

The Pemaquid Point Association SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER

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The President's Message

from Dave Evans

I have enjoyed the past two years as President of this Association. I was blessed with an excellent Board of Directors who assisted me with both ideas and actions. The on-going problem of Forest clean up got a boost when complaints about the wooded debris adjacent to the Cliff Road led to the Sheriff's department contacting the owner, and threatening a fine. Clean up was soon underway. Before Molly and I left in mid October, I walked the area briefly and although the job was not complete, much progress had been made and fire danger greatly reduced. On our return to Maine in late June, one of my first duties will be a similar activity on the Short/Evans property.

As most of you are aware, Molly and I have been the coordinators for the Fishermen's Museum at the

Point for several years now and so it was with profound sadness that we learned of the passing of Barbara Marshall this Winter. She was of infinite help to us in learning the "ropes" of organization and scheduling. She will be missed. Our warmest condolences to Len and to their sons and daughters.



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 Edith Hary

Edith Hary represents the last of "the old days" at Pemaquid Point, as she has carried the history of the Point all her life, through her family history and her own deep interest and expertise. As the 4th generation in her cottage, the first summer cottage at The Point (Cliff Road), Edith's early tenure in the 1940s/50s was little different from that of her great-grandfather Judge Oliver G. Hall who built it before participating in the Pemaquid Land Company.

Edith's predecessor and aunt, Gwendolyn Perry Smith, wrote in a lively essay about early days (the 1890s to the 1910s):

The Point...had been discovered, we like to brag, by our mother in horse-and-buggy days when there was no other building beyond the lighthouse. Surely the lot Grandfather chose would have been any va-

cationer's first choice....all that came between us and Spain was the enchanting shipping. In the course of a day many a ship went sailing by "white sails crowding", and other kinds of craft as well, including the government boats that came to supply the light...

No photo available

On special days we would skirt the cliffs but a short distance to some very spectacular rock formations which Mother had named Neptune's Throne and the amphitheater. There was also a gigantic rock profile we called Neptune's Face....But for everyday revels we went to the woods [which] began almost at the edge of the back yard...and we were there in the animals' realm....

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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 the LAST PAGE for YOUR CALENDER.** No other notices will be sent. The secondary objective is to communicate other matters of interest to members.

Annual Dues

By Sally Hovey, PPATreasurer

August 2011 thru July 2012, the annual dues are \$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

My 3-year term as treasurer will be ending and we will be looking for a new treasurer, if you are inter-

ested in this position please let me know. My email address is gdsahovey@aol.com.

Please mark your calendars so that you remember to pay your dues prior to August 15, 2011.



Sally Hovey

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 will be 2 in June). Sally retired from Bettcher Industries, Inc. where she worked in Human Resources.

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Pemaquid Remembered (continued)

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Grandfather made a gift of it to Mother, who willed it to Aunt Hattie (Hattie Vose Hall, one-time poet laureate of the Point), who in turn willed it to me...it passed from me to Lucile's daughter, Edith Hary (in 1944/5).

Sadly, these quotes omit the charm of Gwendolyn's narrative in favor of bare facts.

Life was still simple at The Point in Edith's early days as owner, nearly unchanged from her own childhood visits to (great-) Aunt Hattie. Although many cottages had been built by the Pemaquid Land Company, they were simple Summer cottages.

Many still had hand-pumps and privvies and wood-stoves. People came to stay the summer as they were teachers, professors, librarians... They walked, over the roads or the rocks—to Pumpkin Cove or all the way to New Harbor and beyond. They ate dinner at the Bradley Inn, then a simple place, or fetched basic staples from Minnie Martin's, or they prepared meals from deliveries by the vegetable and fish vendors. There was the ice-man who kept their ice-boxes cold. "Landscaping" then was natural: spruce and rock, rosa rugosa, a window-box of petunias—and poison ivy, which cottagers worked together to eradicate from the paths along the rocks.

