.org/pet-ambassadors for more information.

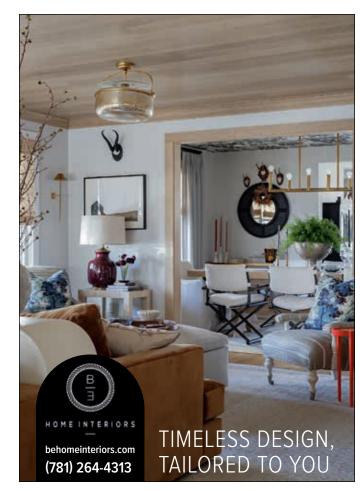
Ollie represents the love, loyalty, and light Elana shared with the world.
 Elana and Ollie at the University of Arkansas just before their family safely drove them home for summer break in Duxbury. They were inseparable. Elana called Ollie her angel, thus Ollie's Angels Foundation.
 The Korey Family





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ALL IN FOR DUXBURY

Friend and Candy Weiler are honored as Duxbury's Volunteers of the Year 2025!

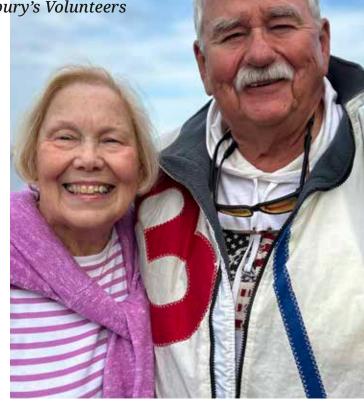
BY MARTHA DENNISON

riend and Candy Weiler were honored as Duxbury
Community Volunteers of the Year at an awards
dinner held on October 20 at The Village at Duxbury in
recognition of the decades-long commitment the couple has
made to Duxbury.

For Candy, a lifelong educator, it naturally started in her sons' classrooms at Chandler School 46 years ago – and she hasn't stopped. Through the years, she helped in Duxbury schools as a classroom volunteer at Chandler and Alden, President of Chandler PTA, member of the Music Promoters, and the DHS School Council. Since her retirement, Candy has focused her efforts at the Senior Center – raising funds with the Friends, co-chairing the annual golf tournament, and serving on the Lifelong Learning Committee.

Candy sees volunteering as a tri-fold opportunity: "As a former educator, I believe that schools could not run as





smoothly as they do without volunteers; it shows your children that helping out in your community is important; and it's a good way to socialize."

Friend Sr, a commercial banker by profession, has been heavily engaged in town governance, with a particular focus on the town's financial well-being, since the 1980s. Starting with co-chairing an Override Committee in 1988, Friend has served on the town's Finance Committee, Conservation Commission, two Government Study Committees, and a Town Manager search, Fiscal Advisory Committee, and Beach Reservation Board, before returning to the Finance Committee, where he currently serves as Vice Chair. Along the way, Friend served in elected positions on the Board of Selectmen and as Town Moderator.

Joanne Moore, Duxbury Senior Center Director, nominated the Weilers for the award, saying that their "legacy in Duxbury isn't just about the many roles they've held ... it's about the enduring impact their time and talents continue to have on our community's spirit."

When asked why he volunteers, Friend replied, "Duxbury is a great place to live and raise a family, but it didn't happen by accident. Volunteering is a way to thank and honor those who have come before us, who gave us this great place to live. It's our obligation and privilege to continue to support the community in any way possible."











ROWING INTO HIGH SCHOOL LIFE

Eliana and Brady find their rhythm on Duxbury Bay.

BY ELIANA DALTON AND BRADY CROSS

Eliana Dalton and Brady Cross are both freshmen at Duxbury High School. They began rowing at Duxbury Bay Maritime School in sixth grade and continued throughout middle school.

When did you start rowing and why?

ELIANA: I started rowing in the 6th-grade middle school program because my friend Clara asked me to sign up with her.

BRADY: During COVID, I started strength and conditioning and found that I really enjoyed working out. By 6th grade, I was interested in learning a new sport that was team-based. My Uncle had rowed in High School and College and relayed stories of how much fun it was to be on the water, so I started with good friends during the winter session and found myself enamored!

What do you compete in?

ELIANA: I compete in the 3V boat on the starboard side.

