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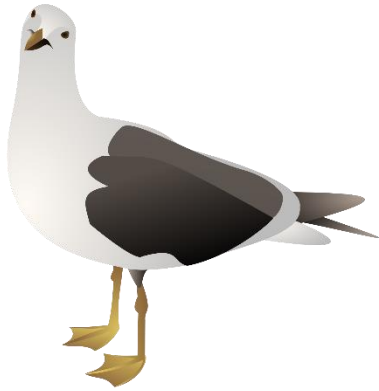


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From the President:

Lee Marshall

We had our first frost five days ago (and every morning since) here at Pemaquid followed by sun filled days in the 50's! Wow, this is November? Ten days prior we did have back-to-back nor'easters with lots of wind and rain; thankfully very little damage and wonderful waves to crash on the rocks!

It has been a wonderful Summer and Fall here at Pemaquid Point. Great to see so many members at our PPA Annual meeting in August and walking the loop road daily. The Pemaquid community is alive and well! Although the pandemic continues throughout the

world, the protection of vaccines has allowed many to feel comfortable returning here this year and enjoying this beautiful community.

Local businesses had an extremely difficult time with staffing throughout 2021, though all seem to have worked through it with dedicated (very tired) staffs and have reported a good recovery year and are positive on their views looking forward.

Personally, we have enjoyed several dinners this year at both The Bradley Inn and the newly opened Sea Gull Shop with excellent reviews in terms of quality of food, service and atmosphere. We have also had friends stay at the Hotel Pemaquid with their usual praise for the facilities and staff. We are so lucky to have these fine institutions in our direct community. I encourage our members and neighbors to continue to support them.

We do have many new neighbors with both re-sale of existing homes and new ones being built within our community. I look forward to welcoming them in person in the Spring!

It is nice to report we have a newly paved Pemaquid Loop Road. The town of Bristol did a wonderful job with thick asphalt along the entire road. It looks great! Please remember when you get back to watch your speed when driving and respect our many walkers and cyclists (and walkers please respect cars and bicycles as well).

Special thanks to Kate Bergquist for all her work in putting this Newsletter together.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you in the Spring.

ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE PPA BOARD

At the August PPA Annual meeting, members voted David Flanagan, Holly Patterson and Martha Wertz to the PPA Board of Directors. The Board met after the Annual meeting and elected officers.

[Here is your current board:](#)

President: Lee Marshall (term expires Aug 2022)
Vice President: Richard Johnson (term expires Aug 2023)
Treasurer: David Flanagan (term expires Aug 2024)
Secretary: Holly Patterson (term expires Aug 2024)
Assistant Treasurer: Mary Gauntt
Members at Large: John Beckerman (term expires Aug 2023)
Martha Wertz (term expires Aug 2024)
Bill Worth (term expires Aug 2022)

I encourage each of you to consider serving on the PPA Board in the future. A call for nominations will go out in the Spring.



Photo by Kate Bergquist

PPA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The PPA is in need of several volunteers:

Social Director: Leads committee and manages all of our events (Annual Meeting and 4-6 other events). Works with Treasurer on budget and expenses and coordinates with event locations.

Social Committee Members: Work with the Social Director to make the events go smooth including setup and cleanup. Remember, many hands make light work so the more the merrier, in every sense of the word.

Please contact PPA President, Lee Marshall, Lee.Marshall@att.net

or 610-745-1036 (cell).

PEMAQUID AREA CHARITIES

BY THE PPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As we approach Thanksgiving, we think of blessings including the gifts of family, love and friendship. We also think of the communities in which we are privileged to live.

As members of the PPA Board, we have taken the liberty of compiling a list of organizations that directly impact the lives of residents of Bristol and Lincoln County, Maine, in case it may be useful to any of you who may be contemplating making year-end donations and seeking worthy recipients. We distribute this list, with mailing addresses, to members merely on an informational basis (for which there are no conflicts of interests with any PPA Board member) and as a convenience. Where an organization has a website, we include a link. Please also understand there may be others that we did not come across as we researched local charities.

