

The Pemaquid Point Association SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER

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The President's Message

from Bill Worth

Aside from a brush with a Noreaster last fall, the Point has shrugged off near record low temperatures and snow fall (at least at this mid February writing). I hope your houses have held up through it all.

Our locals, Bob Kline, Mark Eelman, and Roy Gauntt, have been great about coordinating a suitable response to any future weather, or other emergency, occurring on the Point. John and Pat Porter continue to help: John with this newsletter; and Pat with signage issues and committee work. I thank them all.

Early last fall we board members had a meeting. One of our topics was the possibility of starting an annual walking tour of members' homes. The general idea would be to have five or six homes open on a summer Saturday afternoon. The homes would have some common theme (age, gardens, location, history, architecture). The tour would be open to members only. Tickets would be sold, and proceeds given to a worthy cause.

What really seemed to appeal to us was the chance to connect in a new way with each other, and to raise funds for something really meaningful.

A small committee (Laurie Worth, Sally Hovey, and Anne Ogden) is in the process of forming. They will begin to explore possible themes, contact members about use of their homes, set a date, set ticket prices, etc., after they get feedback from members.

Please e-mail the committee, via Laurie's e-mail lrworth@verizon.net, and let them know what you think about the idea.

Spring is coming. Crocuses and Snow Drops are pushing up their heads, and geese are beginning to pair up down here in PA. I often think of Maine, and the Point, and I look forward to some great bike rides, and seeing old friends again.

Bill is a retired accountant, and private school business manager, with roots in rural Pennsylvania, outside Philadelphia, where he lives with his wife, Laurie, when not in Maine.



Annual Dues

By Sally Hovey, PPATreasurer

At the 2008 annual PPA meeting, it was voted to increase the annual dues for next year. Beginning August 2009 thru July 2010, the annual dues will be \$50 for regular members and \$25 for associate members.

Dues are used to pay the cottage inspector for winter-time cottage inspections. Cottage inspections begin in September, for those whose dues have been paid, and continue through the month of May at regular intervals and when extraordinary conditions make inspections advisable.

It is important that regular members pay their dues annually prior to August 15th so their cottages will be scheduled for inspections. Dues should be sent to PPA, P.O. Box 283, New Harbor, ME 04554

Please help keep the association directory up-to-date by promptly sending all updates, corrections, or deletions to Fred

Conron by mail (address in directory) or via e-mail to fconron@yahoo.com. Fred needs all corrections before July for them to be in the new directory.

Please mark your calendars so that you remember to pay your dues prior to August 15, 2009.

Sally Hovey was born & raised in Ohio and loves to spend summers in Maine. She has been married to George for 41 years and they have three children (Peter, Stephen & Kathleen) and five grandchildren and one on the way. Sally retired from Bettcher Industries, Inc. where she worked in Human Resources.



NEWSLETTER: The primary purpose of this newsletter is to inform all association members of the annual meeting date. The secondary objective is to communicate other matters of interest to members. Compiled, printed and distributed by John Porter, PPA member.

Visit pemaquidpoint.org to see the latest news of the PPA events and history. Also view live camera scenes of the Pemaquid Light House as well as some of the work of local artists.

New Learning Center at Pemaquid Lighthouse Park

by Jonathan Leveen

If it has been awhile since you last visited the lighthouse, you might be surprised to discover a new building at the park. On the north side of the parking lot, tucked between the ticket booth and The Pemaquid Gallery of Artists, is the Parks Commission's new "Learning Center." Designed to resemble a classic New England cape, the center will provide the community with new opportunities for educational, historic and cultural enrichment.

Inside, the center is open and spacious, with over 1,000 square feet available for a host of varied activities. The Commission hopes to offer lectures by local experts, discussing the significance of the lighthouse and its place in the region's history. We'll invite authorities to speak on the area's ecology and geology.



THE LEARNING CENTER, NEW IN 2008

The Learning Center could help support the area's rich musical tradi-

tion by making space available for small-scale concerts by local performers, particularly those whose music relates to local or maritime tradition.

With audio/video equipment, we'll be able to present video demonstrations, films and documentaries that focus on cultural, environmental and historical themes. We could even schedule family movies on a regular basis.

We'll expand our partnership with the Fishermen's Museum, which owns historical artifacts and exhibits that currently aren't on public view due to lack of space in the Keeper's House. The new building will make room to display countless items that have been in storage for too long.

An exciting addition to the Learning Center's offerings will be a professional weather station, thanks to generous donations of funds, equipment and labor. With sensors on the Keeper's

House, the station will transmit data to a computer in the Learning Center, and over the internet.

It's our goal to generate much of the needed operating funds by making the building available for weddings, family reunions, business meetings or other social activities. We will also dedicate a small corner of the building to a gift shop, offering a few, carefully-selected items in keeping with the overall mission of the Learning Center.

