



## *The Pemaquid Point Association*

### Spring 2021 Newsletter

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*From the President*

*Lee Marshall*

Spring is springing here in Pemaquid and people are returning to The Point with lots of smiles. The flowers are blooming and our returning neighbors seem to have a greater appreciation for the life, safety and the beauty we enjoy here.

As fall began, it seemed as if neighbors who generally returned to their “winter” homes in late fall hung on just a little longer in Maine this year. More neighbors than usual even made the decision to “winter over,” myself included. Although not the popular walking spot it is in summer months, the Point was busy with a steady stream of walkers on a daily basis. One might think that extra people would keep nature away, or at least shier than usual. Not so! Starting with a bull moose sighting in September. Yes, you heard that right. He spent the day hanging out around The Point and many neighbors have pictures to show to unbelieving family and friends. There was even a small moose-sighting patrol wandering around on that day with cameras ready. October brought many bird watchers as they (birds and watchers!) began migrating south. And of course November brought turkeys! Some would say the area has been overrun by turkeys (the bird variety) based on the daily sightings all over The Point. Also sighted were lots of fox, deer, birds (even a Snowy Owl) and what appeared to be a lone coyote. It was a real joy to spend most of the off-season here.

I want to take this opportunity to thank a number of PPA members (Walter & Pat Nicklin, Bob Kline, Bill Worth, Laurel Beard, Bill Claffin, Jill Davenport, David Flanagan, Sally Hovey, Lee Simard, Mike & Mary Stevens) who volunteered to help clear out the Right of Ways to the rocks throughout our community last fall. It was a fair amount of work (and poison ivy!) spread out over three days. We hope that people enjoy access to the rocks via these Right of Ways; a real gift to our community.

I also would like to thank Mike Broida for allowing us to store the clearing debris in his lot next to his home, waiting for an appropriate day later in the fall to do a burn.

Good news for all residents and visitors, the Sea Gull Shop rebuilding after the fire in September is coming along great. Tim, Betsy and Brooke are doing everything they can to have it reopened by early July, an amazing feat given the time since the fire.

Speaking of the Sea Gull Shop fire, I ask all owners to please review your properties and have downed trees and brush removed for the safety of all here on The Point. That night the weather was foggy, there was no wind and the fire department was able to respond quickly and contain it, averting a possible larger disaster.

In closing, the Pemaquid Point Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 6th at the Consolidated School with a 9:00 AM social and 9:30 AM meeting time. We hope to see all of you there. We have Chris Hall, Bristol Town Administrator as our guest speaker following the business meeting.

