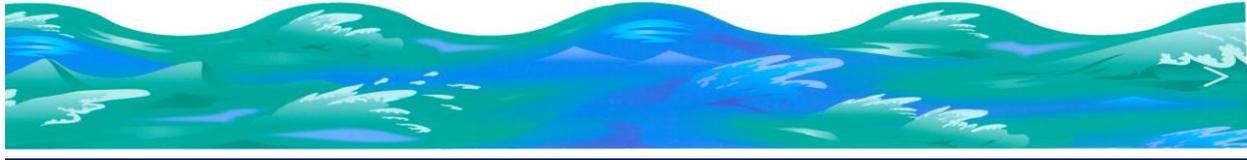


The Pemaquid Point Association

Spring 2019 Newsletter

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From the President:

Pat Porter

We are rapidly approaching another summer at the Point and I look forward to catching up with many of you again. Somehow each summer seems to go by quicker than the last and the time to meet with everyone gets shorter and shorter.

A quick follow up on one of the most exciting issues from last year is the status of the Pemaquid Mill. As I have mentioned in a previous email, we reached and surpassed our goal to purchase the old Poole Brother property and are awaiting the spring thaw to proceed with the mitigation of the arsenic, which was deposited as a result of the storage of the treated lumber on the site. The extra funds raised will come in handy to pay for the completion of this project, making it a clean site. As a result of the purchase of the property we are assured that the “gateway to Pemaquid Point” will be preserved for future generations. There are big plans for the restoration of the old mill and should you have an interest in helping with this project we welcome all comers, just let me know. If you pass by in the spring and happen to see the roof of the old mill covered in seagulls, feel free to stop by, because it means that the alewives are running and that is a sight not to be missed.

An added bonus to this purchase is that the DRA plans to lease the old store to the Old Bristol Historical Society, so that they may establish a museum of all things Bristol on the site, in addition to the mill. The intent is to install a fireproof storage facility in the building to protect any historically significant items that come into their possession. If you have in your possession anything you think would be of interest to those visiting the museum and are willing to donate those items please let me know. If you have papers which you do not wish to part with, but would like the museum to have a copy of, Old Bristol Historical Society has an archivist who would be willing to scan them and return them to you.

The Bristol Parks department has arranged to sponsor three lectures by Ann Lewis at the Learning center at Lighthouse Park this summer season. She will be sharing with the public three lectures given previously to the Pemaquid Point Association. This will give the public the opportunity to learn some of the history of the houses on the Point. Emails to follow letting you know when and

which houses will be featured, so if you missed some of the lectures you will have the chance to catch up and at the same time support one of our members.

Our annual meeting will be held August 2, at Bristol Consolidated School. This year we have two members whose terms will be expiring, Fred Hebert and Alix Morin. Please assist Jane Kessler in her job as nominating committee chairperson and volunteer. It would be greatly appreciated and will assure the continuation of this organization. Happy summering at the Point, hope to see you on the loop.

Pat Porter, President



ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE BOARD 2018-19

President:	Pat Porter
Vice-President:	Fred Hebert
Secretary:	Alix Morin
Treasurer:	Jeff Kessler
Members at Large:	Madge Pugh, Lee Marshall, Bill Worth



“Waiting for Patty”
Photo by Kate Bergquist

Reminiscing about Pemaquid

Don Foth

Our family's summer residence began with the cottage on Curtis Lane, approximately 80 years ago. Due to my Dad's and his brother's deaths a couple of decades ago, I still regret not purchasing the cottage, especially since one of my best friends, Jim Scammon now resides in New Harbor. Jim's parents were wonderful folks, including his Dad who was an outstanding minister who I remember often during Church.

Unfortunately, when the cottage became available, we had just built our current home and had limited funds). I still visit the cottage every time that we travel to Pemaquid, and I presume that the residents think that I'm a bit silly, but the memories are all still so fantastic.

My Dad's brother, Charles, owned the family cottage on Curtis Lane. His only son, Allan, resides in Arizona, where the climate is much better for the injuries that he sustained during his very brave military service in Viet Nam. I still have wonderful memories of summer life on Curtis Lane, especially Minnie Martin, who made outstanding doughnuts every morning at her shop.

I apologize for being so sentimental, but Pemaquid has always been my most favorite place on Earth. Please feel free to share my message with other members, who all are wonderful folks. I would love to hear from them.