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The Annual Membership Directory

by Fred Conron

Is it possible that another year has slipped by? Everything points in that direction. The gorgeous riot of autumn colors has given place to the glistening crystals of white powder we so lovingly call “snow” and this winter, many of those who fled to the Deep South encountered a surprising blanket of white “star dust” or at least a visit from Jack Frost trying his best to hijack our oranges, veggies and favorite garden plants. When was the last time we saw Floridians sporting a Canadian winter jacket with hood tucked around frosty ears?

At this writing (12 February 2011), I cannot say as I did last year, that we have a bevy of new members to announce. On the contrary, with the demise of Stephen Guild Kurtz, his estate has passed on to his children, Sharon Kurtz Thompson of Alexandria, VA, Thomas Patterson Kurtz of Wiscasset, ME, and Stephen Godolphin Kurtz of Sudbury, MA. On the other side of the Point, our beloved Angelina Scardamaglia and Emilio Savaro both left us in 2010. Angelina’s nephew and his wife, Francis & Brenda Savaro of Clark Summit, PA, inherit the cottage. Finally, the unexpected & shocking departure of Barbara Marshall on 11 January of this year took us all by surprise. We shall miss each of these long-time members. Our most sincere condolences to each of the survivors.

The directory is a listing of all members in good standing as of its publication, usually just before the Annual General Meeting (AGM). You will also find a copy of our Constitution and other notices. Suggestions for improving the Directory, and all changes of any kind should be sent to me BEFORE July.

Our cottage inspector (Roy Gauntt) uses the data in

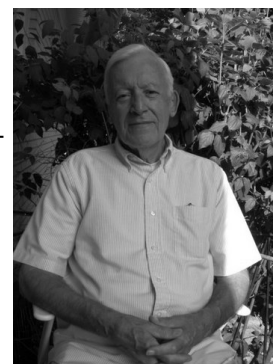
the Directory to contact members in case of emergencies occurring to your property during the off-season. It is very important that you review your entry, making sure that your winter telephone and e-mail address are up-to-date. You may send any changes to me at

fconron@yahoo.com or by telephone to 418-656-13331. If you prefer to use the U.S.

postal service, my address is in the Directory.

Each year, at the AGM, the new edition of the Directory is distributed to all the members present. If you are unable to attend the AGM, perhaps a friendly neighbor could pick one up for you. Of course, if all else fails, you may always contact me for a copy. Your cooperation in helping us to reduce our mailing costs is greatly appreciated.

Fred is a retired Professor of Modern Languages (French language and literature, Methodology of Teaching Foreign Languages) who hales from New York State. After serving in the U. S. Army at Thule Airbase, Greenland in the early 1950s he attended Siena College, earning a B.A. From 1959 to 1961 he won a Fulbright scholarship to France, where he taught at the *École normale d’Instituteurs de Strasbourg*. While in France, he also studied at the *Université de Strasbourg*, earning a *Certificat d’Études pépéures*. Upon his return to the States, he did post graduate studies at the University of Nebraska (M. A.), and at *l’Université Laval* (Ph. D.). He has taught at several universities in the U. S., Canada and Mexico. He retired from the *Ministère de l’Éducation du Québec* in 1997 after 27 years as a consultant in the areas of provincial examinations and translations. His lifelong avocations are music (the baroque masters), gardening and traveling.



Fred Conron

THREE CHEERS FOR GEORGE HOVEY: While I was editing this newsletter, I discovered that I had been neglecting to list one of our most important Committee chairman among the names of our committee chairs and board members. So I am about to right that wrong. When I was president of the PPA in 2006, I was looking around for someone new to take over the nominating committee; so I asked George Hovey to be my Nominating Committee Chairman and accept the task of making the committee more aggressive in finding new members, with no prior service, to be on the board. George didn’t hesitate. He dug into the membership list and came up with a list of people that had not served and tasked his volunteers to make telephone calls to find who could serve. It was a huge success and George has been serving in that capacity ever since. As you have seen, since then, we have had mostly new board members and we have not had to rely on our experienced board members so much. Let’s hear it for George HIP HIP HOORAY!!!! HIP HIP HOORAY!!!! (If you’d like to serve on the board; please call George!) John Porter

Who are the "FIRST RESPONDERS" by Jeri Pendleton

Having observed the Bristol Responders at work, I wondered why their visit was always followed up with the ambulance from Damariscotta arriving. One day while walking the loop, we asked Jeri Pendleton for an explanation. Her response was interesting and educational; so I asked her to write it up for the newsletter.

