



# BENNINGTON BULLETIN



## Soup's On!

This term, students in Yoko Inoue's Make Kitchen Communal course have weekly served delicious, nutritious soups made from local ingredients to essential staff on campus. Currently, they are preparing to sell their soups as part of a fundraiser from May 18-20 to provide fresh and local produce and meat to students remaining on campus who are unable to return home this summer. [Read more](#) about this project, and [purchase soup tickets](#).



## Exhibitions

J Stoner Blackwell recently opened two exhibitions in New York City and Bennington. Their two-person show with artist Masamitsu Shigeta at [Situations](#) gallery continues until May 22. Blackwell's exhibition at the [Bennington Museum](#), entitled *NEVERUSES:BEYONDER*, runs through September 6. *NEVERUSES:BEYONDER* is a site-specific installation consisting of hundreds of single-use plastic bags stitched together and suspended from the ceiling. Blackwell will give a [virtual talk](#) about the exhibition on June 1.



## Best! Letters from Asian Americans in the Arts

Available for [preorder now](#), this collection features contributions from Jen Liu and Mary Lum. *Best!* is a collection of seventy-three letters written in 2020 that captures an unprecedented moment in politics and society through the experiences of Asian-American artists, curators, educators, art historians, editors, writers, and designers.



## Forest Road

The latest music video of the Korean band Earthbound [stars](#) Kota Yamazaki, a current Guest Artist in Dance.

## Barn Renovation Update

Construction of the Barn (the section that was lost to the fire two years ago) has been steady all winter and spring. The second floor exterior walls are in place and interior second floor walls will be placed at the beginning of next week. In the coming weeks, we will be able to backfill around the foundation and begin installation of structural timbers salvaged from the original structure.

and roof members. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact [Holly Andersen](#) at x4369. Photo updates [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

### Construction Notice

On Monday, May 17, the contractor will be working in the road between the campus safety booth and the barn project. One lane of traffic will be open at all times. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to [Holly Andersen](#) at x4369.

### Cast Your Vote

SEPC Elections are happening now! If you are a student, please [check out the candidates and vote](#) for Discipline Representatives for the 2021-2022 Academic Year!

The [Student Educational Policies Committee \(SEPC\)](#) is an integral part of the Bennington education. Historically, it has existed as a vessel for a responsive curriculum, allowing students to shape their academics and experience at the college. We represent the student body on matters of academic policy, working to communicate and collaborate with students, faculty, and administration on academic matters at the classroom, discipline, and institutional levels. If you would like to learn more about SEPC, or if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to [email us](#)!

### Call for FYF Workshops: Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

First-Year Forum is a 1-credit fall and spring term course that all first-year students are required to take. It is made up of two core components, including an hour-long weekly workshop led by faculty, staff, or upperclassmen students on campus. These workshops give students an opportunity to access campus support, meet faculty, staff, and more advanced students, and explore interests and try new things. If you have an idea for a FYF workshop that you would like to offer for the Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 terms, please complete [this Google Form](#) by Monday, May 31.

If you have questions or concerns, email [Kate Child](#) to talk through the FYF workshop structure. We would love to hear from you and hear your ideas. Please note that space to offer FYF workshops is limited, especially in the Spring term.

### Attention 2021 Grads and Faculty!

Communications is compiling an article about the accomplishments of 2021 grads, and we invite you to share your work and accomplishments from your time at Bennington—and any post-graduate plans! We are also asking faculty to share students' accomplishments, so we can reflect all that this class has achieved. Please [email Communications](#) by Friday, May 28.

### Welcome, New Alumni!

Seniors, on May 19 from 2:00-4:00 pm and May 20 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Alumni Relations will be tabling outside of Commons to give graduating seniors their "welcome to the alumni community" gifts. Learn how to stay connected with Bennington after graduation, and stop by to claim your pint glass, sticker, and maple lollipop!

### Career Launch

Starting June 14, the College will be partnering with the [Career Launch](#) Program, which will provide 25 Bennington students the skills to effectively communicate with professionals in and out of their network, land informational interviews, referrals, and rich internship opportunities. Upon completion, we will work with this cohort to align their skills and experience with paid opportunities from hand-selected employers. In the latest episode of [Career Convos](#), Career Counselor Jocelyn Salcedo '18 speaks with Partner & Director of Impact Marieli Rubio about the program, professional relationships, and how to boost confidence.