BRADY: Last year in 8th grade, we competed in one spring regatta where I was three seat in a quad. So far this year, I tend to practice in sixth seat in the novice eight.

What do you love about rowing?

ELIANA: I love being out on the water in Duxbury Bay. I also love the "team" aspect of this group. Even though I am a freshman, the upperclassmen and the coaches are very welcoming and have made me feel like part of the team right from day 1.

BRADY: I like the mental grit it takes to keep rowing. I love giving it my all and seeing how hard I can push myself. It's an extra bonus to get to go on the water every day with friends.

Tell us about practice and meets.

ELIANA: Practices can be hard, especially if it is a force day. I have only been to one regatta, and it was as much fun as it was nerve-racking. My favorite part about rowing is the team. I have made some great friends on the team and they always make practice better. The hardest part is, honestly, keeping a positive mindset, especially during the longer and harder pieces like 5ks.



BRADY: By far the hardest parts of practices are the 2k and 5K pieces, which are meant to improve endurance and mental fortitude. My favorite part so far was when we had an opportunity to compete, as 8th graders, for the first time. On race day, all 4 of us were nervous. However, once we were all on the water, our training showed results, and we flew across the water several lengths ahead of the other boats. It was motivating to want to get back to training and compete again soon.

What have you learned that helps you on the water? And in "real life"?

ELIANA: Something that helps me to focus and perform my best on the water is taking a few strokes to reflect on my technique, timing, and breathing. Getting in time with the person in front of me is very important for my boat, so taking a second to realign myself makes every stroke better. In my daily life, rowing has helped me to work well with others, communicate, and work hard.

BRADY: I think the most valuable lesson from crew is that in order to be successful, you have to learn to work together. You cannot do everything by yourself!

Training in the off-season?

ELIANA: I plan to enroll in the winter conditioning program at the Maritime School. This will help me prepare for spring rowing and keep me in shape for snowboarding.

BRADY: In the off-season I hope to continue at least 3 days of strength and conditioning at DBMS and heading to the gym with friends. I am also looking forward to getting back to skiing on the weekends.

What advice do you have for someone just starting or thinking about rowing?

ELIANA: I would definitely recommend rowing to anyone. If you love to be out on the water in our beautiful bay, and if you want to work hard but also have fun, I would definitely give rowing a try. A tip I would give for new rowers is to make their slide slower than their drive and try not to rush.

BRADY: For those who are just starting out, realize that it is going to hurt, but don't give up. With training, it gets easier and is rewarding!





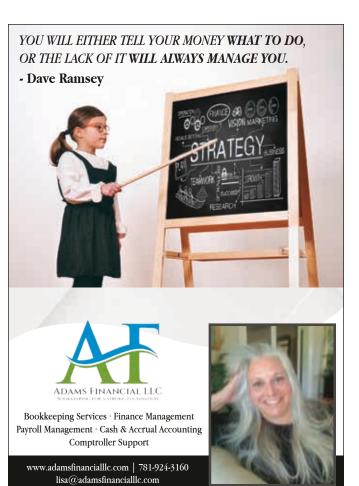
DUXBURY WOODCRAFT

Two friends and a shared passion.

BY DAVID WILLIAMS AND TOM BORG

riends, David Williams and Tom Borg, began helping local friends and neighbors clean up troublesome trees back in 2019. They also decided to salvage the wood by handcrafting tables, wooden bowls and cutting boards. Duxbury Woodcraft was born.

The two businessmen embarked on a transformative journey to become master craftsmen, dedicating themselves to honing their skills and perfecting their craft. Through perseverance and passion, they embraced the artistry of their trades, turning their visions into reality. Their commitment not only redefined their careers but also inspired others to pursue excellence in craftsmanship. Today, they stand as a testament to the power of hard work and creativity.











The two artisans have an online storefront showcasing their beautiful works.

David Williams played several years of NHL hockey followed by a 25 year career on Wall Street and software sales. He has always loved wood working and making things with his hands.

Tom Borg has always been a curious soul. He spent most of his professional career in the North West United States and Far East dominating the Reconstructive Sports Surgery industry. Tom has been a lifelong wood worker and tree enthusiast. He is a talented painter and avid fly fisherman.

The two artisans have an online storefront showcasing their beautiful works. Their bowls, made from a variety of wood, showcase the beautiful imperfections found in nature.

