

The Pemaquid Point Association

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BREATHE HOPE SUNLIGHT FRESH AIR LOVE LIFE FAMILY HEALTH FLOWERS

From the President:

The crocuses are blooming this week in front of the Sea Gull and they seem to be a promise of better times to come. As I write this, we (as well as most of the country) are in a shelter-in-place mode. I hope that by the time everyone can return to our little piece of heaven, life will have resumed a more normal pace. Currently, the Pemaquid Point Association Meeting is scheduled to take place on August 7th at Bristol Consolidated School, 9am social and 9:30 meeting. Fingers crossed that all of the restrictions due to and fear of the virus will all just be a bad memory at that point.



A catch up on what has happened other than “the virus” seems in order for those of you who have not been a part of the goings-on around the area. The Bristol Park Commission’s construction of The Pemaquid Beach Pavilion is well underway and has been continuing throughout the winter and into spring. At this writing, it appears that it will reach the designated completion time. The Boardwalk shown in the photo is wide enough for wheelchairs and should bring the beach much closer for those

who have not been able to reach it in the past. It extends over the dunes and when the situation allows, the school children will be planting dune grass under the boardwalk. They are still a little short of funds to put all of the finishing touches on the project, but are hoping to reach that fundraising goal in time for the completion. The cost of Park Passes (new pass \$8.00, renewal \$5.00) and the 10 day block passes (\$25.00 for the lighthouse park and \$35.00 for the Beach) and daily lighthouse park of \$3.00, will be the same as last year, however, the one day beach pass will increase by a dollar to \$5.00.



The old Poole Bros. portable mill was found in Newcastle in the fall of 2019. The photo shows the log carriage section of the sawmill rig being lowered onto a trailer, as Richard Morgan (left) and Willis Libby guide the load. The plan is to use this as part of the display at the Pemaquid Mill.



The exciting news here is that the entire property, not just the Mill building will be transferred to the Old Bristol Historical Society. Since many of you were instrumental in raising the needed funds for the original purchase I felt that you would like to know this update. The paperwork is pretty much complete and, as soon as possible, the transfer will take place. There is still much to be done before

the property will be able to be open to the public. An engineering study is being completed so that the mill committee can establish how much money will be required to restore the building. While volunteers will continue to do as much of the exterior preparation and construction work as possible, most of the work will require hiring professional contractors with applicable project experience when safety is a concern or specialized skills are required. The Mill Committee of Old Bristol Historical Society has already received several bids for some of this work. The Society's board authorized mill committee chair Phil Averill to sign contracts and initiate recommended work when he determines that sufficient funding is available. As of now they have a long way to go to get to this point. The Mill will be a very special component of the new Bristol History Center, which will also include a research center, climate controlled archival storage, additional exhibit space and OBHS offices located in the former retail store on the mill property site.

Wishing you a healthy return to Pemaquid Point.

Pat Porter, President

P.S. Some other things we can do to support the local community during these difficult times are outlined in this information from Chris Hall, Town Manager:

Since the Coronavirus crisis began, I have been holding weekly Zoom conference calls with representatives of the Town's churches, the Lions, Masons, C.H.I.P., the School, Bristol Fire and Rescue and Bristol parks, trying to keep tabs on who needs help and how to get it to them. I've learned from these calls how generous people are being, and how many spontaneous acts of kindness there are! Many members of the PPA have sent checks to the Town's General Assistance fund, and I'm sure many have donated to other community resources. Thank you!

The most important thing people can do at this time is to look after their neighbors – especially those who are 'vulnerable' through age or pre-existing conditions, or if they are in quarantine after returning 'from away.' Please keep a safe distance, though!