**Lee Marshall**



**Moose on the Loop!**

**Photo by Lee Marshall**

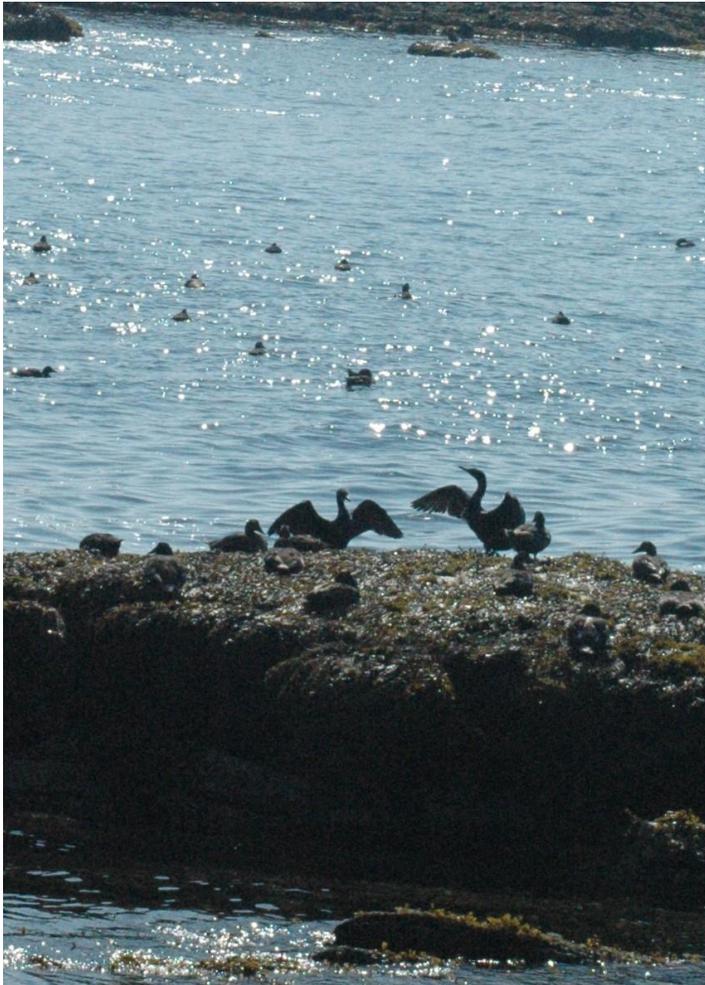


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#### **ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE BOARD**

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	<b>Bill Worth (term expires Aug 2022)</b>
	<b>Madge Pugh (term expires Aug 2021)</b>



**Along the Loop Road**

**Photo by Kate Bergquist**

## *The Treasurer's Report*

*Jeff Kessler*

What a difference a year makes.... Last year at this time it was hunker down and mourn the fact there would be no summer in Maine for Jane and me. Now here we are both of us have had COVID. We've had our first vaccine shot with the second shot to come April 21 – bulletproof! Maine is back on the schedule with an anticipated arrival in early June!

While we were able to spend the COVID time with our children and grandchildren, we realize how lucky we were compared to many others. Hopefully Maine will return to the old ways and not the “new normal” – whatever that is.

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 13, 2021 we have 226 people who are members of the PPA. That is up from 224 last year. Of those members, 200 are Regular Members (those who own property in the PPA geographic region) and the balance are Associate Members. Interestingly those 200 Regular Members own only 99 individual properties in the PPA geography. This difference is due primarily to properties which have multiple owners.

On the financial front, our checking account cash balance remains strong at \$15,024. Our checking account is used for the deposit of Annual Dues and payment of routine operating expenses.

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 see you this summer!

*Jeff is married to his wife Jane of 40 years and they have three children and five grandchildren. 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.*

Another winter season in which there was not much snow. An 11 inch storm in December then only an inch or two at a time. Most of the snow stayed around for a while because of the cold temperatures. But as I write this, the ground has been bare for a while. It has been a windy winter. We have had several wind storms that have caused light damage. Several trees have come down through the winter. Fortunately they have fallen in yards and on roads but not on cottages. Also a number of cottages have lost roof shingles over the winter. I made a number calls/emails to cottage owners this year to report damage or incidents at their cottages. We have also chased down trash cans, tarps and the occasional chair and returned them to their proper place.

The Covid 19 Virus has changed our peninsula as it has everywhere. There are a number of summer residents that, because of the virus have wintered here this year. Also there have been a number of homes sold and new residents moving in. I was talking with my propane delivery man who told me that from New Harbor to Pemaquid Point he has 85 more customers this year than last. On a Sunday in early March I counted 34 cars at the lighthouse and 32 people walking the Loop Road. There always seems to be people walking the Loop Road no matter the weather. Enrollment at Bristol School has gone up considerably. Enrollment there has been on an upward trend the last few years but has spiked this year. There have been a record number of building permits given out for new construction and renovations. The Point has changed; we will have to see if it continues at this pace or as vaccinations increase the pace of change lessens.

It's hard to believe but in about six weeks we will start mowing our lawns again. Hopefully we will be able to transition back to a fairly normal summer. Again I have enjoyed being your cottage inspector and look forward to seeing everyone this summer.

