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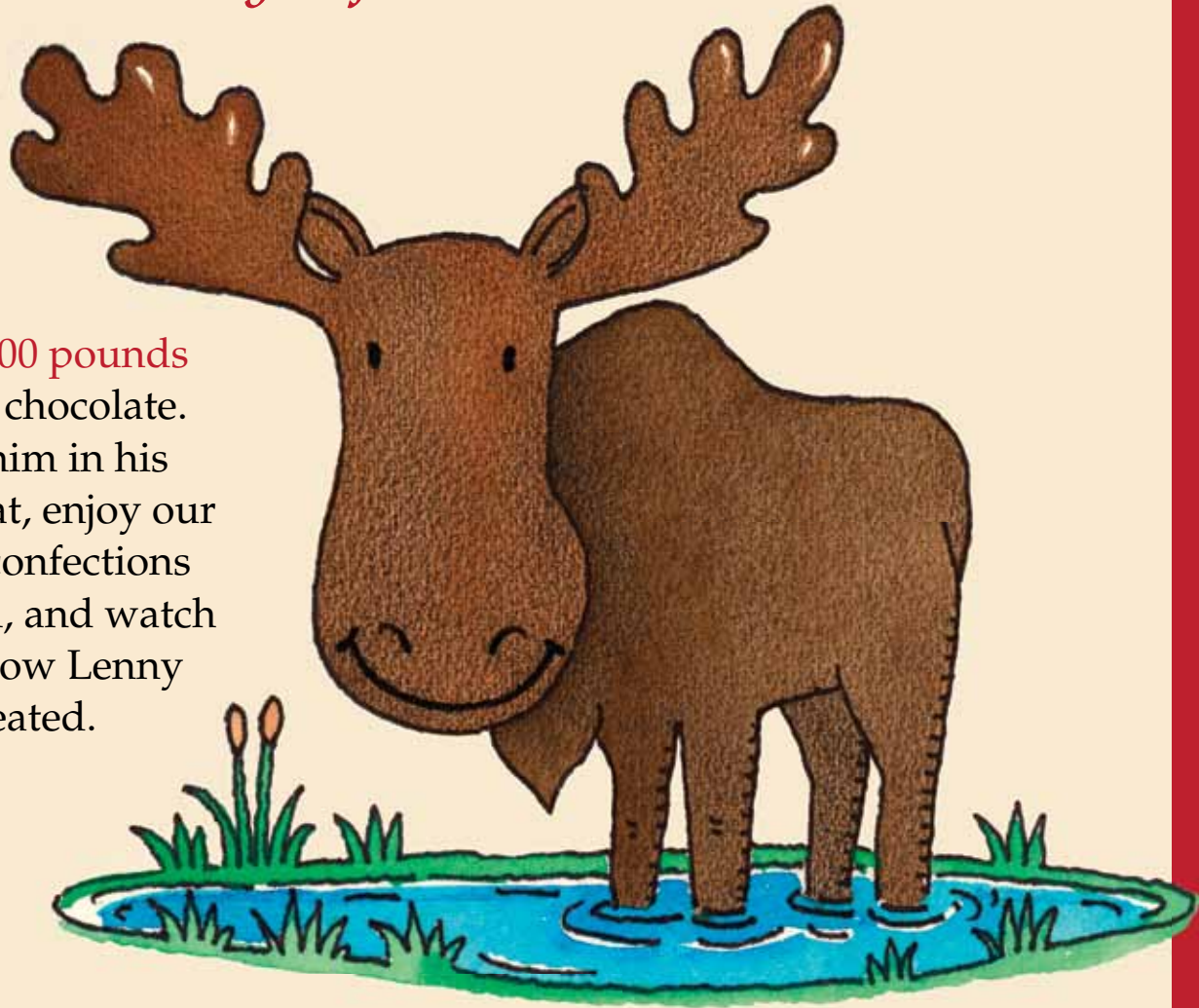


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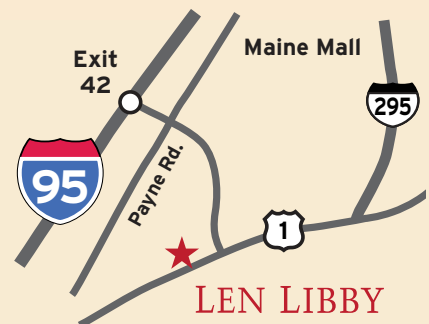
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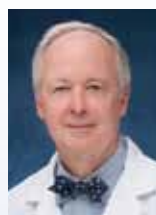
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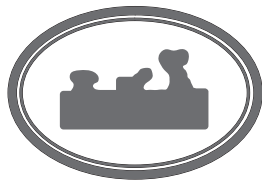
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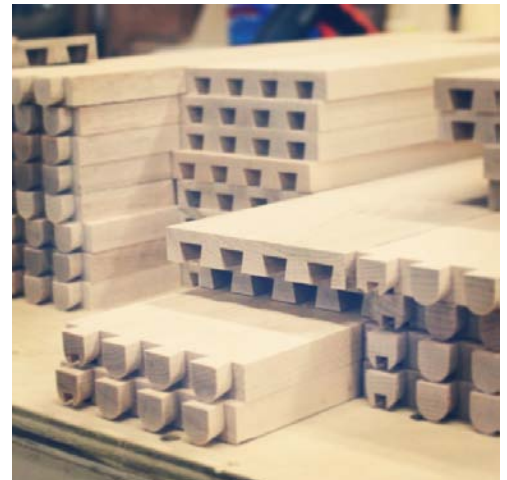
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*Midway upon the journey of our life
I found myself within a forest dark,
For the straightforward pathway had been lost.*



It was Longfellow's haunting opening lines to his famous translation of Dante's *Inferno!* More precisely, it was the first 27 lines of Longfellow's handwritten manuscript draft (with emendations). Stunned to eavesdrop on his choices as he searched for just the right word, I felt close to Longfellow's shoulder just as he entered the "forest dark" of the underworld.

Then my next surprise. The pre-auction estimate was \$800 to \$1,200. How could a single sheet of paper this desirable still exist outside of a museum? "It's still considered one of the better translations as I understand it," says Nick Noyes, librarian at Maine Historical Society. "Longfellow went to Europe to polish up his language skills before he went to Bowdoin. Then he went back a couple of other times to prepare for teaching at Harvard." Longfellow enthusiasts are aware he loved all things Italian (and *The Inferno* is the first major European work rendered in Italian instead of Latin), but this has to be The Bearded One's supreme achievement as a Professor of Romance Languages.



Suspense is everything. So who had the highest bid at auction? Hammer price was \$10,455, according to Skinner. The buyer was Harvard University's Houghton Library, which prizes rare documents in its Longfellow collection. To a Longfellow fan (and his stock is rising—Donna Tartt's novel title *The Secret History* is

lifted from Longfellow), this is the Holy Grail. "We were excited to bid on it, because it's a page that's been missing from the manuscript we've had here for some time," says Houghton Library's Leslie Morris. "It was apparently given away as a souvenir by one of Longfellow's sons. It was very exciting for us to reunite it with the manuscript."

The following link magnifies the text for a closer look: <http://www.skinnerinc.com/auctions/2819T/lots/49>

On the local level, Maine Historical Society has just acquired "a framed pair of two notes, a supper invitation between Longfellow and his friend Louis Agassiz (1807-1873). For a recent take on Agassiz, visit http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/03/books/review/louis-agassiz-by-christoph-irmscher.html?_r=0

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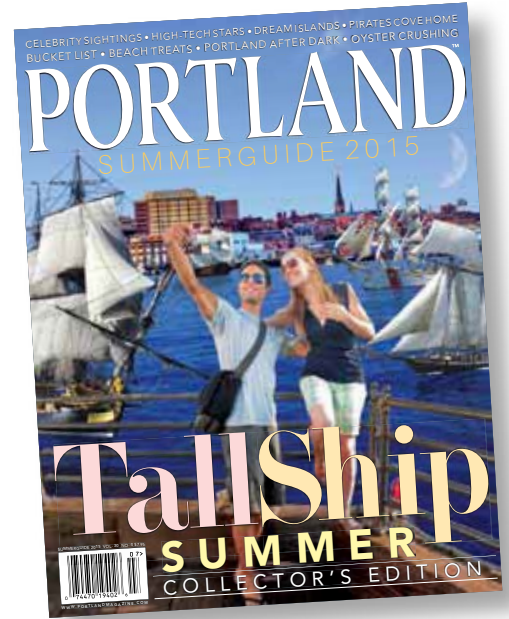


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Bodacious Otis via Facebook

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Paula M. Kowalsky

SUMMER OF THE TALL SHIPS

Wow! Nice job [on "Tall Ship Summer," Summerguide 2015]! It's a beautiful piece. Congratulations on the advertising support. Don't I wish *L'Hermione* were coming into Portland Harbor, too, for Tall Ships Portland, July 18-20.

We'd like to include Summerguide 2015 in our Captain's packets [for the participating vessels.] Really nice!

Patricia Lock, Tall Ships America, Newport, RI.

[Re: "Tall Ship Summer"] *Portland Magazine* rocks!

Gwendolyne Willis via Facebook

We want to see the tall ships in July!
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Loved reading about Margaret Hamilton. My husband William (deceased) and I had many vacations in Maine, all along the coast. We viewed Margaret's Maine house from a boat ride we took [around Southport Island in Boothbay—see our story “No Place Like Home,” July/August 2004]. We were really surprised to learn she had a home in Maine. Happily, I still get to Maine with my brother-in-law and sister-in-law and family. It will always remain my favorite vacation state.

Karen Rapp, Troy, New York



USS WILLIAMSBURG: SINKING FAST
 I heard she is to be scrapped shortly... An article two weeks ago in megayachtnews.com. [See “Dream Boat” in our May 2012 issue about Harry S. Truman’s rusting presidential yacht, built at Bath Iron Works in 1930 and for sale at La Spezia, Italy.]
Steve Lindsey, Keene, New Hampshire

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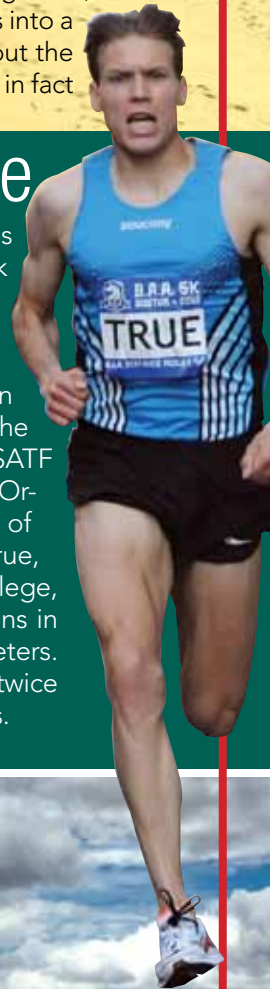
Dockside Market

"Flowers from our garden today," says Ursula Wilmot as her husband Warren eases their Market Boat against the dock at Chebeague Island Boatyard. Also on board this floating farm stand: baguettes, sticky buns, and croissants from Standard Baking; baby carrots; several varieties of kale; new potatoes and fresh-picked strawberries. Coolers hold fresh meat and eggs. Goods are sourced from local farms. The Wilmots have been serving Chebeague, Cliff, and Bustins since 2010. There's one other farm stand on Chebeague but no shortage of demand for fresh goods. "We'll probably sell out of just about everything today," says Ursula. She ties up at Chebeague from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturdays through September 5.