Pat Porter

BRISTOL FIRST RESPONDERS: by Jeri Pendleton

The Porters asked if I would write a little about the Bristol First Responders, so here goes. We are an extension of the Bristol Fire and Rescue with many members playing a dual role of firefighter and emergency medical technician (EMT). We were organized in 1982, the second in Lincoln County to do so. We are licensed by the State of Maine and must maintain that license through various strict requirement. Presently we have 17 members scattered throughout the Town of Bristol. The rescue vehicle is located at the New Harbor Station, the villages of Bristol Mills and Round Pond have equipment based at their stations. A question Mr. Porter asked is why we don't transport to Miles Hospital. There are several reasons. First, most of us have regular jobs that we work at daily providing for our families. We are fortunate that some of us are self-employed and others are allowed to leave their work to respond for an emergency. Therefore, we need to return to work as soon as possible and transporting a patient to Miles Hospital would be very time consuming. If we transported we would have to charge for our services and that would require bookkeeping to handle billing, insurance paperwork, etc. A third reason being that if another call came in while we were transporting we might not have personnel to respond because during the day some members work out of town. We are paid a stipend for each call by the Town of Bristol, there is no charge to the patient for our services and we do not receive any pay for being available. Even through we are supported by the Town, we still depend on donations to help us

with necessary purchases. Because of the gifts, which assist us in purchasing equipment and supplies, we continue to be able to administer very good patient care.

If our services are needed we can be reached by calling 911. Lincoln County Communications Center is located in Wiscasset and they immediately dispatch us and Central Lincoln County Ambulance, located in Damariscotta simultaneously. By the time we locate the emergency, size up the situation, and administer basic care, the ambulance should be arriving on the scene with a paramedic, who can give advanced care. We work under and with Miles Hospital Emergency Room medical control if necessary. When the ambulance arrives we usually have done our basic care and have the patient on a stretcher which is interchangeable with CLC, we exchange call information and the patient will be on their way to the hospital very quickly.

In 2010 we responded to 340 medical calls. We are trained to treat a wide variety of emergencies ranging from vehicle accidents, strokes, heart attacks, fractures, diabetic emergencies, water rescue calls and many other various illnesses and injuries, even to deliver babies, but we haven't had that call in all of our 29 years!

Someone is always available 24/7 and during the years we have been serving the people in Bristol we have been able to answer every call. I hope this explains our service. If you have any further questions I would be happy to answer them.

P.S. A reminder to keep your driveways cut back 12 feet high and 15 feet wide so that we can reach you quickly. The rescue vehicle that carries our equipment and us needs at least that much space to maneuver.



Jeri Pendleton

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. JP

A Word from Our Webmaster

Mark Eelman

A look at the statistics for Pemaquidpoint.org reveals that visits to the site have leveled off since 2009, holding on average about 5,500 daily page views and over 1,000 daily visitors. This winter, spikes in activity can be traced to the (many) winter storms. On the busiest day over 12,000 pages were viewed by over 6,000 visitors.

Visitors arrived from 90 countries around the globe. The top of the list is not surprising with the U. S., Canada, Italy, Germany and the U.K making up the top 5 in that order. But with 90 countries represented it is hard to name a country that did not make the list with at least one visitor. There were, for example, two visits from Iran and even one from Nepal.

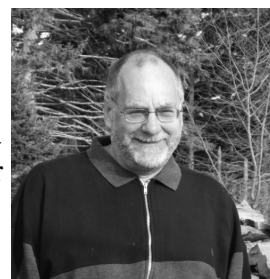
During 2010 one of the two routers that relay the signal from the camera was replaced after several

weeks of intermittent malfunctioning. No other maintenance was required and overall there were few problems. The camera has, however, been in service for what is approaching 4 years.

