

# The Pemaquid Point Association SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

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## The President's Message

from Dave Evans

Roy Gauntt was quick and helpful in spotting a spruce tree that was hanging on our cottage power line. I called a tree cutter I have used in the past and three trees later the problem was solved. I understand it was quite a winter for those of you on the point. Perhaps spring will be more kind.

I have arranged with the Bristol School to have their gym area available for our annual meeting on August 6, 2010. A Friday at 9:00am. I will coordinate the necessary set-up of chairs and tables when Molly and I arrive in Maine, about July 1st. We are a bit late leaving this year because we have a granddaughter graduating from U.C. Davis in mid June, an event we cannot miss. In talks with John Porter and from an e-mail from Sally Hovey, the date and place for the wine and cheese party has been established in June. The details are on the back page of this newsletter.

During the summer the board will be discussing the issue of funding the web-cam feature of the Pemaquid Point web-site. My first thought is to set up a separate account to accept donations toward future expenses. The board and I will gladly en-

ertain any ideas on this matter, and any other subject, that members may have.

We had two inches of snow on Monday (4/5) at our elevation of 2400' but it has completely disappeared and all is sunny and spring like. Molly and I look forward to seeing you this summer. I will talk with the very generous Bob Kline about a date for the 2010 pot luck supper.



Dave and Molly Evans

*Dave and Molly live in northern California in the winter months. Dave is the Association's current president and is also the volunteer coordinator for the Fisherman's Museum. Molly has served as president and treasurer of the Association.*

## Pemaquid Remembered

by Richard Blinn

It doesn't seem possible that it was 65 years ago that I first stepped on the shores of Pemaquid Point. Things haven't changed that much over the years. Reilly's market is still there, but Reggie is no longer a little kid. The barber shop across the street is gone and the Bradley Inn has changed hands a few times. When the evenings were pleasant, you could always count on the little old ladies being out for a stroll. They were the rich ones who stayed at the Bradley and walked the "loop road". They wore white sneakers, with gloves and fancy straw hats and fashionable ankle length dresses. Very cute. The loop road was mostly unpaved. Because gasoline was rationed, automobiles weren't a big problem.

Before I joined the Navy I worked for a fence company from Somerville, MA. Our first big job was to install a cedar log and barbed wire fence around the Brunswick Naval Air

Station. When that was completed they sent us to Pemaquid Point. Most people did not know there was a machine gun bunker built on the Kresge estate by the US Army. As I recall it was manned by about 8 soldiers. It was probably about 20' by 20' and faced Mohegan Island where it had a good view of the ocean.

German subs sank a lot of our transports that were sending troops and supplies to Europe and Russia.

German subs also dropped off several soldiers for espionage endeavors. Unfortunately for the Germans, they were dressed



Richard Blinn

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**NEWSLETTER:** The primary purpose of this newsletter is to inform all association members of the annual meeting date. **PLEASE SAVE THE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 10 FOR YOUR CALENDER.** No other notices will be sent. The secondary objective is to communicate other matters of interest to members. Compiled, printed and distributed by John Porter, with much help and advice from Pat Porter, his wife of 47 years. Both are members.

## Annual Dues By Sally Hovey, PPA Treasurer

Annual dues for 2010 to 2011 are \$50 for regular members and \$25 for associate members. Dues should be paid prior to August 15, 2010. If you attend the annual meeting in August.....not only can you meet other members but you can also pay your dues at that time. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to pay your dues when you are on the Point, you can call me at 677-3777 and I will stop by and pick up your check.

Dues are used to pay the cottage inspector. Cottage inspections begin in September and continue through the month of May at regular intervals and when extraordinary conditions make inspections advisable.

**Please put this reminder on your calendar**

**PPA Dues Reminder (Pay by August 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to PPA, PO Box 283, New Harbor ME 04554

*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 six grandchildren (little Beatrice arrived last June). Sally retired from Bettcher Industries, Inc. where she worked in Human Resources.*



Sally Hovey

## Pemaquid Remembered (continued)

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like city slickers and were captured.

