

The Pemaquid Point Association

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The President's Message from:

Jeff Kessler

What a winter it has been at The Point. Jane and I hadn't even gotten out of town when the first snowfall hit at the end of October. While we did depart a couple of weeks later, the snow has been relentless this winter.

Thank goodness The Association has Roy looking after things. As Pat Porter had done before me, I took the opportunity to accompany Roy on his inspection rounds following the October snowfall. Finding safe passage down the roads and tracking around cottages in the snow is not for the faint of heart. I was lucky that it was a beautiful, albeit cold, sunny day on my rounds. We discovered the things we hear about every year: Open windows, open garage/shed doors, unsecured furniture, etc. We noted our findings in Roy's log and contacted homeowners as appropriate.

Despite ongoing pleas from Roy, there are still cottages without house numbers. In many cases Roy knows who the owner is and can contact accordingly. Keeping your information in the contact list current (through me in my other role as Membership Directory Coordinator – jkessler60@aol.com) will allow for timely notification to homeowners.

Last summer was another smashing success for PPA social events. Thanks so much to Lisa and John Shenton for hosting the June Wine & Cheese Social, and to Kersten and Clayton Chapman for also hosting a Wine and Cheese Social in July.

Thanks also to Bob Kline for hosting the August Pot Luck Dinner and to Judy and Charles Duggan for the Appetizer portion of the October Progressive Dinner Party at the Pemaquid Hotel and last but certainly not least, thanks to Deb and



Jeff and the Cottage Inspector, Roy Gauntt

Ned Brush who hosted the Main Course and Dessert. As noted in the Social Season Preview section of this Newsletter, this summer promises to be another success. Thanks in advance to Laurie Worth and Sally Hovey.

The Annual Meeting will begin with refreshments at 9 a.m. and will be held in the Bristol School Gym on August 7.

On the culinary front, word on The Point is that the Harbor Room (at the site of the old Samoset) is progressing nicely and will be ready by late April or May. The Anchor Inn in Round Pond has undergone a management change as well as significant renovations. Personally I can't wait to check out both "new" locations.

Finally I would like to thank the volunteers, committee members and board members for all of their hard work. Without them the PPA could not function.

Well enough rambling from me. Please take the time

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS YOUR ONLY NOTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PEMAQUID POINT ASSOCIATION. PLEASE MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDER. You can find the meeting time and place in the calender of events on the last page of this newsletter. Also note that a copy of this entire newsletter is available on pemaquidpoint.org

The Treasurer's Report from: Tim Norland

Hello from snowy NJ (who would have thought it). Of course we haven't been buried like those who have spent the winter in Pemaquid.

There are now 133 dues paying members and associate members in the PPA. Dues are used to pay the cottage inspector for checking up on our homes on the Peninsula from September thru May. With all the snow this past year, I expect Roy Gauntt, our cottage inspector, has had quite a time of it. I hope he had a pair of snowshoes.

Please remember that dues are paid annually and should be paid prior to August 15th so that your cottage will be scheduled for inspection. Dues should be sent to Treasurer, PPA, PO Box 283, New Harbor, ME 04554; of course they may also be paid at the annual meeting in early August.



TIM and BETSEY

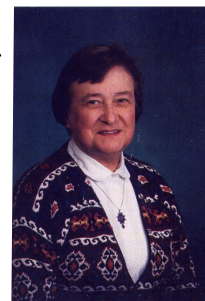
Tim Norland is married to Betsey Norland and has a son Christopher who works with computers in Las Vegas. Tim is the General Manager for Norland Products Inc. a manufacturing company, started by his father in 1960, that sells Fiber Optic test equipment, UV curing adhesives and Kosher Fish Gelatin. He has enjoyed spending time on Pemaquid Point with Betsey since 1980. ++

The Historian's Report from: Anne Lewis

At the Pemaquid Point Association Annual Meeting in early August, the subject of the historical report will be the early-established Kentucky Presence at Pemaquid Point.

In 1899 a Professor of Medieval History at Wellesley College purchased from The Pemaquid Land Company a home on Ridgeway South, within the Pemaquid Loop area. The Professor was one of three sisters, and within a few years the entire family, including a parent, had followed her to Maine, eventually purchasing or constructing three additional summer homes at Pemaquid Point. For 116 years, this musically-gifted family - of educators, writers, world travelers and multi-talented persons has enriched and enhanced the lives of their neighbors at Pemaquid Point. The last addition to this Presence is a tiny adorable dog

named Ivy, who rules the present Kentucky household with wit and charm. At the Annual Meeting, you will hear the story.