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Don can be reached at: donfoth@yahoo.com.

The Treasurer's Report

Jeff Kessler

Last year I began my letter congratulating my Philadelphia Eagles on their first Super Bowl and expressing condolences to the Patriots' fans. Well it didn't take the Pats long to get back on top and they did it in my home town of Atlanta. Will Brady ever retire?

Now to PPA financial matters. All of our bills have been paid and all of 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 219 people who are members of the PPA. 28 of those members 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 \$2640 with another \$13,648 in certificates of deposit. Our checking balance is lower than in the past due to spending on Director and Officer insurance premiums for the first time last year. 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. 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 his wife of 38 years 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 from Memorial Day to early November.



Cottage Inspector's Report

Roy Gauntt

Things started out pretty exciting when we had that brief windstorm in September. The storm didn't last long but did significant damage. I was even trapped at home as a large tree came down on our driveway. We were lucky in that it missed the house and power wires. There was a lot of damage on Farmhouse and Vollmer Roads. At least 20 trees were down blocking the roads and taking out the power lines. Fortunately no trees were down on any of the cottages. Almost all the roads on the west side of the peninsula had a tree or two down.

After that storm the late fall and winter have been pretty tame all in all. It didn't snow much but was, in general, miserably cold and rainy which allowed us to have a fall mud season and a winter mud season. Now we are in our traditional spring mud season, how exciting! We had the usual winter damage and problems. Doors and windows open, key left in the lock, shingles blown off, a few trees down, shed doors open and other assorted problems. Right now the gravel roads are terrible. It's the worst that I have seen in my 32 years at the Point. Large ruts with very soft road conditions. We just can't get enough dry weather to help the roads. At least this year there is not much plowing damage because there were only a few storms to plow. Other good news is that all the wells should be full.

Some years it is hard to get close to some of the cottages. Several of the roads are not plowed and some of the other roads do not get plowed for several days. That was not the case this year as we were able to walk or drive through any accumulated snow. I also had some help this year as Seth Fletcher assisted me. That took some pressure off my sore Achilles Tendon (too much racquetball). Most of you know Seth--he worked at the lighthouse last summer at the toll booth and as well as working the grounds. Seth also worked for the park during this winter. He produced a couple videos about the lighthouse providing some history and of course stunning views. The videos can be watched on You Tube or the Town of Bristol website.

I once again enjoyed being your Cottage Inspector. Any questions feel free to email, call or stop by. I look forward to seeing everyone this summer. Safe Travels, Roy



Historian's Report

Anne Lewis

A note from Pat Porter: The Bristol Parks department has arranged to sponsor three lectures by Anne Lewis at the Learning center at Lighthouse Park this summer season. She will be sharing with the public three lectures given previously to the Pemaquid Point Association. This will give the public the opportunity to learn some of the history of the houses on the Point. Emails will follow letting you know when and what houses will be featured, so if you missed some of the lectures you will have the chance to catch up and at the same time support one of our members.

Anne Lewis is our treasured historian.



All things considered, there were few problems and no major outages over the past year, unlike the previous year. We've been featuring a live video stream for 18 months or more and while it is more prone to issues than the still image it has by and large remained up most of the time. As some have noticed, during heavy weather, just when the live stream becomes most interesting, it tends to freeze completely or become jumpy.

This is probably due to a weakening of the signal during heavy rain or snow. I will address this issue during the summer.

The site remains popular with nearly two million page views over the period April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. This is about the same as the previous year. That year saw a large increase in visitors due mainly to the live cameras. In general, however, with the camera now in service for 12 years, most people who visit webcams and Pemaquid Point are aware of and visit the webcam page so further increases in traffic are not likely.

I would like to thank the people, most of whom I have never met, who alert me by email when the camera is down. I have come to rely on them. Other than their emails the most notable one I got suggested that I put a scale on the fence marked with inches so they could see how deep the snow is. Another viewer correctly noted how quickly the snow melts or blows off of the lighthouse lawn in front of the camera when compared to elsewhere nearby.

Finally, if you have comments or suggestions, there is a mailbox for that:
webcomments@pemaquidpoint.org.