This project has already inspired the community. Last summer, dozens of volunteers gave their time, expertise and effort to build the structure. Local vendors made materials available at steep discounts. We now have a bright, new place, full of promise. We welcome your inspiration as we plan for the future of our Learning Center.

Jon LeVeen,

Chair, Bristol Parks Commission

www.bristolparks.org

Jon LeVeen lives at Pemaquid Beach and served on Bristol's Parks Commission from 2003 to 2009. Born in Worcester, MA, he's a former TV news anchorman and reporter in Boston, Hartford and Bangor and the original owner of WAVX ("The Classical Wave" 106.9) in Thomaston. When not out hiking with his Golden Retriever, Molly, you'll find Jon at home working on audio, video or web projects, or playing jazz piano.

Note: Jon wrote this article in January 2009. Since then, his term on the park board has expired; but his enthusiasm and the program go on. JP



Jon and Molly

SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL FIND EXCERPTS FROM NOTES BY ADDIE POLAND TO HER NIECE NATALIE SAWYER, REFLECTING ON LIFE AS IT WAS AT PEMAQUID POINT ABOUT 100 YEARS AGO. THE NOTES ARE COURTESY OF JERI PENDELTON WHO IS NATALIE SAWYER'S DAUGHTER. THEY WILL BE NOTED IN QUOTES. The first note concerns her food stand on Bristol Road. "After teaching for about 20 years I decided to stay at home look after my mother as her health was failing. As I wanted to earn some money we decided to do some home cooking and sell it at a roadside stand during the summer months. We did very well, making yeast bread, donuts, cookies, cakes, fudge and other goodies. Our best seller was baked beans and brown bread which we took orders for Saturday only. I used to make 50 loaves of bread on Sat. which was never enough" Does anyone remember her stand.?

The Annual Membership Directory by Fred Conron

What a great job I have! In addition to keeping track of all of our members by dint of publishing our Association's membership directory each year, I get to meet many of you. Learning of your fascinating experiences is an added delight. Conversation never gets boring when you can raise a subject with a former brain surgeon, at least two cardiologists, several general practitioners, a handful of retired high-level CEOs, a covey of talented artists, photographers, a Hollywood musical impresario, several university professors in various disciplines, civil servants and/or diplomats, and an increasing number of world travelers. And as if that were not enough, last year we broke all the records by attracting 14 new members to our Association! They include a handsome number of local residents and those from nearby states —

Ms Kate Bergquist, Temple, NH
 Ms Elizabeth Gamage, New Harbor, ME
 Fred & Silvia Leiper, Pemaquid, ME
 Ms Beverly Libby, Oakland, ME
 Joan & Jack McKinnon, Westwood, MA
 Mr. Wayne Reilly, Hempden, ME
 Ms Roberta Todd, West Newton, MA
 Ms Cynthia Ross, New Harbor, ME

Then there are those from far and wide across the country — .

Clayton & Kerstin Chapman, Bluffton, SC
 Ms Audrey Chase, Jupiter, FL
 Mr David Flanagan, Castle Rock, CO
 Alex & Sonja Gibbs, Washington, D. C.
 James & Janice Haddock, Annapolis, MD
 Mr Michael Koryta, Bloomington, IN

My handy Internet mileage calculator tells me that this year's prize for long distance commutes goes to David Flanagan who lives 1839 miles from Pemaquid Point! A consolation prize for the runner-up goes to Audrey Chase whose Florida residence lies a mere 1311 miles south of the Point.

The Association's new web site together with this Springtime Newsletter, and the multiple activities recently sponsored by the PPA undoubtedly have something to do with our resurgence. Of particular interest is our new web site made possible by the continuing generosity of The Seagull Shop, the technological expertise of Mark Eelman and the journalistic talents of our former President, John Porter. Visit our site at pemaquidpoint.org and enjoy a well-crafted introduction to the beauty and history of the Pemaquid Point area, our current schedule of activities and much more. You will also find some breath-takingly beautiful photographs of the Point taken by members and visitors to the region.

As regards our membership directory specifically, I am de-

lighted to report that we have attained an all-time high in membership — 134 families as of the closing of our records for 2008. In addition to the list of current Association officers, a copy of our Constitution and notices of interest to all, the directory is a complete listing of all members in good standing as of July of each year, the date of publication. If your entry needs to be updated in any manner, please note that I must receive notification of changes BEFORE July.