Anne was born in Clarksville, Tennessee and moved with her family to Alabama age nine. In 1956 she married William P. Lewis of Waverly, PA.; they had two children: Betsy, a diplomat with the US Department of State and Dr. John D. Lewis, a clinical neuropsychologist. Anne earned an M.S. degree in School Counseling from Marywood College in Scranton, PA. and served the Scranton School District as a social worker and counselor for 24 years. In 1985 she graduated from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. Her son, John and his wife Nancy have 3 children; Sarah, Rebecca and Jacob. ++

Message from the President continued: from: Jeff Kessler

to read the entire Newsletter. I hope you enjoy your Spring wherever you are and hope to see you around The Point this summer!

Jeff is married to Jane and they have three children. They all live in the Atlanta area. Jeff

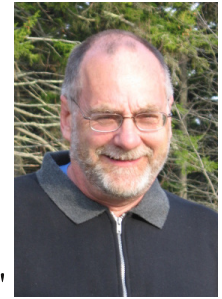
was formerly an accountant who worked with companies undergoing change and is now retired. He is an avid sports fan and you can see him trekking around The Point just about every day during the summer. ++

The Webmeister Speaks from: Mark Eelman

There were some large changes in the user statistics for PemaquidPoint.org during the period March, 2014-March 2015. Pageviews continued to decline, down 3% while the total number of unique visitors jumped by over 20% to nearly 60,000 people. In short, more people are coming to the site and staying for a little less time. Behind these trends is the rapid increase in mobile device access. Access to the site via tablets rose 52% from last year and access from phones rose 27%. Mobile devices now represent 30% of all accesses to the site. Just 5 years ago, mobile devices represented under 2% of accesses.

While the vast majority of our 60,000 visitors come from the US, 1.5% came from Canada, 1% from Germany, 1% from the United Kingdom and 0.5% from Italy. 123 countries were represented this year in our list of visitors.

I have added a slide show of the winter of 2015. It consists of pictures provided by Roy Gauntt which he took during his cottage inspections. You can find these photos on the website 'Member's Section' look under 'Member Area' for 'Winter 2015' and click on that. Then click on "See instructions below....." and wait a minute or so while it loads. To operate the slideshow follow the instructions under the photo.



Mark is currently employed as a computer programmer and is our very talented "webmeister". He designed and programmed this website and integrated the web cam and the real time weather data from the weather station at the light house. When not at the point, Mark and Sally are usually at their New Jersey residence. ++



THE CAMERA IS DOWN!!! The intrepid webmeister responds!! 11-02-2014

Neither rain, nor hail, nor snow, nor sleet

Fortunately for us, the camera doesn't go down very often; but when it does it usually is at an inconvenient time. The above photos show Mark responding to a web cam outage under just such conditions. The problem is typically caused by something other than the camera. This camera has just been great!

Photos and comment by John Porter

The Social Season Preview from: Laurie Worth

Hello PPA members. We are gearing up for another wonderful summer of social events. Please come to one or all and meet and greet old and newer friends! It's such a great opportunity to get acquainted or renew long time friendships. Please refer to the Calender of Events on the last page of this newsletter for dates and times.

I will be taking over the reins of Social Director from Sally Hovey, who has very capably served in that position for many years but wishes to give someone else a chance. If you are interested in helping out in setting up or clean up duty, feel free to join us! (Call after June 20th, you can reach me, Laurie Worth at 207-677-2018)

Laurie Worth and her husband, Bill have been coming to Maine since 1995. Relative newcomers!. We have lived in our cottage for 11 of those years. I enjoy all aspects of what Maine offers, but especially enjoy hiking, camping, kayaking, and getting together with with our son and his family who live in Sabattus. Our summer friends have come to mean a great deal to us and we wish for this joy to continue for many years to come...when not in Maine, we live in Pennsylvania where we enjoy spending time with our daughter and our friend's there. Our dog Trevor seems to enjoy spending time in both abodes!++



Making the Rounds from: Roy Gauntt

This has been the coldest winter here at the Point in the Gauntt family's 28 years of living here. Not sure there has been more snow than normal but it seems so because it just did not melt. There were many cold days with highs in the teens or lower. Because the snow piled up we were running out of places to put it. Many of the dirt roads even after being plowed were impassable. Generally speaking, most of the damage caused was the result of wind. There were only a few wind gusts up to 50 miles per hour, we did have several gale force winds during the winter. This caused a lot of drifting of snow. But we were spared the high winds that hit Massachusetts.