Roy Gauntt



Photo by Meg Aldrich Ward

## *Ghosts at the Bradley Inn*

*Tony and Laura Moskwa*

Captain Bradley is here at The Bradley Inn! I have written in the past about ghosts at the Inn however this may be one of the most interesting as it involves Captain Bradley himself. Last fall, we had two women stay with us that are conduits, those lucky enough...well, I guess it all depends...to be able to feel, see and/or speak with spirits that exist in our world. They were initially reluctant to tell us their story as they were not sure how we would react. We found it very interesting and informative, so here goes...

While having come to the Pemaquid area multiple times The Bradley Inn was never on their radar. When planning a girlfriend get away they received a message on a spirit board, which clearly spelled out The Bradley Inn. The last night of their stay they were visited by Captain Bradley, he spoke to them and the story goes like this....

He introduced himself as Captain Henry Bradley. They asked him if he was in the Army. He said no, he was a sea captain.

He said he is always at the inn as he loves it. While he never owned the property nor the inn, he spent quite a bit of time visiting it because he enjoyed it so much, which is why they named it after him. Go figure! He said he is happy that we, the new owners, are here. We are glad to have him at our back!

It appears that Captain Bradley guided these two women to tell us his story, as we are clearly not very in tune to the spirit world. We have, however, repeatedly mentioned that we have no idea why the inn is named for Captain Bradley as he never owned the property. So now we know...

Oh and one last thing, while we were listening to the story, Tony mentioned that he does at time hear or feel things...and believe it or not...the power went out for just a couple of seconds.

Weird, huh?



Photo by Kate Bergquist

*From the Social Committee*

*Janine Atkinson*

When I first wrote to Kate a few weeks ago, it seemed that nothing would be happening as far as events. But life seems to be beginning anew. I feel that organizing a get together at this point with the new parameters is too short a notice. However, Nikki & Rick Pyle have graciously offered to host a picnic in August, outside, with access to the open garage for getting the yummy food we enjoy every year. I know you would like share your dish with at least 8-10 friends.

Date to be determined, possibly relieving Elizabeth and Bob from their generous tasking hosting the last picnic of the summer. In that vein, we would welcome any and all help in setting up tents and tables, chairs (bring your own) and of course, tear down! Of course, if there are earlier offers for a PPA gathering Please let me know!

Any and all suggestions are welcome! Best wishes to everyone for a safe, enjoyable summer.

Since so many of our members donated to help purchase the mill property, I thought maybe you all might appreciate an update of the progress. Most of you are probably aware that Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust (CRCT) decided to donate the entire property to the Old Bristol Historical Society (OBHS) instead of just leasing the Buildings to OBHS. Although thrilled to have the property this has greatly expanded the scope of work for OBHS, as well as requiring many more expenses than originally anticipated.

#### MILL BUILDING

You may have noticed that the front of the mill building has been restored to the same configuration as that shown in an 1896 Photo of the mill. In addition, carpenters, Ed and Audra, are plugging away efficiently. They have worked their way around the building replacing rotten timbers as they go. When they got to the back (west) wall, they found more problems than we anticipated. The wall is now suspended in mid-air as they replace sills, beams and corner posts using vintage timbers plus modern hemlock logs. This week they should be putting things back together again. This photo shows the West side of the building and the daunting task that still awaits there.

The shed roof on the north side of the building (over section 5) was stripped. There was far less rot in the sheathing than many thought. Still, patching was done where needed and the crew from the Carpenter's Boatshop came over and shingled the roof with asphalt material.

Volunteers have been working with us every Saturday to dip cedar shingles in preservative as we prepare to have the "new" back wall re-shingled. It has been a fun way to meet new people, get out of the house and do something productive that does not need strength, skill or intelligence.

As you know, we have little hard evidence as to when the mill buildings were built. We have had a number of historic building experts come through the mill. They all agree early 1800's but that is about it. Is there any way to tell how old a large timber is? Yes, dendrochronology! Also known as tree ring analysis. We are working with Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by sending them cross-section samples of the larger timbers in the building. If successful, they will be able to tell the date the tree was cut down to within 2-5 years. How cool is that?

