

The Pemaquid Point Association

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From the President:

Pat Porter

With rumors of spring in the air, our thoughts are returning to time spent at Pemaquid Point. Renewing old friendships and hopefully making a few more are high on the priority list for many of us. Our wine and cheese socials, annual meeting, pot luck and the end of season get together at the Pemaquid Hotel should provide us with many pleasant opportunities to do so.

Many changes in the area over the past year have shown us, that while things change, many still remain the same in our little community. New owners at the Seagull and Bradley and new managers at the Harbor Room help reassure us that our way of life continues.

As the same time we realize that some changes are not welcome. The loss of another of our previous presidents, Hedy Ertman, and our current secretary's husband Mark Morin reminds us that some things cannot go on forever, as much as we would wish that they could. They will be sorely missed.

Things around the Point got very exciting with a storm after many of you headed out. A storm, unlike any we have personally experienced in the past, hit our area very hard. Bringing winds in excess of hurricane force, we saw the loss of many of our lovely trees on one hand, but were blessed on the other that very little major property damage was sustained. Most of the area was without power for 5 or more days, and with trees blocking many of the roads our kind neighbors at the end of Cliff Road opened their gate to give ingress and egress to those on the lighthouse side of the Point. It was amazing how three huge trees on the hotel property managed to fall and take out all the power, phone and internet lines; but managed to place themselves so carefully as to fall, two on one side of Conron's mailbox and one on the other, without taking out the mailbox as shown in the photo.



Photo by Pat Porter

I want to give a special shout-out to Jeff Kessler who keeps the email info coming and to Roy Gauntt, for whom neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor power outages deters him from his appointed rounds to keep us apprised of any issues with our properties.

It looks like it will be a busy season for all and I look forward to catching up with many of you at the first wine and cheese at the Shentons' on June 22 if we don't see you around the Loop first. Please check Laurie Worth's write up for dates of all functions.

If you happen to have visitors coming this season, don't forget that the Parks Department now has passes which can be purchased and used by any of your guests. Ten visits on each pass for the price of nine. These are available at Ellingwood Info Center.

Pat Porter, President

Well friends it finally happened: After 52 years and two failed attempts, the Philadelphia Eagles WON THE SUPER BOWL! My condolences to my Patriots' friends but hey, enough was enough. So feel to give me a "Fly Eagles Fly" cheer if you see me around The Point this summer...

Now to PPA matters: After a seamless transition from our former Treasurer Tim Norland (thanks again Tim for all of your hard work) I am totally up and running in the Treasurer role. All of our bills have been paid and all of our business returns have been filed. I'm looking forward to seeing those dues checks start to roll in soon.

As of April 15 we have 220 people who are members of the PPA. 30 of those are Associate Members who are members who live outside the PPA geographic region but are interested in the well-being of The Point.

On the financial front, our checking account cash balance remains strong at \$3,800 with another \$13,613 in certificates of deposit. Our checking account is used for the deposit of annual dues and payment of routine operating expenses and the CDs contain our rainy day funds.

Remember that dues are paid annually (\$50 for Regular and \$25 for Associate) and are due by August 15. Your dues are used primarily to pay our Cottage Inspector who keeps an eye on our properties over the winter months. Our second biggest expenditure is our social events so your money is being well-spent! Dues can be mailed to: Pemaquid Point Association, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 283, New Harbor, ME 04554.

A complete financial report will be provided at the Annual Meeting in early August. Enjoy your summer!

Jeff is married to Jane, his wife of 37 years 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 from Memorial Day to early November.



