

The Pemaquid Point Association

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The President's Message from:

Jeff Kessler

As spring has now sprung here in Peachtree City, Georgia, I can't help but think about loading up the cars and heading back up to The Point for another summer. Thoughts of meals at Shaws, Seagull Shop, Anchor Inn and the Harbor Room or taking the big drive up the peninsula to Damariscotta to Eiders, River Grill, Romeos... Hmmmmm, it seems one of the things I enjoy at The Point is the food and drink!

It ended up being a mild winter at The Point despite the harsh predictions after last year's weather. Just who are those "Farmers" people anyway? Hopefully the good weather will continue into a fabulous summer!

As our Cottage Inspector Roy Gauntt reports in Making the Rounds, there was very little cottage damage this winter. But remember, keeping your contact information in the member contact list current (through me in my other role as Membership Directory Coordinator – jkessler60@aol.com) allows for timely notification to homeowners.

Last summer was another smashing success for PPA social events. Thanks so much to the event hosts: John and Lisa Shenton, Clayton and Kerstin Chapman, Bob Kline and Elizabeth, Charles and Judy Duggan and Ned and Deb Brush. As detailed in the 2016 Calendar of Events at the end of this Newsletter, this summer's events promise to be another winner. Thanks in advance to the hosts. Please note the Annual Meeting will be held at the Bristol School at 8:30 AM on Friday, August 5.

Finally I would like to thank the PPA volunteers, committee members and board members for all of

their hard work.

Without them the PPA could not function. I've enjoyed my time on the Board and as President.

Please take the time to read the entire Newsletter – John Porter has done another excellent job in assembling this Newsletter. And thank you John for

your 10 years of developing and

refining this Newsletter – I'm sure we will find volunteers to continue your fine work.

I hope you enjoy the rest of 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. ++



Jeff and Jane Kessler

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

There are now 141 dues paying members and associates in the PPA. This is a 6% growth in membership from last year. Keep spreading the good word about the Pemaquid Point Association so our numbers continue to grow. Dues are used to pay the cottage inspector Roy Gauntt, for checking up on our homes on the Peninsula from September thru May as well as donating to good causes in the area like the Bristol Public Library, Bristol Fire Company and Caring for Kids.

Please remember that dues are paid annually and should be paid prior to August 15th so that your cottage will be scheduled for inspection the coming winter. Dues should be sent to Treasurer, PPA, PO. Box 283, New Harbor, ME 04554

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. To visit his company websites go to www.norlandproducts.com and www.seasourcecollagen.com.



TIM and BETSEY

The Historian's Report from: Anne Lewis

By the 1920s, most – perhaps all – of the founding fathers of the Pemaquid Land Company had been claimed by death. New leadership for the Pemaquid Point summer community came in the person of a professor at Colby College, who had also served as mayor of Waterville, Maine. He and his family purchased land at Pemaquid Point and built a cottage in 1926. The grandchildren and their families still reside in our midst. The history report scheduled for the Pemaquid Point Association Annual Meeting in August will be about this multi-talented man, and the two other gifted families who later owned this property, which is surrounded by the Loop Road at Pemaquid Point. Come hear this story.

Anne was born in Clarksville, Tennessee and moved with her family to Alabama at 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.++



ANNE

The Webmeister Speaks from: Mark Eelman

It finally happened. The camera we purchased in 2007 stopped working late last summer. The new camera, a Vivotek, has a considerably higher resolution which you can appreciate by clicking on the image to enlarge it to full size. This camera also has a wider field of view which in general is nice but we've (John Porter and I) had to fiddle quite a bit with the pointing of the camera to try to keep the winter sun out of the field of view. Additionally, this camera has allowed us to retire some equipment in the bunkhouse, greatly simplifying networking the camera to the Internet.

So far, the camera has operated with few issues.

There were no substantive changes in website traffic from the previous year. Approximately 60,000 unique individuals visited the site and there was a total of 1.7 million page views. The winter up here was mild and free of major snow storms of the sort that can cause a

large rise in daily traffic so the day with the most traffic, December 29th, had a relatively modest 7,000 page views. The average was about 4,700 per day.

We get a lot of mail. The mail comes from all over the country and the world, mostly from folks wishing they were here but enjoying the camera as the next best thing. Of note, I received an email from a lady who had large tattoo of the lighthouse on her arm. Another emailer suggested we cut down the unusually healthy spruce tree which, he claimed, is going to obstruct the view completely in a few years. A few people asked if the images are saved. They are not, except for one every day at 8 am.