#### THE HISTORY CENTER

Much work has been accomplished on the old Poole Brothers Store. A new roof has been installed, a minor repair to the exterior foundation has been completed, keeping rain runoff from entering the building. Phase one of the climate controlled vault has been installed and phase two is planned when the contractor is available. This vault will provide storage space for many historical collections and well as much of the town records which can be stored off site from the town building.

One of the rooms has been refinished and will become a reading room for those who wish to access our records, and plans are underway for space for the installation of Bristol Related Exhibits.

## PARK

- The first commemorative gift (an outdoor bench) has been given to OBHS' Park Committee by a long-standing OBHS member and current Brunswick resident.
- Several additional meetings were held with our adjoining neighbors to gain a better understanding of their requests and suggestions regarding the improvements to the park.
- The current plan was presented to the Bristol Lions' Club. The modest number of attendees resulted in a very informative meeting (with the aid of images) rather than a presentation.
- A constructive meeting was held with Neill DePaoli regarding his on-site archeological exploration requests and suggested plans.
- The first steps towards "dressing up" our property will be evident shortly: the two dying trees separating the History Center from Route 130 will be removed, the ground between the History Center and Route 130 will be repaired, a flowers-filled horse trough and window boxes (thank you Boat Shop) will welcome visitors to the History Center, freshly planted bayberry will provide ground cover (no grass to be used), and progress on initial permitting discussions have begun.
- A meeting was held with the Bristol Fire Chief to explore the possibility of extending the "ground length" of the dry hydrant to facilitate our implementing a more beneficial riparian solution along the river bank between the bridge and the mill.
- A thorough phone conversation was held with the Region B Regional Supervisor (a fisheries biologist) with Maine's Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department regarding the merits of planting trees along "our" side of the Pemaquid River. His comments were that the duration the water would be under trees on OBHS property is far too little to cool the water sufficiently to support cold-water fish.
- An informative conversation took place with Maine's Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department's Regional wildlife expert regarding the effects of modifying the space behind the mill building on wildlife in the area. The net reply was "none" / "nothing to worry about."
- The Committee has begun meeting weekly to (a) reach a consensus about the Park's purpose; (b) define the components and design of the space; and (c) craft a timeline of the implementation that supports the agreed priorities.
- At the Board's request, Joe Socobegin, former Chief and current Tribal Council member of the Passamaquoddy tribe, provided information regarding the Passamaquoddy's annual summer celebration.

This photo shows the West side of the building and the daunting task that still awaits there:



In light of the additional work being planned for the location we established a 20/21 fundraising campaign. We have reached approximately 2/3 of our goal of \$250,000. If you wish to help us continue the work on this site, please visit our website:

<https://oldbristolhistoricalsociety.org/support/>

and click the donate button. Thanks for all you have done to achieve the preservation of this historically significant site.

Pat Porter

If that phrase means anything to you, then you’ve been on Zoom at some point in the last year. How many times have I seen lips moving, when someone has to announce, “You’re muted!” I think I’ve heard that more often than almost any phrase next to “wear your mask,” “social distance” and “be safe.” As I write this it is towards the end of February. It’s snowing lightly here in Pennsylvania and the roads were too icy this morning to even think about venturing out.

*Where would I venture to anyway?*

I’m guessing most of us are pretty weary of this pandemic and all it has brought with it. I imagine there are some who still don’t believe it’s real. But that’s for another time and column, perhaps. I’ve seen friends pretty depressed, some anxious about when this will end, and what our new normal might look like. I also have good friends who high-tailed it out of here to warmer climes. Just seeing pictures of them in T-shirts and shorts makes me envious. But then, I’m one of those fearful of travel right now...anywhere except maybe to the grocery store or the drug store.

I happen to be in a working group to learn and then educate others about the aging process: the good, the bad and even the ugly! We have been talking recently about where we live and what some options might be down the road. Some want to move to homes with just first floor living, some to long term care facilities and some are looking at options of bringing in resources so that they can “age in place.”