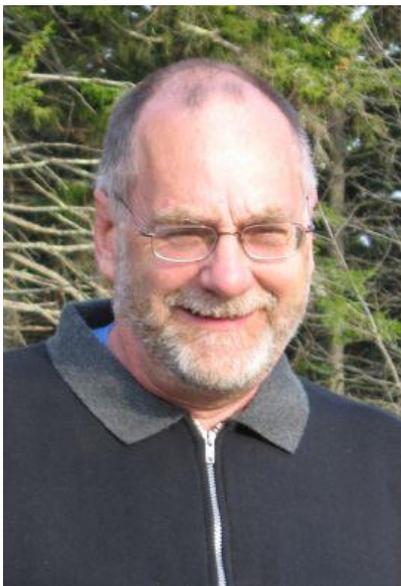
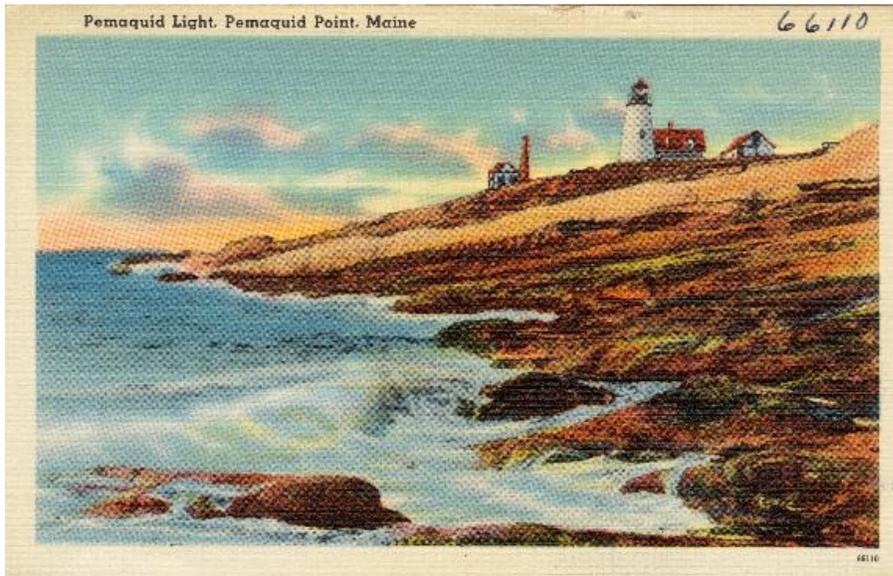




Photo by John S. Beckerman



Trading Places

Walter Nicklin

In June of last year, my wife Pat and I had the memorable experience of swapping abodes with an Italian family whom we met through an online community, HomeExchange.com. This community allows homeowners to arrange to swap dwellings on a temporary basis.

As part of what has become known as the “sharing economy,” it’s different from a hotel or even Airbnb in a fundamental way: It’s your house for mine. Perhaps even more important than the barter aspect is the qualitative difference in that you’re getting not only a place to stay but also the opportunity to try on another lifestyle. In a foreigner’s kitchen, cooking with their pots and pans, you have inexorably gone native.

We stayed in their Italian farmhouse and they used our Pemaquid cabin in early August. I wrote an article for *The Washington Post* about this memorable adventure, and I’d like to share it with the PPA members. Please see the link below. You should be able to click on it to open the actual article.

Cheers, Walter

As a footnote, a tip of the hat should go to "forever" Pemaquid resident Jill Davenport, whose French fluency helped make the Italian home-swappers feel right at home, as the visiting wife/mother did not know English -- only Italian and French. As for myself, I've been visiting Maine for almost 50 years; and when deciding finally to buy a place about 20 years ago, I decided Pemaquid was the very best spot.

Link to article:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/trying-on-a-farmhouse-in-northern-italy-for-size/2018/08/09/25f21a04-90e5-11e8-8322-b5482bf5e0f5_story.html?utm_term=.58d3db12e057



These rolling hills are typical of the Piemonte regions of Monferrato and Langhe, well-known for vineyards. (Walter Nicklin/For The Washington Post)

A Good “Look-Sea”

Laurie Worth

I'll bet you all thought Bill and I left each October? That we packed up the Pilot House, turned off the water, loaded up our cars and headed home to PA... Well, in one way we do! In another we don't. How is this possible? It's because in one very wonderful way, we are at the Point every day...and here's how:

Thanks to the individuals involved I go and look at the two cameras situated near the lighthouse. I tend to view the lighthouse first and then I watch the cam at the Seagull Shop to see the rocks and the ocean. It has become a daily ritual. It happens anywhere from 6:00 AM to about 7:30. My friend Scott (who lives in Vermont and was a friend of my sister's first!) and I share our daily thoughts after we've had a good “look-sea”. It's a wonderful way to feel connected to my friend as well as to this very special part of Maine. I am incredibly grateful for these two cameras, and for the meditative, renewing energy they provide.