MARK

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 Social Season Preview

from: Laurie Worth

Your hard working members of the Social Committee have your summer gatherings for 2016- all lined up. (Though there is always room for a boat trip or added event. Volunteers?? Please feel free to bring suggestions to this committee...)

I look forward to seeing all of our returning friend's once again. This is our 12th summer at The Point and yet, I know we are relative newcomers :>) ! There are families who have been coming for decades and often their parents and grandparents before them. A wonderful legacy...

Make sure to note the calendar of events schedule towards the end of this newsletter. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for one or all of the gatherings. It's a great time to catch up with

old summer friends and it's also a great time to meet and make new ones..!

If you have any questions please feel free to email me anytime, or call anytime after about

June 15th.

Email: lrworth@comcast.net. Maine phone number is: 207-677-2018.

Your Social Committee members:

Laurie Worth, Chairperson
Sally Hovey
Betsey Norland
Robin Caswell

A Possible Boat Ride

from: Pat Porter

Since Laurie mentioned boat trips, I thought I would see if there is any interest in setting up a cruise with the Damariscotta River Cruise which leaves from Schooner Landing in Damariscotta. Johnny and I took the cruise last year with friends who were in town and we thoroughly enjoyed the trip. The cost to charter the boat is \$275/hour with a minimum of two hours . There may be many of you who have never seen the view towards shore from the Damariscotta River and this would be a wonderful opportunity. The River Tripper is an USCG certified 49-passengers ex-navy boat.

Narratives on oyster farming, local wild life and history are available. If we can not get together enough people for a private charter, a group of us can always get together and join one of their daily trips. Let me know if you have any interest and if so a time period that would be of interest to you. Pat Porter, porterpescapees@gmail.com or 207-677-2924.



Pat

Making the Rounds

from: Roy Gauntt

If you read last years report you will remember how harsh a winter we had. Piles of snow, wind and bitter cold. This year? Just the opposite, I remember 2 consecutive days where the temperature did not reach 20. A few days where the wind reached 40 plus but certainly no severe winds. And snow, the biggest storm was 6 to 8 inches. Overall for the season maybe 20 inches of snow. Our driveway was plowed 4 times, probably needed it twice. Last year I wrote on St. Patrick's Day that there was plenty of snow on the ground. By the beginning of March the ground was bare and had been so most of February. If the weather all evens out I guess we have evened out last winter.

I thought last year, considering the winter we had, we were fortunate to only have light damage to the cottages. This year there has been very light damage to report. A few cottages with shingles off, an outdoor propane leak, a tree or two down and a few open windows and doors. It seems that the point survived very well this winter. Surprisingly there were fewer people around this winter than last. Last year a number of people came to visit their cottages (winterized ones of course) during the winter. This year not as many; the point was very quiet this winter.

The animals seem to like these mild winters. The deer are very fat and yesterday the largest turkeys I have ever seen went through the yard. If you are planning to have work done on your cottage this

year be aware that most of the contractors have been busy all winter. I talked to a number of them and they are booked for summer work already.

Because of the absence of heavy snow I did not have a problem getting to everyone's cottage. What snow there was here I could easily drive through. There are still a few cottages that do not have numbers on them. It doesn't effect me much but it does the fire company and first responders.

Hopefully Route 130 is on the list to be repaved this summer as it is in bad shape. CMP has continued to upgrade the lines and trim the trees. If you have any questions feel to email or call me.

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 29 years. Their daughter, Tara, is well into her 3rd 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. ++

THE PEMAQUID POINT ASSOCIATION (PPA) NEWSLETTER by John Porter

Well that's all folks. I'm resigning as producer of the association's newsletter after completing the 10th year. I started this newsletter when I was the president of the association in 2007 after hearing from some members that they wished for a newsletter. We (Pat & I) had some fun with it in the earlier years. If you look at the older copies (available on our web site) you will find that more work went into the paper with interviews of some of the older residents and more photos from social events than we have done in more recent years. The reason being that we are becoming the older residents and it is taking too much of our time. It seems we have more things demanding time these days and less time to do them. Or maybe I'm getting slower? During the last few years some of the effort has been reduced by Jeff Kessler's efforts to eliminate the paper mailings and go all electronic. He has succeeded to a great degree to the point that we now only mail 12 copies; Pat and I no longer have to apply stamps to 120+ newsletters and get them to the P.O. And so the future of the newsletter is in your hands as we regrettably feel compelled to step back. It is probably a good time for the association to decide if the newsletter should be a permanent feature and if so work out a way to make it happen. --John and Pat--



