

# ‘Our Town! Adventures in Richmond History’ set for Dec. 11

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The Our Town! Adventures in Richmond History, set for Dec. 11, features the mill dance. From left are Richmond’s Marcia Buker Elementary School fourth graders Khloe Bailey, Layla Smith, Sophia Miller, Tressa Farnsworth, Lela Lemons Peterson, Savannah Farrington and Leila Stack. *Ed Friedman photo*

RICHMOND — Friends of Merrymeeting Bay’s third presentation of its 28th annual Winter Speaker Series, “Our Town! Adventures in Richmond History,” features the Piti Theatre Company and the 2023-24 fourth graders of Richmond’s Marcia Buker Elementary School.

Presentations, held via Zoom, are accessible at the top of [fomb.org](http://fomb.org). This event is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11.



Ice harvesting from left are Marcia Buker Elementary School fourth grade students Evelyn Alexander, left, and Nolan Terry. *Ed Friedman photo*

This program premieres the “living history” streaming theatre-meets-documentary work FOMB and Piti Theatre did in early 2024 with the students. The project looks at historical, cultural and social roots of contemporary environmental challenges in Merrymeeting Bay and around mid-coast Maine through the lens of local history — in this case ice harvesting, dairy farming, ship building and spinning mills, topics chosen by the students, according to a news release from Ed Friedman with Friends.

In collaboration with Piti Theatre Company (via a one week residency and more), the program produced film, songs, script, and research becoming a resource for local schools, colleges, libraries, historical societies and conservation groups. The FOMB 2024 spring newsletter features a story on the Richmond project.

Speaker Series presentations are free.

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