Damage was fairly light considering the severity of the winter. Only a few trees went down, most of them quite small. I found a number of open doors and windows throughout the winter months. A few houses lost shingles during the some of the gales. Although I didn't find it, the Hotel Pemaquid was broken into and copper pipe was taken. This also happened in several other communities. The amount of snow caused this type of behavior to stop as it was almost impossible to get to some of

the cottages. I discovered to date 63 incidents/problems at the cottages. Some of the problems I just took care of if possible, others I reported via email or phone.

There are still several cottages that do not have address numbers to identify them. At this point I know them all but if anyone else were trying to find your cottage it would be difficult. By posting you house or cottage number on the outside you would help the fire and rescue personnel in locating your cottage. Also please realize that if you do not have your cottage plowed out it is impossible to inspect it up close. The cottage would still get inspected but only as close as possible. CMP has spent many weeks in Bristol trimming trees, limbs, and branches away from the electric lines. They are also now transferring lines to the new poles. Also a new sub station is going in on route 130. None of this action is taking place on the point but should effect our service for the better in the future.



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Lighthouse volunteer coordinator's message by: Bob Kline

From Bob Kline as related to John Porter:
Bob says there is not much new to report this year regarding the light house; not much has changed. However, he would like to remind anyone who enjoys talking to the many people from all over the world who visit the light house; he can use your help. Anyone who is looking for a way to do some volunteer work for the community should give it some thought. Who knows, you might even get a chance to meet your new BFF. Contact information for Bob is in your directory.

BFF is a commonly used on-line acronym for Best Friend Forever.

Bob was born in Manchester, NH; but grew up in Massachusetts. He graduated from Colby College in

Waterville, Maine in the class of 1952 with a BA in Psychology. After teaching math 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 97. We became a widower on October 1, 2005. Bob can usually be contacted by email or his answering machine as his activities beyond the PPA include Friends of Colonial Pemaquid (acting as a docent), Friends of Pemaquid Point Lighthouse (docent and keeper) and Friends of the Carpenter's Boat Shop (volunteer where requested) and playing racquet ball; all of which keep him away from home frequently. ++



Making the Rounds continued

Maybe all the snow will be gone by April. Today is St. Patrick's Day and there is still plenty on the ground. As always feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely, Roy Gauntt
PPA Cottage Inspector

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 28 years. Their daughter, Tara, is well into her 2nd year at the Maine Maritime Academy. Roy's interests are old cars, sports, boating, racquet ball, the family's pet cats and walking the loop. If you pass a 52 Willys or orange Corvette on the road, it is most likely Roy or Mary or Tara. ++

PHOTO BELOW WAS PROVIDED BY ROY



WHEN THE SNOW PLOWS FAIL: Clyde Pendleton blowing the snow away on Captain James to clear room for the plow to operate.

THE PEMAQUID POINT ASSOCIATION (PPA):

The PPA can trace roots back to the 1920s when things were very different than now. There was no paved road from New Harbor to the light house and travel to the point was not very convenient. There was a dock on the John's Bay side, owned by the predecessor of the PPA, where a steam boat sometimes docked to bring travellers to and from the area. The main concerns of the organization back then were maintaining the roads and the wharf, making new walking paths along the roads and getting electricity to 'The Point'. It would be interesting to know the history of when the road from New Harbor was put in and which houses and families chose to build and live there and the order that the homes cropped up. We'll have to ask our historian, Anne Lewis if she has any information on this. (hint,hint). These days, the PPA no longer owns the wharf, in fact the wharf no longer exists; but PPA members still may use the right of way where the wharf once stood. During the 1940s, Maine had the distinction of having a Nazi submarine drop off 2 German spies near Bar Harbor, as well as being home to 4000 German P.O.W.s. There were rumors of Nazi activities in the Bristol area; but none provable as far as we know.