Tried and True

It looks as if **Ben True** is headed for the World Track and Field Championships that open August 22 in Beijing. To qualify, the Greely High graduate, 29, came in second after Ryan Hill in the 5,000-meter race at the USATF outdoor championships in Oregon in June, with a time of 13:51:09. Dartmouth-grad True, also a Nordic ski racer in college, has won national competitions in races from 1,500 to 5,000 meters. He was the first U.S. finisher twice in world cross-country events.



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Maybe it wasn't quite a 1-in-50-million shot for a rare harlequin lobster to be pulled up a few weeks ago in Scarborough, as reported on the news cycles. Dr. Robert C. Bayer of the Lobster Institute at the University of Maine in Orono says. "We see various color morph lobsters on a pretty regular basis. Calico lobsters, based on my own observation, often have an underlying bacterial infection of some type."



Rooster Tails

Canada may have curling, but since the early 20th century, Maine can boast a classic sport of the finest kind. On summer weekends, racing lobster boats hit speeds north of 70 mph—but why? "A little piece of plastic on the mantle is nice, but it's the bragging rights," says Travis Otis of Searsport, reigning champion of Diesel Class H. —Becca Carifio



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At the confluence of the Dead and Kennebec rivers, The Forks is Maine's top spot for whitewater rafting and the perfect wilderness venue to host the opening night of this festival each summer. For the rest of the year, the MOFF Selects tour heads south, screening festival favorites at

Bug Light Park on August 22; Kennebunk, September 18; and Sugarloaf, October 18. For more tour dates, visit maineoutdoorfilmfestival.com

Here at The Forks, the Broke and Stoked Video Contest adds new energy this year. Maine amateur filmmakers can submit short outdoors films, and the top 10 will be featured once this show hits the road.

Taylor Walker, one of the festival's returning filmmakers, plans to enter the contest. His bracing footage of whitewater kayaking will take audiences to “a whole other world.” He knows the ropes, having contributed films every year since the festival's inception. “I'm just trying to share the love,” Walker says. “Where they take it from there is up to them.”

—Becca Carifo

FAIRS

Acton Fair, Route 109, Acton. Live entertainment, 4-H animal events, horse and oxen pulling, tractor pull, midway, vintage car show, King Arthur flour baking competition, Miss Acton Fair pageant, women's skillet toss, woodsmen's day of competition, and of course a pig scramble, Aug. 27-30. actonfair.net

Bangor State Fair, Cross Insurance Ctr., 515 Main St., Bangor. 4-H animal shows, demolition derby, Frisbee-catching dog show, July 31-Aug. 9. bangorstatefair.com

Blue Hill Fair, 233 Ellsworth Rd. Animals, live music, helicopter rides, fireworks, gardening, cooking, and crafts. Contests include largest squash and best blueberry pie, Sept. 3-7. 374-3701 bluehillfair.com

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Cumberland County Fair, Cumberland Fairgrounds. Exhibition halls, midway, livestock, animal pulls, demolition derby, barbecue, and pumpkin and squash weigh-offs, and all the favorite county fair fixins, Sept. 27-Oct. 3. cumberlandfair.com

Eliot Festival Days, various locations around town. 5K road race, crafts, food booths, pancake breakfast, parade, and fireworks, Sept. 25-26. eliot5kandfestival.com

Farmington Fair. Livestock, midway, harness racing, and animal pulling, Sept. 20-26. farmingtonfairmaine.com

Fryeburg Fair has been "Maine's Blue Ribbon Classic" since 1851. Livestock, pig scramble, midway rides, sheepdog trials, a woodsmen's field day of timber-related competitions, live music, magicians, storytelling, and puppets, Oct. 4-11. 935-3268. fryeburgfair.com

Harmony Free Fair, Route 154. Every Labor Day weekend since 1947, with a parade, horse show, rides, zombie run, sheepdog demonstration, and animal barn, Sept. 4-7. harmonyfreefair.weebly.com

Litchfield Fair, Plains Rd. Animal-pulling event, truck pull, agricultural events, a historic



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fair museum, and Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival, Sept. 11-13. litchfieldfair.com

Monmouth Fair, 79 Academy Rd. Since 1907, live bands and performances, horse and steer pulling, barrel racing, bicycle raffle, sheepdog demonstrations, and pig scramble, Jul. 30-Aug. 2. monmouthfair.com

Northern Maine Fair and Music Festival, Presque Isle. Annually since 1855, the fair features both modern entertainment—live music and rides—along with traditional events, such as 4-H competitions, Jul. 24-Aug. 1. northernmainefairgrounds.com

Oxford County Fair, 68 Pottle Road. Livestock shows, horse pulling, pig scramble, petting zoo, ATV and lawnmower pulls, traditional farming and crafting demonstrations, live music, and food, Sept. 16-19. oxfordcountyfair.com

Piscataquis Valley Fair, Fairview Ave., Dover-Foxcroft. Celebrate the 128th anniversary with homemade ice cream, milking parlor, agricultural exhibits, demolition derby, midway, and an AC/DC tribute, Aug. 27-30. 564-3689 piscataquisvalleyfair.com

Skowhegan State Fair, Constitution Ave. The oldest continuously run agricultural fair in the nation features truck pulls, demolition derbies, harness racing, grizzly bear show, pig scramble, midway, agricultural exhibits, laser tag, magic show, and live music, Aug. 13-22. 474-2947 skowheganstatefair.com



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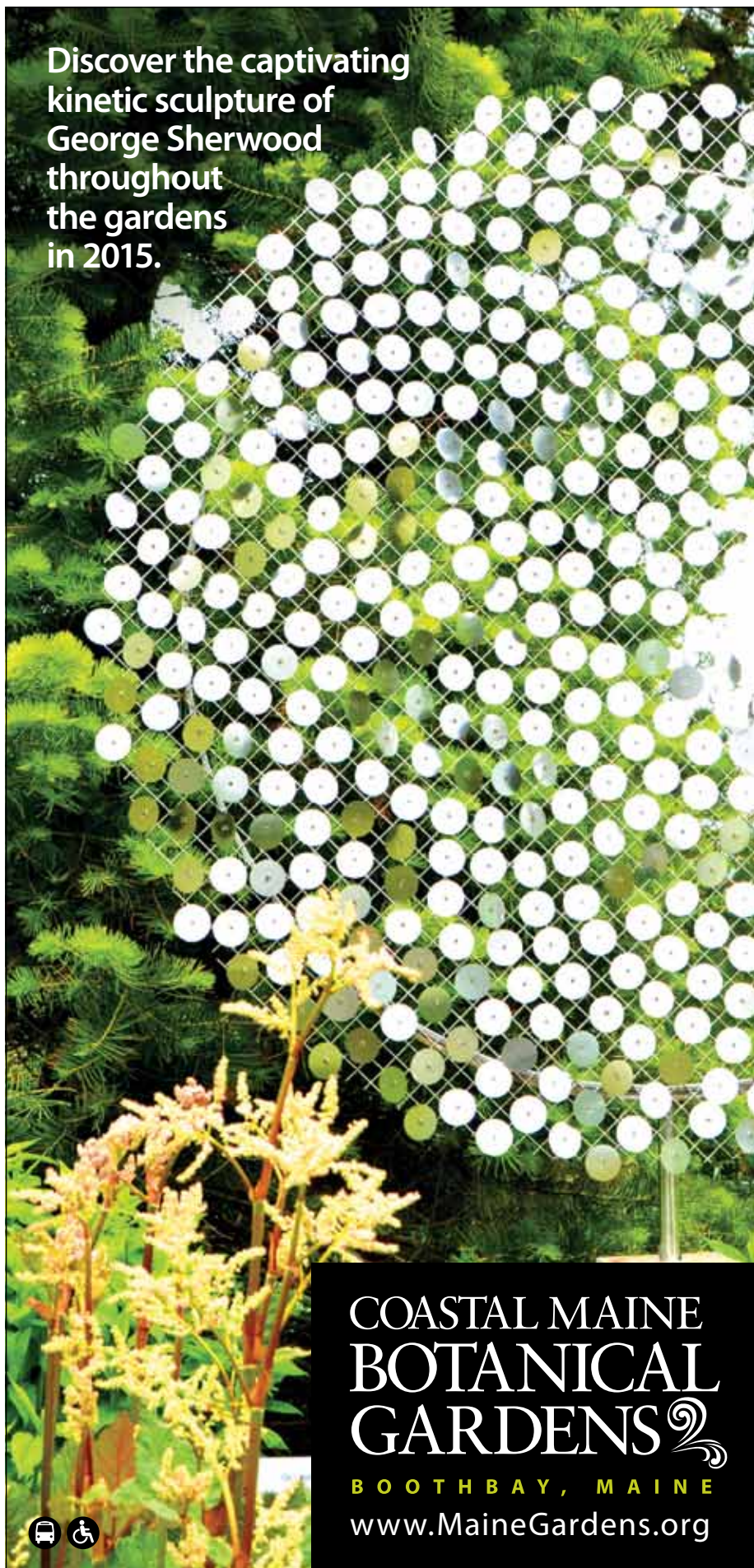
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Topsham Fair, Valhalla Dr. Sheep herding, blueberry pie contest, live bluegrass music, agricultural show, demolition derby, fireworks, and truck pulls, Aug. 4-9. 729-1943. topshamfair.net

Union Fair, Union Fairgrounds. Blueberry festival, crowning of the Blueberry Queen, talent show, fireworks, dock dogs competition, live music, bubblegum-blowing competition, and fireworks, Aug. 22-29. unionfair.org

Windsor Fair, Windsor Fairgrounds. A tradition since 1888 encompassing 275 acres, with livestock, a pumpkin contest, harness racing, woodsman day, and barrel racing, Aug. 30-Sept. 7. Ridge Rd.. windsorfair.com

York Days, Short Sands Beach. Concerts, crafts, softball tournament, and other events all week, Jul. 25-Aug. 2. parksandrec.yorkmaine.org

FOOD

Acadia's Oktoberfest & Food Festival, 20 Main St., Southwest Harbor. Wine and cheese tasting, Maine-based brewfest, locally sourced food, and crafts, Oct. 10-11. acadiaoktoberfest.com

Apple Pumpkin Festival, Livermore Falls. Food, music, kids' activities, crafts, Sept. 26. 897-6755. jay-livermore-ff.org/apfest

Cornish Apple Festival, 17 Maple St., Cornish. 5k road race, craft and produce vendors, apple-pie baking competition, food booths with apple and non-apple offerings, and live entertainment, Sept. 26. cornish-maine.org



Damariscotta Pumpkinfest and Regatta, Pinkham's Plantation, 431 Biscay Rd. Pumpkin-boat regatta and derby, pumpkin catapulting, giant pumpkin art, pumpkin-pie eating, and parade, Oct. 3-12. damariscottapumpkinfest.com

Eastport Salmon & Seafood Festival. Celebrate the salmon harvested from the Passamaquoddy Bay with boat tours, crafts, music, pirates, and a salmon Sunday dinner, Sept. 5-6. eastportsalmonfestival.com

Foliage Food & Wine Festival, Blue Hill. Autumn celebration with bakers, farmers, fishermen, and chefs from six peninsula towns, Sept. 3-7. bluehillpeninsula.org

Frenchboro Lobster Festival, Bass Harbor Ferry Terminal. Live music, raffles, and lobster, Aug. 8. 334-2974. frenchboro-dinner.org

Georgetown Working League Fair & Luncheon, Georgetown Central School. One of the state's "oldest, briefest, and most popular community events," since 1913. Fine arts and crafts, raffle, quilting, and lobster lunch, Aug. 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. georgetownworkingleague.org

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Harvestfest, Short Sands Beach, York. Traditional fall harvest food, kids activities, crafts, and music, Oct. 17. maineoktoberfest.org