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BOARD MEMBERS

President: Pat Porter (term expires Aug 2020)
Vice President: Janice Haddock (term expires Aug 2018)
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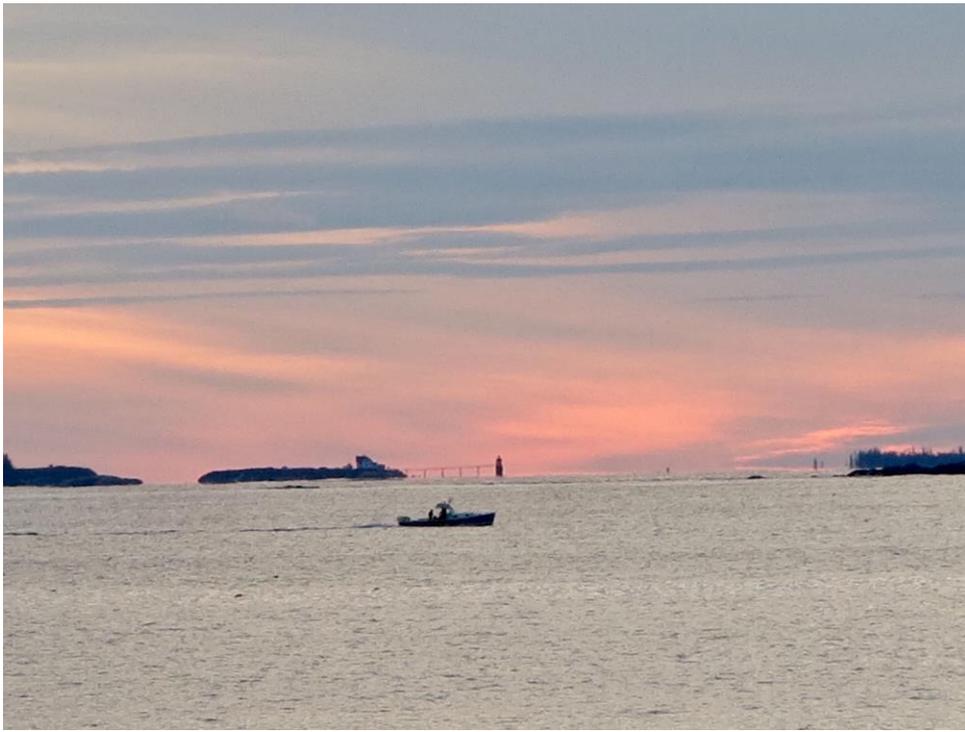


Photo by John Beckerman

As I sit here on February 25th it is 30 degrees. We had rain, sleet and snow earlier in the day. Tomorrow it will be 50 degrees. The ground is bare and has been for a while. Our biggest storm was in October with winds of over 70 mph. The storm only lasted a few hours but was very intense. Waves were 20 to 25 feet high. I made 28 calls that day to report damage. Types of damage reported: trees down, shingles lost, broken windows, doors blown open, downed power lines, siding blown off and gutters down. The Loop Road was closed for three days and power was out for five days. Many places in Bristol lost power for longer periods of time. Had it been cold it would have been a disaster but every day was in the 60 degree range. The state of Maine had the most power outages ever reported surpassing the great ice storm of 1998. Since then we've had very calm weather other than a 3-week period of extreme cold. One day we had a high of 6 degrees. Although it was uncomfortable and caused a number of freeze ups, no severe damaged was noted. The sea smoke caused by the cold was spectacular. We have had very little snow worth plowing. A few gusts of wind caused some minor damage but fortunately no damage because of criminal activity. Of course there is still March to contend with. We had one of the highest tides ever recorded in January. Although it did not affect the Point, in Damariscotta the back lot flooded for the second time in 30 years.

With the absence of snow it has been an easy year to observe the cottages. Many years it has been difficult to get down the roads or deal with snow banks. No problems this year. Perhaps we will have a real spring this year. We have had one in our 31 years here. I remember it well because I was a high school baseball coach and we were on the field March 30th for the 1st time and got in all our scrimmage games. Of course I also remember one year opening day was April 14th. We had 26 inches of snow at 2nd base, had no scrimmage games and opened the season April 30th.

ADDENDUM – April 2018

Just when you thought it was safe to go outside March happened. We had three Nor'easters in 11 days. The first caused a lot of wave action at the point because of high winds, but there wasn't any snow or rain. The storm did cause 2.75 billion dollars in damage in Southern Maine however. The next two storms combined dropped about 30 inches of heavy wet snow. Winds topped out around 40 mph. We didn't suffer any severe damage around the Point. Never lost power but many a lawn was torn up by plowing. Also our roads are in terrible shape. Except for a couple trees, screens doors blown open and some pretty severe plowing damage we survived quite well. Spring is now here and for Wednesday 3 to 5 inches of snow is expected. It has also been cold and expected to stay that way for the next couple weeks. Happy Spring!

Roy Gaunnt, Cottage Inspector

In 1926, a Registered Nurse from Maryland began construction of an elegant white house on the back side of the Loop Road on Pemaquid Point. She enjoyed this home each summer for the next quarter century. During her professional career, this nurse was the main influence in founding the School Nurse profession and also the Public Health Nurse profession in the United States.

Come to the annual meeting in August and hear more about the amazing Dr. Sally Lucas Jean, and also about persons after her, who have enjoyed the property that once belonged to her on Pemaquid Point.

Anne Lewis is our treasured historian and recently celebrated her 90th birthday.