To see more examples of their work, please visit duxburywoodcraft.com.







WHERE PAST & PRESENT MEET

BY DREW THAWLEY, DRHS BOARD MEMBER





Having 150 acres, 14 properties, 7 buildings, and thousands of historical collections items is impressive by any measure; having assets alone is not the only mission of the Duxbury Rural and Historic Society (DRHS). As we know, history left on a shelf is just a book, but when brought to life and when people are given an opportunity to see, feel, learn, and ask questions about history, a deep sense of community and engagement happens. Combine history with beautiful places and shared experiences, and now you've got community development.

That is exactly what the talented staff leading the DRHS today are doing - bringing history, lands, and historic buildings to life to build community. Sabrina Kaplan, Cheryl Lalonde, Susie Uitti, Caroline Ravenscroft, and Claire Senatore are taking things to another level, and they continue to show that the DRHS is not your average historical society.

These five women have a teamwide commitment to engaging more families, more children, and more seniors by opening up DRHS properties and collections with a welcoming

"come check it out, our doors are open" attitude and if you can't get to them, they come to you. The list of opportunities just keeps growing.

NEW WITHIN THE LAST COUPLE YEARS:

- Book Club where historical fiction books with some relevance to Duxbury are chosen and then studied by those lucky enough to register before the Club fills up.
- 5th Grade Field trip to the Bradford House (ever see a group of kids walking across the golf course on Harrison with teachers heading the flock? They're headed to the Bradford House to learn and experience.)
- Partnership with DBMS to bring day-campers to Cedarfield to enjoy open space, learn about the Pilgrims, and play Capture the Flag.
- House Tours, where some of Duxbury's best kept private antique homes are opened for touring, and to learn about the history of the home.
- Textile exhibits at the Library, where volunteers led by Kris Gaskins put together impressive displays that give visitors a first-hand look

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A DRHS book club gathering.



at what it may have been like to live in Duxbury "back then".

- Women at Sea programming that highlights the women who were so integral to Duxbury becoming renowned as a shipbuilding town at the center of a worldwide trade industry.
- The recently opened Harbor Walk that connects Snug Harbor shops to the town dock and boat ramp area.
- Next up Holidays at the King Caesar House, where each room will be set up to represent a "port of call" around the world during the time

Ezra Weston II (King Caesar) and Jerusha Weston were growing their shipbuilding and shipping business.

All of this, and more that word-count won't allow for, is the result of a motivated and mission-focused staff that carry out their work with a fun spirit. Not all of the team is full-time, in fact, only two are. But with limited staff, they expand their impact by recruiting talented volunteers and creating crosscommunity partnerships with the Duxbury Senior Center, DBMS, Duxbury Schools, Duxbury Free Library, and the Wildlands Trust, among others. These partnerships significantly expand the DRHS's reach and contribute to the impressive participation numbers and diversified programming lineup.

While some properties and events can be enjoyed without a personal or family DRHS membership, many others are reserved for members only. Join the other roughly 575 members in town and join today. It's a great value for the cost and opens up so many opportunities throughout the year.

To join the Duxbury Rural and Historic Society and learn more about what this talented team is doing, go to www.duxburyhistory.org. Memberships start at \$45 for seniors and \$55 for those under 65, and \$90 for a family. It's a great investment.



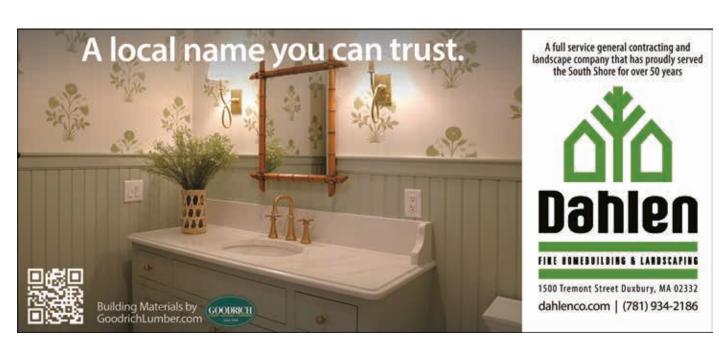


Holidays at King Caesar is one of the most beloved opportunities to showcase the past meeting the present. photo credit: Chris Ruggio

HOLIDAYS AT KING CAESAR

This year's theme, "Women at Sea: Ports of Call," celebrates the adventurous women of Duxbury who traveled the world by sea. The much-anticipated annual event features rooms decorated by volunteers who bring their creativity, passion, and style to create unique visions of the theme.