Harvest on the Harbor, Ocean Gateway, Portland. 8th annual food and wine festival (21+ only). Chef demonstrations, lobster chef competition, Brews & Blues BBQ, tasting events, Oct. 22-25. harvestontheharbor.com

Lewiston/Auburn Greek Festival. Greek food, dancing, bazaar, and music to celebrate Greek culture. Sept. 10-12. holytrinity.me.goarch.org

Machias Wild Blueberry Festival. Dedication to Maine's berry of choice is done up in syrup, a pie-eating contest, tours of a blueberry farm, blueberry quilt raffle, and a blueberry musical, Aug. 14-15. machiasblueberry.com

Maine Harvest Festival, Cross Insurance Ctr., Bangor. A delicious celebration of Maine's small farms and their bounty, Nov. 14-15. maineharvestfestival.com

Maine Lakes Brew Fest, Point Sebago Beach. The area's largest annual sampling event and Oktoberfest features Maine-made beers, micro-brews, and wine; with food, live music,

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Redneck Blank, Pig Roast and Music Festival, 12 Harold Ln., Hebron. Feasting with live music, redneck-themed contest, and a charity derby, Jul. 30-Aug. 2. 966-3333. redneck-blank.eventbrite.com

St. Peter's Annual Italian Bazaar, 72 Federal St., Portland. 90th year of amazing food and fun games, Aug. 16. 773-7746

Taste of Greater Waterville, Downtown. Food booths and fine dining, sidewalk sales, craft vendors, live music, kids events, face painting, and a petting zoo, Aug. 5. tasteofwaterville.com

Ploye Festival & Muskie Derby, Fort Kent. Giant griddle cakes and giant fish:

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Wells Chili-Fest, Wells Junior High School on Rte. 1. Sanctioned by the International Chili Society, winners

in various categories have the opportunity to advance to the World Chili Championship Cook-Off, Aug. 29. wellschilifest.com

Wilton Blueberry Festival. Blueberry-themed parades, live music, food, bingo, boat tours, and crafts, Aug. 7-8. 778-4726 wiltonbbf.com

Winter Harbor Lobster Festival. A downeast celebration with blueberry pancake breakfast, lobster-boat races, 5K road race, and lobster dinner, Aug. 8. acadia-schoodic.org

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Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival, Litchfield Fairgrounds. Hundred converge for this rendezvous featuring both local and national bluegrass bands, Aug. 26-29. blisteredfingers.com

Camden International Film Festival. The 10th

anniversary of the festival created to highlight emerging documentary filmmakers. Screening more than 70 films, most followed by Q&A sessions with the artists, Sept. 17-20. 593-6593 camdenfilmfest.org

Deer Isle Jazz Festival. Detroit-born pianist and jazz singer Geri Allen will headline the 15th annual festival at Stonington Opera House. Clarinetist Evan Christopher and drummer Shannon Powell will also perform Jul. 17-Aug. 1. operahousearts.org

Rangeley Art Show, Village Park, Oquossoc. Over 50 artists and craftsmen enter pieces in a juried art competition. Paintings, photography, jewelry, woodwork, pottery, and glass pieces available for sale, Aug. 6. rangeleyarts.org

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Portland Reggae, Maine State Pier, Portland. Second year of this family-friendly event showcasing the best live reggae and world music, Aug. 7. 358-9327 waterfrontconcerts.com

Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Special, 29 Meadow Rd., Brunswick. Bluegrass groups and fans alike from across the United States flock to "Where Music Meets the Sea" for this four-day festival, Sept. 3-6. 725-6009 thomaspointheach.com

OUTDOORS

Beach Olympics, Town Square and Palace Playland, Old Orchard Beach. Three days of competition, music, and displays to benefit the Maine Special Olympics, Aug. 14-16. 934-2500 oldorchardbeachmaine.com

Belfast Harbor Fest. Launch party in a harbor-side tent with live music, 5K bug run, National Boatbuilding Contest, small-boat show, regatta, and plenty of lobster, Aug. 14-16. 338-2081. belfastharborfest.com

Brunswick Outdoors Festival, Maine St., downtown Brunswick. Free event with more than 100 artists' booths, artisan demos, live music, dancing, and kids' activities to celebrate


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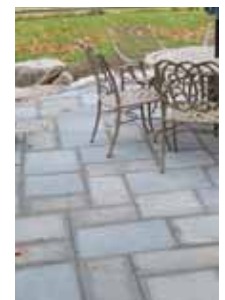
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Camden Windjammer Festival, Camden waterfront. Celebration of maritime heritage and traditions including exhibits, food, fireworks, lobster crate racing, and educational seafaring stories. Cruising schooners are open for tours, or take a smaller schooner out on the water for a sail, Sept. 4-6. camdenwindjammerfestival.org

Cornish Horseman's Day, Cornish Fairgrounds and Trotting Park. Standardbred horse-themed crafts, entertainment, and animal petting, Sept. 7. cornish-maine.org

Crown of Maine Balloon Fest, Presque Isle. Balloon rides, balloon flights, meet the crews and captains, crafts, and entertainment, Aug. 27-30. crownofmaineballoonfest.org

Eastport Pirate Festival, downtown Eastport. Pirate parade, reenactments, races, cutlass fights, and a costumed pet show, Sept. 11-13. eastportpiratefestival.com

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Great Falls Balloon Festival, Lewiston/Auburn. Nearly 100,000 visitors come every year to see dozens of balloons launch near the Androscoggin River. The festival has food vendors, craft booths, and children's activities, too, Aug. 21-23. greatfallsballoonfestival.org

Great State of Maine Air Show, Brunswick Airport. The USN Blue Angels headline a fleet including a USAF F-22, USMC C-130, comedy aerobatics, and "sky dancer" Anna Serbinenko. Sept. 5-6. greatstateofmainearshow.org

International Seaplane Fly-In, Greenville. On the shores of Moosehead Lake, enjoy fly-bys by rare aircraft, a craft fair, a steak-and-lobster cookout, lake cruise, flying, raffles, and contests, Sept. 10-13. 695-2928 seaplanefly-in.org

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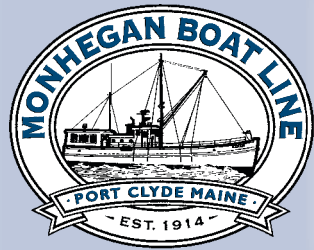
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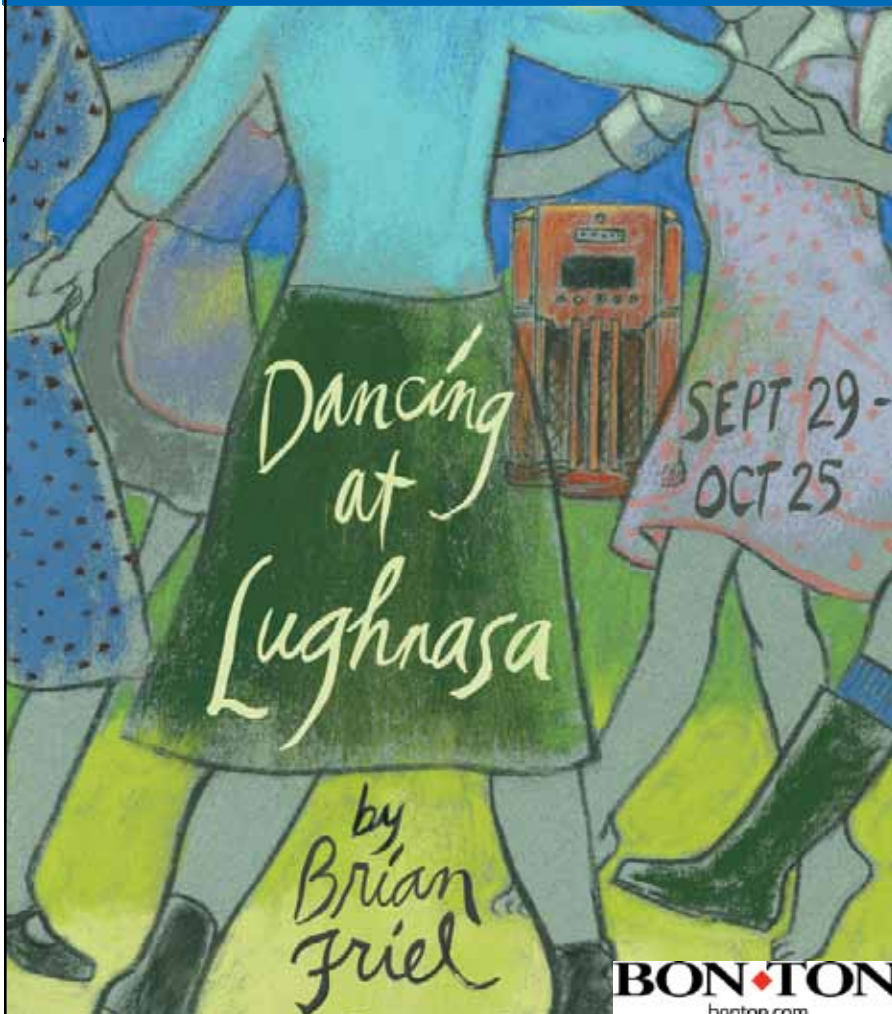
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Maine Highland Games & Scottish Festival, Topsham Fairgrounds. Contests of strength, pipe bands, sheepdogs, dancing, and a gathering of clans, Aug. 15. mainehighlandgames.org

Maine Outdoor Film Festival. Three Rivers Whitewater Rafting, West Forks. Maine-focused short adventure films, screened in tents alongside the Kennebec River, Aug. 15. maineoutdoorfilmfestival.com

Midcoast Auto Show, Maine Recreational Complex, Bath. Celebrating 20 years with 100 classic cars. Prizes are awarded for every decade back to the 1920s, and there are categories for foreign autos and iconic muscle cars of bygone eras like Mustangs and Corvettes, Aug. 23. midcoastautoshow.com

MS Regatta & Harborfest, Portland waterfront. A weekend festival with sailboats, powerboats, tugboats, and lobster boats to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, including a regatta, racing, and an auction, Aug. 14-16. msharborfest.org

Outdoor Sporting Heritage Day, Oquossoc clubhouse. Fly-casting competition, game meals, interactive exhibits, kids' activities, and ecology education, Aug. 11. rangeleymaine.com

Piscataquis River Festival, Guilford. This year's Wizard-of-Oz-themed festival will feature a parade, food and craft vendors, live music, and a duck race, July 25. townofguilford.com

Punkin'fiddle Family Festival and National Estuaries Day Celebration, 342 Laudholm Farm Rd., Wells. Live music, traditional arts demonstrations, sheepdogs, and horses gather to celebrate the beauty and value of Maine's estuaries, and to foster environmental stewardship, Sept. 26. wellsreserve.org

Standup Paddleboard Races, Willard Beach, South Portland. Casco Bay Race Series, each race is 2.5 miles. Every Saturday at 4:30pm. 317-0425. Soposup.com

Summerfest, Wiscasset Common. Live music, crafts, dog show and parade, food, and community enjoyment of high summer, to benefit local charities, July 25. 882-7544. uccwiscasset.org/summerfest

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Sunday River Resort. Zipline tours, hiking, mountain biking, and disc golf, in addition to dart matches with a \$10k grand prize, Sept. 11-13. sundayriver.com

Trails End Festival, downtown Millinocket. Parade, learn-to-paddle excursions, chili cook-off, and musical performances by Emily Guillow and Portland's Mallet Brothers, Sept. 18-20. trailsendfestival.org

LEARNING

Acadian Night Sky Festival, Bar Harbor. Night hikes, a paddle in a bioluminescent bay, science presentations, and themed movies in this celebration of the best stargazing site on the Eastern seaboard, Sept. 10-14. acadiannightskyfestival.com