Bill and I will be heading up sometime during the third week in June. Honey looks forward to seeing Annie, Ivy, and Katy Basset on her walks round the Loop. Grown-ups are OK too, as long as they have treats.... 🐾🐾🐾 Happy Spring to all! Laurie Worth



Photo by Laurie Worth

To the Lighthouse

Bob Kline

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 Meg Aldrich Ward

Speaking of Lighthouses.....

As we get ready for another season in Maine, our beloved **Pemaquid Lighthouse** again stands ready to welcome throngs of visitors who will “ooh and ah” at the beauty of our local favorite. Whether you are here full time or visit each summer, lighthouses seem to draw us all with the beauty of their locations and stories of their history. While Pemaquid Lighthouse is our local focus, I thought I would suggest some other lighthouses within an easy day’s drive that can make for a fun day along the coast. I have photographed many of these gems that are a major part of what Maine is all about - though in total there are 71 lighthouses along the Maine coast. How many have you visited?



Here are a few of my favorites that you might want to consider in your summer plans:

Owl’s Head Light – Not far from Rockland, Owl’s Head sits atop a dramatic cliff overlooking Penobscot Bay and is owned by the U.S. Coastguard. As you approach the lighthouse you will see a large sign saying that the location is part of the United States Department of Homeland Security.



This has to be good duty for the Coast Guard personnel, but I didn't see any cannons or weapons that would keep America safe at this beautiful spot – let's hope Rockland doesn't come under attack!

Portland Head Light is no doubt the most visited lighthouse in Maine. This one is easy to find south of Portland and despite the crowds, well worth the time to visit. There are several paths around the lighthouse which afford some interesting photographic opportunities. There is also a fun gift shop at Portland Head where you can view displays and historical information about the lighthouse. Again, there are lots of people at this location, so an early visit might be advisable.



Another lighthouse we recently visited and photographed is the **Doubling Point Lighthouse** near Bath. You can view this lighthouse on one of the lighthouse cruises out of Bath, where you will get an interesting view of the unusual catwalk out to the light. You can also drive to the lighthouse where you can see Doubling Point from land, and you can also walk out on the white walkway to the light. This lighthouse is certainly not the tallest in Maine but it continues to provide guidance to ships in the narrow harbor.



The movie "Forest Gump" was partly filmed at **Marshall Point Lighthouse** near Port Clyde. This is a must-see on your lighthouse tour and boasts another catwalk out to the lighthouse. First built in 1832, this iconic lighthouse had another tower built in 1852 that is 24 feet high, with a bell tower added in 1898. There is a Keeper's House on the site, with a nice gift shop. There isn't a lot of parking, but usually it is not too crowded. After your visit, stop at Moody's Diner for lunch – what a perfect day!



If you want to drive a little farther, consider **Bass Harbor Light**, the only lighthouse on Mt. Desert Island. Bass Harbor rises 56 feet above the high water mark. If you arrive early in the morning you can take a beautiful photograph with the early sunlight on the cliffs and the lighthouse, and while it is a bit of a tricky walk to the bottom of a long staircase, the view is well worth the effort. There are also many places to stay in the area with many wonderful restaurants. This might be part of an overnight visit to Acadia for a memorable trip that is well worth the time!