Perhaps the most crucial bit of information in the directory is your winter address, telephone and/or e-mail address during the off-season. Should the cottage inspector notice any type of damage to your property, she must be able to get in touch with you without delay. Your correct winter address data are essential for this reason. Please do your part keeping the directory up-to-date by sending all changes to my e-mail address (fconron@yahoo.com) or by telephoning me at 207.677.2240 (summer) or at 418.656.1331 (off season). If you prefer the "pony express", my postal address is in the directory.

New directories are passed out each year to everyone who attends the Annual General Meeting (see our web site for date & place). If you cannot be present at the Annual General Meeting, perhaps a neighbor could be enlisted to pick one up for you. All else failing, please get in touch with me for a copy. Your cooperation in reducing mailing costs is greatly appreciated.

Editor's Note: If you are wondering how Fred arrived at the mileage numbers, they are from a on line mileage calculator known as geobytes.com/city/distancetool.htm

Fred is a retired (1997) Professor of Modern Languages (French language & literature, Methodology of Teaching Foreign Languages) who hales from New York State. After serving in the U. S. Army in the early 1950s he went to college at Siena College, New York, earning a B.A. He was a Fulbright scholar in France, studying at the École normale d'Instituteurs de Strasbourg from 1959 through 1962. He did post graduate studies at the Université de Strasbourg earning a Certificat d'Études Supérieures, the University of Nebraska earning a M. A., and the Université Laval where he achieved his Ph. D.

He was also a consultant to the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec in the areas of provincial examinations and translations.

His lifelong avocations are music (church organist, baroque masters), gardening and traveling.

The Association needs your help. We need people to serve on the board and to help with social events, and committee projects. If you are interested in lending a hand (or maybe a foot), please contact the board member of your choice and tell them what you would like to do. All offers will be appreciated and accepted; for example if you or anyone in your family would like to produce this newsletter next year I will be happy to hand it over and assist you in any way to make it happen. JP

Your Sign Committee

by Pat Porter

Sign for the Transfer Station Entrance

The topic of getting a road sign for the transfer station has been in our "in basket" for a couple of years now and finally, we seem to be making some progress. I further pursued (2008) the subject in person with the town and the Manager of the transfer station, Shawn Dinsmore who said he would make it an agenda item at the next meeting of the Bristol/South Bristol Transfer station; Shawn invited to attend the meeting in October 2008. We went to the meeting, at the South Bristol Town Hall, and presented photos demonstrating how difficult it was to see the drive for the transfer station no matter which direction you approached from and stated the need for the sign on the basis of traffic safety and enhanced appearance of the entrance. The board viewed the request favorably and discussed where to procure the sign and how to pay for it. The sign is now slated to be installed in April (after the ground thaws).

As to the clean up after your pets sign proposals, I stopped at the town office to determine the feasibility of installing "clean up after your dog" signs on the loop. The town (the town clerk and one selectman were consulted) has no objection to us doing so at our own expense; but ask us to speak to Shawn about placement. Per Shawn (town employee who runs the road side mower) the only requirement is that we install them at least as far from the road as the current street signs; so as not to interfere with the mowing and snow plowing operation. They told us about the supplier of signs for the

town that has signs for this purpose too. However, this supplier only has one sign available pertaining to cleaning up after dogs and the wording is very harsh, ending in "it's the law". Since we are not certain what the law is, I found another source for the signs with more choices; including a sign post; the price for the sign and the post is about \$25. I suggest that this be brought up for further discussion at the next meeting and that anyone wishing a sign in front of their property could purchase the signs and install them themselves. I will be glad to co-ordinate the purchase if this is desired.

Pat Porter

Pat lives at "The Point" in the summer and in Florida in the winter. She has roots in Baltimore where she met her husband John when she was 6 (they lived in the same neighborhood). They married as John was entering the Air Force. After her daughter Stephanie achieved school age she worked in the real estate and mortgage industries where she eventually became a consultant to HUD and the national mortgage industry. She traveled the U.S. for them giving training seminars. Pat's interests include cooking, baking, sewing, photography, music, gardening and ballroom dancing.



155 Pemaquid Loop Road

by Edwin Brush

HISTORY AND PLANTINGS

The property was a portion of the land purchased in 1910 by the Theakstons from the Pemaquid Land Company. They built the summer home across the Road and had a swimming pool, tennis court and gardens across from the house (currently the Smith's - Helen Smith from the 1950's and currently her relatives).

Mrs. Charlton purchased the land on the water across the Road from the (Smith) house and had Mel Hanna build her house, driveway, stone walls, etc., in the early 1960's. The house sits atop the swimming pool (it's "basement" currently).

Mary Fletcher Charlton had the plantings selected, including the two (currently quite large and mature) European Beech trees (parallel to and just set back from the Road, away from the water), several flowering crab apple trees, Persian lilacs and our standard lilacs (currently in the stone semi-circle). Conley's supplied many of the plantings.