Attean Memorial Pow Wow, Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. Tribal representatives from Maine, New England, and around the country will be at the park for two full days with native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers, and traditional food booths, Aug. 8-9. maine.gov/ifw/education/wildlifepark

Common Ground Country Fair, Unity. Celebrate the organic and rural version of the good life and learn new things about farming. Agricultural demonstrations—milking, blacksmithing, composting, stoneworking, orchard-growing—plus produce and crafts vendors, food, music, and camping, Sept. 25-27. mofga.org/theFair

Festival of Nations, Deering Oaks Park, Portland. Maine's cultural diversity celebrity in Portland's prettiest park. Featuring authentic ethnic food, crafts, music, and education, Jul. 25. 420-1277. themugadifoundation.wordpress.com/festival-of-nations

International Homecoming Festival, Calais. Celebrate the American-Canadian border and first French settlement in the New World. Arts and crafts fair, music, waterfront events, raft race, Passamaquoddy Native-American demonstrations, Celtic music, and a lumberjack contest, Aug. 5-9. internationalhomecomingfestival.com

Laudholm Farm, Wells. This event brings more than 100 artisans, selected by jury, to exhibit their wares for thousands of browsers. Music, food, and fun round out the 2-day festival. wellsreserve.org

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Wings Over Wiscasset

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and fireworks to benefit local charities. Featuring a warbird airshow, a reenactment of a WWII base camp, and a big band swing dance, Aug. 14-15.

wingsoverwiscasset.org

THEATER

Acadia Repertory Theatre, 1154 Main St., Mt. Desert. See website for dates. 244-7260

acadiarep.com

Arundel Barn Playhouse

53 Old Post Rd., Arundel. Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, through Aug. 1; *La Cage Aux Folles*, Aug. 4-15; *Beehive: The 60's Musical*, Aug. 18-29. 985-5552 arundelbarnplayhouse.com

Belfast Maskers/Cold Comfort Theater, *Godspell*, Jul.; *Songs of a Summer Night*, Aug. 930-7244

coldcomforttheater.com

Celebration Barn Theater



Grace Potter performs at Thompson's Point August 1.

ater, 190 Stock Farm Rd., South Paris. Workshops: Body-Motion-Gesture, Jul. 27-Aug. 1; Melodrama, Aug. 3-8. 743-8452

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Children's Museum & Theater of Maine

142 Free St., Portland. Stage stories, daily; Shakespeare's Stories, Summer. 828-1234 kitetails.org

City Theater in Biddford, 205 Main St. Rent, through Aug. 2. 282-0849

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Fenix Theatre Company, outside at Deering Oaks Park, Portland. *Hamlet*, through Aug. 8.

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Freeport Community Players, 30 Holbrook St., Freeport. *Visiting Millie*, Jun.; *Love and Lobsters*, Jul. 865-2220 fcponline.org

Hackmatack Playhouse, 538 Rte. 9, Berwick. *West Side Story*, Jul. 8-Jul. 25; *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, Jul. 29-Aug. 15; *Ruthless*, Aug. 19-Sept. 5. 698-1807 hackmatack.org

Heartwood Regional Theater Company, 420 Biscay Rd., Damariscotta. *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Jul. 23-31 & Aug. 1. 563-1373 heartwoodtheater.org

Gaslight Theater, 1 Winthrop St., Hallowell. *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, Aug. 21-23, 28-30. 626-3698 gaslighttheater.org

Lakewood Theatre, 75 Theater Rd., Madison. *Damn Yankees*, Jul. 23-31 & Aug. 1; *Laughing Stock*, Aug. 6-15; *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, Aug. 20-29; *Dearlly Departed*, Sept.

3-12; *The Ladies Man*, Sept. 17-26. 474-7176 lakewoodtheater.org

Maine State Ballet Theater, 348 U.S. Rte. 1, Falmouth. *Coppelia*, Aug. 6-15. 799-7337

mainestateballet.org

Maine State Music Theater, Pickard Theater, 1 Bath Rd., Brunswick. *The Music Man*, through Aug. 1; *Young Frankenstein*, Aug. 5-22; *Footlight Follies*, Aug. 10; *Shrek The Musical Jr.*, Aug. 17. 725-8769 msmt.org

Ogunquit Playhouse, 10 Main St. *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, Jul. 22-Aug. 15; *Million Dollar Quartet*, Aug. 19-Sept. 19; *Saturday Night Fever*, Sept. 23-Oct. 25. 646-5511 ogunquitplayhouse.org

Ogunquit Playhouse Children's Theatre, 10 Main St. *Shrek the Musical, Jr.*, Aug. 8 & 9; Disney's *The Aristocats Kids*, Aug. 22 & 23. 646-5511 ogunquitplayhouse.org

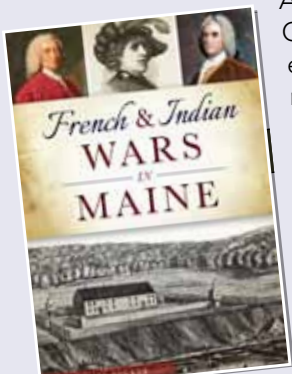
Schoolhouse Arts Center, Rte. 114, Sebago Lake Village. *Annie Get Your Gun*, Jul. 9-Aug. 2; Disney's *Sleeping Beauty KIDS*, Aug. 7-9; *Into the Woods Jr.*, Aug. 21-23. 642-3743 schoolhousearts.org

St. Lawrence Arts Center, 76 Congress St., Portland. Vivid Motion presents *From The Top*, Jul 24-26; *The Amazing Acro-Cats*, Aug. 6-16. 885-5883 stlawrencearts.org

Stonington Opera House, 1 School St., Stonington. *The Seagull*, Jul. 10-26; *Our*

Culture Clash

Ever wonder about life in Maine before it was Maine? Michael Dekker's ***French & Indian Wars in Maine*** (Arcadia, \$21.99, paper) delves into the mostly forgotten saga of conflicts among settlers from France, Great Britain, and Northern Ireland and the Native American population between 1675 and 1760. "Trade was the cornerstone of native and European relations from the beginning," says Dekker. But trade—tools, firearms, and alcohol in exchange for furs—"brought with it unimaginable horrors of disease and inter-tribal warfare...The divergent political views and factionalism of Maine's native people is fascinating. They were not a monolithic cultural identity. This allowed me to connect with them as individuals." The historian will speak August 1 at Augusta's **Old Fort Western** and August 2 at the Lincoln County Historical Society's pre-Revolutionary museum, **Pownalborough Courthouse**, in Dresden. 882-6817 lincolncountyhistory.org, oldfortwestern.org



Night Vision: Nocturnes in American Art 1860-1960

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Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum Named for famous early 20th-century Arctic explorers—and Bowdoin alumni—Robert E. Peary and Donald B. MacMillan, this Bowdoin campus museum is one of only two in the country devoted solely to Arctic Studies. Peruse Arctic artifacts including a narwhal tusk (yes, you can touch!), a frozen fragment of the Greenland ice core and one of Peary's 15-foot sledges. 9500 College Ave., Brunswick, 725-3416 bowdoin.edu/arcticmuseum



Own Under Milkwood, Aug. 5-6; Merry Wives of Windsor, Aug. 13-23. 367-2788 operahousearts.org

Theater at Monmouth, 796 Main St., Monmouth. Turn of the Screw, through Aug. 21; The Winter's Tale, through Aug. 22; Fallen Angels, through Aug. 22; A Midsummer Night's Dream, through Aug. 23; The Real Inspector Hound, Jul. 30-Aug. 21; Fool of the World and the Flying Ship, through Aug. 20; Ruddy-gore, of the Witch's Curse, Sept. 17-27. 933-9999 theateratmonmouth.org

GALLERIES

Art Gallery at UNE, 716 Stevens Ave., Portland. A Tale of Three Cities: Period and contemporary photos of Paris, New York and Portland, Jul. 28 - Oct. 25. 221-4499 une.edu/artgallery

Bates College Museum of Art, Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. Points of View, through Oct. 17. 786-6158 bates.edu/museum

Bowdoin College Museum of Art, 1 Bath Rd., Brunswick. A Mind of Winter: Photographs by Abelardo Morell, thru

Sept.; Empire Follows Art: Culture and Identity in the Atlantic World, through Aug.; Night Vision: Nocturnes in American Art, 1860-1960, opens Jun. 27. 725-3275 bowdoin.edu/art-museum

Colby College Museum of Art, 5600 Mayflower Hill Dr., Waterville. Highlights from the Permanent Collection, through mid-2015; Acquisitions from the Alex Katz Collection, thru Sept. 6; Paper Trail: Contemporary Prints, Drawings and Photographs from the Collection, thru Aug. 859-5600 colby.edu

Farnsworth Art Museum, 16 Museum St., Rockland. 3D: Contemporary Works from the Farnsworth, thru Sept. 596-6457 farnsworth-museum.org

First Friday Art Walk, downtown Portland. Visit local galleries, studios, Aug. 7. firstfridayartwalk.com

Little Pond Gallery, 23 Shoreline Dr., Orr's Island. Group show: Angie Blevins, Autumn Cipala, Nancy Greindl, Rebekah Raye, John Fernans, and others, through October. 833-3210 littlepondgallery.com

Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress St., Portland. See website for coming exhibitions. 774-1822 mainehistory.org

Maine Jewish Museum, 267 Congress St., Portland. Victoria Elbroch, David Rosenthal, opens Jun. 25; Welcoming the Stranger—Jo Israelson, opens Sept. 3. mainejewishmuseum.org

Portland Museum of Art, 7 Congress Sq., Portland. Rose Marasco: Index, thru Dec.; Director's Cut: Selections from the Maine Art Museum Trail, thru Sept. 20; A Magnificent Stillness: American Art from a Private Collection, through Nov. 8. 775-6148 portlandmuseum.org

Blue, 650 Congress St., Portland. Acoustic Jam, every Tues.; Irish Music Night, every Wed.; See website for more listings. 774-4111. portcityblue.com



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MUSIC

Asylum, 121 Center St., Portland. Jana Kramer, Aug. 20. portlandasylum.com

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Boothbay Opera House, 86 Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor. The Fogcutters, Jul. 30; see website for more dates. 633-5159 boothbayoperahouse.com

Darling's Waterfront Pavilion, 1 Railroad St., Bangor. Joe Bonamassa, Aug. 12; Kenny Chesney, Aug. 13; Nickelback, Aug. 19; Reba McEntire, Aug. 21. waterfrontconcerts.com

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Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Ln., Ogunquit. Dwight & Nicole, Jul. 25; Howie Day, Aug. 22; Aztec Two-Step & Devonsquare, Aug. 29. 646-4526 jonathansogunquit.com

Merrill Auditorium, 20 Myrtle St., Portland. Opera: Giacomo Puccini's *Tosca*, July 30; Orgelfest, Aug. 4; *A Prairie Home Companion*, Aug. 5. 842-0800 porttix.com

One Longfellow Square, 181 State St., Portland. Little Tybee, Aug. 19; Portland Jazz Orchestra, Aug. 20; 761-1757 onelongfellowsquare.com

Port City Music Hall, 504 Congress St., Portland. Angel Olsen, Jul. 25; Delta Spirit, Aug. 11; Mac DeMarco, Aug. 12; Dopapod, Aug. 13; Queen Tribute, Aug. 15. 956-6000 portcitymusichall.com

Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Rd., Bar Mills. Sevimbike Elibay and Bernhardt Hartog, Jul. 31; Rhythm Future Quartet, Aug. 1. 929-6472 sacorivertheatre.org