In addition to the fence we installed at the bunker, we put up a fence around either a navy or coast guard tower that put a cable across Johns Bay to E. Boothbay.

In 1957, my parents bought a cottage from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibbons. Mr. Gibbons was LT. Gov. under Christian Herter. My sister, Betty Parsons and my family still reside there in the summer months.

“Loved Pemaquid Pt back in those days and still do!”

Richard Blinn Pemaquid Maine

Richard's bio in his own words:

*I served in the Navy as an artol [sic] gunner. Not very exciting. We cruised the Florida coast looking for German subs but never saw any.*

*After discharge I attended Oxford School of Business, Cambridge, MA*

*Because I was in the Navy my dad thought I was a seaman. Wrong! He had bought a lobster boat in Wedgeport N. S. and coerced me and a friend of mine to sail it down from Nova Scotia to Boston. This was supposed to take three or four days.*

*It took 3 weeks. I wrote a story about the trip called “The Fundy Crossing.”*

*The very first night we moored along side of a wharf in Yarmouth, N. S. The tides can be as high as 50'. We went to a “French Kick” that evening. We left a 20' bow and stern line, forgetting that there was a 50' tide. When we returned the stern line snapped and the 42” boat was stern first in the muddy Yarmouth waters. Took a whole week to get her floating. What an adventure.*

*I took out fishing parties from Saugus, MA. This didn't last too long. There were more drinkers than fisherman.*

*I heard they were catching a lot of tunas in Gloucester. There were a lot of chandlers in Boston, so I got myself rigged and headed north to Gloucester. Today, if you catch one or two per season you are lucky. There were three of us on our first trip out. Would you believe we caught 13 the first day? They went from 150 to 350 lbs. There was a dragger near us. They stopped dragging and were also fishing for tuna. I caught my last tuna, which weighed 650 Lbs. That was in October. I was by myself and could not haul him in. The dealers had dump trucks with a winch. They pulled my fish out and halfway up it fell off. He landed on the deck.*

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## The Annual Membership Directory by Fred Conron

While residents of the east coast had been wondering whether to build an igloo in answer to the frigid and snowy deluges they encountered this winter, certain hardy types in southern Québec just a few hours drive north of the Point were convinced that Al Gore's long-term predictions of climate change were coming true in our life-time. Even in February the temperature in an otherwise frigid Québec hovered close to the freezing point for weeks on end — in stark contrast to the usual February deep-freeze.

Do these disparate variations from the norm signal an unusual summer 2010? If so, few would want to be anywhere else but on Pemaquid Point, close to the moderating influence of the Atlantic, a short distance from restaurants serving the world's most delicious lobsters, and cooled by invigorating sea breezes. As a matter of fact, three more judicious families have discovered the charms of Pemaquid Point this past year: Jane and Jeffrey Kessler, Ms Margaret Orrick, and Martha and Kenneth Wertz. The Kesslers need drive but a few hours east of the

Hudson Valley and their home at Armonk, NY while Ms Orrick will wend her way north from Arlington, MA. On the other hand, the Wertz family hail from Alexandria (Virginia), a stone's throw from the nation's capitol, and a good day's drive from the Point. We welcome them all to our paradise on the sea and hope they prosper with us. In addition to our new members, Ms Audrey Chase has opted to become a full member of our Association, and both the Cogar and Shenton families have become full-time Point residents. And should you require an "adjustment," please note that Dr. Nancy Smith, our resident chiropractor, has a new e-mail address (see your Directory) as does Doug Ward.

We are also saddened to note the passing of several of our members: Mr Emilio Savaro, Ms Peggy Short and Mr Tony Paone.

Certain other lesser changes are reflected in the latest edition of the Association Directory. Besides listing 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. At this writing (early March 2010), our Association boasts a total of 126 member families. Some are lucky enough to stay here the entire year here, others return year after year to "recharge" before making their way back to their winter homes.