In addition, the quite rare "Meta-Sequoias" ("Dawn Redwood") that are on either side of the driveway at the Road were special plantings.

The Meta-Sequoias are one of three Sequoia varieties, and are the only deciduous variety. Note the unusual trunk bark with

colorful variations, and the branch patterns. This variety was thought to be long extinct; however, a Harvard expedition into remote China valleys in the 1930's discovered a location with them, and returned some to the US (their Arnold Arboretum gardens, and their Case Estate gardens in Weston, MA, currently being sold to the Town). Mrs. Charlton apparently specially ordered them.

The Arnold experts were recently surprised that they would thrive near salt water, as they cite that "they are very sensitive". With the coastal spruce reaching full maturity, and dying (or being blown down, etc.), their protection from spray is being reduced; we will try to have new spruce plantings to replace the former partial barrier.

The additional feature of the original Theakston property is that they purchased the land with the text of the deed reading "intending to convey to low tide"; this is quite unusual for property from the Pemaquid Land Company. This includes the 155 Pemaquid Loop Road property, and the property of Ms. Thompson (next to the Lighthouse).

Most of the additional shore frontage from the Land Company has a strip of land currently owned by the Town (deeded from

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A Word from Our Webmaster, Mark Eelman

Statistics. In it's second year of operation the number of visitors to the website has continued to grow although during the last couple of months that growth has leveled off some. By March, 2009, the site was recording 1,200 daily visitors and an average of 6,000 page loads per day. While the majority of the traffic is from the U. S. and Canada, some 34 other countries are represented in the visitor list. In order of popularity the rest of the top 10 were Italy, UK, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Australia, Finland, France and Bulgaria. We even won a webcam-of-the-month award on a site in Chile!

Weather Station. Last year John Porter and I began investigating the possibility of installing a weather station somewhere near the Lighthouse. For the most part, we thought the weather station would be interesting, adding context to the webcam images particularly in winter and during storms. We also thought that a weather station could serve to alert the cottage inspector of wind gusts that would trigger a special inspection. Well, while we were kicking that around I received an email from the son of a local resident who informed me (to my amazement) that he was attempting to donate just the model we were looking at to whomever could install it at the Lighthouse.

Upon learning of Dan Hanson's donation, we asked him if there was anything the Association members could do to participate in the project. He replied by suggesting that donations would be appreciated to cover the cost of a second console to be placed in the town's new "Learning Center." (See Jon Leveen's article in this newsletter for an explanation of the Learning Center) This console will make weather data available to all visitors of the Center. Additionally, some networking equipment is required to connect the station to the Internet. John Porter and I went out on a limb and pledged \$200 towards this end; believing that we could get enough donors interested to help us cover it. Thanks to the generosity of three members and 2 non members we did reach our goal. The

money has been donated to the Park Board for this explicit purpose.

Details of Mr. Hanson's donation and the PPA's participation in the project can be found on the website here: <http://www.pemaquidpoint.org/wsc.cfm>

The weather station, a Davis Vantage Pro 2, is expected to be installed in early Spring, 2009. The anemometer will be installed atop the Keeper's House and the rest of the instrumentation will be installed on a post just outside. A console which displays the output of the instruments will be placed inside the Learning Center. PPA website visitors will have access to the information on our website.

The Pemaquid Messenger Project. Last year we completed photographing the issues of the *Pemaquid Messenger*, a local newspaper from the late 1800s that the Association had in its possession. You can read about the details of the project on the website here: <http://www.pemaquidpoint.org/hist/messenger.cfm> Instructions for ordering a copy of the DVD which contains all of the issues (84) are at the bottom of that page. Also, I've been looking through those issues and have found some fascinating articles that I'll be posting on the website from time to time.

Don't forget to check the website from time to time. You can find an up-to-date calendar of events, news of special projects, some great photographs and, of course, the webcam. And, feel free to send me your favorite photographs of the Point (webcomments@pemaquidpoint.org). They will make their way onto the site in time.

Mark is currently employed as a computer programmer and is our very talented "webmeister". He and Sally again enjoyed some of this past winter at their residence on "the loop".



155 Pemaquid Loop Road (continued)

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the Land Company). Even Mr. Libby had been unaware of the deed conveying "to low tide", until my purchase and Judge Nissen informing him. (1910 was prior to Libby control, which, I was informed was from the 1930's). Copies of this deed have been provided to the Park Commission, and the Town of Bristol (by Rob Gregory).

Please enjoy the plantings, and all the views, plantings and homes along the Pemaquid Loop Road.