State Theatre, 609 Congress St., Portland. The Decemberists with Lady Lamb, Jul. 29; Father John Misty, Aug. 3; John Hiatt & the Combo, Aug. 28; Death Cab for Cutie, Sept. 4. 956-6000 statetheatreportland.com

Stone Mountain Arts Center, 695 Dug Way Rd. Brownfield. Tom Rush, Jul. 31; Support SMAC Stone Mountain Live, Aug. 2; SMACfest, Aug. 7; Ghost of Paul Revere, Aug. 14; Slaid Cleaves, Aug. 21; Rustic Overtones, Aug. 27. 935-7292 stonemountainartscenter.com

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Stonington. 15th Annual Deer Isle Jazz Festival, Jul. 31-Aug. 1; Chamber in the Church at Burnt Cove: Concerts through Sept. 8. 367-2788 operahousearts.org

Thompson's Point, Portland. Primus & Dinosaur Junior, Jul. 27; Grace Potter, Aug. 1. statetheatreportland.com

Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle St., Brunswick. Concerts for a Cause: Devon-square, Jul. 25; Bill Staines, Sept. 26; Jesse Feinberg, Oct. 24. brownpapertickets.com

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Flanagan Farm, 668 Narragansett Trail (Rt. 202), Buxton. Benefit dinners prepared by local chefs to benefit Maine Farmland Trust. SOUS-per Dinner with Ian Driscoll of Central Provisions, Rocky Hunter of David's, Matthew Jauck of Earth at Hidden Pond, Dustin Martin of Primo, Anders Talberg of Hugo's and William White of Cinque Terre, Aug. 10. flanaganstable.com

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Chantarelle Book Tour, Book 2 in G. A. Morgan's Five Stones Trilogy is now available. Meet the author and check out *Chantarelle* (Islandport Press, \$18.95), at Maine Coast Book Shop in Damariscotta, Aug. 11; at the Causeway Club in Southwest Harbor, Aug. 19; and Sherman's Bookstore in Bar Harbor, Aug. 20. islandportpress.com

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, 132 Botanical Gardens Drive, Boothbay. 633-4333 mainegardens.org

Homes of Wayne Tour, Wayne. The Friends of Wayne host a tour of historic and newer homes, family camps, gardens, an inn, and other landmarks to benefit Cary Memorial Library and the Community Church. Refreshments, a boutique, and exhibit at the Androscoggin Yacht Club are included, Sept. 12. waynehomewardentour.wix.com

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Night at the Light The Portland Symphony Orchestra celebrates Cape Elizabeth's 250th year with a concert in Fort Williams Park at Portland Head Light, Jul. 25. porttix.com

Portland Public Library, 5 Monument Way. Brown Bag Author Series: Jon Keller, author of *Of Sea and Cloud*, Aug. 26. 871-1700 portlandlibrary.com

Victoria Mansion, 109 Danforth St., Portland. The Way We Wear: Fashion and Industry in the 19th Century, an historical fashion exhibit in the Carriage House, through Oct. 31. victoriamansion.org

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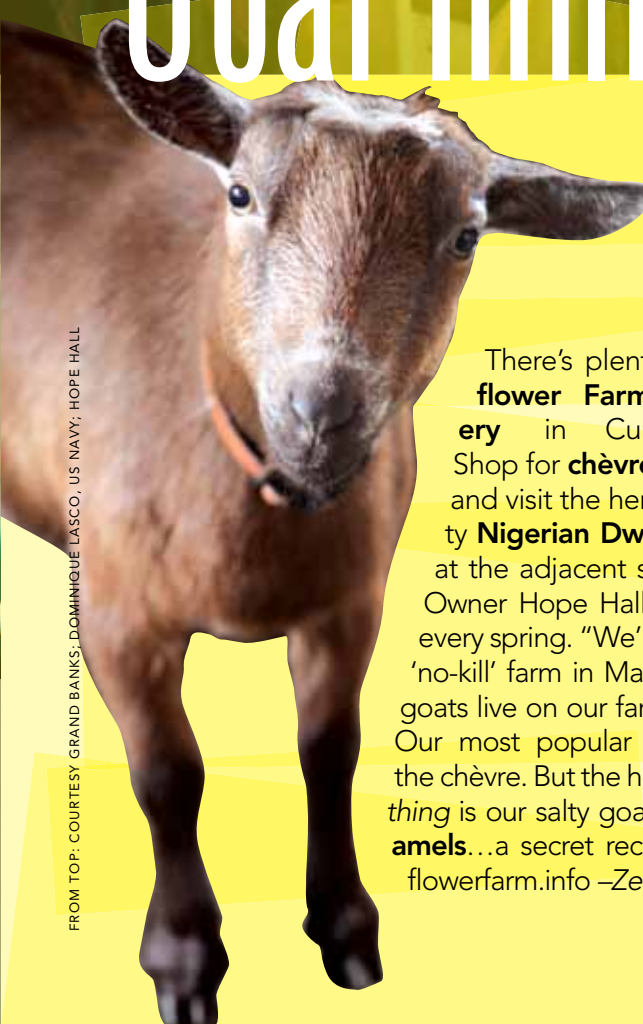
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Well, she's turned hipster and moved to Manhattan. The *Zwicker* is now in her second season as a fancy maritime museum with an upscale oyster bar on deck called **Grand Banks**, parked at Pier 25 in Tribeca. According to foodblog grubstreet.com, "the lobster roll is a must."

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Need For Speed



Now that York native Captain Chris Cassidy, USN has been named Chief of the Astronaut Office, he's the alpha wolf at NASA. And the Naval Academy and MIT graduate and former Navy SEAL's fellow astronauts are jumping in to kid him about it, according to nasaspaceflight.com. Insider jokes include he's "**Chuck Norris, minus the restrictions of gravity.**" Of his Space Station heroics (among many, his 2013 rescue of Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano during a spacewalk when his helmet filled with water), NASA could use his "dazzling smile" as an alternative light source in the event of an electrical failure." If the Space Station's video were ever to fail, just give Cassidy "a pencil and paper 'to accurately record everything, as he sees at 400 frames per second.'" Need some attitude-control backup? "Cassidy on an exercise bike." A mere mortal, the **York High graduate** has "a total of six spacewalks, with a duration of 31 hours, 14 minutes." [See 'Dancing on the Ceiling,' April 2006, and visit <http://www.nasaspaceflight.com/2015/07/navy-seal-new-chief-astronaut-office/>]



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Where the Locals Go

You've done the trendy. Why not do the tried and true?

BY JEANEE DUDLEY

The mystical question: How can we call a watering hole one of the usual suspects if we've never been there? Nowadays, Portland is famous for its perpetual bloom of new bars, restaurants, and shops. But there's a reason some places around town—friendly dives where, shockingly, you'll find no signature cocktails or small plates—have lasted for decades. How do they keep it real?

PIZZA VILLA, 1965

On a Wednesday night, my friend Steph and I wrap up a shred session at the rock gym and make our way to Pizza Villa for a beer. Neither of us has ever been here before, and as we walk to the doorway (nestled next to a picture window featuring a neon beer pint and hot pink moon) we spot a handful of



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We saddle up to the bar, where we meet Scott, our new favorite bartender. He's attentive, friendly, and has worked here 11 years. While he's pouring our \$8 mini pitcher of Brooklyn Lager, I notice something funny behind him. It's a ceramic figurine depicting a black poodle in a white sack, with a heart-shaped dog tag. I assume it's a bank.

"The poodle?" Scott laughs and brings it over so we can get a better look. "It's full of Jim Beam. The owners of this place are three Greek guys. Their Uncle Fred brought this thing in one day and set it behind the bar. He said, 'When I die, I want you to drink this.' The guy's 96 years old."

I examine the poodle. Its collar reads, "Tiffany," an appropriate name for an eight-inch tall poodle, although pretty humorous for middle-shelf, 1970s-era bourbon.

"Yeah," Scott continues. "A few years ago—Fred had to be at least 88 at the time—I saw him roll a golf cart right over, get back up, and play the next hole." Look for Tiffany next time you're there; she's probably not going anywhere. 940 Congress Street.

MATHEW'S PUB, 1872

On a Thursday evening, "Portland's oldest pub" is empty aside from two employees, my accomplice Mitchell, and me. We sit at backless swivel stools, order \$3 Budweiser drafts, and ask if the rooftop deck is open. "Oh sure, but I'll have to give you plastic

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cups,” says the young bartender, pulling two green Solos from below the bar. “Can’t take these glasses?” I ask. “Yeah, people would throw them off the roof, so we don’t allow them up there anymore,” she says.

It’s quiet up there on Free Street and we sit, catching up for half an hour. On the weekends, this place can get pretty rugged, but tonight it’s just us, beer in plastic cups, and a view of a parking lot partially obstructed by a steel safety fence.

Mitchell suggests pool. The bartender hands us the rack of balls, and her colleague, probably a bouncer, warns that there is only one cue. The tables are a little lumpy and the cue has no tip, but the game is free. Even better, the pool room is also a storage area, where we admire a pile of broken jukeboxes and promotional materials, including a Bud Light Superbowl XLVIII countdown clock, to which Mitchell takes a shine. 133 Free Street.

THE GREAT LOST BEAR, 1979

This is one of my favorite spots in Portland—



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huge tap list, good pub food, and tchotchkes absolutely coating the walls. On a Friday night, it can be hard to find a seat at the bar or in the dining room—the secret is to navigate around the bar and find a booth around the back side—it’s all seat-yourself, and the

service is quick.

The Bear is best experienced with a group. You can usually find a good-sized table, and there are plenty of appetizers, like the great and zesty nachos that are more than big enough to share. With such a huge beer se-

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My preferred time to get lost at the Bear is on a Monday or Tuesday night, when the pub offers “Talls for Smalls,” 23-ounce beers for the price of a pint. The crowd early in the week is smaller and more personal. The Bear is famous for hiring artists and actors; just ask Bear alumni like Michael Rafkin, actor and director of many Mad Horse Theatre and Portland Stage shows, and writer/actor Elizabeth Peavey (*My Mother's Clothes Are Not My Mother*). 540 Forest Avenue.



If you've ever been to the Old Port, you know this sign.

FOREST GARDENS, CA. 1930

This is one definition of a hidden gem: small but diverse, with a good-humored bar staff. On a Friday night after a long day at the office, I rally my roommate Brent. “Want to go to Forest Gardens?” I call from the kitchen. “Good enough for me.”

Our apartment is in the Oakdale neighborhood, and the convenience of Forest Gardens blows us both away. Here is a bar with \$2 beer 100 yards from our front door. While

the place is cash only, there are exactly three banks with ATMs along the walk there.

The pleasantly salty bartender Ray is kept busy running beers, catching up with regulars, and grilling burgers in the closet-sized kitchen off the bar.

“It’s a nice little place,” he explains. “It’s cash only, we’re only open until 11, and there’s no hard liquor. Younger people who want to go all out don’t come in here because they want to pay with plastic. They might stop in for a beer on the way into town, but being cash-only puts kind of a limit on how crazy people can get.”

We have a few rounds, and Brent asks what’s in the kitchen. The barkeep produces a menu featuring hamburgers, French fries, onion rings, chicken fingers, and even a clam burger—all under \$5. He offers to make us a mixed plate. Perfect. We spend less than \$20 total on two rounds and a big plate of fried snacks. 372 Forest Avenue.

OLD PORT TAVERN, 1972

So close to the historic Mariner’s Church, Old Port Tavern is low, fun, and *loud* on a Saturday night. Upon entrance, it’s hard to believe this club is a former place of worship—or even that before the sun goes down, it’s



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a restaurant. Upstairs is a dart and pool hall, but my group is feeling adventurous so we make our way down into the basement, following the buzz of party bass lines.

