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MIDCOAST SENIOR COLLEGE PRESENTS

WINTER WISDOM 2026

Wednesdays Afternoon Speaker Series 1:00—2:15 p.m.

- January 7, 2026** **Sean Fleming and Red Hot Peppers Band – Ragtime from its Beginnings through the 1920s**
Sean and his ensemble return for an exploration of the evolution of ragtime through the early part of the 20th century. **At Unitarian Universalist Church Brunswick**
- January 14 2026** **Geoffrey Doughty: Maine Railroads – When the Good Times Rolled**
Maine's seven postwar-era railroads, the rail industry's prosperity up to 1980, its subsequent downfall, and the current network of Maine's rail service. **At Brunswick United Methodist Church**
- January 21, 2026** **Susan Flewelling Goran: Humor – Not Just a Laughing Matter**
Experts recommend a healthy diet and ongoing exercise to enhance our well-being in the aging process, but what about the role of humor? **At Brunswick United Methodist Church**
- January 28, 2026** **James L. Nelson: The 300 Year Invasion – The Vikings' Influence on Ireland**
In the late 8th century, raiders from the North sacked the unsuspecting monastery at Lindisfarne on the coast of Ireland, the first stroke in a centuries-long conflict. **At Brunswick United Methodist Church**
- February 4, 2026** **Longfellow Days – A Poet's Dilemma**
Longfellow Days' theme, "Finding Your Voice" will gather three local poets for a humorous presentation of the poet's extra challenge in sharing any poem aloud. **At Unitarian Universalist Church Brunswick**
- February 11, 2026** **Karen Tilberg: Loving the North Woods – 25 Years of Conservation in Maine**
The state's conservation successes between 1990 and 2015, during which time of forest ownership changes Maine went from about 5% to 20% being conserved in some manner. **At Brunswick United Methodist Church**

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