If you are away from the Point right now and are still looking to help, here are some suggestions:

- **Donate to the food pantries. There are two: the New Harbor Food Pantry in the basement of the Methodist Church, and the Caring for Kids free food cupboard located between the Bristol Mills Fire Station and the Masonic Hall. Many residents are 'food-insecure'; half of all Bristol school students qualify for free school meals. Money contributions are preferred to in-kind donations at this time, to ensure a regular supply of staples. Donations can be sent to the New Harbor Food Pantry at PO Box 100, New Harbor ME 04554; or Caring for Kids, PO Box 412, New Harbor ME 04554.**
- **Support the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP, Inc.). CHIP is our local resource for helping families in need to stay safe, warm and dry with urgent home repairs. Its**

volunteers work on 10 to 20 Bristol homes a year. CHIP also helps with emergency heating fuel. P.O. Box 6, Newcastle, ME 04553.

- Give to the Town's General Assistance fund. Bristol has a 'Worthy Poor Fund' (you can tell from its name that it was founded in the nineteenth century!) which supplements the small General Assistance fund voted at each Town Meeting. Donations can be made to the Town of Bristol ('Worthy Poor Fund' in the Memo line, please), PO Box 339, Bristol ME 04539. This is the most flexible resource we have for fast help to people with real problems.

The story I have heard is that the Worthy Poor Fund was started with the proceeds when the Town went out of the workhouse business and sold its Poor Farm (on Poor Farm Road, of course). I would have to spend a few hours doing research in the Town Hall attic one day to verify that!

Chris Hall

LIGHTHOUSE LAUGHTER WAVES GREEN GRASS SEAGULLS COASTLINE LOOP JOY

ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

Pat Porter - President, term expires 2020

Richard Johnson - Vice President, term expires 2022

Jeff Kessler - Treasurer, term expires 2020

John Beckerman - Secretary, term expires 2022

Mary Gauntt - Assistant Treasurer

John Porter - Assistant Secretary

Members at Large

Lee Marshall - term expires 2021

Bill Worth - term expires 2021

The Treasurer's Report

Jeff Kessler

As I sit here sheltered-in-place in my daughter's basement writing for the newsletter, I can't help but think we may not make it to Maine this year. Who knows how long this situation will go on and how it will affect Maine businesses over the summer. The restaurants we frequent and the things we love to do in Maine may or may not be accessible. So time will tell, but the important thing is for each of us to do our part to make our new normal fun.

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 16 we have 224 people who are members of the PPA. 29 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 \$4740 with another \$10,116 in a certificate of deposit. Our checking account is used for the deposit of Annual Dues and payment of routine operating expenses and the CD contains 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.

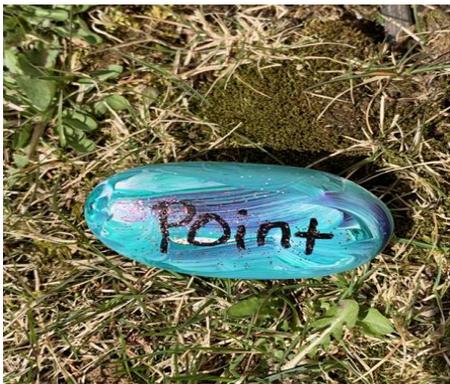
A complete financial report will be provided at the Annual Meeting in early August.

Stay healthy and enjoy your summer!

Jeff is married to his wife Jane of 39 years and they have three children and five grandchildren. 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.



Photo by Meg Aldrich Ward



This season has been one of the most tame weather-wise that I have seen in my 34 years of living at Pemaquid Point. We have had very little snow and what has fallen has not stayed around very long.

Along with that there have only been a hand full of days that were bitter cold. Not that the weather hasn't been miserable on occasion. We have had our share of cool, damp, cloudy weather. The most severe weather we have had was in the early fall. A couple of wind storms caused the usual roof damage, doors blown open and trees down. Several trees managed to land on houses, fortunately other than some shingle damage the houses were unscathed. At our house we had 8 trees go down 4 on the garage and one just missing the house. No severe damage but it does feel like we live on a prairie now.