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, we must be able to get in touch with you without delay. Your correct winter address is essential for this reason. Please do your part keeping the Directory up-to-date by sending, before July, any changes to my e-mail address or, if you prefer, you may telephone me at either my summer number or the off-season number; both are in the Directory. All else failing, you may send your note to me via the "pony express" — the address for that is also in the Directory.



Fred Conron

You may get your own copy of the Directory at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. If unable to be at the AGM, the undersigned will be happy to provide a copy for you.

You may care to view the many excellent photographs featured on our web site ([pemaquidpoint.org](http://pemaquidpoint.org)) Thanks to the expertise of Mark Eelman, and the generosity of the Sea Gull Restaurant where our web camera nests, we enjoy an up-to-the-minute bird's eye view of the ever-changing scene at Lighthouse Park, the Lighthouse itself and the immediate surroundings. You may explore links to historical documents relating to the Point, our calendar of scheduled events, and a very detailed weather station report provided by the town's Park Council, made possible by the generous donation of the weather station by Dan Hanson whose parents live in New Harbor. Members may also access their special section by obtaining the password from any Association officer.

Frederick Conron, Directory Publisher

*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.*

**ACTIVITIES:** Since THE ASSOCIATION is run by members who volunteer their services and we try to keep the work level required of them to a minimum, we rely on our annual newsletter and the web site to get out the word on activities, meeting dates and dues payments. We do not send out dues notices or give receipts. But just because we don't have a lot of out going mail doesn't mean we aren't getting ready to do something. Our members keep up on what is going on either by reading the newsletter or postings on the website or calling other members, and just jump in when they want to without a written invitation. It works pretty well and we always welcome all members and friends to our activities

## Proposed Kennebec River Cruise by Pat Porter

I have been surprised to discover how many of our members have never made the Kennebec River Cruise out of Boothbay Harbor. I have included the write up from [www.boothbayboattrips.com](http://www.boothbayboattrips.com) to give you an idea of what the trip includes. We have personally taken this trip many times and I am always enthralled with the variation in topography as well as the ability to view the 7 lighthouses. This is a good cruise for all ages and abilities as the boat is easy access and has some enclosed and some open seating. I have spoken to their office and they have agreed that if we can get at least 15 people to go at one time, they will reduce the rate from \$30 per person to a group rate of \$25 per person. The months, days and times of the trip are included in the write up.

(Please note) 3 Hour Trip

This fabulous 44 mile trip offers a variety of the wide open sea and close-to-shore cruising. Relive history dating back to colonial days along the Kennebec River. Then let your captain bring you up to date on the latest shipbuilding activity at Bath Iron Works. Experience the thrill of passing through Hell Gates and don't forget your camera to snap the seven lighthouses, seals and historic Fort Popham.

July - September (Please note) 3 hr. trip

Thursday 12:40 pm

Saturday 12:40 pm

Sunday 12:40 pm

If you have any interest in this trip please contact me either through my e-mail, [porterp@escapees.com](mailto:porterp@escapees.com) or 321-383-8039 (we will be at this phone number until the end of April) or 207-677-2924 after the middle of May.



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.

## Pemaquid Remembered (continued)

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*Instead of bouncing up he landed with a "plop". This meant he was diseased. They said they couldn't pay me but would drop him off in the ocean for me. At that time they were 5 cents a pound, \$30.25. When the Japanese came they paid as high as \$3.50 per pound, \$2,100.00*

*My next position was a sales representative for the Scott Co. Lawn Products. When this ended my wife "Ginger" and I decided to open a country store in Billerica, MA. We sold everything from red suspenders to \$1500.00 grandfather clocks. It is still in business today. It is known as the "WhiffleTree Country Store and Gift Shop"*