Hip-hop and Top 40 music blares from subwoofers at the far end of the room, and the basement bar area is packed end-to-end with groups of 20- and 30-somethings chatting, doing shots, trying to yell over the music, and dancing.

Getting to the bar is a challenge, but I make it. The bartenders are doing their best to keep everyone happy, but they are surrounded by very thirsty patrons. My patience is eventually rewarded, and I obtain a reasonably strong whisky-ginger at a price on par with other Old Port joints.

After some dangerous and painful dancing, it becomes apparent that flip-flops were a mistake; my toes are stepped on a total of six times within an hour. We retreat from the crush to an out-of-the-way fish tank near the door. 11 Moulton Street.

DIMILLO'S ON THE WATER, 1954

While the famous DiMillo's floating restaurant has only been on a boat since 1982, the DiMillo family has a long history in Portland. It shows in customer service and atmosphere, because DiMillo's on the Water is one of the friendliest places to grab a drink in the Old Port.

On a rainy Sunday, I make my way down the gangplank into the repurposed Jamestown, Rhode Island ferry and grab a seat at the long bar. The dark, polished wood has a film-noir glamor and seats a good 40 or so. I grab a stool next to Chris and Kelly, a married couple visiting from Newport, New Hampshire. Chris runs a heating oil/mechanical contracting business, and Kelly's just taken a job as a school principal.

We chat about local beer and the benefits of weekend mini-vacations, and about education, the weather, sports, traveling-the works. Even the bartender gets involved; she's planning a trip to see her boyfriend stationed in Arizona with the Army. They are amazed to learn this restaurant even served its gorgeous lobster entrees, staying open during *The Perfect Storm*.

I sip on a Roulette (\$9), which is a borderline Manhattan combining Bulleit Rye, Grand Marnier, and Peychaud's Bitters. Outside, the wind blows, the rain pelts the plastic deck enclosure, and we watch the *Nova Star* disappear into the fog. 25 Long Wharf. ■

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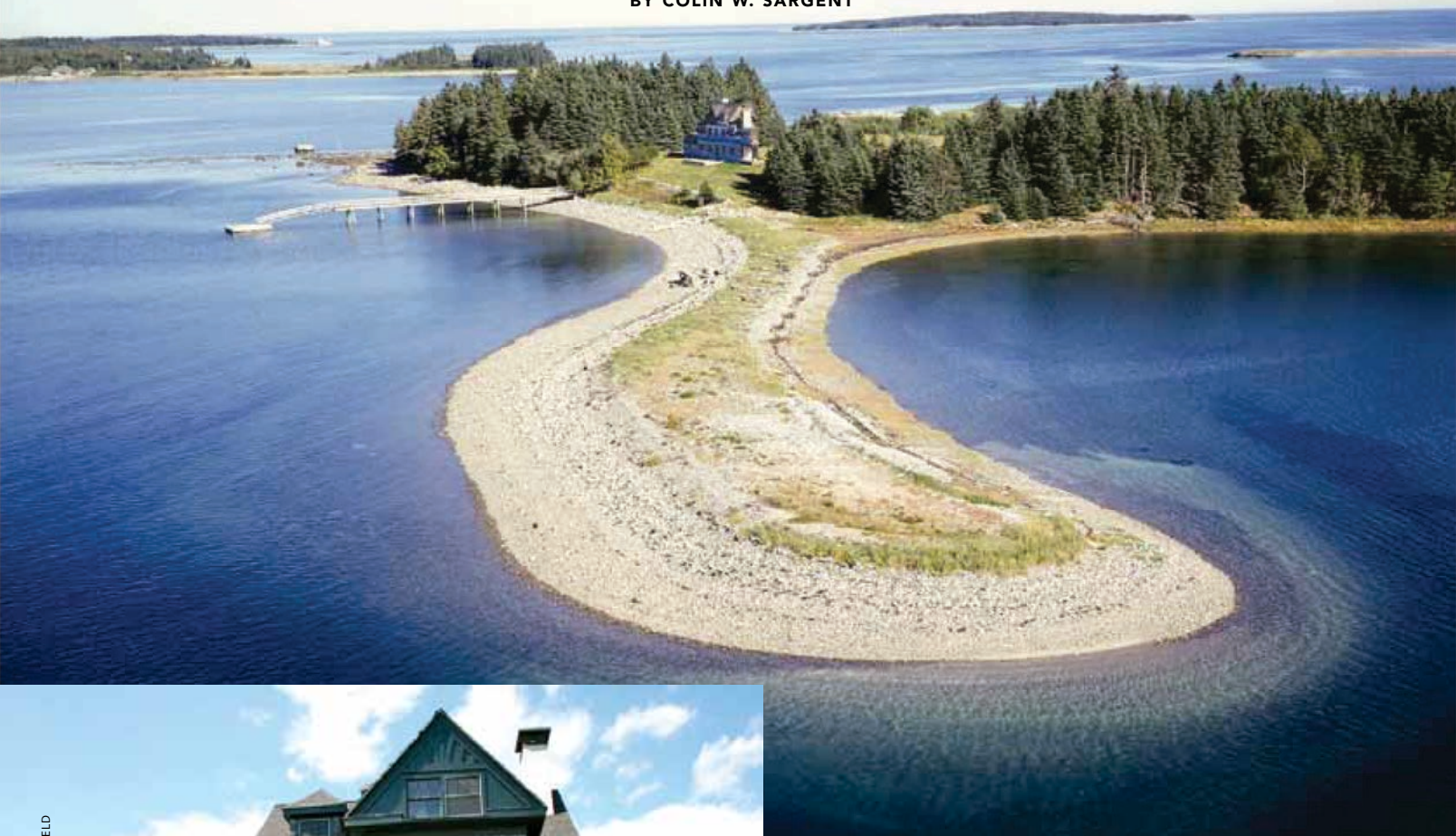
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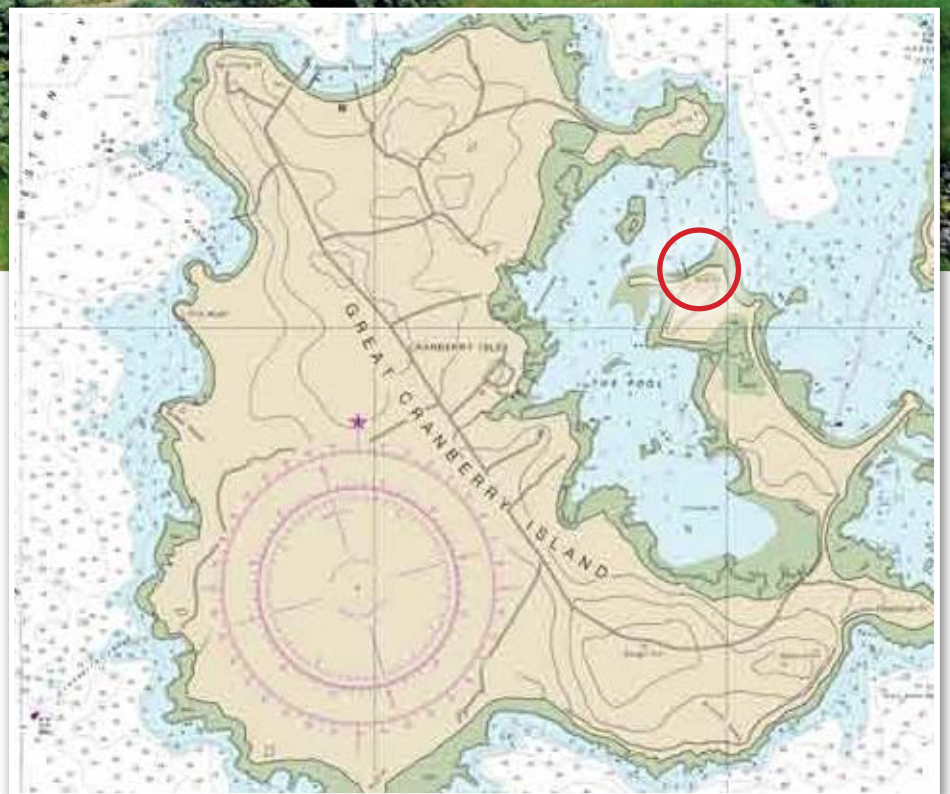
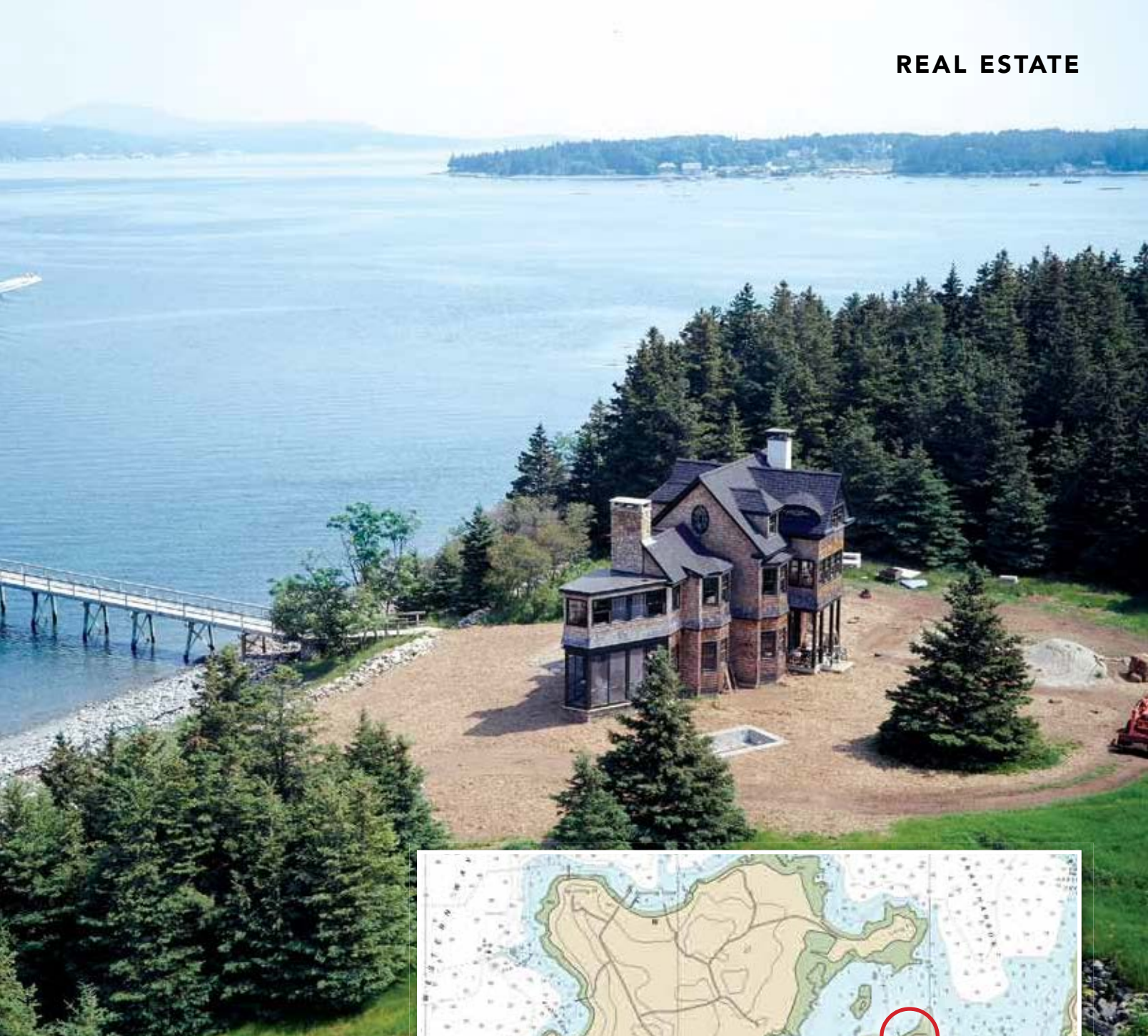
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Would eyebrows be raised at a Ladies Aid meeting, in Whale’s Rib Gifts & Gallery, or at Hitty’s or Sea Wich Cafe? We’re guessing yes.