I made 34 calls/emails to cottage owners this year to report damage or incidents at their cottages. Most of those reports were made during the fall. We have also chased down trash cans, tarps and the occasional chair and returned them to their proper place. I say we in that once again Seth Fletcher has helped me with some of the inspections and has been a ready back-up if needed. If you don't know Seth he is one of the young men that works at the lighthouse park during the summer. He is a local lad growing up in New Harbor.

The Covid 19 Virus has changed our peninsula as it has everywhere. There are a number of summer residents that, because of the virus and the unusually good weather, who have returned early to their summer homes. The local food stores are doing their best to keep up with the demand. Business is 3 times what it normally at this time of year. Without summer help the employees are working long hours. The fishing industry is suffering. Lobster boats are moored, clams and oysters are not being consumed and the price of elvers has fallen. Schools of course are closed and the summer tourist season is up in the air.

With many of our local people needing a boost, work along with donations to our local pantries and charities, will be much appreciated. Look forward to seeing everyone this summer.

Roy

LAUGHING CHILDREN OCEAN BREEZES LOBSTER BLUE SKY FULL MOON BUDDING TREES



Photo by Kate Bergquist

HOPE JOY LAUGHTER SEA ROSES CRESTING WAVES LAUGHTER SMILES OPTIMISM

My Pemaquid Point Story

Joyce McCoy

My introduction to Pemaquid came in 2012 when I visited for the first time. Hotel Pemaquid was charming and provided plenty of opportunity for Loop walks, building cairns, climbing the rocks, eating at the Seagull Shop and Restaurant and viewing the Atlantic from atop the lighthouse. I was hooked!

So enamored was I with this newfound vacation spot that I began annual visits. Hailing from Rockport, Texas gave me incentive to visit same city, different state the next year.

Staying at Paula's Seagull Cottage fit my plans perfectly and I was fortunate to purchase this lovely home in 2017. Friends and family have visited Maine for their first visit and are just as enamored with all that Pemaquid has to offer.

The ocean, the lobster boats, the food, friendly people good neighbors, culture and music, beautiful scenery, lots of rocks, what more could I want from a second home? I'm just sorry it took me a lifetime to find all that Pemaquid offers.



Photo by Laura Moskwa

Kate does a great job of sourcing content and presenting a wonderful newsletter for our PPA. When she sent out the call for articles, I responded; but was not sure of the topic until she suggested ghosts. Who doesn't like a good ghost story?

As of March 30, we have owned The Bradley Inn for three years. During that time, we have heard stories, had Greg Latimer, a paranormal specialist, come check out the inn and heard and felt things ourselves around the inn.

Here are a few of the ghost stories we have heard from inn guests, employees and the previous owners. A guest room on the third floor, that had been called Captain H, was said to be haunted. An inn guest had her toes tickled, another was thrown out of the bed and a third couple heard dogs scratching on the door all night. Ok, that one was the creepiest for me. Since we have completely renovated the room, literally taken down wallpaper, ripped up the carpeting, gutted the bathroom, the hauntings have moved to the neighboring room. We had an inn guest, a local woman in a high-level position in the medical industry, stay overnight with her husband to celebrate their anniversary. She is open to seeing ghosts, she has seen them her whole life. There is an inn they go to every year in New Hampshire where she sees the ghost of a prior owner every time. Her husband wrote to me after they stayed that she had woken up during the night, as she walked around the bed to go to the bathroom, she stepped over a dog. She did not think much of it, as they have a dog at home plus she was half asleep, until she was on her way back to bed when she realized that the dog did not look like theirs and had disappeared. Hmmm. Wonder if that could be the same dog that had scratched the door of the Captain H Room? Greg Latimer's visit found something to corroborate the dog presence as well, but I get ahead of myself.

Linda is one of our wonderful housekeepers -- she has worked at the inn for about eight years. Before our time as owners, Linda saw a woman standing in the dining room, hair up in a bun, long skirt with an apron, as clear as day. She looked real, as if someone was actually standing there, except in the next second she was gone. Prior owner or employee or guest...who knows.