To the Lighthouse

Bob Kline

The Lighthouse Park Board has scheduled May 9th to be the opening day for the Park, and the Friends of Pemaquid Point Light will commence its operation of the lighthouse the following Sunday, on Mother's Day. As per its usual Park provisions, a special pass rate is available to New Harbor residents for admission to the Park during its hours from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM each day.

Due to a shortage of docents this early in "spring," the Lighthouse will commence its season with a one-shift time of 12 noon to 4:00PM. As further docents come to their summer residences, a second shift will be resumed of 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM each day until mid-October.

The Pemaquid Point Lighthouse will open to receive visitors for its 16th year of welcome to the public, and at its usual "no entrance fee." However, the Friends of the Pemaquid Point Light is a chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation (ALF) which supports 20 other lighthouse affiliates in addition to Pemaquid Light. ALF and its chapters are non-profit organizations and depend entirely on donations for maintenance and restoration expenses, so if you can--please drop some money in the jar for this worthwhile endeavor.

It is my usual practice to request PPA members not only to make frequent visits to the Park and Lighthouse, but to give serious consideration to becoming a docent at the Lighthouse, thus joining approximately 40 volunteer members of the FPPL chapter. Docents receive training in regard to the history and features of this famous icon, and will receive a free admission badge by the Park Board for use when providing their service at the Light. There are usually 35,000 visitors each year who climb the 37 lighthouse steps, and 100% of them enjoy the trip. Please feel free to contact me to express interest in our organization by phone to 677-3499 or at my home at 3004 Bristol Road.



Photo by Bob Kausch

The big news over the last twelve months is we started delivering live video from the Pemaquid Point Association website. We can thank Tim Norland, owner of the Sea Gull, for providing the necessary bandwidth. While it has been a bit more finicky at times, overall the camera in video mode has performed reasonably well. The longest outage occurred during the huge storm at the end of October, 2017 when our own weather station at the Point clocked a 72 mph wind gust. The power outages lasted six days but the Sea Gull's internet connection was out for over 2 weeks. Aside from that outage and the usual batch of unexplained freezes and stoppages, all has gone well and none of our equipment needs replacement at this time.

The live video certainly attracted viewers over the winter especially during snowfalls and storms. During the January 4th, 2018 snowstorm more than 20,000 page views were logged which represents the busiest day the site has had. Overall during the last 12 months (April, 2017-March, 2018) traffic as measured by page views and visitors increased by more than 15% when compared to the same period a year ago and much of that increase was due to the video page. Also, the Sea Gull has another camera working on their website pointing down at the surf below the Lighthouse and traffic to and from that camera page has contributed to the overall rise in visitors as well.

As has been the case since we started the website and camera page in 2007, visitors log in from many countries around the world. Over the last 12 months 90 countries were represented by the visitor list. The top 5 this time (after the USA) was Canada, Germany, UK, France and Poland. Every country in Europe was on the list.

And, as usual, I get some interesting mail. There have been three complaints about the port-o-potty visible in the camera's field of view that is located in the parking lot of the park. There have been a couple of emails suggesting I find a way to cut the tree down that is partially blocking the view. One email included an image our camera took in 2009 and the writer pointed out how healthy and fast growing that tree is. A few emails have suggested that we point the camera further to the left or right. But most of the emails I receive are to inform me whenever the camera is not working and they come in so reliably that I am informed by someone within an hour of a malfunction.



Pemaquid Winter Wonderland: snow, snow, and more snow! I headed to Mexico on February 21st with my Cliff Road neighbors, John and Lisa Shenton. We have visited Tulum in Yucatan, Mexico for the past four years. My generous hosts rent a great house on the beach where you can dip your toes into the warm Caribbean waters. Across the road, a Cenote (a crystal clear, natural pool) is used as a training school by snorkelers and divers from around the world. Only steps away, we can enjoy many great Mexican dishes and Margaritas at Casa Cenote, a resort on the beach. Twelve hot, sunny, breezy, beautiful days (the beach in the morning, the pool in the afternoon) and I felt like a new woman!

I returned to Maine on March 4 to lots of snow. On the afternoon of March 5th I drove to Boston to stay overnight. At 6 A.M. the next morning, March 6th, I flew out to Las Vegas and enjoyed the wonders of this "adult Disney World." My best, high school girlfriend of sixty years, her husband, his sister and myself went from one luxurious casino to another. Along the famous Las Vegas strip we "visited" some famous cities around the globe, recreated in finest detail, including: Egypt, Italy, France, and New York City. Also, this trip West with friends included The Grand Canyon and its "Sky Walk" looking out over this amazing natural landmark.

I am blessed with many generous friends. They have turned me into a globe-trotter! I'm at my new farmhouse on Route 32 in Round Pond. Anyone looking for a traveling companion give me a call!



