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WINTERFEST, February 6 and 9-10, 2019

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WINTERFEST invites everyone of all ages to Hampton, February 9-10, for a weekend of entertainment! Fend off winter blues and boredom in this new extravaganza of puppetry, storytelling, music, and winter spectacle! All events are free.

February 6

6:30 PM, Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main Street

Come to a hands-on presentation, "Puppets and Masks for Ritual and Ceremony across the World." Derron Wood, Artistic Director of Flock Theatre, New London will bring examples of masks and puppets for attendees to examine and play with. Refreshments will be served. The event is appropriate for adults and older children.

February 9

4:00 PM, Hampton Community Center, 179 Main Street

PUPPET SLAM-- a puppetry revue from soup to nuts masterminded by Flock Theatre of New London, CT

The evening will feature performances by Hampton Elementary and Parish Hill Middle-High students. These students have studied shadow puppetry with Flock Theatre Master Teaching Artists.

February 10

2:30 PM, Hampton Community Center, 179 Main Street

DIXIELAND BAND CONCERT

US Coast Guard Band

The best antidote to cold temperatures just might be hot licks from this famous ensemble.

The U. S. Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band has performed classic jazz, blues, and "rags" with a New Orleans flavor since 1970. In its nearly fifty-year history, the six-member ensemble has performed across the United States in famed venues like the Preservation Hall and the Kennedy Center and internationally in the former Soviet Union, England, Japan, and Taiwan.

4:00 PM, Community Center grounds (between Town Hall and the Community Center)

ICE SKATING AND FROZEN BONFIRE

Weather permitting, there will be ice skating on a portable rink on the ball field, warmed by cider and other treats. A dramatic "frozen bonfire" will be ignited to fend off the chill and the dark of midwinter. All sorts of Flock cavorting puppets will circulate the grounds.

All are welcome! All events are free!

Any schedule changes due to weather will be posted on the Town website, www.hamptonct.org.