*Haven’t I been doing that since March of 2020? Feels like it at times.*

Everyone is talking about the vaccine as well. By the time we all meet up this summer, will we all have had our second dose? Will we be able to find other topics to talk about? Personally, I can’t wait to get my second vaccine next month. We have all seen the numbers of those infected and then those who have died. It’s been a terribly hard and sad year for too many families. I hurt for them.

Me? I’m just laying low until we can come up to our beloved cottage sometime this June. I miss the light house, The Seagull Restaurant (let’s go July!), friends on and off the Loop, good food (take out or otherwise), time on porches for a quick chat, hikes, kayaking, friends and family visits and walks with the dog...all of these are carrots just dangling close in front of my vision. I feel positive about what’s coming. We just have to be patient a little bit longer.



Photo by Laura Moskwa



View from Zajtchuk's deck

Photo by James Soule

Anne Davison Lewis

April 15, 1928 – November 12, 2021

Anne Davison Lewis was born in Clarkesville, Tennessee, on April 15, 1928. Her father, Rev. Dr. John Alexander Davison, was a Baptist minister, and her mother, Anne Victoria Green Davison, was an educator. Anne was the second of three children, with two sisters, Sarah Quinn Davison Roden and Margaret Davison Cox. She was raised in Selma, Alabama, and graduated from high school there.

In 1946, Anne enrolled in Randolph-Macon Woman's College, in Lynchburg, Virginia, where she majored in Religion. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1950. She subsequently went to Louisville, Kentucky, where she began a Master of Divinity at Southern Baptist Seminary. While there she met William Phelps Lewis, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. The couple were married in 1956 and settled in Scranton, where he served as pastor of Jackson Street Baptist Church for many years. The couple had two children, Elizabeth Anne "Betsy" and John Davison.

In the late 1960s Anne earned a Master of Arts in School Counseling. She then took a position with the Scranton School District as a Home and School Visitor. In this position she was responsible for determining why children were not doing well in school and then finding a remedy. The children and teenagers assigned to Anne were graced by her thorough and compassionate care – and the vast majority went on to complete their educations successfully. In 1984 she took a leave of absence to finish her Master of Divinity at Eastern Baptist University, receiving it in 1985.

Wherever she found herself, Anne made multiple friends and was active in the community and in her church. An avid and lifelong learner, she enjoyed reading, history, classical music, and travel. She travelled widely, up through her nineties. She loved people and animals, volunteering for and giving to many charitable causes. She actively supported anyone in need and was a steadfast friend to many.

Anne first travelled to Pemaquid Point in 1960, to visit friend Helen Smith, one of several Scrantonians who had a home on the Point. She fell in love with Maine on that first visit and returned each summer thereafter. Anne became an active member of the 'Early Birds,' a group that met weekly for prayer and fellowship. In 2001 she and long-time friend Martha Phillips bought a summer house at the Point. She joined the Pemaquid Point Association and was soon named historian for the group. As historian, she researched, wrote, and

delivered a talk each summer on a house or business at the Point, weaving together the historical era, architectural peculiarities, and family stories that defined each structure.

After a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in July 2020, Anne courageously battled the illness, remaining in her home in Winchester, Virginia, where her children cared for her. She passed away on November 12, 2020, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. A memorial service was held for her at the outdoor retreat of the First Baptist Church of Winchester, and she was buried in the city's Mount Hebron Cemetery.



This summer her family plans to hold a memorial service for her at Bristol's First Congregational Church, where she worshipped, and also a celebration of life at the Point. Details will follow.

Betsy Lewis



The Seagull rises!

Photo by John Shenton



Photo by Kate Bergquist

THE SEAGULL IS RISING!!!

As most of you know, our beloved Seagull Restaurant and Gift Shop burned to the ground last September. This meant we had to start from scratch in rebuilding our Pemaquid icon. We are trying to make it as similar to the old structure as possible, but new building codes require some changes. Newcastle architect George Parker has designed the new space, doing his best to coordinate our design wishes with state and local zoning requirements. And project manager Neal Kimball of Highland Building Services has kept his crew hard at work all winter long bringing the Seagull Shop to life again.