Greg Latimer contacted us to request a visit with his paranormal "sighting" equipment. The equipment picks up the electromagnetic energy which presents itself in the form of a stick figure on the screen. We walked around the main inn building and there was a "sighting" in the front entrance, standing right next to me. I extended my hand and the stick figure extended its hand to meet mine. Note, I did not feel or see anything. We had some energy in the laundry and wine closet rooms-- weird stick figures skulking in corners, a little creepy. Greg said that we should let them be, he does not like to conjure up any negative energy or feelings. I have to say that I said hello to them and said nice things to them every time I walked into either room for a while afterwards. The final place we saw stick figures was in the guest room on the third floor in which the inn guest saw the dog. Funny thing was that there were two humanoid stick figures and another one that had four legs. You just can't make these things up. And in case you are thinking that Greg made these things appear, I can attest to the fact that either Tony or I were holding the screen and the wand

which picked up the energy. Another interesting occurrence was that Greg asked the beings a few questions that required a yes or no answer to which they had to “touch” a device which lit up due to their electromagnetic signature. It took a bit, but he did get a few answers. Apparently, they are at the inn because they want to be and are happy. Whew, that was good news.

Tony was in the laundry room one evening during dinner service. He was taking clothes out of the washer to place into the dryer when someone behind him, in a clear voice, said “Tony, what are you doing?” He turned around and no one was there. He walked into the kitchen and one of the servers said “Tony you look like you saw a ghost!” He responded “No, I heard one.” Interestingly enough, there was a prior owner named Tony, he and his wife Carolyn owned the inn from about 1965 to the mid-seventies. According to Kate, who knew these owners when she was a young girl visiting for the summer, Carolyn had a habit of frequently asking Tony about what he was doing. Weird, huh?

Early spring of 2018, I was in the living room. Tony had just finished painting the walls when we had a leak. I was up on a ladder looking into the hole in the ceiling to check out if it had stopped, when I heard someone walking from the front door, down the hall towards the bar then through the dining room towards the kitchen. It was a clear sound just like someone walking in flip flops, you know what I mean. I called out to Clarissa since she would have been the only one it could have been and did not get an answer. I got down off the ladder, walked all the way into the kitchen and no one was around. Which was confirmed when I brought it up later to the family. Something definitely walked through the inn, I heard it.

All of us do at times “see” things out of the corner of our eyes and hear things...but light can play with shadows and old houses creak. If we have ghosts, they keep to themselves and don’t bother with us. Perhaps it’s because we are not open to experiencing paranormal beings...can you blame us, after all we do live here all winter. So, the next time you come over for a drink or dinner keep your mind open and perhaps you will be lucky enough to see one, if so please let us know and give us the details so we can add it to the collection of ghost experiences at The Bradley Inn.

Laura Moskwa



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All the best to Charlie, Judy and family!



Photo by Kate Bergquist

I have a long history of being attracted to Pemaquid point. That may seem odd considering that my home is in Cottage Grove, a suburb of St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1944 or perhaps 1945 while Jane Blossom was a student in Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, she was invited by a close friend, Edie Hary, to come to Pemaquid Point for Thanksgiving. Edie had recently, as I understand it, come into possession of Edgecliff, a cottage owned originally by her grandfather. My wife Jane fell in love with Pemaquid. Edie needed a little help to cover expenses and wondered if Jane's folks would like to rent the cottage for a week. I don't know the date of the first visit by Jane's folks, Bill and Anne Blossom of Agawam, Massachusetts. But they too fell under Pemaquid's spell and came up on vacation every chance they had for the rest of their lives.

Jane and Edie graduated from Bates in the spring of 1947 but remained very close friends as long as they lived. Edie, of course, had a remarkable career as the State Law Librarian for the state of Maine. Later in her life she teamed up with another librarian by the name of Mary Irvine and in retirement they lived several places, including Camden and later a place on Pemaquid Point. More about that later.