*.Next venture was the spring water business. I have 2 natural springs on my 5 acre property. After 6 years a company approached me and offered to buy my business. You might recognize the company; it is called "the Coca Cola Company". They did not buy my property, just the business. I was the first of many companies they bought, so I guess I can say we started them in business. I had a 5 year non competing agreement with them. I opened an "honor system" operation. People fill their own containers and deposit 40 cents per gallon in the money slot. We have 8 faucets. People are surprisingly honest.*

*We also have a candle company known as "the Whiffle Tree*



Richard on the PURE H20

*Candle Co.". My son Steven operates this business. He manufactures some very original candles.*

*The boat you see in my photo is called the "PURE H20". It had been anchored in Pemaquid Harbor until 2 years ago when I sold it. The trees you see are not native to Pemaquid. They are called Palm Trees! I made a total of 12 trips on the inter Coastal Waterway to Naples Florida.*

Regards, Dick Blinn

## A Word from Our Webmaster

Mark Eelman

The big news during the past year was that in April, 2009 Dan Hanson donated and helped the Bristol Parks Department install the weather station at the Keeper's House at Lighthouse Park. A console which was purchased with funds donated by the Pemaquid Point Association was installed in the new Learning Center at Lighthouse Park. Dan also donated a copy of his software that displays current weather information on the web and compiles daily and monthly climate reports. Those reports are available on the Association website along with all the current weather information. There is also a method, described in the members section of the website, to view the instruments live (1 second updates) via the web.

We did have some wild weather since the installation. During the February 26, 2010 storm, the station recorded a peak wind of 71 mph. This resulted in many downed trees and prolonged power outages on the Point.

The website recorded its busiest day in its two-and-one-half-year history on Sunday, August 23, 2009. This was the day that Hurricane Bill passed far enough offshore to not affect our weather but close enough to produce enormous waves. The camera, situated on the second floor of the "bunk house" at the Seagull Shop, does not show wave heights well; but there were several shots that caught the spray reaching the lawn of the Park.

We continue to receive emails from around the world from people who visit the site to see the webcam. Most are frequent visitors to the area. Some have not been here in years or decades. They all tell us how much they appreciate the website. It has been suggested that some of these letters be posted on the

site and I will begin to do that.

The website and the equipment required to run the webcam are now nearing 3 years old. Maintenance costs have been almost non-existent thus far (we did lose a Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) unit last year due to electrical surges) and had to add a cable to make the web cam less troublesome. Eventually funds will be required to replace the router or the camera. We have received a few donations from appreciative viewers (total less than \$100) which we hope can be held in escrow for the website/webcam repair and/or replacement; but more will be needed.

Ideas for features or additional content that would make the website more valuable to Association members are extremely welcome. Contact John Porter or myself at any time should you have an idea or request. All ideas are welcome and will be given due consideration.

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".*



## Last Fall's Bird Watch Walk

Pat Porter

It was a small, but enthusiastic (and did I mention cold) group of bird watchers who joined the fall PPA bird walk. (Photos on page 8) Thanks, Paula, for the hot chocolate treat before the walk. Although mid October is not the best time to catch the migrating birds the group was honored to be able to spot a flock of migrating cedar wax wings in a tree. Unfortunately the photo does not reproduce well, but there were over 50 birds in the one tree. I have already spoken to Joe Mallory and he has agreed to do a walk again this year in the middle to later part of May. He tells me that this is prime migrating time, so hope you can join us.