Now that we don't have work to do to get the road and electricity to 'The Point', what do we do? We do have some time for FUN and parties; see the Annual Calender on the last page of this newsletter for details. We also do some WORK. Some of our members care for the two grave yard grounds in the area on a volunteer basis and some of our members are volunteers at the Fishermen's and the Light House museums at the park. We also contact the town for matters deemed appropriate by the membership. Prior to our request to put a road sign at the Transfer Station, there was none. We also established and maintain a web site with a web cam trained on the light house. See pemaquidpoint.org to visit this web site where you can view archived copies of this newsletter, read some history of the area and view the web cam images and get the current and past weather information. The activity that requires most of our income is the cottage inspection function; the PPA hires a cottage inspector to make frequent inspections of members' property during the off season. We also donate to charities: We have given an annual donation to The First Responders and the Bristol Library for many years. Last year we became more aware of the locally administered Caring for Kids program and added that to our donation list. We (Pat & John) became so interested in helping the Caring for Kids program that we, with the help of the Light House Park, put on a Jud Caswell concert at the Park in September and raised additional, much needed funds for the program. We are tentatively going to have two fund raisers this year for the Caring for Kids; one will be a talk entitled "Birds of Pemaquid Point" by Joe Mallory earlier in the season (We need to find a projector for Joe as the Park does not have one) and later, a second event to be another concert. To get the latest information on the details of these two events or to volunteer to help, call or email Pat; her contact information is in the PPA directory.

You don't have to own property in the area to become a member of the Association. We have two types of membership; regular members who must own property in the area from Bay Pines Road to the south and Associate Members who are people who want to belong and do not own property in the area and do not need the cottage inspection service. Associate members are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors and vote on board issues; but may not vote on issues at the annual meeting. Maybe you are or will become an annual visitor to the area and would like to meet your area neighbors while you are here. If so, you can become an Associate member and be sure to have advance notice of our activities that are planned for the summer.

If you want to join as a regular member, use the form on page 7 and send it along with a check to the address on page 8. Regular membership annual dues are \$50 which includes the cottage inspection service through the off season.

If you want to join as an associate member, use the same form; but indicate somewhere on the form that it is for an ASSOCIATE membership and send along with your payment to the same address. Dues for Associates are \$25 per year. ++

Pat and John Porter

Please put this reminder on your calendar and fill this out and send with your payment. If there are co-owners who want to be listed, we need this same information for each co-owner.

PPA Dues Reminder (Pay by August 15th) (Please copy this form if necessary for more co-owners)

Name * _____ Winter Phone * _____

Winter Address* _____

PPA local Address* _____ Maine, _____

Local phone _____ Cell phone if desired _____

email addresses _____

*Required to identify property to cottage inspector and to allow him to contact you if needed. Also needed so that the Association can inform you of the annual meeting date via the newsletter.

CO-OWNER INFO:

Name * _____ Winter Phone * _____

Winter Address* _____

PPA local Address* _____ Maine, _____

Local phone _____ Cell phone if desired _____

email addresses _____

WE'RE GOING GREEN!! Thanks to the efforts of Jeff Kessler, our directory coordinator, we are sending directories AND newsletter electronically. Members who want emailed docs: 120. Members who want paper documents 13. If you are reading this on a paper document & want to change to internet delivery, contact Jeff. The colored photos are beautifully illuminated on the computer screen!! Please note that previous issues erroneously had the number of paper mailings at 6; actually Jeff reports that the number less this year than last.

OFFICERS , BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015:

Nominating Committee Chairperson ---Laurie Worth

Cottage Inspector Coordinator—Bob Kline

Membership Directory and email Coordinator—Jeff Kessler

Financial Committee Chairperson--Ken Wertz

Light House Cemetery grounds care—Dana Small

Gray Cemetery grounds care—Bob Kline

Light House Volunteers — Bob Kline

Newsletter production---Pat and John Porter

Assistant Secretary —Grace Fritz

Member of the Board—Frank Savarro--term expires August 2016

Member of the Board—Joan Zajtchuk--term expires August 2017

Member of the Board and Nominating Committee Chair—Laurie Worth--term expires August 2015

Secretary and member of the board—Rona Middleberg--term expires August 2015

Treasurer and member of the board—Tim Norland--term expires August 2017

Vice President and member of the board—Emily Steele--term expires August 2017

President and member of the board—Jeff Kessler--term expires August 2016

FROM:

THE PEMAQUID POINT ASSOCIATION
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2015 CALENDER OF EVENTS

Wine & Cheese Social—5 p.m. on Friday, June 26th at the Lisa & John Shenton residence. Please bring an appetizer dish.

Wine & Cheese Social—5 p.m. on Friday, July 24th at the Kerstin and Clayton Chapman residence. Please bring an appetizer dish.

Annual Meeting—Friday, August 7 at the Bristol School on rt. 130 near the library. We will meet in the gymnasium at 9:00 a.m. for Morning refreshments followed by 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. The Annual meeting is a convenient place to pay your dues.

Pot Luck Dinner at Bob Kline's Barn—5 p.m. Saturday, August 15, '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.

Progressive Dinner Party; , October to be determined (TBD). Hosting homes (TBD).

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.