I was an Air Force pilot stationed at one time in Massachusetts where I became acquainted with Jane Blossom. We got married in 1953 when I got out of the Air Force. In 1955 I first came to Maine when we visited with Edie at Edgecliff, her cottage on Pemaquid Point. I was captivated by Pemaquid's magic and Jane and I came every chance we had, first with the Blossoms, and later by ourselves. At the very least we came about once every five years correlated with Jane and Edie's Bates College class reunions. As I eventually finished my formal education and became a university professor, first at West Virginia and later at what is now Minnesota State University Moorhead, summer vacations included a trip east, often including a visit to Pemaquid. Our family increased and our two sons Jim and Bill were introduced to Pemaquid at early ages.

Our sons both loved the cottage on the Point. The fascination of the rocks, surf and the tide pools extends to this day. As near as I can figure Bill our youngest son came to Edgecliff and the point the first time when he was four. The boys never lost their love of Pemaquid Point and Bill now owns Edgecliff, Edie Hary's old cottage. However it is no longer a "cottage". As I mentioned above, Edie Hary and Mary Irvine ended up living in house on Pemaquid Point about a ten minute walk from the cottage. They weren't about to sell the cottage, so they eventually had it restored as a full time home capable of handling the Maine winters. So it was a full time home in 2005 when my wife and I visited it together for the last time. That fall Jane was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and she died in January 2016. Both Edie and Mary have passed away but we feel they would be happy that our family still comes to the point we all love.

Since our son Bill now owns Edgecliff and makes several trips a year to the Point, I have been with them on some of these trips. Many are the nights I have fallen asleep to the sound of the surf on the rocks below. Breakfast at the Seagull is almost routine. I can see the flashing of the lighthouse from

my bedroom window. I plan to come to Pemaquid this summer of 2020. I have been in love with the place for sixty-five years.



Photo by Pat Porter



The Optimist

I gazed at the sky this evening

When the sun was sinking low;

On billowing white clouds it lay there,

Like a rose growing up through the snow.

When it sank below the horizon,

How dark the world seemed then,

But through the darkness this thought abides with me:

“The sun will shine soon again.”

And isn't it true with our troubles,

That though we have them galore

It's pleasant to think, is it not, that

The sun will beam forth once more?

Let thought like this brighten our paths;

Though sorrow may darken our days,

That somewhere, and sometime, and somehow,

The sun will illuminate the haze.

Russ Zajtchuk 1960



Photo by Laurie Worth

“Sea You” at the Sea Gull

Tim and Betsey Norland

It’s now May. In any other year, we would be packing the cat into the car and heading up to Maine, eager to see our managing partner Brooke Cotter and our wonderful staff at the Seagull Shop as we get ready to open for a new season. But oh! As everybody knows by now, this year is very different. Pining as we may be for the Point and everything we love about summer in Maine, we have decided to put off our traditional Mother’s Day weekend opening of the Seagull Restaurant and Gift Shop.

As of this writing, we are planning to open the restaurant for take-out food only starting the first week-end in June. And we are working on a link for our web page to offer gift shop items for sale online. We’ll be sure a mailing goes out to PPA members when those plans are finalized. Luckily for all our friends and fans, Brooke has been hard at work all winter hiring staff, unpacking new stock for the gift shop, and putting together plans for the upcoming season.

Meanwhile, check out this video about the painted rocks Brooke and her daughters placed around the Loop Road. It’s guaranteed to make you smile! Look over on the right side of the Seagull website home page and click on our Facebook page to watch. And don’t forget to check out the surf cam while you’re there. We’ve found it helps a little to ease the homesickness so many of us feel for the Point.

<http://www.seagullshop.com>. We really hope to “See you @ the Seagull” this year!



photo by Kate Bergquist

Social Distancing

Janine Atkinson

Anticipating an arrival time to enjoy the Point has been put on hold by our family as well as others. Fortunately spring in Maryland has been beautiful but a bit nippy, like Maine!