NED BRUSH

155 Pemaquid Loop Road (Spring Lane), the former Mary Charlton residence was purchased in 1985, and Ned and family spend selected weekends and summer weeks in residence. Family includes Ned's wife, Deborah Whittaker, and his son and daughter, and her son and daughter. In addition to the Pemaquid Point Association, they have belonged for many years to the Long Cove Point Association. Ned is a consultant and PhD graduate of MIT; Debbie is a Professor at the BU Medical School. Residence is in Weston, MA

Addie writes "There were 3 ship wrecks within my memory in the early 1900's. Two occurred on the same night, one a sailing vessel went ashore on Kresge's Point and the other a larger boat in lighthouse cove. I believe 17 lives were lost. At a later date a vessel loaded with coal was wrecked in lighthouse cove. People came from all over town to gather up coal for winter use. Another memorable event of that decade was the big hail storm of 1905. First thunder, lightning, rain and then big hailstones. "

Lighthouse Report etc.

By Bob Kline

The Friends of Pemaquid Point Lighthouse (FPPL) once again wish to thank and commend the Pemaquid Point Association (PPA) collectively, and several of its members individually, for their financial donations to the ongoing restoration and preservation projects that are being directed by the American Lighthouse Foundation (ALF) to keep the tower stable and intact and the light shining. The external 7 week project during the summer of 2007 cost \$106,000 and comprised the total stripping of 7 layers of materials applied over the huge granite blocks, together with removal of all loose or cracked grouting. The job was performed by the James Leslie company, and Jim just returned on February 25 to investigate other items on the ALF "need to do" list.

The web cam which was designed to focus on the Lighthouse, and which was provided by the PPA with the assistance of Paula Houghton, has become a very popular source of pleasure and information for many lighthouse followers, and demonstrates the close connection of the PPA with the Lighthouse and FPPL. It is possible that viewers may have noticed the appearance of a yellow colored blemish on the new white surface of the tower, about halfway down from the top. This was one of the "to do" items pointed out by ALF Director Bob Trapani to Jim Leslie. A similar blemish was present on the tower prior to its restoration. The cause for the blemish is the dripping of rust from the vertical posts of the guard rail around the tower catwalk, and landing on the white surface of the tower. The iron work of the rail is flaking off rust, and is due to be inspected for stability and will either be strengthened or replaced. A search for old photos of the lighthouse is needed to try to determine whether the current rail work is a replacement, since a new railing design would attempt to replicate the original of 1835.

One of the more than 2 dozen additional "to do" items being considered is a total take-apart and stabilization of the 1856 installed Fresnel lens. With an initial estimate of \$30,000 for that effort, current thinking is to consider it a low priority, in favor of more safety and stability related items. One of the items high on the work schedule is the preparation and recaulking of the 10 windows of the lantern room. Heavy winds and rain are penetrating the windows, while condensation on the inside has deteriorated the lower wood work of the walls below the windows. The list of these identified items includes both minor and major expenditures of effort and funds. The ALF has a good track record of applying for and receiving grants, witness the \$50,000 donation by the Lowe's hardware company for the external tower restoration project, and it is hoped that similar grants can be obtained. Meanwhile, the FPPL treasury is dedicated to building up an account to start these projects. Its success depends on donations by its summer visitors, which last season topped out at just under

35,000. For 2006 and 2007 there were just under 30,000 each year.

With the Lighthouse at Pemaquid Point the focal visitation site of our beloved area, it certainly is clear that PPA members are indeed its foremost stewards, and the FPPL organization heartily welcomes residents to join hands and enjoy the thank-you of each of those 35,000 visitors who smilingly climb the 37 steps to enjoy the extraordinary view from the Lighthouse depicted on the 2003 Maine quarter. The FPPL is in need of members who will act as docents to greet visitors to the tower, whether on an ongoing schedule of 2 hours per week, or just an occasional shift fulfilling role. And who better to greet them but the stewards of the area?

With the upcoming town election and vote on the next year's budget on March 17, it is possible that we may hear news of the Town Lighthouse Committee, dedicated 2 years ago to the ownership of the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse. Each year for the last two, the budget has provided \$10,000 to that Committee for legal expenses associated with that goal. With that knowledge understood, one may inquire as to the position and attitude of the FPPL and ALF to continue to plan and finance these "to do" projects. The answer is simply to: "go about preservation efforts as business as usual".

To volunteer at the Lighthouse this summer, or to simply ask for any information, please contact Bob Kline at 677-3499 or by his email address.

Bob was born in Manchester, NH; but grew up mostly in Massachusetts. He graduated from Colby College – Waterville, Maine in the class of 1952 with a BA degree with a major in Psychology. After teaching math for 3 years Bob entered the engineering field and specialized in patent investigations and spent the next 35 years with United Aircraft Corp.