The weather station, installed at the Lighthouse in April of 2009, continues to operate flawlessly.

Don't forget to send suggestions, ideas for new content, photographs (new and old) from around the area or other comments to webcomments@pemaquidpoint.org.

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".



Mark Eelman

COME TAKE A TRIP IN OUR TIME MACHINE TO THE 1880'S: SEE HOW BELOW

A CD containing images of over 70 issues of the Pemaquid Messenger can be purchased for \$20 from Jack Lane. Call him at 207-677-2936 to order a copy. The Messenger issues are circa 1887-88 and they make for truly fascinating reading. You can read more about the Pemaquid Messenger and the project which resulted in the CD in the "History" section of the website.

WE GET MAIL; FROM THE WEB SITE!!

Hello,

My grandparents (Clarence O. & Jennie M. Dales) lived in Round Pound, Maine from the 1940's (I believe) into the 70's. When I was a young child (late 1950's/early 1960's) I often visited them at their home in Round Pond in the summer months. I have fond memories of them taking my 2 brothers & me to the ocean at Pemaquid Beach. I recently was going through some old photographs of my mother's and found a lovely black & white photograph (9" x 7") of the Pemaquid Beach Lighthouse (attached). I'm not certain when it was taken, but my guess was in the 50's or 60's. Please let me know if you might like my photograph. Perhaps you have some memorabilia displayed somewhere on the property. I have not been there for about 50 years!

Jane Thurston
5 Jiminy Drive
Wolfeboro NH 03894
(603) 569-6128



NOTE: The left above email was received in September 2010 in the web site mailbox. The photo on the right is a copy of the photograph that was attached. Jane has since made arrangements to send the original to the Fisherman's Museum at the Light House Park.

Lighthouse Report etc.

By Bob Kline

For the second winter at Christmas, the wreath attached to dangle from the catwalk of the tower of the Lighthouse cast its lights for a few days, then the wind pulled sideways on the wreath, and the power line plug separated from the attachment at the wreath, and darkness prevailed. With the appearance of a sunny day there recently, the faulty Christmas wreath was removed. The town plow had once again plowed snow up against the fence gate, but with a bit of shoveling we managed to gain access. A small bit of snow had seeped onto the lobby floor, and of course it was colder inside. The magnificent restoration work of last April/May is readily evident, and will be pleasing to visitors in 2011. The internal brick work is excellent, and of note is the unveiling of the brick and granite alley way to the foot of the tower stairs.

The knee wall in the lantern room has been replaced with the same style of wood work, and the 5 brass movable air vents have all been repaired and reinstalled. All of the tower window wells were stripped to exhibit the granite supporting structure. The railing around the catwalk was due to be replaced, as well as all of the 10 windows of the lantern room, all by the Coast Guard crew. These items were merely restored rather than replaced due to the unavailability of that crew over the summer. It is believed that such work will be accomplished this spring. There are a number of remaining restoration efforts that are not of a critical structure nature, such as the restoration of the lens, and such will be the subject of a fund raiser and a third restoration project in the future.

The number of lighthouse visitors for 2010 totaled 33,278, a gain of about 4000 over 2009. As always there is a need for new volunteers to act as docents for a few hours each day for the tower to be opened from 10:30 to 5:00 each day from mid-May – mid-October. A brief training session has been suggested for sometime in the early spring, but the

best arrangement for newcomers is to spend a few hours at the lighthouse with an experienced greeter. Literature is available, and it is always a pleasure to meet the visitors, many of whom are from other countries. However, once they have made the round trip to the lantern room, all leave with positive comments and thanks. Latest news of Lighthouse ownership is that the Coast Guard will turn the decision process of ownership over to the National Park Service. The Coast Guard – American Lighthouse License for the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse runs until August 31, 2021.

The Pemaquid Point Association is responsible for the web cam depiction of the lighthouse through the year, and many thanks are extended from the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Friends for that feature. Perhaps a single sheet flyer might be created for handout at the lighthouse to direct visitors to that web site. Much information of the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse may be found at the web site of the American Lighthouse Foundation at www.LIGHTHOUSEFOUNDATION.ORG

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.