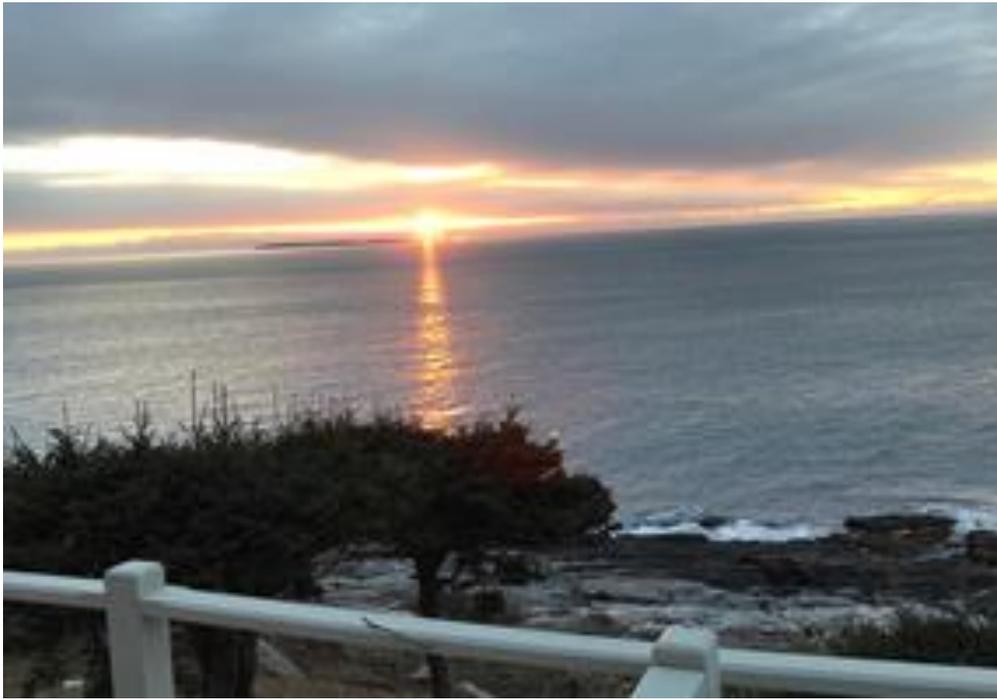
So there you have it... five suggestions for lighthouse lovers to visit while in Maine. Of course Pemaquid is still our favorite, but if you or your visitors want to see some other Maine spots, these might be worth considering. Remember, there are 71 lighthouses in Maine to visit!

See you at the Lighthouse!

Bob Kausch April, 2019 (All Photographs ©2019 R. Kausch Photography).



Above photo by Meg Aldrich Ward



Above photo by Alix Morin

Greetings from the Social Committee

Jeanine Atkinson

It's that beautiful time of the year when we return to the place we hold dear in our hearts and minds; Pemaquid Point. As party coordinator, I am filling the very impressive party shoes of Laurie Worth. I hope you won't be disappointed. This year our generous hosts will be opening their homes to us on the following dates:

June 21st at the Shenton residence

July 19th at the Haddock residence

August 10th at Bob Kline's

September 28 at the Duggan's in Hotel Pemaquid.

All events begin at 5:00 PM. Beer and wine provided by PPA for our first two events. Please bring a favorite appetizer of yours, perhaps accompanied by a card with your name so we may direct our praises!

Bob's barn will again be our third location with tables and benches provided, however bringing extra folding chairs would be appreciated. This a BYOB and a main dish/app to share will be most welcome!

As with Laurie, I will be relying on our stalwart crew to help, the Sallies, Betsy and Nikki. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and hope to see new faces joining us this summer! Safe Journeys! 🐾



Photo by Kate Bergquist

This was our second winter in Maine. How time flies! It seems as if it was not that long ago when we first time we set foot in The Bradley Inn in November of 2016. We loved it right off the bat: the front entry with the woodwork, the tavern with its cozy ambiance, the uniqueness of the guest rooms and all the nautical memorabilia.

This year Tony and I decided to spend the winter in the main inn building, primarily to save money. No need to keep the Carriage House heated in addition to the main inn building. We were a bit skeptical as to how we would feel about the decision, as the Carriage House contains a very comfy and functional suite, with a full kitchen containing modern appliances. You might think, “What is the issue? There is a full commercial kitchen in the main building.” Well, it really isn’t practical, the dishwasher doesn’t hide dirty dishes like a residential dishwasher, the stove is not easy to clean, there is no cabinet space available for personal food and it can be cold since there is no real heat in the room...I can go on and on.