Bob married Shirley A. Paige of Bridgeport, CT in 1959 and lived in Trumbull, Ct until they moved upon retirement in 1997. He became a widower on October 1, 2005. Bob can usually be contacted by email or his answering machine as his activities beyond PPA include Friends of Colonial Pemaquid (acting as historical greeter), Friends of Pemaquid Point Lighthouse acting as docent and keeper) and Friends of the Carpenter's Boat Shop (volunteer where requested) and playing racquet ball, keep him away from home frequently.



Addie writes: "I remember the hand organ men who used to go from house to house with their organs slung over their backs and playing music and expecting some money in exchange. Sometimes they would have a monkey that would hold out their cap to collect money. Peddlers of all sorts were very numerous. First there were the pack peddlers which they carried on their back with a variety of goods, household utensils, clothing, etc, then they came with the horse and big closed up cart. They had clothing of all sorts. They advanced to automobiles and finally they were no more."

PPA 2009 Sailing Trip Details by Joan Zajtchuk

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www.amorninginmaine.com

Last summer, we had 20 people take a beautiful afternoon sail with Captain Bob Pratt of the "Morning in Maine Ketch". Captain Bob is once again offering this sailing experience for the PPA. For the half day charters described, we would need about 20 paid members to be cost effective. Other than fest days, there is ample free parking in the lot at the base of the pier.

If you know you want to go out on the boat now, provide your sailing interest to Joan via e-mail, telephone or mail

Option 1: (Flat charter rate of \$1000 for any half day sail) **(4 hours, \$50/pp)**

Option 2: Rockland 2 hour Day Sail @10AM, 1 PM, 4 PM
 (Flat Day trip rate for any day from Rockland) **(2 hours, \$30/pp)**

In this case, the PPA decides on a convenient trip date/ time during the summer and books any available opening on the boat. Payment is made directly to Bob by individual check after the sail. Perhaps a stop for light refreshments could be made in Rockland after the trip for those interested. FYI: there is a train from Wiscasset or Brunswick that arrives in Rockland in time for 1 PM sail and return (we used the Brunswick station and made a day of it).

Either Option

To reserve a spot in advance, send checks to Joan at address above. Indicate number of passengers and option on the check.
 (Checks will be returned if under-subscribed.)



"Morning in Maine"

During the Annual PPA meeting, we will try to determine the best date for those interested and I will have a sign up sheet at the table in the back.

Historian's Report by Anne Lewis

Pemaquid Point Association member and my good friend Martha Phillips departed this world on March, 13 2009, from the same home in which she was born on January 10, 1920 in Scranton, PA. We will miss her.



The historian's report for the annual meeting of the Association in August 2009 will be about Bob Kline's home, often referred to as the farmhouse of Pumpkin Cove. The home survived because Ted Chase had a idea and a dream. The talk will include pictures as well as words. Come hear and see.

Anne Lewis

Anne was born in Clarksville, Tennessee and moved with her family to Alabama when she was nine. She was graduated from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, VA and served as Executive Director of the YWCA at that college for three years. She then attended Pacific School of Religion in Berkely, CA and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. In 1956 she married William P. Lewis of Waverly, PA. In 1972 she earned the M.S. degree in School Counseling from Marywood College in Scranton, PA. For the Scranton School District she served as a school social worker and as a counselor for 24 years. In 1985 she was graduated from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. Anne and William Lewis had two children: Betsy, a diplomat with the US Department of State now serving at the Embassy in Kosovo; and Dr. John D. Lewis, a clinical neuropsychologist practicing in Winchester, VA. John and his wife Nancy have 3 children; Sarah, Rebecca and Jacob.

Addie writes: "Transportation wasn't much of a problem in those days. Steamers called at New Harbor if you wanted to go to Rockland or west to Portland or Boston on the Monhegan. Steamers also made daily trips from Bath to Pemaquid Beach. A smaller steamer called the Newcastle ran from Damariscotta stopping at the river towns along the way as far as Christmas Cove, bringing mail as well as passengers. The little steamer The Tourist carried passengers from Pemaquid Beach to Christmas Cove and South Bristol, very convenient if you wanted to connect with the Newcastle going up river to Scotts, especially during mud time when roads were so muddy in the springtime" Another memory: "During the Second World War the Coast Guard was stationed at the light house at Pemaquid Point. They had special guard duty there nights. One of the fellows stationed there was Roscoe Bishop a native of Washington, VA, 70 miles from Washington, DC. His wife Selenia was bording with me came early in Dec. 1942. Roscoe spent all his time off duty with us and stayed every night. Often when off duty ate with us."



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No January Thaw by Lynne Sparrow

The Point has experienced a tough winter so far. Beginning in October, the winds blew a gale as screens came off, rotten trees fell, shingles flew, and unlatched windows blew open.