True or no, this explains why the nimbly written rental description of this truly majestic Fish Point property (for \$2,200 to \$3,200 per week) reads, “Cranberry Island’s general store, gift shop, lunch cafe, and other attractions are *just a boat ride away.*” (Italics ours.)

Let’s be clear, though. You are forewarned. Story Litchfield, responsible and straightforward, makes this unusual sit-

FROM TOP: STORY LITCHFIELD; NOAA

REAL ESTATE

uation understood up front. “The property surrounding the lot is in conservation with Maine Coast Heritage Trust [with a further private lot blocking the final approach across a natural causeway to town], so that’s what sort of makes this like an island, because you can’t really drive through there, so your access is going to be by boat. Just like it would be if you were on an island.” During the construction phase, “they [sellers Chris and Bonnie Nash] used the road, and they had to drive trucks over what’s basically a berm, but now they don’t have permission...”

During a telephone interview, neighbor Robert Murch, the industrial exec and venture capitalist who owns the land they’d have to cross to get to town, says permission was never given. “Nash came to us when he wanted to buy it and asked for permission to cross over...we said no. He asked Bangor Hydro to run power; we told them no. In our absence during the winter, Nash just kind of went through



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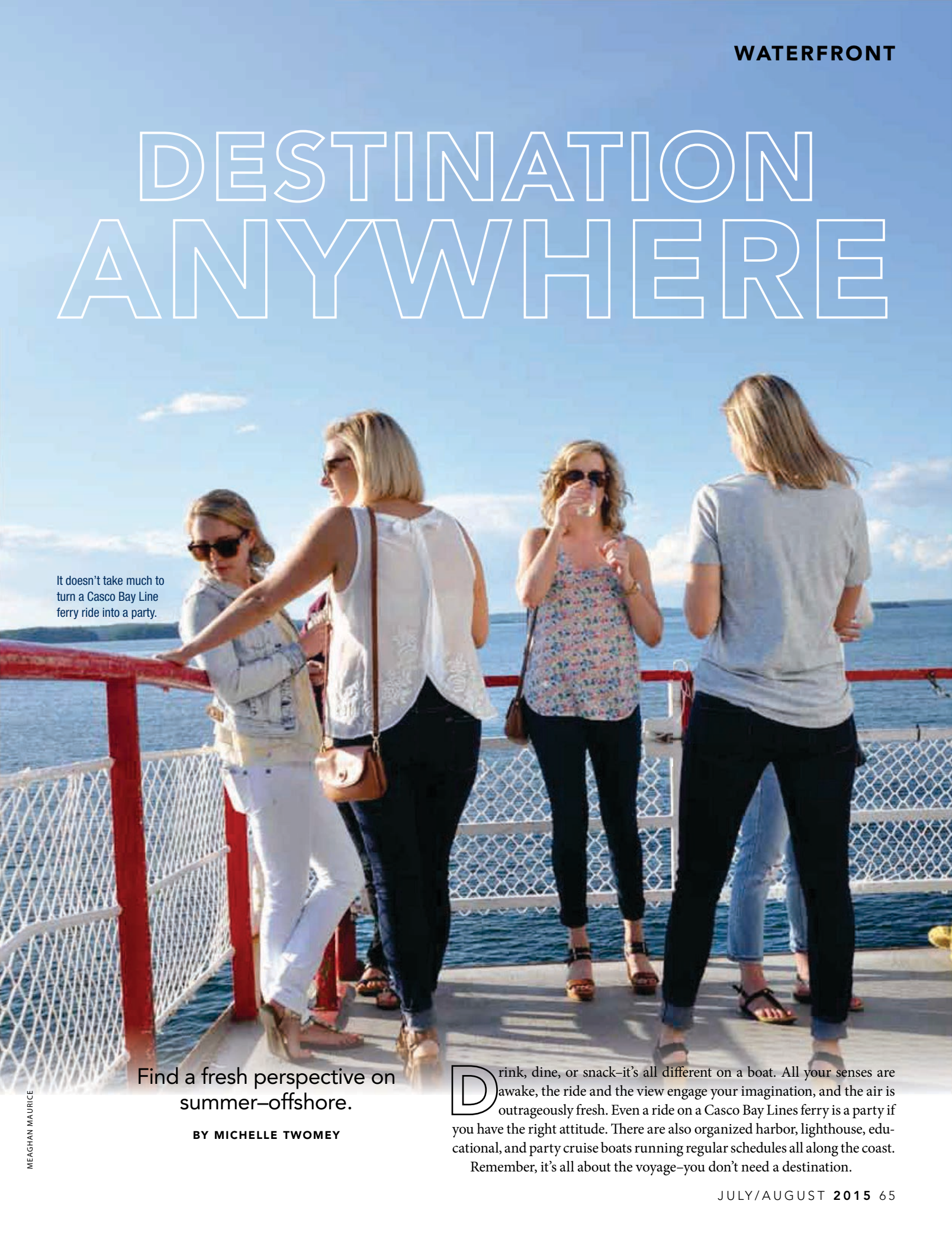
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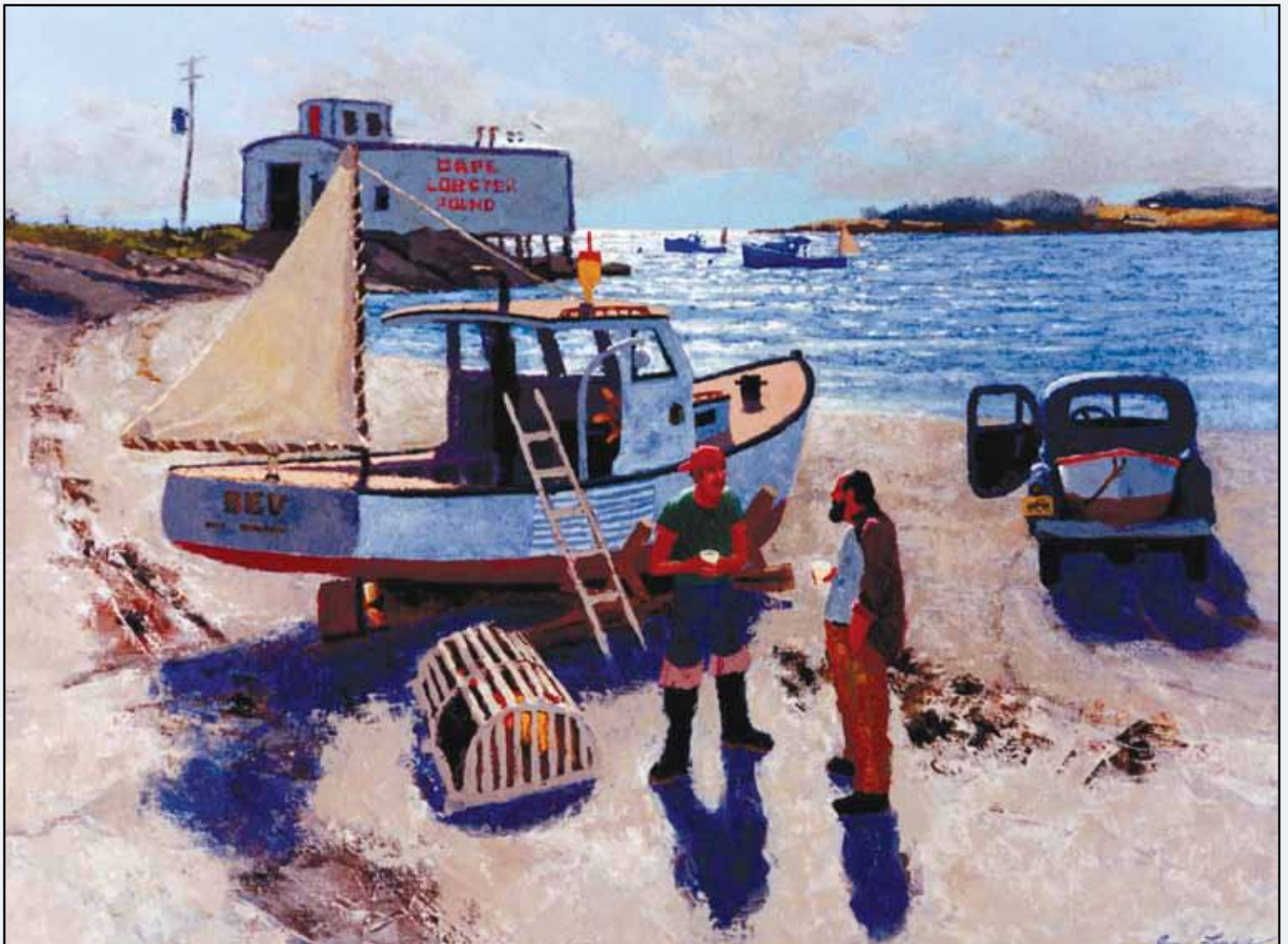
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Paul Luise

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Denis Boudreau

IMAGE ASSEMBLY, SKYLINE BY COREY TEMPLETON; PORTRAITS BY PAUL LUISE



Paul Luise snapped this portrait of the 1974 Old Port Artists Wharf Show exhibitors. Standing, left to right: Norman Miller Thomas, John Legere, Jane Wray, Robert Drinon, Michael Willis, Howard Clifford Jr., Robert E. Laveault, Joseph Cousins, Normand St. Pierre, and Edy Bishop-Bubier. Seated, left to right: Ellsworth Greene, Karen Osborne, Lenny Hatch, Karen Marchetti, Jennifer Lord Gilman, and Wende Legere.

Characters as vivid as those from the pages of J.M. Barrie challenge my millennial’s imagination, the foundation of which has slowly begun to buckle under student loans, rent prices, and Twitter.

From Stanley the Stripper, who dressed in drag and hung around the Crow’s Nest; to Hell’s Angel Jake Sawyer; and Dave the Dog Man, whose nine dogs followed wherever he went, I’ve replayed the stories over and over again in my mind and I still can’t tell you if the members of this tribe were the first or very last of their kind.

ONCE UPON A TIME

It was 1972. Photographer Paul Luise was 21 and enrolled at PoGo (USM) when he went to see a show for artists Denis Boudreau and Howard Clifford at Joe Cousins’s Longfellow Square Gallery. After the show, he was invited back to Cousins’s and Clifford’s studio on the corner of Fore and Ex-

change streets.

“We’re going down Exchange and there are no street lights, no parking meters,” Paul laughs. “So I’m trying to follow peoples’ voices as we’re walking, and Joe Cousins says to me, ‘If you trip over something, don’t worry. It’ll either scamper or groan.’”

You had to scale up three flights to get to the studio.

“We start going up the floors, and the place is total chaos. It looks like it’s been

bombed out. When we get through all of the grunge,” Paul says, with Denis listening, “I mean the streets smelled like urine.” He smiles, the fragrance coming back to him. “When we get up into the gallery, it’s white walls, hanging plants, all this stuff. It was just so cool to see all of this beautiful creativity within this chaos.”

He shapes the image with his hands, still amazed by what he witnessed 40 years ago when Denis cuts in. “Geodes.”



“This isn’t me—I never wore pants like that” says poet Martin Steingesser. “The sticks themselves are beautiful, and I like them to show below the bottom of the chaps, which is what I wore.” At the inaugural Old Port Festival in 1972, the original Shoestring Theatre was an outpost of Bread & Puppet. Starting in 1981 Nancy Tyndall and Steingesser were leaders of the parade on stilts.