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 guests to our activities



Want to be in the theater?

By Andrew Fenniman



Many people in Lincoln County are unaware that the historic Lincoln Theater, home to movies, plays, concerts and other entertainment events is a nonprofit organization that is powered by the tremendous work of our dedicated volunteers. And we're always looking for people to join. We love our volunteers! When you volunteer at The Lincoln Theater you are a valuable member of our community and your involvement keeps our much-loved theater alive. There are always opportunities for kind folks to help. Perhaps you could pull tickets, be an usher or why don't you come flex your muscles and operate our vintage popcorn maker!

The Lincoln Theater is presenting several live productions in 2011, both by broadcast and in person, and your participation will help to continue the fine tradition of gathering locally to engage in the performing arts. As soon as you become involved you will understand how much goes into each and every one of our productions.

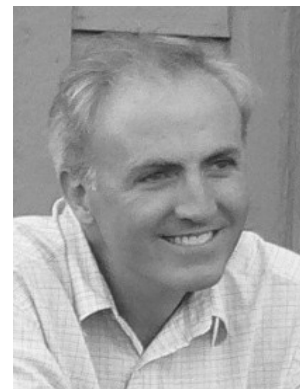
If you have special skills, we will do our best to accommodate them. Perhaps you have an interest in publicity, are good on the computer, could help with set construction, or paint scenery. There are so many ways you can get involved and be part of our

theater family. If you haven't acted before, now's the time to give it a go. Perhaps you would like to learn stage management, light board operations or help back stage during performances.

If you like to organize things, work with people, or just want to be part of your local theater, we need you!

You could bake cookies, stuff envelopes, bang in nails, use a screwdriver, sweep the stage, hold a door, put up a poster, prop up a ladder, or hand out a ticket. It's all volunteers and every volunteer is important at The Lincoln. Volunteering is such a great way to give back to the community.

Don't put it off any longer! Be part of making The Lincoln Theater even better in the months and years to come. It's fun, it's creative, it's rewarding. To explore further, please drop by the Lincoln Theater office or call 563 3424 and ask for Sarah. She'll be happy to bring you on board.



2010 POT LUCK DINNER AT BOB KLINE'S BARN



The Pot Luck gets under way.



The President is going to speak!

PPA 2011 Sailing Trip Details by Joan Zajтчuk

Two years ago, 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. 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

Proposed Kennebec River Cruise by Pat Porter



Last year many of you discovered a new place to take that out of town company when they arrive to visit, The Kennebec River Cruise. Since some of you expressed your disappointment that you were not able to make the trip I have spoken to Capt'n Fish's office and they have once

again agreed to grant us a reduced rate if we have a group of at least 15 people. Their current rate is \$30.00 and they have agreed to a \$5.00 per person reduction. Last year a group of us met for lunch prior to the cruise and if interested we could do so again this year. No matter how often my husband and I make this trip we feel each time is the first. Last year we saw 5 bald eagles in addition to all the other wonderful sights. It is a good trip for people of all ages, as the boat is easily accessible and has both outside and inside seating. I am again copying their write up for your review. Contact me

either by e-mail, porterp@escapees.com, or phone 207-677-2924, if you have any interest in making the trip and let me know what dates work for you. Look forward to seeing you all back in Maine this year.

Spectacular Kennebec River - Bath Cruise

(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 light-houses, seals and historic Fort Popham.

July - September (Please note) 3 hr. trip ,Thursday 12:40 pm, Saturday 12:40 pm, Sunday 12:40 pm

ADULTS: \$30.00 CHILDREN \$15.00

Pat lives at "The Point" in the summer and in Florida in the winter. She has roots in Baltimore County

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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 accomodate 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

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.

Proposed Kennebec River Cruise continued

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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 Pat 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



A scene from our 2010 Kennebec River Cruise upper deck; a few PPA members are among the other passengers aboard Capt. Fish's boat out of Boothbay Harbor, ME.