Beginning with Member-only preview event on Friday, December 12th, and running through the weekend, guests are invited to walk through one of the most recognizable DRHS properties and behold the beautiful designs created by members of the Duxbury community.





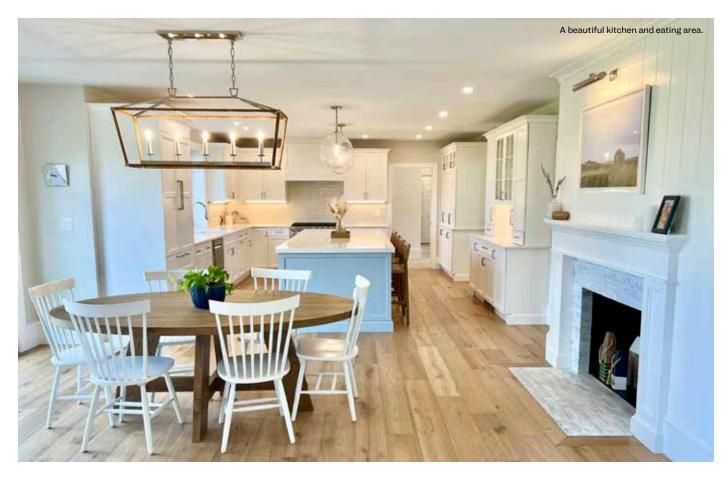




Life on Eagles Nest

The Birnie family's scenic Marshall Street home offers views and so much more.

BY KATIE BIRNIE



Name: Kate and Peter Birnie Address: 10 Marshall Street

How long have you lived in Duxbury? We moved to Duxbury in 2016.

When did you buy your home? We closed in September of 2024, but didn't move in until the first week of December due to renovations.

Is this your forever home? Peter spent much of the past 8 years looking for a home that checked the boxes he knew he wanted and the whole family would love. We both see ourselves staying in this home until the kids move out!

What do you love most about your home? The location! Our backyard overlooks Eagles Nest Bay with

spectacular sunsets. We are also a short walk to Hall's Corner and Peter's office, which is fun and convenient for many reasons. We love how we kept most of the existing floorplan and made it our own – the kids' bathroom was a favorite transformation of ours!

Have you made major changes to your home since you first purchased it?
What was the first thing you wanted to tackle and why? We renovated 90% of the house from floor to ceiling, but building a big mudroom, moving the laundry upstairs, and opening the wall between the kitchen and living room were the main priorities. Our old house lacked a mudroom and laundry room so those were a necessity for me. Our new mudroom has a garage entry plus a front and back door so the kids can

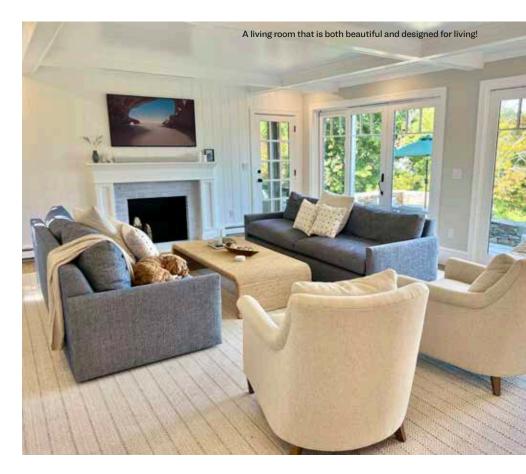


The Birnie family, on their back patio, celebrated their housewarming on July 4th.

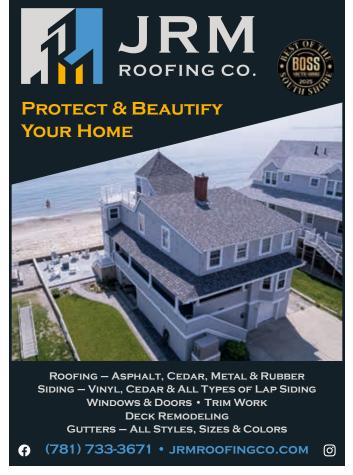
access it from any place in the yard. It also has lockers for each member of the family, along with tons of coat and shoe storage. Opening the wall between the living room and kitchen allowed us to create a large, bright space for gathering and enjoying the views from the many sliders and windows!