Just before Thanksgiving one mature soft wood tree twisted off between 15' above the ground, falling in a soft place. The other locations where trees were uprooted were areas where the ground was very wet. Two unlatched garage doors were ripped off the hinges, and more shingles flew off roofs.

In December, the trees continued to fall, especially on the eastern side of the Point. By the end of the month, snow started with no reason to stop.

By January freezing rain mixed with snow, made travel by vehicle or even by foot a cautious task. There was no January thaw, only degenerating cold weather day after day.

Now that we are into February, some of the snow and ice is melting, making traveling somewhat easier, and at the moment all is well.

A great opportunity for all PPA members...!!! By Laurie Worth

On Sunday, August 2nd, from 2:00-4:00 (or more?) members will have the opportunity to get inside some of the wonderful cottages/homes around the Point. Have you ever wondered as you walked the loop and back, what the history is of these wonderful homes? Now is your chance! We are looking for a few (five -eight) owners who would enjoy opening their homes for this Sunday afternoon "open house tour". The thought would be to charge \$10.00 per person and donate the proceeds to the Lighthouse restoration project. I am looking

A great opportunity ...!!! (continued)

for some interested members. You can email me directly at lrworth@verizon.net. If we have a big response we can always plan for a repeat for next year. I'd also welcome any thoughts or ideas on this as well. Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Laurie Worth

Bill and I have been married for 44 years and spend time between a home in Pennsylvania and our home on Bristol Rd near the Hotel Pemaquid. We have a son Bill and his wife Malissa who have two children, Riley and Elise. They live nearby in Sabattus, ME. We see them quite a bit over the summer which is wonderful. Our daughter Paige lives in Haverford, Pa. and is a graphic artist. I am retired but worked as a social worker with chronically ill children and later children who had been sexually abused. I now volunteer for a hospice in Pa. and spend time with family and friends. I am passionate about doing yoga. In Maine I love to take walks with Bill and our Corgi, read, kayak and bother my neighbors Laurie

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The Association, Membership and Dues etc.

ACTIVE MEMBERS Any persons owning real estate at Pemaquid Point, south of and including the residents of Bay Pines Road are eligible for active membership. Active members have voting rights & cottage inspection service as defined by Association records. Each property, even with multiple owners is entitled to only one vote at the meetings. Multiple properties may be voted & inspected if dues are paid on each property. Effective August 2009 Dues are \$50 annually.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER Anyone interested in the well-being of Pemaquid Point; regardless of property ownership. Associate members may not vote and are not entitled to cottage inspection service; but nevertheless are loved by all and of course welcomed at all activities. Effective August 2009 Dues are \$25 annually.

DIRECTORY: A membership directory is kept to allow the Association officers to fulfill the requirements of the constitution with regards to due notice to members. To be listed, you must be a member in good standing. Deadline for dues payment to be included in the new directory is August 15. If your address changes please notify the Directory Coordinator before July for timely inclusion in the latest directory.

You can mail dues payments to the return address shown on this newsletter.

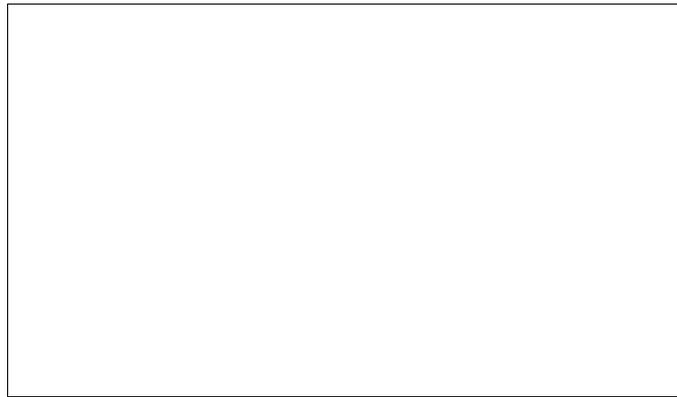
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2009 CALENDER OF EVENTS

Birdwatcher's walk with Joe Mallory—tentatively early June. Bring binoculars and/or cameras and meet at 7:30 a.m. on the Sea Gull parking lot. The date to be determined; if you are in the area call Pat Porter for the date or check the web site at www.pemaquidpoint.org.

Wine & Cheese Social—June 26, 2009 at the Bailin residence. Please bring an appetizer dish.

Open House Loop Tour—Sunday August 2, Starting at 2pm and running 2-4 hours Proceeds to Benefit the Light House restoration projects. Contact Laurie Worth for information or to volunteer.

Annual Meeting—August 7, 2009 at the Bristol School on rt. 130 near the library. We will meet in the gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. for coffee, tea & pastries, dues collection, minutes and directory distributions; 9:00 a.m. will be the start of the business Meeting. New board members will be elected at the business meeting. Please remember that we do not send bills for dues nor give receipts; the deadline on dues is August 15 to be included in the next directory.