BRISTOL, MAINE

The Pemaquid Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry

P.O. Box 100

New Harbor, ME 04554

The pantry serves all of Bristol and South Bristol and accepts food donations from 8-9 a.m. Saturdays and money donations by mail.

Town of Bristol Worthy Poor Fund

Town of Bristol, Maine

P.O. Box 339

Bristol, ME 04539

To assist needy residents of Bristol. The name dates from 1800's.

Bristol Area Library

P.O. Box 173

New Harbor, ME 04554

<http://bal.tidewater.net>

Samoset Fire Company of Bristol

Attn.: Chief Scott Sutter, Jr.

Town of Bristol

P.O. Box 339

Bristol, ME 04539

Bristol EMS

Attn.: Chief Jeri Pendleton

Town of Bristol

P.O. Box 339

Bristol, ME 04539

Caring for Kids

P.O. Box 412
New Harbor, ME 04554
<http://caringforkidsinbristol.org>

The Carpenter's Boat Shop

440 Old County Road
New Harbor, ME 04554
<http://carpentersboatshop.org>

Lighthouse Park Fund

Town of Bristol Parks Commission
P.O. Box 339
Bristol, ME 04539

Fund to Replace the Church Tower

New Harbor United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 100
New Harbor, ME 04554
Attn.: Pastor Kelly Harvell
<https://www.neumc.org>

Old Bristol Historical Society

P.O. Box 87
Bristol, ME 04539
<https://oldbristolhistoricalsociety.org>

Friends of Colonial Pemaquid

P.O. Box 304
New Harbor, ME 04554
<https://friendsofcolonialpemaquid.org>

LINCOLN COUNTY

LincolnHealth (Miles Hospital)

LincolnHealth Development Office
35 Miles Street
Damariscotta, ME 04543

Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service

29 Piper Mill Road
Damariscotta, ME 04543
<https://clcambulanceservice.org>

Central Lincoln County YMCA

525 Main Street

Damariscotta, ME 04543

<https://www.clcymca.org>

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

P. O. Box 234

Boothbay, ME 04537

<https://mainegardens.org>

The Community Energy Fund of Lincoln County

P.O. Box 40

Bristol, ME 04539

<https://www.communityenergyfund.com>

The Inn Along the Way

P.O. Box 1133

Damariscotta, ME 04543

<http://innalongtheway.org>

Mobius, Inc.

319 Main Street

Damariscotta, ME 04543

<http://mobiusinc.org>

To provide services to people with disabilities

Twin Villages Foodbank Farm

P.O. Box 333

Damariscotta, ME 04543

<https://www.twinvillagesfarm.org>

Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine

P.O. Box 1807

Auburn, ME 04211-1807

<https://www.gsfb.org>

United Way of Mid Coast Maine

34 Wing Farm Parkway, #201

Bath, ME 04530

<https://www.uwmcm.org>

Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust

P.O. Box 333

Damariscotta, ME 04543

<https://www.coastalrivers.org>

Midcoast Conservancy

P.O. Box 439

Edgecomb, ME 04556

<https://www.midcoastconservancy.org>

Maine Maritime Museum

243 Washington Street

Bath, ME 04530

<https://mainemaritimemuseum.org>

Midcoast Humane

P.O. Box 7

Edgecomb, ME 04556

<http://midcoasthumane.org>

River Arts

P.O. Box 1316

Damariscotta, ME 04543

<https://riverartsme.org>

Salt Bay Chamberfest

P.O. Box 1268

Damariscotta, ME 04543

<http://saltbaychamberfest.org>

THE BRADLEY INN 2021 IN REVIEW

by Laura Moskwa

Where do I begin? Coming off of one of Maine's busiest tourism seasons, we are happy to say that we have had many first-time visitors to Maine at The Bradley Inn, whether overnight or dinner guest. This is a good thing for the future, as the probability of a first-time visitor returning to Maine is extremely high, which means that this banner year may not be a total one off; our fingers are crossed.