Cottage Inspector's Report by Roy Gauntt



As I write this on March 24th 2011 all but a few piles of snow are left on the ground here at Pemaquid Point. This has been one of the snowiest winters we have seen in our 25 winters here at the Point. The snow was 20

to 30 inches deep in most places for most of the winter. Although there wasn't one big storm there was a series of 8 to 10 inch storms. Some of the snow would melt only to be shortly replenished. A lot of snow but not as much wind as usual. A couple gusts hit 60 mph, but not the sustained winds that do a lot of damage.

Wind usually does the most damage; because we had less wind there was considerably less damage to report this year. Last year I made almost 60 calls to let association members know of damage to their cottages. This year I made 15 calls; trees down, shingles off and a couple doors open. I did notice this year that fewer people had their roads or driveways plowed. Many of these roads and driveways abut other roads. After the plowing of those roads some of the snow banks were 6 feet high. I could get in to check the cottages but any fire truck or emergency vehicle would not be able to get down the road. Just something for everyone to

think about for next year. Also, anything left out blows around, blue tarps and lawn furniture need to be well secured. We have a number of people that do not have numbers on their cottages. I know all the cottages now but fire or rescue crews would not.

For the first time in about 15 years I saw raccoons. Rabies had wiped out most of the population. If you see any this summer and they are acting strange call the animal control officer. Also be careful of your pets around raccoons and other wild animals.

Once again I enjoyed being your cottage inspector. If you have any questions always feel free to call or email me.

Roy Gauntt

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'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 15 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.

Pemaquid Remembered (continued)

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Change came mostly with folk who might no longer stay the summer. There came plumbing, electricity, telephone. Edith upgraded from privvy to plumbing in 1964, but held out against the phone until 1979 when the governor and legislature persuaded her to add one rather than communicate with her by State Trooper!

The cottage was her refuge from long days at the State House where, as State Law and Legislative Reference Librarian, she assisted governors, legislators, attorneys and, always, the citizens of Maine, with their research needs. She was said to embody the institutional history of the State House for many decades, and was sought for her comprehen-

sive knowledge of Maine history. She published the volume that brought to light the midwife Martha Ballard's diary.

She never commuted from Augusta, however, but came every possible week-end and for vacations when she rested and read Dickens. In those days, too, she knew every cottager and for a time was the youngest person amongst them. She was active in the PPA, and held all its offices.

Edith rejoices in her family's long tenure here—and its likely continuance in the present (3rd!) century—as well as in her own good fortune to have lived at The Point year-round since 1989, and the past seven years in the cottage built in 1885 by her great grandfather the Hon. Oliver G. Hall. ~~~~~

MORE POT LUCK DINNER PHOTOS



WHAT???



JOAN AND RUSS ZAJTCHUCK celebrating their 50th anniversary, brought music to the dinner.

OFFICERS , BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011:

Nominating Committee Chairman—George Hovey
 Historian—Anne Lewis
 Digitizing Old Records Committee—Joan Zajtchuk
 Cottage Inspector Coordinator—Bob Kline
 Membership Directory Coordinator—Fred Conron
 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; term expires August 2012
 Member of the Board—John German; term expires August 2012
 Secretary and member of the board—Lisa Shenton; term expires August 2013
 Assistant Treasurer and member of the board—Roy Gauntt; term expires August 2011
 Treasurer and member of the board—Sally Hovey; term expires August 2011
 Vice President and member of the board—Boyce Martin; term expires August 2013
 President and member of the board—Dave Evans; term expires August 2011

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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2011 CALENDER OF EVENTS

Birdwatcher's walk with Joe Mallory—None scheduled for May this year. If you are interested in having one in June, call Pat Porter's Pemaquid number in early June or email the website box at webcomments@pemaquidpoint.org.

Wine & Cheese Social—June 24th, 2011; 5 pm at the Lisa & John Shenton residence. Please bring an appetizer dish.

Annual Meeting—August 5, 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 20, 2011. 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 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.