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Buxton Unites: A Summer Celebration of Arts, Alumni, and Action

Welcome to the Buxton School Alumni Reunion!

August 9 -11, 2024

Schedule of Events

Please Note: The schedule is subject to change.

Friday, August 9th:

- All day: **Registration.** Check in and get your welcome packet. *Main House Porch*
- 9:00am - noon: **Rebuild the Buxton Patio!** Join us for the first session of this work program activity. Our Board of Trustees is leading the charge as we work to create a more beautiful and well-maintained Buxton. With the help of our Grounds crew, we will be laying the stones for a renewed Main House patio. *Main House Patio*
- 11:30am - 1:30pm: **Kick Off Lunch.** Join fellow reunion early-birds for a fun, casual lunch! Early arrivals can enjoy a DIY sandwich and salad bar. *Dining Room*
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm: **Continued: Rebuild the Buxton Patio!** Join us for the second session of this work program activity. *Main House Patio*
- 4:00pm: **Reunion Reconnect and Refreshments.** Catch up with friends while enjoying light snacks and refreshing non-alcoholic beverages. Feel free to BYOB! *Main House Porch*
- 5:30pm: **Campus Tour.** Explore the campus with one of our most recent graduates and newest alums, Owen Hindes '24. If it's been a while since your last visit, get the latest updates and a fresh perspective. Or, share your own experiences with him and others as you roam campus. *Meet on the Main House Porch.*
- 6:30pm: **Welcome Back Cookout!** Join us on the Senior Lawn for a lively cookout with burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, and more. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. BYOB and bring your festive spirit! *Senior Lawn. Rain plan: Dining Room*
- 8:00pm (approx): **Trivia and Game Night.** Celebrate the evening with Buxton Board of Trustees President Jessie Mezzacappa '85 and Buxton School Alum Association (BSAA) Board Chair Moya Hallstein '87, who will host a trivia game with some fun, small prizes! Prefer board games? We've got plenty to choose from. Bring a beverage (or two) and get ready for a fun-filled night. *Dining Room, Billiard Room, and Studs*

Saturday, August 10th:

- All day: **Registration.** Check in and get your welcome packet. *Main House Porch*
- Meet the BSAA!** Learn about the Buxton School Alum Association (BSAA), chat with current Board members, and explore ways to get involved, including upcoming Board elections or by participating in a committee. Or share your ideas! Check out some new BSAA swag while you're here! *Main House Porch*
- 9:00am - noon: **Rebuild the Buxton Patio!** Continue with Day 2 of this work program activity. Help us enhance the grounds for future Buxton students and be part of making a lasting impact. *Main House Patio*
- OR**
- Archive Digitization with Margo Cardner.** Need a less strenuous work program activity? Join Buxton Archivist Margo Cardner to scan old yearbooks and help digitize our archives. It's a great way to contribute while preserving our history. *Library Admissions Office*
- 11:30am - 1:30pm: **Lunch Break.** Step away from the hard work and head to the Dining Room for a festive and relaxed lunch. Enjoy a delicious meal and recharge for the rest of the day! *Dining Room*
- Afternoon Art-Making Opportunities:***
- 12:30pm - 2:00pm: **Printmaking Workshop with Frank Jackson, Buxton Faculty in the Arts:** Dive into creativity with a hands-on printmaking workshop led by Frank Jackson, a longtime faculty member in the arts at Buxton. Explore a simple printmaking technique, get your hands dirty, and learn from an experienced artist. *Arts Building*
- Afternoon TBD: **Ceramics Workshop.** We are excited to announce a creative ceramics workshop led by Olivia Brooks, Class of 2012. Exciting details coming soon! Stay tuned. *Ceramics Studio*
- 2:00 - 5:00pm: **Photograms and Cyanotypes:** Begin with a tutorial on cyanotypes (sun prints), and then, weather permitting, head outside to create your own! Alternatively, stay indoors to learn about and make photograms in the darkroom. This workshop will be led by Buxton friend Daniele Frazier, a Brooklyn-based artist originally from Mill Valley, California. A Cooper Union School of Art graduate, Daniele creates public artworks, sculptures, and drawings that blend formal aesthetics with socially-engaged, research-based themes like ecology, climate change, and social critique. Her work has been showcased in notable parks, galleries, and museums in NYC, as well as internationally. *Arts Building*
- Afternoon Kitchen Krew Opportunity:***
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm: **Relive your Buxton Experience on the Kitchen Krew!** Step back into your student shoes and help our chef, Greg Roach, prepare Saturday night dinner for your classmates. Dive into the kitchen action, get everything prepped and ready, and then join the next event. If you'd like to help serve the food, please return to the kitchen by 5:30pm. *Kitchen*