PPA member John Shenton, who has enjoyed a career as an airline pilot, was cruising over the site a few weeks ago and took a photo of progress at the site.

The Seagull is rising indeed! We expect to be serving you blueberry pancakes and lobster rolls in the dining room and at our expanded outdoor eating area by early July.

Brooke, Betsey and Tim and all the Seagull staff are so grateful for the community support we have received over this difficult time. Friends, neighbors and local businesses have donated time, goods, and services in support of our various fundraisers. PPA members and Seagull fans from all over the country have responded with generous donations and encouragement. For more pictures and regular updates check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/theseagullshop>.

We are all looking forward to the time when we can once again say,

*See you @ the Seagull!*

Brooke, Betsey & Tim

With apologies to everyone who misses the PPA camera’s view of the lighthouse and the Seagull Shop’s surf cam, they will be restored as soon as there is a building to attach them to.



Photo by Meg Aldrich Ward



Photo by Harriet Beckerman



Photo by Harriet Beckerman



Don't leave a tern un-stoned

Photo by James Soule

## **“They Used to Come Down from Old Town”: Maine’s Wabanaki Summer Travels to Midcoast Maine 1870-1970s**

by Neill De Paoli

In the summer of 1992, I met octogenarian Mildred Ross at her family’s summer cottage perched on the rocky shoreline overlooking the waters of New Harbor. Millie had summered with her family in this cottage since c.1910. Our conversation, while relatively brief, was intriguing. Millie told me about a Penobscot Indian family that traveled every summer from Indian Island/Old Town to Pemaquid Point since at least the turn of the century. During their summer stay, John Attean, his wife, and two children set up two tents on the grounds of today’s Bradley Inn immediately opposite Minnie Etta (Barker) Martin’s Tea House. Here, the Attean’s made a variety of traditional Wabanaki craft items in one of the two tents and lived in the other. They sold these items to local residents, “summer people”, and tourists, as did many other Wabanaki families up and down Maine’s coast during the late 1800s and first half of the 1900s. Millie capped off our visit by showing me a split ash and sweet grass sewing basket she bought from the Attean’s in the late 1910s.

For almost thirty years, I tucked away my memories of this story, as archaeological fieldwork, report writing, my dissertation, and managing Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site dominated my professional life. I did not resume the research until the fall of 2019, inspired in large part by Bunny McBride and Harald Prins’s *Indians in Eden. Wabanakis on Maine’s Mount Desert Island, 1840s-1920s* (2009). Prins and McBride’s book explores the struggles and adjustments the Wabanaki Indians made in their seasonal routines on Mt. Desert Island during a time of rapidly accelerating white settlement.

What I have crafted over the last two years is an ongoing study exploring the experiences of Maine’s Wabanaki who traveled from Indian Island and Old Town on the lower Penobscot River to Maine’s mid-coast (Wiscasset-Waldoboro) to sell native craft items, perform songs, dances, and tell stories to year-round and seasonal residents and tourists during the late 1800s and much of the 1900s. I am drawing on both the memories and collections of both the Native American and white communities in an effort to prepare as complete a portrait as possible.

I have been contacting longtime residents in Bristol, South Bristol, and Boothbay, many of whom had stories to tell and artifacts to show. Nearly all of them either had memories of their own or those of parents, grandparents, or neighbors of these Wabanaki summer “residents.” One Pemaquid Point resident, who I have known for years, invited me into her home. In the course of the afternoon, Molly showed me fifteen Wabanaki split ash and sweet grass baskets, a carved spruce branch and decorated burl, and a diminutive birch bark picture frame gathered from about her early 19th century Cape. Family members had purchased these items from the Pemaquid Point Wabanaki in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Two visits to a Pemaquid Point summer cottage turned up an early 20th century Penobscot root club and wooden handled mug. Attean family members gave these items to the Dodge family in the 1930s or 1940s.