Then there is the “Shining” issue. We are sleeping in a room facing the back of the building on the third floor. We don’t keep the hall lights on: too much wasted electricity. We walk through the hallways with flashlights at night. I thought it would be creepy but am finally feeling like the building has become our home. I have even gotten up in the middle of night--one of those sleepless nights--walked all through the inn to the kitchen with my flashlight for a bowl of cereal. Gratefully, I was not greeted by any ghosts of visual or auditory nature.

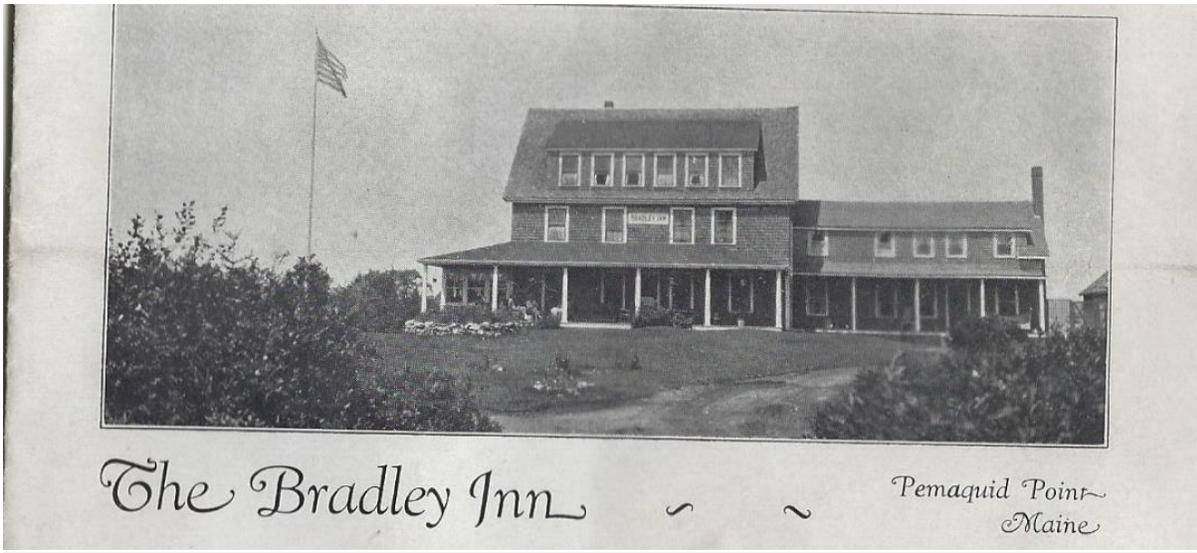
We have been told that there are spirits in the building, though--by guests, employees and by a local ghost hunter. I guess I am just not open to their energy so don’t see or feel them. One guest told us she saw a dog in her room in the middle of the night. Our housekeeper saw a woman in a long skirt and apron in the dining room and the ghost hunter’s equipment picked up electrical energy in various areas around the inn indicating that there was measurable spirit activity present.

Tony and I have been trying to gather information on the history of the Inn. We went to the Registry of Deeds this winter and found information going back to 1880’s. There is no record of a Bradley owning the property. Pat Porter shared copies of the Pemaquid Messenger files which did show that Henry A. Bradley lived on the Point in the late 1800’s but they did not indicate where. So, we continue our quest for information on the Inn to determine when it was built and by whom. If anyone has any information or photos to share, we would be grateful.

We look forward to summer, to seeing all of you who frequent our restaurant, bumping into you as you walk by or socializing at a Pemaquid Point Association Gathering. Here’s to another beautiful season out here on Pemaquid Peninsula, we still can’t believe we are lucky enough to live here!



Photo by Laura Moskwa



The Bradley Inn

*Pemaquid Point
Maine*

“Sea You” at the Sea Gull

Tim and Betsey Norland

Mothers’ Day is May 12th this year, and that means the Sea Gull Shop will be open for its 81st season of food, fun and family gatherings. This year you’ll enter through a new front door. (We loved the old familiar one, but it was falling off its hinges). And when the hot spell hits mid-summer, you’ll be able to enjoy a new air-conditioning system in the gift shop.

We’ve added new temptations to the gift shop, and Brooke has once again updated the restaurant menu. And of course we’ll keep the all-time favorites: blueberry pancakes, blueberry French toast, seafood omelets, and lobster rolls--all served with an ocean view.