How did your young children feel about moving homes? What do they love most about this new home? Both kids were sad to leave the old neighborhood. Our oldest has now come to love the proximity to beaches and exploring the new neighborhood on her bike independently. We converted a den located right off the living room into an arts & crafts room, which our youngest would say is her favorite space in the house!

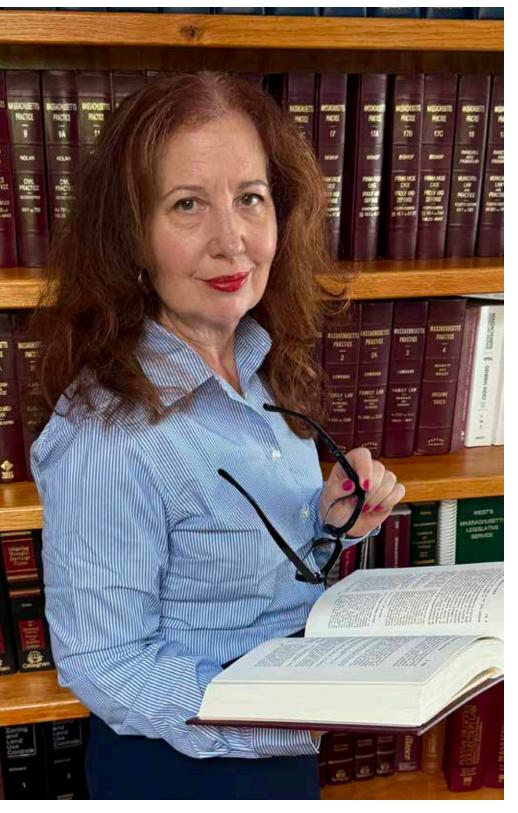
What are you most looking forward to now that you are settled in? A new project! The room above the garage was unfinished when we bought the house, and we wanted to take some time to decide how we would use that space. Starting this Fall, we will be sprucing up the laundry room that we created in that space, adding a bathroom and creating a "bonus room" for kids' sleepovers, parties, etc.







Susannah Brown Attorney at Law GUIDING FAMILIES THROUGH LIFE'S CHANGES BY MICHAEL JENKINS, SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT WRITER





amily life is rewarding and beautiful, but it can also be complicated. When changes such as separation, divorce, or child custody decisions arise, the challenges can feel overwhelming. That's when the guidance of an attorney who understands both the legal process and the personal impact becomes essential. For families on the South Shore, that attorney is Susannah Brown of The Law Offices of Susannah L. Brown

Susannah's mode of speaking is precise and restrained. Instead of talking at length, she focuses on listening and asking good follow-up questions. This made for an informative and engaging interview and it also speaks to how well she builds rapport with her clients. It's a skill she's honed over many years of experience in the legal field, she explained: "I've been practicing law since 1993, and over the last 20 years I've done family law almost exclusively. I enjoy my practice and working with families. I have a background in litigation, so I'm not afraid to go to court if I have to, but I do a lot of mediation and as well." For Susannah, the priority remains her clients and their best interests rather than racking up legal fees: "It's about identifying my clients' goals and how to get them there, not

I think I'm a good listener... Al isn't going to replace me because listening is part of what makes this business work

about spending a lot of time and money in litigation and in court."

We asked her why she made the shift to family law. Her answer reflects a combination of personal realizations and the challenges and joys of professional success: "Having a child motivated my shift to family law. Once I started my own family, my priorities shifted, and I felt that the skills I gained as a parent were invaluable in my practice. Family law issues became more relatable to me." And as those issues became more relatable, her understanding of how they impact her clients grew: "I'm a wife and a mom, so I'm familiar with a lot of the issues around running a family and household. I think I'm a good listener... AI isn't going to replace me because listening is part of what makes this business work."