CEDAR WAX WING

**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

## Lighthouse Report etc.

By Bob Kline

In Mid-May this spring, the Friends of the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse (FPPL) are planning to commence the 7th year of opening the lighthouse to public visits, which will be the 10th year of the 20 year lease from the US Coast Guard to the American Lighthouse Foundation to operate the Lighthouse. It would be a welcome for members of PPA to join the Friends of the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, by volunteering to greet some of our expected 35,000 visitors by spending a few hours, mostly at your convenience, each week or each month.....and subsequent to time spent learning some of the history or current projects of the lighthouse, and the general rules and requirements of visitors.....Recent contact with HUD reports that the environmental review of the lighthouse has been completed, and that the Federal appropriation funds for restoration efforts will go to contract signature in a week. Therefore, by the end of February the executed agreement will be in place, and work can be started on the interior of the lighthouse early in March.....Jim Leslie's work will begin with tear down of the interior walls of the lantern room, and a determination of the source of leaks will be made...That will then allow the Coast Guard work crew to begin their efforts to replace all of the 10 panels of glass and then to replace the lower wall panels. Jim Leslie's crew will then move down lower to restore all of the interior brick work of the inner wall of the tower. In the following good weather that crew will also recoat the exterior of the tower to remove the rust stain, and will stabilize some of the iron supports, and replace the rail of the cat walk with blackened stainless material.....A lot

of work for a lot of dollars, all of which will hopefully not interfere with the tours of visitors.....Other non-professional jobs such as painting stairs, lobby floor, etc will be scheduled for a Friends work party prior to the opening in mid-May.....Bob Kline, ..

*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.*

## 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.

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 Association.*

## PPA 2009 Sailing Trip Details by Joan Zajtchuk

Last summer, we had 20 people take a beautiful afternoon sail (Option 2) 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).

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.



“Morning in Maine”

[www.amorninginmaine.com](http://www.amorninginmaine.com)

## Historian's Report by Anne Lewis

The Pemaquid Point Hotel has been a focal point in the neighborhood and an attraction for outsiders since the late 1800s, or for approximately 120 years. Cindy and Skip Atwood did a fine job of restoration—almost re-creation - of the hotel in the 1970s, and have been the attentive owners of the hotel since that time.

With the help of Cindy and Skip, I will give an abbreviated history of the Hotel, and of a nearby home that in the early years housed the Hotel guest overflow. This annex, which was 100 years old in 2009, is the Pemaquid Point home of Odette and Fred Conron.

I hope to see all of you at the Annual Meeting of The Association in August.

Anne D. 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.*



Anne Lewis

## Cottage Inspector Change Noted by Pat Porter

Those of you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting may not be aware that Lynn Sparrow, our cottage inspector of many years, has relocated out of the area and will not be spending the winters at the Point anymore. As a result she was no longer able to stay on as Cottage Inspector and it was with regret that it was necessary to hire a new inspector.

Fortunately one of the Associations members, Roy Gauntt, retired from his position as an Industrial Arts teacher at Medomak Valley High School this past year.. As a full time resident of the area he was available to fill the position and has been doing so for this past season. We wish Lynn Sparrow all the best for the future and look forward to a continued relationship with Roy.



AFTER DARK LAWN GUEST



A BRISK OCT. BIRDWATCHER'S WALK



BIRDWATCHER'S BREAKFAST

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## WE GET MAIL!!

Hello— My name is Nancy Hall Mabee and I live in Marietta, Georgia. I grew up in Waldoboro and we ALWAYS went to Pemaquid Beach in the summers. We even visited Pemaquid in the beauty of the winters. Now living in Georgia - I visit your website on a daily basis to check the webcam to get my Maine "fix". I'm thankful for this website especially because of the webcam - always make me smile and remember fond memories. I wished I'd never left! The reason I'm writing is to inquire about becoming an Associate Member of the Point Association.

In some small way I would like to give back from what I've received over these years by viewing the webcams and site information.

Nothing would make me happier than to be a member of "my" Pemaquid Lighthouse!

Please let me know if this "long-distance" membership is acceptable.