It was a year of high-volume business without the staff to support it, which we are all hoping will not be the case in 2022. It has left most of us exhausted and ready for the off season.

There is no rest, though, at The Bradley Inn, as we are now in full swing working on projects which will take us through the winter, such as the continual upgrading of rooms, bathrooms and common spaces. Tony is currently in the middle of a good-sized demolition project; we are combining two rooms to make a suite with a king bedroom, a nice, big, beautiful bathroom, and living room with a dry bar, which will come with a liquor service feature. I sit at my desk, literally, every day, all day, working on business related tasks; believe it or not there is just that much work to do.

Many of you may have noticed that we put the Teahouse up for sale. The reason being that our son, Ross, and his wife, Clarissa, bought a house in Bristol and vacated a nice-sized space at the inn into which Tony and I decided to move. We had become tired of moving back and forth every year between the Teahouse and the Inn.

So, what does next year bring? In the near term, we will open the restaurant again, every other Saturday beginning on January 15th. Our [Friends of The Bradley Inn](#) email list has grown substantially with those interested in dining with us during the winter. We will once again send out an email, a week in advance, with the menu, requesting diners to provide us with their selections upon booking their reservation. It made it financially feasible for us to do and enabled our neighbors, near and a bit further away, to enjoy a cozy winter meal with us. With that, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and safe winter! Until the next time....



Photo by Kate Bergquist

THE SEA GULL SHOP IS BACK!

By Tim Norland

On September 9, 2021, the Sea Gull Shop reopened a year to the day from the 2020 fire. The response by everyone has been incredible. Many have enjoyed our new building and reacquainted themselves with our delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner meals including the blueberry pancakes and French toast, lobster rolls, Mark's famous burrito, and many other favorites.

We were able to be open five days a week, including serving dinners on Fridays and Saturdays, with an amazing staff. It was incredible how much they accomplished, considering they were so few in number.

Because of the enthusiastic response to dining at the restaurant, Brooke has decided to extend our season! We are now open Saturdays and Sundays from 7:30am to 3pm for breakfast and lunch. The gift shop and ice cream counter will remain open for your holiday shopping convenience until 5pm.

These weekend hours will continue thru the weekend before Christmas (Dec 18th and 19th), with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend: [The Sea Gull will be closed Nov 27th and 28th.](#)

If you are in the area, come enjoy a meal in November and December at the Sea Gull Shop. The Point is beautiful this time of year. See you @ the Sea Gull.

Brooke, Betsey and Tim



Photo by Kate Bergquist



NOTE FROM HOTEL PEMAQUID

By Charlie and Judy Duggan

We had a good 2021 season; it was certainly much different from last year. As we have come to understand in the past decade, no two years are the same.

We wish everyone the best and hope you all enjoy a wonderful holiday season. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you in 2022.

PPA 2021 SOCIALS RETURN

By Lee Marshall

It was so nice to be out and about among fellow PPA members this Summer as we were able to have two social events after a long absence forced by the pandemic.

Thank you to Bob Kline and Elizabeth Thompson for hosting our annual PPA Summer Picnic at the Red Barn on August 21, 2021. This year's weather was cloudy with heavy chance of rain (which did hold off) that did not deter an excellent turnout of members. Food was excellent, as usual, as was the conversations.

Also, a thank you to Charlie and Judy Duggan for hosting the PPA End of Season Party at the Pemaquid Hotel on September 25, 2021. Weather was not good, as we had lots of rain, but knowing the event was inside the hotel the turnout was strong with lots of new faces along with the usual suspects. Appetizers and wine were provided by the Hotel Pemaquid (thank you again) and were delicious.

Finally, thank you to Jeanine Atkinson for her efforts leading the Social Committee for us. Without you, and those helping hands working with you, these and other events, which have become such an important part of our community, would not be possible.