While her caseload reflects the diversity of issues that can come with family law proceedings, Susannah emphasized that every client is important: "All cases are different, you have big cases and little cases, but for the people going through it's always a big issue to them. They're going through it, so you must respect their priorities and concerns. You also have to treat everyone like they're the most important case in your office. I enjoy the challenge of some of the more complex legal and technical cases, but we treat everyone like they're important; we are patient and empathetic. Some clients are easier than others; some cases do require more complex aspects like bringing in expert witnesses or forensic accountants. We focus on distinguishing between what can be litigated and what can be negotiated while treating every client with care."

With so many delicate issues and legal complexities in play, we asked what advice Susannah has for anyone considering engaging with a family law attorney. She responded with a blend of legal rationality and personal empathy: "It's never too early to come see me. Even if you're not sure what you want to do, information is king. The more you know, the better off you are, so if people have questions, that's a good time to get in touch. They don't have to worry about privacy; it's a

"It's about identifying my clients' goals and how to get them there, not about spending a lot of time and money in litigation and in court."



Madison Shoulla (paralegal), Susannah, Attorney Gina Leahy (of Counsel)

confidential process, and discussing it with someone at the beginning makes more sense. Whether they're doing mediation or a more traditional divorce, it's always good to consult a lawyer at the beginning."

These are sensitive, personal decisions with life-long aftereffects, so having a steady, empathetic guide makes all the difference. Susannah Brown brings decades of legal experience and a grounded perspective shaped by her own life as a parent and spouse. Her approach listening first, advocating always, and shaping solutions to each client's needs—reminds us that family law is about people, not just process. So if

the time has come to make this kind of change, we hope you'll give Susannah Brown a call.

Susannah Brown

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Caitlin receives a Certificate of Awesome from DSU Executive Director Sue Bradford, for her contributions throughout the year.



DISCOVERING MY
BEST SELF AT THE
DUXBURY STUDENT
UNION
BY CAITLIN HELD



Caitlin (front Left) joins her friends to support the Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl

hen my little 9-year-old self was informed that for my time at Alden Elementary, I would be attending the DSU after-school program every day, I was mortified. I had long been accustomed to driving to Chandler with my mom and scurrying around her classroom before she regretfully informed me I had to go to class, and racing back to her at the end of the day to go home.

Now stood before me an unknown life with unknown faces, and I was condemned to conquer all on my own. After the first day of ice breakers and decorating name tags, I trudged towards the rug on which we were informed to meet before making the short walk to the DSU. I was painfully nervous and waited anxiously for a face I could recognize. Then, an unfamiliar yet wonderfully friendly face greeted me, then another, and another. Students and adults that I had never seen introduced themselves with kind smiles and "what's your favorite color" questions, and I was immediately at ease. The first day, I was educated on the art of friendship bracelets and experienced the joy of my first intense game of Capture The Flag, but above all, I was welcomed into a space that I had feared a few hours before.

The Duxbury Student Union is a wonderful place, and I truly believe that it has shaped me into the individual I am today. A

determined student, a compassionate friend, and someone willing to give back. I enjoyed my time at DSU so much to the point of wanting to dedicate my summer Honors Society volunteer hours to being a part of that amazing community once again.

The DSU impacted me on a personal level that I hope every student can experience; for several years and even now, it has offered me valuable life skills and opportunities to grow and change as a person in the best way possible. Having the privilege of attending DSU programs is something I will forever cherish and acknowledge throughout my achievements.

I can confidently say that DSU has made me the successful and motivated person I am today. It taught me how to be confident in not only myself but others, how to be a kind person when needed, and most importantly, how to become the best possible version of myself. I will always consider DSU to be a large part of my life and my second home; the people and the atmosphere have not changed from the inviting nature it had when I was an attendee, and I truly appreciate that and find it just as magical as I did so many years ago.

Regardless of where I end up or who I become, I will always recognize and cherish the experiences I gained from the Duxbury Student Union.

Caitlin Held is a Senior at Duxbury High School. She is a member of the National Honors Society and the National Chinese Honor Society. Caitlin was inducted into the National Art Honor Society. She is a valued member of the DSU community.