PAT and JOHN

P.S. from John: In adding in some pre-release reviewer comments, I scanned the newsletter one more time in a more relaxed reflective mood (having put it all together) and as a result, I would like to add a new section which follows below:

Unsung Heroes of the Pemaquid Point Association by John Porter

Looking over the list of Officers, board members & Committee Chairs on page 7 of this newsletter I see some names of people who perform services to our community that most of us don't see. All the members who attend the social functions and annual meeting get to see the board members and hosts and hostesses in action and develop a sense of appreciation for what they do. When you walk or drive by a neatly cared for cemetery or make the rounds around the loop without a tree branch hitting you in the face you don't notice the work of Bob Kline and Bill Claflin. Unless you visit the light house when Bob is on duty you won't see Bob Kline or his crew of volunteers raising money for the light house maintenance and satisfying the curiosity of local tourists regarding the light house history and views from the top. Unless you encounter Dave Evans at the Fisherman's Museum, you won't understand that he is down there meeting and greeting tourists on behalf of Pemaquid Point.

Unless you are the President of the Association, you won't appreciate that Ken Wertz is the Financial Committee Chairperson and is looking after the financial health of the Association. Grace Fritz being the Assistant Secretary has been our 'personal' correspondent with members for many years; but probably not as busy since the internet has become so popular. Jeff Kessler's second hat as Directry Cooridinator is making the Directory function so smooth and transparent to the membership that most are probably not aware of the time that he has put into it. The nominating committee Chair person also works behind the scenes to keep the Association's Board of Directors supplied with new candidates every year. Many thanks to past and present Nominating Chairs, George Hovey, Laurie Worth and now Jane Kessler. Let's have a 'virtual' round of applause for all the folks mentioned here as well as any that I may have missed!!! --JP--

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 12. 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!!

OFFICERS , BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016:

Nominating Committee Chairperson ---Jane Kessler

Cottage Inspector Coordinator—Bob Kline

Membership Directory and email Coordinator—Jeff Kessler

Financial Committee Chairperson--Ken Wertz

Light House Cemetery grounds care—Bob Kline & Bill Claffin

Gray Cemetery grounds care—Bob Kline

Light House Volunteers — Bob Kline

Newsletter production---Pat and John Porter (see page 6)

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—Richard Johnson--term expires August 2018

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

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

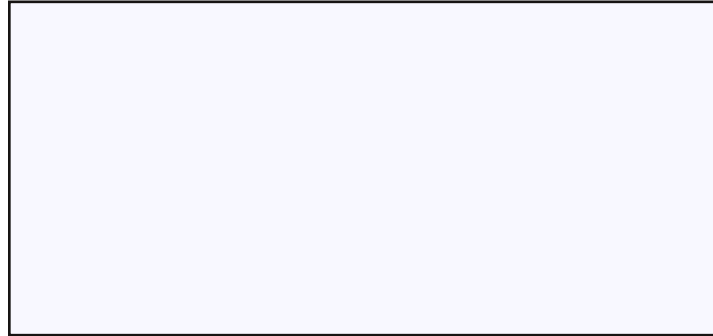
Vice President and member of the board—Janice Haddock--term expires August 2018

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

FROM:

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2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wine & Cheese Social—5 p.m. on Friday, June 24th at the John and Lisa Shenton residence. Please bring an appetizer to share. Wine, beer, soda & paper products will be provided.

Wine & Cheese Social—5 p.m. on Friday, July 22th at the Jimmy and Janice Hoddock residence. Same arrangements as above; but parking is limited; please arrange car pools; we have a 10 car limit.

Annual Meeting—Friday, August 5th at the Bristol School on rt. 130 near the library.
8:30-9:00am - Registration, dues payments and refreshments; coffee, tea & doughnuts
9:00am - Business meeting starts.

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.

Annual Barn Party at Bob Kline's Barn - a summer favorite!—5:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday, August 20. Once again this will be a shared meal. Please bring a salad, main dish, dessert or appetizer for 6-8 people. This is a BYO event; so bring your drink of choice. Paper & plastic products, plates, utensils and cups will be provided.

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.