There is a long tradition at the Seagull of offering Down East hospitality to many generations of Pemaquid Point residents and visitors, and we are glad to continue that tradition. 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 Sea Gull!!



Visiting the Gallery:

Kay Miller

The Saltwater Artists Gallery is opening for its 52nd season Memorial Day weekend. Since 1998 the gallery has been located on Route 130 in New Harbor. We are a non-profit cooperative of 27 jury selected artists who donate to local schools yearly and take turns working at the gallery. The building has been refurbished over the years; the latest addition was state of the art lighting. Exhibited works include every medium: painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, woodturning, stained glass, jewelry, and pottery. There will be a “Meet the Artists” reception July 13 and a “Dog Days of Summer” show opening August 18. The Gallery is open weekends 10:00 – 5:00 Memorial Day to June 14 and then seven days a week to Columbus Day.

The exhibiting artists are: Carol Ast, Rick Berk, Mary Buerin, Cat Crozier, Alice de Mauriac, Sandy, Flint, Judine French, Ardy Greatorex, Sandra Griffin, David and Pat Higgins, Caroline Howe, Sue Kibbe, Janet Lockhart, Kay Miller, Maude Olsen, Linda Paine, Betsy, Palmer, Cathie Peterson, Tom Raymond, Libbey Seigars, Cindy Smith, Polly Steadman, Lynn Thompson, Scott White, Pam Wilcox, and Carol Wiley. For more information check our website at <http://www.saltwaterartists.com>

Kay Miller, Vice President



Whitefield Pottery serving platter



Linda Paine Multi Weave Bracelet



“Heading Out”

Painting by Carol Abitabilo Ast



Cape Neddick. Photo by Rick Berk at Saltwater Gallery



Summer Sonnet

*This casual summer, laggard in arrival,
Is certain in its ultimate approach;
There is profusion, lavishment of touch
Indicative of paramount survival.*

*Across the hills, across the somnolent valleys
With apple blossom triumphant we will know
A carpet of cool petals soft as snow.
Water swift-moving through the crevassed gullies,*

*That which is laggard, tempered in creation,
Remains forever as a material token.
Remains forever as the consummation
Of that which we can visualize unbroken.*

*This casual summer calls us to a belief
Beyond remembered Joy, and passing Grief.*

Russ Zajtchuk

Written as High School Senior in 1955

To be published in Chapter 1: *The Early Years*

Spring 2019

Dear PPA friends,

Joan and I are so grateful to be part of such a caring community at Pemaquid Point, Maine. In this sonnet as a young man, I wanted to capture the wonder of the coming seasons we all enjoy here.



Hotel Pemaquid April 2019

photo by Kate Bergquist



Hotel Pemaquid circa 1905



After 36 years of military service, we retired in the Napa Valley in 1992. Having absolutely no knowledge of the wine or hospitality industry, we decided to volunteer at the Napa Valley Welcome Center as volunteer ambassadors. We welcome guests from all over the world and assist them with accommodations, tours and winery visits. We have the same gratifying experiences at the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse where we have been docents since 2003, when the Maine State Quarter was released at the Lighthouse by the Director of The U. S. Mint. Marianne and I received the volunteers of the year award by the American Lighthouse Foundation in 2017.

Jim & Marianne Soule

We have had our house at 19 Cliff Rd since 1992 and rarely saw it in winter. I flew up from cozy Siesta Key, Florida the first week of December and enjoyed how beautiful it was—but oh so DARK at night!

I lighted a tree in our front yard and left it on a timer. No idea how long it lasted, but it was our own version of Gardens Aglow which I also enjoyed in Boothbay.



Photos by Alix Morin

From the Editor:

Kate Bergquist

I hope you've enjoyed this newsletter! I am having fun with it. I welcome all of your ideas and contributions: photos, stories, recipes, poems and articles...send them along! I'm particularly interested in your ghostly experiences in the Pemaquid area and would like to compile a collection of these stories in the near future. Send me yours! Contact email: kate@gallantins.com. Please note PPA Newsletter in the subject line.

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PPA DUES REMINDER: Please pay by August 15, 2019

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 2nd 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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THIS NEWSLETTER IS YOUR ONLY NOTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PEMAQUID POINT ASSOCIATION. PLEASE MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR. A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON PEMAQUIDPOINT.ORG.