ABOUT THE DUXBURY STUDENT UNION

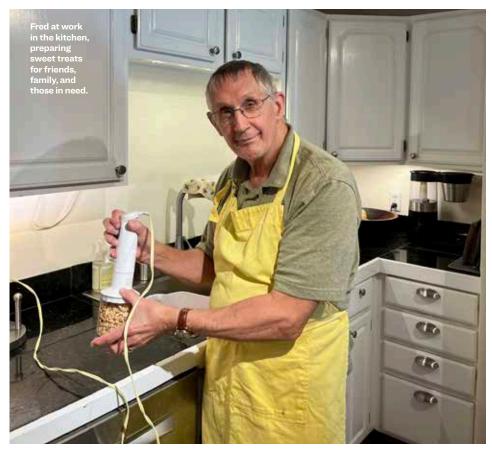
The Duxbury Student Union (DSU) empowers life-ready youth to thrive with purpose, creativity, and compassion. Through dynamic programs, they cultivate essential life skills, nurture authentic learning, and spark curiosity about the world. DSU's vibrant community inspires resilient, self-aware individuals who lead with confidence and contribute meaningfully as global citizens. To learn more about this youth development nonprofit for all Duxbury youth, go to Duxburystudentunion.org



SERIOUS PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

Fred Boericke has a seriously sweet way of giving back.

BY FRED BOERICKE





I STARTED BAKING COOKIES during Covid. It was something to do while "distancing". I would make cookies once a week, and we would travel up to Braintree to see our son and daughter-in-law and two grandsons. We'd meet them on the porch, hand them the cookies, say hello, good-bye, and drive home.

I still enjoy making cookies, but not as often now. We share them with our neighbors, the Pilgrim Church of Duxbury Coffee Hour, and other functions. Pilgrim Church supports the Pine Street Inn, and I make cookies for that (although not this recipe because they don't want any nuts). I try to give as many as I can away, so I don't eat them all. I feel that sharing cookies brings joy to the recipients, and that makes me happy.

Baking for places like Pine Street Inn and other shelters is a great opportunity for anyone who likes to cook and support those who need a hand.

Ingredients

- 13/4 Cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- 3/4 tsp baking powder
- 11/4 tsp salt
- 1 1/4 Cups roasted salted peanuts coarsely chopped in the food processor
- 10 Tbsp unsalted butter at room temperature cut into 10 pieces

- 2/3 Cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 Cup light brown sugar
- 1 large egg plus 1 large yolk at room temperature
- 11/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 Cup chunk peanut butter (Natural, such as Teddy, well blended at room temperature)
- ½ Cup of granulated sugar in a shallow dish

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Directions

- 1. Coarsely chop 1 1/4 cup salted peanuts in a food processor
- **2.** In a large bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt.
- 3. Add the chopped peanuts and stir to combine.
- 4. In a mixer, beat the butter until creamy, about 1 ½ minutes.
- **5.** Stop the mixer and add the sugars and beat at mediumhigh speed until pale and fluffy (about 3 minutes), stopping occasionally to scrape down the sides with a flexible spatula.
- **6.** Add the egg, yolk, and vanilla, and continue beating to incorporate; scrape down the sides of the bowl.
- **7.** Add the peanut butter and continue beating to incorporate. Scrape down the sides of the bowl.
- **8.** Add the flour mixture a cup at a time, beating at low speed to incorporate. Do not over mix.
- **9.** Scrape the bottom of the bowl and knead once or twice to make sure all the flour and peanuts are incorporated.
- **10.** Cover and refrigerate for 2 to 24 hours (if desired).
- 11. Preheat oven to 375°.
- 12. Rest dough at room temperature for 15 minutes.
- $\textbf{13.} \ \mathsf{Line} \ \mathsf{two} \ \mathsf{cookie} \ \mathsf{sheets} \ \mathsf{with} \ \mathsf{parchment} \ \mathsf{paper}.$
- **14.** Scoop 2 ½ Tbsp portions of dough and roll into balls and place on baking sheet. Flatten slightly.
- **15.** Press the top of each cookie with the back of a fork to flatten and make a cross-hatch design.
- **16.** Dip fork in the shallow dish of sugar between cookies to keep fork from sticking.
- 17. Cook for 6 minutes
- **18.** At 6 minutes, swap and rotate upper and lower sheets. Cook for another 6 minutes.
- **19.** Repeat this process until all cookies done. Cookies should be slightly brown around the edges. Adjust time if necessary.

CHEF'S NOTES: The ingredients yield about 3 dozen 2-inch cookies. Because they're a bit crumbly and fragile, allow them to cool slightly before transferring to a cooling rack or newspaper.







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