Photo by Meg Aldrich Ward

ROCKWEED RESEARCH GROUP STUDIES THE SEAWEED COMMUNITIES OF PEMAQUID POINT

by Amy Flanagan, fact checked by Dr. Catherine Mitchell, Senior Research Scientist, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences <https://www.bigelow.org/>

On October 17th a group of researchers from [Maine Maritime Academy](#), [Schoodic Institute](#), [Maine Sea Grant](#), and [Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences](#) investigated, identified, categorized, then collected samples of our coastal seaweed.

Specimens included *Ascophyllum nodosum* (a.k.a. Rockweed) the most prevalent seaweed in this area, *Fucus vesiculosus* (a.k.a. Bladderwrack), and *Chondrus Crispus* (a.k.a. Irish Moss). This exercise was a follow-on to similar fieldwork here in July to determine changes over the season.



As is evident in the photo, this is laborious work. This group placed markers around specific colonies of rockweed. They then flew a drone over the marked areas taking an aerial survey in a remote sensing exercise to determine if the rockweed could be correctly identified by automated means, thus simplifying further field work. The ultimate goal of this research is to develop methods to monitor how much seaweed there is. This and other marine alga have been harvested in Maine for the past decade as a valuable source of nutrients and other compounds with commercial uses. Harvesters, concerned landowners, ecologists, and citizen scientists all want to know how cutting and removing rockweed affects the ecosystem.

PEMAQUID POINT 2021 FALL WEATHER SUMMARY REPORT

By Mark Eelman

Autumn 2021 at the Point has been wet and warm according to the Pemaquid Point Weather Station at the Lighthouse.

In September the weather station at the Lighthouse recorded 6.86 inches of rain. October followed with another 4.09 inches making both months above normal for rainfall.

Temperatures have been quite warm with October averaging about 5 degrees above normal. While parts of the interior of the peninsula did get one or two light frosts, significant frosts held off until the first week in November and along the immediate coast there has yet to be a hard freeze.

Also, the station recorded a 46 mile-per-hour wind gust during the nor'easter storm on October 27 and 57 miles-per-hour during the nor'easter storm on October 31st.

The weather station at the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse was installed in 2009 by Dan Hanson and he continues to maintain it. The PPA donated some startup funds in 2009 to help defray the cost of the equipment and installation. Since 2009, I have supplied the web hosting for the station data. You can access the 12 years of climate data as well as the current conditions in detail on the web at www.pemaquidpointweather.org.

PPA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

By Lee Marshall

We will be sending out a survey to all members in the January/February timeframe. We ask that you take the time to fill it out completely and honestly.

We are looking for feedback on the most valuable elements of the Pemaquid Point Association membership to you as well as the least valuable. We also want to know what else you would like to see the PPA do for you and your neighbors.

From the Editor - Kate Bergquist

I welcome all of your submissions. Feel free to share any special memory of Pemaquid, a get-together, a vacation. Tell us about your life, your dog, your Pemaquid sanctuary. Send stories, photos, recipes, poems, articles...the more the better!

Best email for me: firstlightkate@gmail.com

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

PPA MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

By Lee Marshall

In an effort to balance our annual budget (currently running at about a \$1,000 deficit per year), we would like to grow our membership as a first resolution rather than simply raise our dues. We are healthy financially--it is just prudent to operate under a balanced budget and maintain proper reserves in case of emergencies down the road.

We will use the information gathered from the survey and other known information to market the PPA to our friends and neighbors and to others outside our area as Associate Members.

In the meantime, welcome your neighbors to join if they are not already Members, as well as visitors who love coming here, to join as Associate Members. PPA annual fee of \$50 for homeowners and \$25 annually for others is a real bargain for what you get and offers lots of great opportunities to enjoy all we have to offer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Right-of-Way (ROW) Clean up Days - Volunteers work together -More details to follow

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Saturday, May 28, 2022

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Friday, June 17, 2022

2022 PPA Opening Wine and Cheese Party/Social

Hosted by John & Lisa Shenton

Details to follow

Friday, August 5, 2022

2022 Annual PPA Meeting - Bristol Consolidated School Gym

9:00 AM coffee, donuts and meet fellow members

9:30 AM meeting time