Pemaquid Images

Bob Kausch

My interest in the Pemaquid Lighthouse goes back to the late 1970's when I first came to my wife's family cabin in Chamberlain. As a photographer, I was immediately drawn to the lighthouse and I returned year after year, always trying to find a new angle or perspective so that my images might be a little different than others. As everyone knows, Pemaquid is one of the most popular lighthouses in Maine for pictures, books, calendars, (and quarters!) and when I saw Charles Kuralt (remember his "On the Road" TV show?) sitting in front of Pemaquid on the cover of his 1995 book "America", I knew this was a special place for me! For the past two years, I have been photographing more at night, capturing the Milky Way and Pemaquid Lighthouse without throngs of people in the picture! If you have never gone out at midnight, it can be a very magic time with just you, the lighthouse and the sounds of the ocean, and more stars than you can imagine.

Pemaquid has also sparked my interest in photographing other Maine lighthouses - I recently joined the United States Lighthouse Society, with over 3000 members, and was fortunate to have one of my Pemaquid photos selected to be on the cover of their 2018 calendar. This is another great organization with lots of history of lighthouses all over the world!

As a new PPA member, I look forward to meeting other members and sharing stories of the wonderful Pemaquid lighthouse!





Photos by Bob Kausch

To the Waves

Russ Zajtchuk

To the Waves

Come, you white whales and silver fish,

Devour my days, feed on my eyes and ears!

You have a land-hunger for sun ripe dreams,

I, for the hidden sea.

Come with your gleaming jaws and teeth,

Toss up your shells of laughter on the beach;

You have a need for earthborn comedy.

Call and shout, you buglers of the shore,

Announce your program of the ocean's sport,

For you play at games by fixed and changeless laws,

I, by love and thought.

Roar, repeat, do not let me sleep,

Ceaseless advertisers, whose gifts are free!

You have forever to enjoy your ease,

I, but a swift release!

Russ Zajtchuk

Note from Joan Z: We are writing a book and came across this poem Russ wrote while he was in college. Little did he know he would have a wonderful cottage on Pemaquid Point. We will be there on 25 May. It was published in the School newspaper from the University of Illinois at Navy Pier when he was a sophomore.



Photo by Kate Bergquist



Photo by Bunny Claflin

March, 2018 storm on Point

Greetings from the Social Committee

Laurie Worth

Another summer at the Point looms a few months away!! Time to mark your calendars for what your PPA Social Committee has planned for you. Hoping these events are good for you, times where you connect with old friends and then make some new ones as well. It is always fun!!!

Your crew members on the Social Committee have this all down to a science and at least for this coming summer, the motto is “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it”.

This is my last year as Chairperson, so I know our nominating chairperson, Jane Kessler will happily take names of any who might be interested! It has been fun doing this task over the years and I’ve enjoyed being with terrific on hand helpers...hurrahs to Sally H. Betsey N., Robin C., and Peggy F.!!

For the gatherings at the Shenton’s and Haddock’s, The PPA association provides beer, wine, and all the paper products. We just ask those coming to bring a hors d’oeuvre to share...we have always enjoyed an eclectic array of choices, so you shouldn’t leave hungry!

The “barn party” at Bob Kline’s is BYOB and we ask that you bring an appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert. (Please label ingredients if you are using nuts for instance) bring serving utensils if you can, and remember to take them home with you! Paper products, cups, silverware are provided. You may want to bring a folding chair if you have one. There are picnic tables with benches that are set up as well.

Please feel free to contact me to express interest in our organization by phone to 677-3499 or at my home at 3004 Bristol Road.

Laurie Worth

Cell: 610-717-8310 (We have discontinued our summer landline)



June 22: Friday. 5:00 PM.

Join us for the opening Wine and Cheese Social at the beautiful home of Lisa and John Shenton. This has become a favorite event to kick off each summer. The Shenton's are so relaxed about it, they were out of town one year and we had it there anyway!

**Please bring an appetizer to share (finger food appreciated).
PPA provides wine/beer/soda and all necessary paper products**

July 20: Friday. 5:00 PM.

Second wine and cheese social is at the beautiful summer home of Jimmy and Janice Haddock. Such gracious hosts! Come enjoy their incredible view and meet their parrot, Chloe. This will be the 3rd annual social at the Haddocks and we are grateful to them.

**Please bring an appetizer to share. We never ask folks to sign up for what they are bringing: it just always seems to work out! Too many desserts? Never!
PPA will provide beer/wine/soda and paper goods.**

****** Parking is at a premium, carpool if you can******

August 18: Saturday. 5:00 PM.