Pot Luck Dinner at Bob Kline's Barn—August 22, 2009. 5 p.m. 'til about 8 p.m. If you can, sign up for a "dish" at the entry desk at the annual meeting; but come to the Pot Luck even if you cannot make the annual meeting; we don't want to take the "luck" part out of pot luck.

Possible Sailboat Excursion; to be determined by interested parties. Call the Zajchuks for information. See Joan's article inside.

The Fisherman's Museum at Pemaquid Lighthouse Park

by Dave Evans

The ground floor consists of four rooms, the first being devoted mostly to the Fresnel lens and a picture display of the lighthouses of Maine. In the second and third rooms are examples of nets, machinery, boat models, and tools used by local fishermen today and in the past. There is also a stuffed twenty-eight pound lobster, always an eye catcher. Also within the third room is installed a sand box in which are arranged many shells from nearby shores and beaches which is a stand out favorite with children of all ages, and their parents as well. The fourth room is a gallery of sorts with books of photographs, ship's logs and charts depicting the fishing industry and the history of the Pemaquid Point area over the years. There are ship models in this room also as well as a children's table with an excellent selection of books for young people. It has been my experience that the exhibits are well liked by visitors and generate many interesting questions from them. The original keeper's house was built of stone along with the tower in 1827. The present building was constructed in 1857 to better accommodate the keepers and their families. The last keeper left in 1934 when the light was automated, and the structure was re-opened as a museum in 1972. The upper floor is rented as an apartment by the town of Bristol.

Molly and I enjoy our three hour stints there immensely. We've met interesting people and learned much from them. The

volunteers to whom I have spoken all agree that the time spent there is pleasurable and rewarding. As with most activities of this nature, there is an almost constant need for new volunteers to fill vacancies throughout the summer and early fall months.

At the July meeting I will make a slightly more detailed presentation on this subject and ask for more help. As of last year, we had four time slots (two or three hours each) that needed filling. There is a wonderful booklet put together over the years by the volunteer staff that will answer any questions one might be asked. Copies are readily available. On the job training is cheerfully provided.



Dave and Molly

See you in July,

Dave Evans

Dave and Molly live in northern California in the winter months. Dave is the volunteer coordinator for the Fisherman's Museum. Molly is a past President and Treasurer of the

Addie writes :

“To my dearest niece Natalie. Hope you have a nice birthday. Aunt Addie July-Aug 1980

Things I remember

My earliest recollections much have been in my third year. My sister Belle 6 years and 5 months my elder was going to school. The teacher now and then would send me a picture card and I recall one in particular that she sent me. I was in the cradle when Belle came in from school bringing me the pretty card of a young girl dressed in a pink dress and lying on the grass. I used to cry and coax my mother to let me go to school with Belle, She said I wasn't old enough yet to go. I didn't know why because I already knew the letters of the alphabet, learned from a picture book. I also could count to 20 and more. I pestered by mother so much she finally had a talk with the teacher and asked if she would mind if I came to school with my sister now and then. Mertie Marson 17 years old was the teacher and she said it would be all right to let me some. Once I got started I wouldn't miss a day. I remember Miss Marson spreading her shawl on the floor and I would lie on it for a nap in the after-

noon. I suppose some of the happiest days of my life were spent at the little Pemaquid Point School where I went until I was 12 years old. Since there was no high school at the time we were sent to New Harbor Grammar School where we went I think for about one year when the town voted to have a high school. The first two terms were in the Erving district school house. I stayed with my Tarr grandparents during the week. The winter term was held in the Grammar school Room Bristol Mills and Eletha Hanna, Marion Fossett and I roomed with the Fairfield Combs family (now Arthur Weeks Jr. Home) where we got our own meals and really enjoyed our stay there. In spring school moved to Pemaquid in the old Messenger building until the new high school was built. Versey Robinson Principal 1907-1908 when I graduated. Alitha H. Ethel G. Ada B. Maud R m Etea N. Addie P. Graduation in Falls Church. I did some teaching before going to Gorham Normal—at New Harbor Primary as assist. Pemaquid School & Louds Island. Went to Gorham Normal 1910-11-12-13. My younger days were very happy ones with Knipe twins Gertie & Mertie and Martha playing dolls and paper dolls, mud cakes in spring tramping hay, especially down in the lower field.”

ADDENDUM PAGE 11: Apologies to Dave, I compiled and printed the newsletter and inadvertently left out his article. The omission was discovered after the booklets were printed and posted; but before the mailings. So this page is being mailed as a loose insert inside the booklets. Please reposition it to be the last numerical page in the book. Thanks, John Porter