In keeping with the “shelter in place” guidelines, the first party of the season is canceled. Unless a miracle occurs (which we all hope for) I don’t see it happening. I will miss seeing all of you and sharing conversations. However, since we don’t know what the next month or two holds, better safe than sorry.

I thank the hosts that have been so generous and will keep in touch if things change for the better.

A social distance hug to all!

Historian’s Report

Anne Lewis

Laurie Worth spoke with Anne Lewis recently. Anne is our treasured historian, and is planning a lecture for some point this summer. Her topic will be Dr. Sally Lucas Jean and her home, which was built in 1926. The house was named “Fairview,” and is still known by that name today. The current owners are Ken and Martha Wertz.



Photo by Meg Aldrich Ward

Walter has shared with us a recent article he wrote for The Washington Post. His first paragraph reads: *“Crisp, bluebird days so refreshing there’s no need for air-conditioning. Evenings so dark the Milky Way lights up the sky. For dinner, the freshest (and maybe cheapest) lobster you’ve ever tasted. And then to fall asleep to the summer sounds of the sea: a lullaby of waves lapping against rocky shores punctuated by the rhythmic tinkling of sailboat halyards.”*

[Please click on the link to read more:](#)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/for-a-real-taste-of-midcoast-maine-as-it-was--and-should-be--head-to-damariscotta/2019/06/27/9deec5d0-8d28-11e9-8f69-a2795fca3343_story.html

Thanks, Walter! That’s some fine writing.

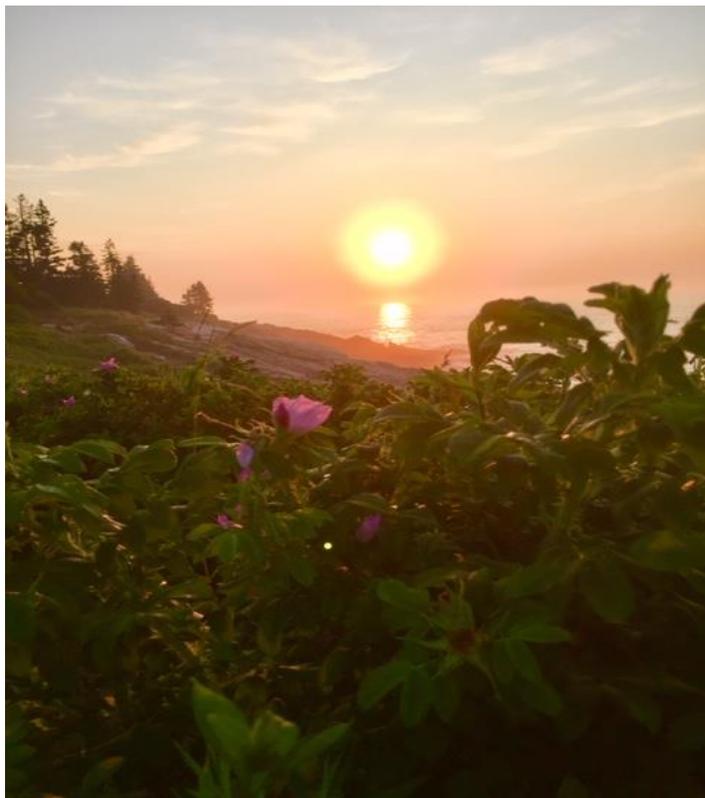


Photo by Laurie Worth

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PPA DUES REMINDER: Please pay by August 15, 2020

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: _____

home phone 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 7th at 9:00 at Bristol Consolidated School.

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

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.

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 PEMAQUID POINT.ORG

SUN SAND ROCKS DAFFODILS ROBINS SALTY AIR GULLS BOATS BUOYS LIGHTHOUSE

Jim and Marianne Soule at Oskar Schindler's House in Regensburg, Germany



And finally, a few photos from last year before the concept of “social distancing.”