Another perennial favorite is at Bob Kline's barn. He and Elizabeth Thompson have been so wonderful about hosting this event, rain or shine! Come and join us. Bring a lawn chair or sit at one of the picnic tables that will be set-up.

BYOB. Please bring an appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert. It's helpful to label food if there might be concern about allergies. Bring serving utensils and remember to take them home with you. Paper products and eating utensils will be provided.

September 29: Saturday. 5:00 PM.

The end of summer party will be held again at the Hotel Pemaquid! Thanks to Charlie and Judy Duggan for offering to host this cozy and wonderful evening. Stay as long as you'd like. **Some wine and appetizers provided. Feel free to bring something.**

So--we have weathered our first year and first winter. The first year was quite the learning experience and went by so quickly we cannot believe that we are beginning our second. We met so many wonderful people, both at the Inn and in the Restaurant. Now that we have some experience we have made a few changes. No worries--nothing totally dramatic. Tony spent quite a bit of time removing wallpaper and painting, renovating the living room and one of our guest rooms. Clarissa and I were also very busy from a business perspective, working on marketing, messaging, conferences, moving to electronic tracking, documenting processes and job descriptions. Staffing has also been an interesting experience, from finding staff to housing those from away...and quite honestly counting on them showing up. Tony planted 400 daffodil bulbs, 200 crocus and grape hyacinths last fall, which are now gracing the property with the much desired color of spring.

We are now open and have had a few Inn guests. Our restaurant is open Thursdays through Saturdays, and we will add Sundays mid to late June. We may also add a few special pairing menu days during the season where we focus on a region of the world and serve wine and food to compliment. Thought that might be fun for all. Ross, our son and Head Chef, has been busy on the menus. Thursdays will once again be a pub-style menu, and the other nights the menu features locally-sourced products served with an international flair. We are focusing on developing relationships with local businesses-- for example, produce and lamb from High Hopes Farm (we even met in January with Meaghan and Ross Nichols before their seed buy to discuss our produce needs and the seeds are now growing), Waldostone Farm Bloody Mary Mixes--a side business of Smokey's (Pemaquid Oyster Company) which are fabulous! Keep an eye out for the specialty drinks made with them. I can go on and on: oysters, lobster, bread, eggs, meats, beer, wine and liquor.

The weather is changing, becoming warmer. The grass is greener, and everything is budding. This is very welcome, as most of you know we came here from California so getting out and working in the yard to prune and clean-up is exciting. We did take down a few large trees that needed to be removed; we will be working on flower boxes, flower pots and replanting areas that need to be filled in. We look forward to all of you coming back to the Pemaquid Peninsula and to seeing you walking by and visiting us in our restaurant! We are ready for people!

Laura Moskwa



Photo by Laura Moskwa

“Sea You” at the SeaGull

Tim and Betsey Norland

Mothers' Day is May 13th this year, and that means the Seagull Shop will be open for its 81st season of food, fun and family gatherings. There is a long tradition at the Seagull of offering Down East hospitality to many generations of Pemaquid Point residents and visitors. We are glad to continue that tradition. We'll have new offerings in the gift shop and on our menu, as well as the all-time favorites: blueberry pancakes, blueberry French toast, seafood omelets, and lobster rolls – all served with an ocean view.

You'll see many of the same faces from last year as well as some happy new ones. And our favorite singer/songwriter, Jud Caswell, will once again be playing on Monday nights.

Brooke, Betsey, and Tim are excited to be back at the Point! Hope you are too. We look forward to seeing you soon @ the Seagull!!



I'm pleased to see some new contributors for this newsletter. I welcome all of your ideas and contributions: photos, stories, recipes, poems and articles...send them along! Let's hear about how you first discovered Pemaquid and what draws you back every year. The best way to reach me is through email: kate@gallantins.com. Please note PPA Newsletter in the subject line.

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PPA DUES REMINDER: Please pay by August 15, 2018

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

PPA Local address: _____

Local phone number or cell phone: _____

Email addresses: _____

Please note: all of the above information is required to allow the cottage inspector to identify your property and to reach you if needed. This info is also required so that the Association can remind you of the annual meeting date via this newsletter. This year's annual meeting is August 4th at 9:00 at Bristol Consolidated School.

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**Mail to: The Pemaquid Point Association
P.O. Box 283
New Harbor, ME 04554**

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Cottage inspections run from September 1st to May 30th. In order to have your cottage on the inspection list your dues must be current. The annual meeting is a convenient place to pay your dues!
Fees are \$25 for associate members and \$50 for full members.

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