The residents of South Bristol had similar personal accounts. The story of Mary E. (Ranco) and Joseph Sapiel emerges from “the mists of time” thanks to memories of local residents and a

collection of photographs. They “set up shop” on Christmas Cove (Rutherford’s Island) from about 1900 to 1920. The Sapiels and at least three of their children lived in a small wooden building that overlooked Christmas Cove (Image). One of them (Francis Mae, 1910) was born at Christmas Cove and attended by a Boothbay doctor. This tiny building not only provided them with living quarters but space to make and sell a variety of traditional items to local residents and the summer people who flocked to South Bristol. Mary and Joseph’s domicile was well situated to attract customers. The Holly Inn stood on a rocky ridge overlooking Christmas Cove and the Sapiel “shanty.” The three versions of the Inn were located there from 1906 to 1940. They had 40 to 100 guest rooms. These summer visitors regularly walked on the road that passed by the Sapeil’s home and business. The Sapiels did not limit their business to the confines of the Cove. One elderly South Bristol resident recalled the Sapiels canoed “several times” during their summer stays at Christmas Cove to Inner Heron Island, roughly two miles off shore. There, they sold “handcrafted sweet grass baskets, toy canoes, and tomahawks (root clubs?) carved of wood, delicate canoes fashioned in birch bark, sturdy ash and birch bark “boxes” useful by the hearth (Floyd Humphries, Unpublished Memoirs, pre-2003).”

Recent research on the Boothbay-area has revealed an even richer body of information about Indian Island Wabanaki families, led by the Sockabasins and Rancos, who established summer encampments on Boothbay Harbor and Squirrel Island from the 1870s into the 1970s. The Rancos set up a tent in Boothbay Harbor next to the wooden bridge that extends over the cove from the “east side to the west side.” Here, they made and sold baskets and other wares. More than a dozen longtime year-round and summer residents responded to calls from the Boothbay Region Historical Society for memories of the Ranco basket making families and a sample of the items they produced for the lively tourist trade of the late 19th and much of the 20th centuries. Examples included a miniature wooden paddle, a split ash and sweet grass waste basket, a pack basket, a sewing basket, and two intricately carved root clubs. Chip Griffin, a longtime resident of Boothbay has memories dating from the early 1960s of the elderly Rancos “coming down for periods during summers and sell their goods at Squirrel (Island) and from the Ranco home across Atlantic Avenue in Boothbay.” Several descendants of the Ranco and Sockabasin families not only continued to travel to Boothbay Harbor and Squirrel Island and sell their wares well into the 20th century but remained and became year round residents of Boothbay to this day. Off of the Southport peninsula, the Ranco and Mitchell families set up a large tent/pavilion by around 1900 where they made and sold baskets etc. By 1923, they had replaced the tent with the “Squirrel Island Indian Store”, a shed attached to the rear of their family cottage. There, they made and sold “Fancy Indian – Goods.”(Image) Their products included baskets, birch bark boxes, toy canoes, bows and arrows, and root clubs.

I am seeking information from current or former members of the Pemaquid Point Association who would be willing to share family memories, letters, newspaper articles, photographs, and artifacts that shed light on the experiences of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy families and the local residents and “summer people” with whom they interacted. I can be contacted by snail mail, phone, or email: Neill De Paoli, 116 Wilson Road, Kittery, ME 03904; 207-677-2423/W or 207-703-2955/H, ndppquid@yahoo.com.



Island Store – Squirrel Island – Boothbay, ME c1923



Penobscot decorated bird root club – Lawson Cottage – Pemaquid Point



Clearing the Right of Ways

Photo by Lee Marshall



Photo by Meg Aldrich Ward



Photo by Lee Marshall

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**PPA DUES REMINDER: Please pay by August 15, 2021**

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 6th** 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**

*NEW BEGINNINGS! SUN SAND ROCKS SEA ROSES BUOYS SALTY AIR GULLS BOATS LIFE*