Saturday Evening: All Together Again

- 4:30pm - 6:00pm: **BSAA Happy Hour.** The BSAA is thrilled to host a reunion happy hour! Enjoy a selection of beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, and light snacks while mingling with fellow alums. Meet members of the BSAA board, learn more about their initiatives, and catch up with old friends. ***Lawn Outside of New Building (Classroom Building). Rain Plan: English Classroom.***
- 5:00pm: **WHOLE GROUP PHOTO!** Our photographer will be on hand at the BSAA Happy Hour to capture a memorable group photo at 5:00pm. Make sure to be there so we can get everyone in the shot and preserve this special moment!
- 6:00pm: **Buxton-Style Dinner.** Join us for a taco fiesta prepared by your classmates in collaboration with the kitchen staff. Celebrate their efforts and savor this delicious homemade meal. Sip on beer, wine, or a selection of non-alcoholic beverages over a reminiscent Buxton-style meal. ***Dining Room or Senior Lawn***
- 8:00pm: **Dancing through the Ages.** Lace up your dancing shoes and head to the theater for a lively dance party! Enjoy a musical journey from the 60s to today. Bring your own beverages and your best dance moves. ***Buxton Theater***
- 9:30pm: **Late Night on the Soccer Field.** Join the night owls for a cozy fire and late-night revelry. Bring your instruments, stories, and your own libations for an evening of relaxed fun. ***Soccer Field***

Sunday, August 11th:

- 9:00am: **Campus Tour.** Another opportunity to explore the campus with one of our most recent graduates and newest alums, Owen Hindes '24. Enjoy a conversational walkthrough from a fresh perspective, or share your own experiences as you look back at your time on campus. ***Meet on the Main House Porch.***
- 9:30am - noon: **Farewell Brunch.** Gather for one last meal with your classmates and savor classic Buxton breakfast favorites—McBuxttons, waffles, eggs, and more. This is your chance to soak in those last moments together and catch up with friends who might be heading out early. ***Dining Room***
- 11:30am - 12:30pm: **A conversation with Former Director Bill Bennett and new Head of School John Barrengos.** Join us for an engaging discussion blending history and vision. Hear from Bill Bennett, who devoted 44 years to Buxton as a teacher and served as its sole director for 25 years and co-director for five years. He will be joined by John Barrengos, who began his role as Head of School on July 1st and brings extensive experience to the position. Come prepared with questions and be ready to participate in this insightful conversation. ***Billiard Room***

All Weekend Long:

- **Refreshment Station.** A non-alcoholic beverage station will be available all weekend at the Main House!
- **Spouse & Family Lounge: A Break from the Buxton Buzz.** Need a breather from the Buxton excitement? Hosted by Gretchen Fincke and the BSAA, the

Library will be a cozy haven with couches, coffee, tea, and refreshments. Perfect for those who need a moment to escape the action and recharge. Because even the most enthusiastic event-goer needs a little downtime! *Library*

- **Support Buxton with Art.** We are excited to present an incredible opportunity to support Buxton, courtesy of **Joan Levy Hepburn**, Class of 1972. Joan, a seasoned painter and musician, found her time at Buxton life-altering, especially through her mentorship with the legendary artist Willem de Kooning. Her iconic artwork, "**The View From the Wall**," is cherished by the Buxton community. Joan is generously offering giclee prints of this stunning piece in various sizes, up to the original 4x4 feet, with pricing and sizes to be announced soon. These prints are a beautiful addition to any space and a meaningful way to give back to Buxton. The original artwork will be on display during the reunion, and Joan will be present on Saturday to meet attendees. 100% of the profits will benefit Buxton School. *Main House*
- **Explore the Clark Art Institute!** Take a few hours to immerse yourself in art with free passes to the Clark Art Institute from Friday, August 9th, to Sunday, August 11th (kids always get in free!). Enjoy the art exhibitions and don't miss the glass blowing demos happening all weekend as part of the Corning Glass exhibition. A perfect way to blend culture and creativity during your stay in Williamstown. For a full list of exhibitions and hours, visit www.clarkart.edu/. *Clark Art Institute*