Best regards,

Nancy Hall Mabee

NOTE: The above email was received in February 2010. Nancy is in the process of becoming an associate member. We also received a card with a note with a "Thank You" and a check for \$25 to help with "upkeep and renovation" of the web cam from Vera Roth in Montana. Vera grew up in Oregon and loves light houses, the ocean and the rugged coast line. I did not have time to correspond with Vera prior to publishing this newsletter to get permission to print her letter; so this is just a summary. — John Porter—



## Cottage Inspector's Report by Roy Gauntt

Another winter has come and gone here at the point. Last significant snowfall was January 21<sup>st</sup>. Fall and early winter were relatively quiet here in respect to weather related damage to the cottages. Late winter and early spring have brought heavy rains and significant wind. Fortunately most of the severe weather has caused minor damage. Although many trees have been lost because of the storms, only one impacted a cottage. There were many trees down across roads and on properties. Many cottages lost shingles during the storms. Other than a few windows blowing out and some unlatched doors that was the extent of the damage.



It was my policy that if I saw anything I thought impacted your cottage I would call. This could be anything from a tree down to an open window. I did not call about a tree down that

### **OFFICERS , BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010:**

Historian—Anne Lewis  
 Digitizing Old Records Committee—Joan Zajtchuk  
 Cottage Inspector Coordinator—Bob Kline  
 Membership Directory Coordinator—Fred Conron  
 Activities Committee Chair—This could be you  
 Fisherman's Museum Volunteer Coordinator—Dave Evans  
 Light House Cemetery grounds care—Dana Small  
 Gray Cemetery grounds care—Bob Kline  
 Light House Volunteers — Bob Kline  
 Assistant Secretary —Grace Fritz  
 Member of the Board—Lara Cogar  
 Member of the Board—John German  
 Secretary and member of the board—Robert Fraser  
 Assistant Treasurer and member of the board—Roy Gauntt  
 Treasurer and member of the board—Sally Hovey  
 Vice President and member of the board—Boyce Martin  
 President and member of the board—Dave Evans

did not impact the cottage or access to the cottage. In many cases I was not sure of where property lines were and if a certain tree was on a members property or not. Anyone I could not reach by phone I emailed with a report. I did my best to reach all the cottages and walk around them. There are several cottages that do not have their roads plowed. This makes access difficult.

A couple of suggestions to the members. Several cottages do not have house numbers on them. It was difficult for me to identify whose cottage was a PPA member and whose was not. It also makes it difficult for fire and rescue when numbers are not displayed. If everyone could put their number on, it would make it easier for me. Also, when packing up for the season please make sure that anything left outside is secure. Tarps and deck furniture were all over the place because of the wind. Shed doors, well covers, trash cans also need to be secure for the winter.

I had a chance to meet several of the members this year and look forward to meeting many of you this summer. Roy Gauntt email teg@tidewater.net 207-677-2389

*While Roy's early years were lived near the Jersey Shore area most of his working years were in Maine. He is a very active "retired" high school industrial arts teacher who taught at Medomak Valley High School and also coached baseball for many years. Roy and his wife Mary have lived on "The Point" for about 25 years and during the first few years expanded their original purchase from a 24 ft by 20 ft. one story cottage to a 2 story 2 bedroom home complete with living room and lounge/TV room, deck and detached garage. Roy and Mary built it all themselves and have some interesting stories to tell about that; especially from the first winter. Roy's interests are old cars, sports, boating, the family's pet cats and he frequently can be found walking the loop with Mary or catching the "fast pitches" of his 14 year old daughter Tara who attends Lincoln Academy. If you pass a 52 Willys or orange Corvette on the road, it is most likely Roy or Mary.*

### **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 regarding meeting dates. 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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## **2010 CALENDER OF EVENTS**

**Birdwatcher's walk** with Joe Mallory—tentatively mid or late May. 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](http://www.pemaquidpoint.org).

**Wine & Cheese Social**—June 25th, 2010 at the Lisa & John Shenton residence. Please bring an appetizer dish.

**Annual Meeting**—August 6, 2010 at the Bristol School on rt. 130 near the library. We will meet in the gymnasium at 9:00 a.m. 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 21, 2010. 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 Zajtchuks for information. See Joan's article inside.

**Possible Kennebec River Cruise;** to be determined by interested parties. Call Pat Porter for information. See Pat's article inside

**Anytime,** Visit [pemaquidpoint.org](http://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