### Call for Photos Extended!

Students are invited to [participate in](#) our new (student reporter-led) photo contest, Frames. The theme for our first edition is Bloom. You don't need to be a professional to enter, so don't hesitate. We will feature the selected finalists on our official Instagram and website galleries, and most importantly *Bennington* magazine. Finalists will also be awarded with a bookstore gift card. Multiple submissions are welcome! Submit your best "Bloom" photos by **Monday, May 17 at 4:00 pm**.

### Promoting Events

To ensure your June event is considered for inclusion in local media listings, be sure to [submit to the online calendar](#) by the middle of this month, noting that the event is open to the public.

### Suggestion Boxes

Please share your thoughts about working at Bennington by submitting comments [electronically](#) or in the black boxes marked "Staff Feedback" located in Buildings & Grounds, and the staff kitchen on the second floor of the Barn. Submissions are anonymous, if you choose.

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### Event Series

[Check out the series happening this term.](#)

May 14  
Secret Garden

### *Salt Off a Bird's Tail*

8:30–10:00 AM	CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY   A play by Ruby Lee Lowenstein. Directed by Joshua Goldberg. <a href="#">More.</a>
May 15 Observatory 9:30–11:00 AM	<b>Plant Walking with Kerry Woods</b> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   Identify Spring Blooms with our Ecology Professor, Kerry Woods! Meet us at the Observatory at 9:30 am on Saturday to learn to walk and talk with plants. <a href="#">More.</a>
May 15 Virtual Event 10:00 AM-5:30 PM	<b>Bennington Local Food Summit</b> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   As part of Bennington College's three-year grant from the Mellon Foundation to address food insecurity in Bennington County, the College will be hosting a Bennington Local Food Summit. The day will begin with a virtual keynote address, followed by panel discussions with gardeners, regenerative agriculture experts and local food advocates, and an art installation. <a href="#">More.</a>
May 15 Virtual Event 2:00–3:00 PM	<b>We Are Better Together Support Space</b> CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY   A space for students to connect with Kat Daley (MSW, Student Health Center) and Ali Tartaglia (Director for Student Health Promotions). Drop in and connect or stay the whole time! <a href="#">More.</a>
May 15-16 Bennington Campus 8:30-9:30 PM	<b>The Amish Project</b> CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY   <i>The Amish Project</i> tells the story of the fictionalized aftermath of the 2006 Nickel Mines, PA, Amish schoolhouse shooting. <a href="#">More.</a>
May 16 VAPA Lester Martin Theater 2:00-3:00 PM	<b>Independent Works Club</b> CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY   Weekly club meeting to support independent projects within the drama community. We will read plays, workshop scenes, provide a space for developing advanced work, invite professors and peers for feedback sessions and showcases, and more! <a href="#">More.</a>
May 18 Virtual Event 7:00-8:00 PM	<b>Untitled Queen</b> <b>Part of VALS</b> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   This week's VALS guest is Matthew de Leon, also known as Untitled Queen, an artist, a child of Boriquen and the so-called Philippines, drag queen, poet, decolonizer, and community organizer based on the stolen land of the LenapeHoking, so-called Brooklyn, NY. <a href="#">More.</a>
May 19 Virtual Event 3:00-4:00 PM	<b>Staff Shared Governance Zoom Drop-in Hour</b> CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY   As the Bennington community moves toward a more holistic model of decision-making through Shared Governance to include staff voices, we seek your input and guidance on building the framework and system of aligning priorities. These regularly held drop-in discussions will provide a chance for the staff reps on the Shared Governance Task Force to share updates, elicit feedback from you, and to exchange ideas. <a href="#">More.</a>
May 19 Virtual Event 3:00-4:00 PM	<b>COVID-19 Vaccine Information Open Hour with Drs. Tartaglia and Anselmo</b> CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY   Do you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccines? Feel free to drop in to the weekly Zoom call for evidence-based answers from the medical experts. <a href="#">More.</a>
May 19 Virtual Event 7:00-8:00 PM	<b>Fierce Poise</b> CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY   President Laura Walker, Alexander Nemerov, and Lise Motherwell '77 discuss <i>Fierce Poise: Helen Frankenthaler and 1950s New York</i> . <a href="#">More.</a>
May 20 Crossett Library 6:00-7:00 PM	<b>Senior Thesis and Projects Reception</b> CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY   The staff of Crossett Library announce the 2021 Senior Theses and Projects reception. Due to COVID-19 limitations, attendance is limited to the seniors who have submitted theses and projects being honored and members of the faculty. <a href="#">More.</a>
May 21 VAPA Lawn 9:00-10:00 PM	<b>Animation Showing</b> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   Come check out what Seniors and other students have done in Animation!