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# SOLOMON WRIGHT

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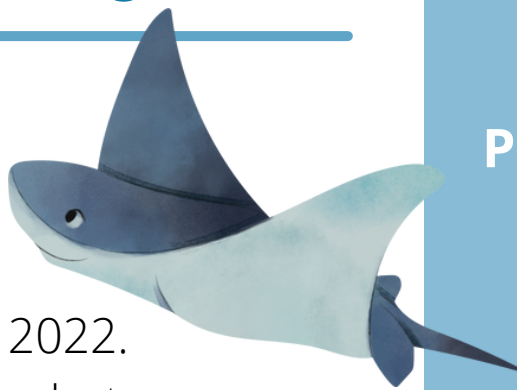
**Look for the  
SWPL at these  
upcoming local  
events:**

### Summer Reading 2022

Summer Reading at the SWPL is all about "Oceans of Possibilities" in 2022.

Come to the library between June 13 - July 2 to sign up as a Summer Reader and pick up a

calendar of events. We look forward to sea-ing you there!



**May 14, 2022**

**12 - 3pm**

**Pownal Elementary**

**PTG Spring Fest**

at the Pownal  
Elementary School

**June 4, 2022**

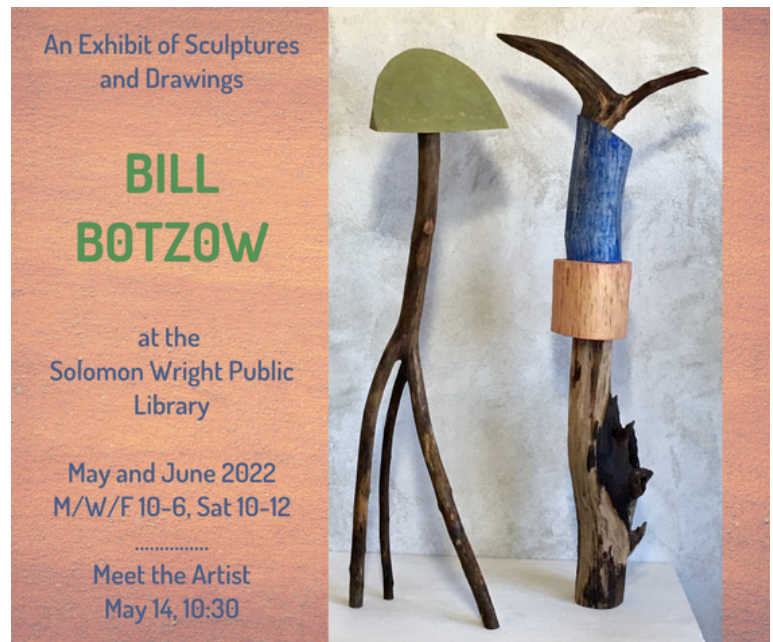
**10am-1pm**

**Bennington Farmers  
Market**

<https://www.benningtonfarmersmarket.org/>

# ART AT THE SWPL

I am grateful to the Solomon Wright Public library for this opportunity to share some of my work with the people of Pownal and our region. For this exhibition I've chosen drawing books from the 1980s to the present and small sculptures from recent years as well as a few wall pieces. The drawing books are largely quick observations of what I see daily out the window or notations from travels. The small sculptures mostly use materials I find through working in the woods cutting my firewood and restoring our small woodland.



My overall interest as a rural artist is our connection to the places we inhabit and hopefully honoring those places by witnessing their energy and improving their health.

I have been making visual art since the 1960s. For most of that time I have lived in Pownal. Prior to making a home here I lived and worked in other rural areas and small towns in West Virginia, Arizona, Oregon, Montana, Colorado, and New York. I have been fortunate to exhibit my work in galleries, museums, colleges, and universities regionally and nationally as well as in non-conventional settings such as parks, rivers, churches, old mills, arboretums, and town forests.

-Bill Botzow

## WELCOME NEW TRUSTEE JIM BOUTIN:

I have joined the board because I find community service challenging, educational, and socially rewarding. Sharing ideas and aspirations with colleges that turn into assets such as the Solomon Wright Library truly enriches the culture and citizens of Pownal. I also find the current trustees and director of the Library to be very dynamic and aggressive in promoting its use. I look forward to working with them.



My experiences includes being a board member of the "Friends of Pownal", a facilitator for the Pownal Community Development Project, a member of the Pownal Elementary School Board, former chairman of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School Distinct Board of Directors, former Director of Technology Services for the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union, 20 years as an Industrial Arts instructor at MAUHS, and 33 years part time soldier with the Vermont National Guard. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and a Masters in Instructional Technology.

Being retired I enjoy reading, especially historical fact and fiction but occasional fantasy and sci-fi. My hobbies include viticulture and winemaking, working in the mechanic and wood shops in my barn, and of course golf.

-Jim Boutin