URBAN MYTH



Artists Phil Willard, Howard Clifford, Karen Osborne, Joe Cousins, Bob Drinon, Jon Leger, Wally Cantwell, and Denis Boudreau (seated). Only Karen, Joe, and Denis are alive today.

Paul looks to Denis, who lost his eyesight in recent years to effects of the Vietnam War, “What did you say?”

“Geodes. You know, the rock you break open and there’s all kinds of crystals inside.”

Paul turns to me. “Yeah, that was it.”

As the men’s wives, Sarah and Janet,

catch up, every so often chiming with in with their own memories, the two men go back and forth, painting vignettes of their days in the Old Port.

“We lived the way we wanted to,” Denis says. “Nobody told us what to do. We walked around barefooted, we did what we



Paul Luise and Denis Boudreau revisit their much-gentrified stomping grounds 40 years later.



URBAN MYTH

Clockwise from
6 o'clock: Howard
Clifford, Jon Legere,
Joe Cousins,
Bob Drinon, Denis
Boudreau



the Old Port *were* the college kids. If they insulted a waitress or one of the local women, they'd get their asses kicked."

The few businesses that did exist included Zeitman's Grocery, whose sign lingers as one of the few remnants of the time there was a distinct smell of menthol about the store. Today, Dock Fore Restaurant sits in its place.

WHEN WE WERE COOL

Denis tells me it was a place they claimed because of the cheap rent (\$40 to \$50 monthly) and the fact that nobody else wanted to live here. "We did whatever we

damn-well pleased."

Butch Green and Lenny Hatch were already in residence as the pioneers of the Old Port community, having arrived in the '60s and taken their place at 45 Exchange Street. Originally, Denis had shared a studio there with Michael Willis, where they paid \$7 a month. Friends Jon Legere and George Dole had studios on the third floor.

A year went by before Legere revealed this perfect space at the Mariner's Church to Denis, and soon three artists—Denis, Paul, and Jon Legere—split the entire top floor into studios. When Paul arrived, Denis and Jon occupied two-thirds of the floor and offered

La Vie Bohème

A detail from John Legere's *Lobster Business*, oil on canvas, on our cover in 1998.





Peggy Greenhut Golden at Posters Plus in 1978.

Paul a side he remembers as rich with the smell of a fire the space had once endured. He paid \$50 a month, which he assumed was his portion of the entire rent.

Legere had the biggest studio, which became somewhat legendary. According to witnesses, he rigged a giant bed that hung from the ceiling 35 feet up, and could be raised and lowered. Perhaps I should have pushed for more details on this topic, but something told me it was best left to the imagination. Denis says the studio was so large it had its own atmosphere. Often, snow would develop from the nails protruding through the frosted shingles.

Most of the members in this urban arts village were in their 30s or 40s, still struggling with authority and all that comes with it. Instead of conforming to the times, they lived and worked as though it were 1874 in France.

“I had big impressions,” Paul admits. “I was thinking like the French Impressionists. All these guys were going to be known.”

Days were spent working in their separate studios. Then, come five o'clock, everyone gathered in one of the two local bars, the Seamen's Club or Old Port Tavern. It was what Denis calls their “regimen.”

The Seamen's Club was where Bull Fee-ney's operates today. At five, you'd drop whatever brush or lens you were using and head for happy hour.

“We'd meet, and the businessmen in the community would come down and party with us because they wanted to hear all of our crazy stories,” says Denis. “They'd come through the door and buy everyone a drink, and we'd go there because it was happy hour and there was free food. So, we'd eat and drink all night without spending any money.”

On one particular evening, Gov. Ken Curtis showed up with his wife and another



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er couple. He was beckoned to the tables of artists, who wanted to talk about funding for their work. After about an hour, Paul remembers someone sending their apprentice out for cold cuts and rolls, which they made into sandwiches under the table during their meeting with the governor.

FROM HERE TO HYPERBOLE

It doesn't sound as if there were really designated days of the week, though Paul says he often went back home on weekends to get a break from the parties and the after parties, which both men remember quite fondly.

During the long winters, it was a race to find a someone with heat at the end of the night, and when all else failed, well, "There were always women," Denis says frankly.

I try not to overthink this, but when "groupies" are mentioned, I can't help but laugh. "Groupies. You had groupies?"

"It made sense then," Denis says. "Still does."

Denis must have had a leg up on the oth-



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Above, the third floor of the Mariner's Church—an artists' studio in the '70s and today a banquet and meeting venue. At right, artist Edy Bishop and her daughter Robin, who died tragically in a hit and run accident as a youngster. Left, Bull Feeney's on Fore Street, which was once the Seaman's Club.

er fellows since he'd managed to find a forgotten gas pipe that had a valve on it in his studio. He went for five years paying \$50 rent, heat included.

On any given night, you could find somewhere to be with something to do and someone to do it with, and the guy who seemed always to have something going on was rebel-man Jake Sawyer.

"Was Jake an artist, too?" I ask innocently. Paul and Denis crack up.

"He was an artist all right," bursts Denis, "a con-artist."

After serving in the Army and winding up incarcerated in multiple prisons including Folsom, Jake joined the Hell's Angels. When he returned to the east coast, he was a regular in the Old Port. Sorry, not a regular, more like a legend.

"One night, Jake told me to hold the front door open, and that's after he spilt beer on the dance floor," Denis tells us. "I swung it wide, he started his motorcycle, and he drove it right inside—you know, a big chopper. He drove it past the bar, onto the dance floor, spun around on the wet floor, drove up the stairs, and out the back door."

"Why?"

"Why not?"

Why not. I realize there will be no way

to truly fathom how these guys lived. Were that to happen in the Old Port Tavern today, most of the police would be downtown in a heartbeat, an impressive force. But then, BC (before craft beers)? It was just another night, and now it's just another memory.

As 30-somethings, Paul and Denis lived lives entirely alien to my 20-something existence. Their weeks were filled with what they loved most: their art, their friends, their town. And while we all strive for something like it, I'm not sure a life like that could ever exist again. Not unless you have the money for it.

GRIMMER TALES

But this is not to romanticize every aspect



A bygone Cape Elizabeth beach house party: Debbie Isaacson, former *Press Herald* editor and Pepperclub restaurateur Eddie Fitzpatrick, and the late art critic Philip Isaacson are on the grass in front of assorted artist friends. Howard Clifford and Kenny Rosen stand behind Sharon Townsend (in denim shirt) at left. Pat Hardy, in red pants, with DeWitt Hardy behind her stand at center. Joseph Nicoletti, Richard Wilson, and Frederick Lynch are the men at the picnic table. Judith Sobol stands behind them and Patty Rosen is at far right.

FROM TOP: PAUL LUISE (2); PORTLAND ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE 60S, 70S, AND 80S FACEBOOK PAGE; COURTESY DIANE HUDSON

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of the time. They, too, experienced the loss and the pain none of us is exempt from. As Denis tells me, "there were good times, but there was a lot of dark stuff going on."

The murder of Nikki Cleveland, a local real estate agent and close friend and supporter of the artists, casts a cloud over the otherwise happy conversation. Cleveland disappeared after showing a cottage in Yarmouth in the summer of 1981; her body was discovered 17 days later. Joel Caulk, who became known as the "Want-Ad Rapist," was charged with the murder, convicted, and he received a life sentence.

Then there was Cowboy, a loner who showed up one day and hung around for a while. "A really great guy" until the FBI showed up and arrested him for shooting a cop in the Midwest.

It's from these headline-tales that the cultural intimacy of Portland at the time is revealed. "Everything that happened, you knew about it," says Paul. So, I ask about poet James Lewisohn, and all at once everyone has something to share. Paul starts, "He would be considered a modern American poet. I was into that group, and in the '60s they were all very dramatic guys."

"He was partying with us that night, and got so drunk," Denis interjects. He's referring to the night in 1974 when Lewisohn shot and killed his wife. "He had an inferiority complex. He was short, very short. And he owned a gun, which is a bad combination."

Even so, Lewisohn, convicted murderer, was awarded a \$7,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in 1977.

CHRIS DENISON

URBAN MYTH



Building the "mall" at 10 Exchange Street: Ian Valentine, Walter Cantwell, and John Dunn in 1978.

GROWING UP

As a haunt, the Old Port that Paul and Denis knew existed from 1970 to about 1983, though both of them were out by '79. Paul moved west for a few months before returning to his home in Limington, and Denis bought a house.

"Denis said the end was coming when Greater Portland Landmarks asked if they could do tours in our studios," Paul says. "We were all anxious because we wanted to sell our stuff, but at the same time, Denis said, 'When people start seeing what we've done with these places, they are going to start seeing the value.' He said, 'This is the beginning of the end.'"

And so it was. Paul remembers the day when rent for his studio above OPT went from \$50 to \$400 a month. Denis recalls having to rent a secret studio just to get work done because of all the visitor traffic.

"There were three stages of the Old Port," Denis tells me. "The early stage in the 1800s, when it was the root of Portland for business. Then it was dead for awhile. Then the artists planted the seed and they occupied the Old Port for 10 years before it got gentrified. It was our piece of heaven because the rent was dirt cheap, nobody bothered us, and we were free-range."

Having met with Paul and Denis before this year's Old Port Festival—they lay claim to participation in developing the original idea—I find myself caught up in reflection walking through the over-crowded streets, trying to find just one of the stages. Could it be true what they say? Or were these two spinning me tall tales?

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Standing in the crowd on Fore Street as some folksy artist sings of everlasting love, I turn to see the faded Zeitman's sign and, across from Bull Feeney's, the Mariner's Church. Overwhelmed by the swarming streets and hundreds of conversations I can't help but overhear, in that moment I feel I'd

David "The Dog Man" Koplou

**Sign Painter, City Council Watchdog
Left Portland, 1988.**

Update:

Brian Kyes, police chief of Chelsea, Massachusetts, was speechless. "I was up in Portland just the other day, meeting with the Portland Police Department." Afterward, "I walked through the Portland Public Library and took in the photo exhibit on the lower level [*Our Place, Our Times, Portland Through The Decades, 1930s to 2000s.*]" I looked at a photo and did a doubletake. It was David Koplou! I took a photo with my cell phone and showed it to others in my office. "Who is that?" he asked a colleague, then watched the slow dawn of recognition. "It's Koplou."

"His hair is much longer now," the chief says of Koplou in Chelsea, "but it's him."

Court contests follow Koplou as reliably as his dogs once did ("I haven't seen him with dogs in Chelsea"). For decades, he's been famous for appearing *pro se*, with opponents grimly praising his legal acumen. But his cases never reached the Supreme Court, as urban legend, fanned by the internet, claims. To see Koplou in action at the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, visit <https://casetext.com/case/state-v-koplou>

(See related story, page 133.)



give anything to step around the corner and climb the steps at 368 Fore Street to a whole new lifestyle as Paul did in 1972.

As we're wrapping up, it's obvious Denis could keep going. He says he could go on for

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days about those times and the friends he so loved, like Jake Sawyer, John Legere.

"I saw Lenny Hatch today," he tells me. "He said the Old Port days were the happiest days of his life. And I can vouch for that. They were the happiest days of my life."

There were at least 35 artists living in the studios by the late 1970s, including Maury Colton, Peyton Higgison, Alison Hildreth, Middy Childman, Ken Thomas, and Norman Thomas, all members of the Lost Boys on Neverland Island. Each plays a role in one another's history and is written into a story that's shut off to any new chapters.

Forty years from now, I wonder what story I'll be written into, if any at all. I wonder if I'll ever find my Neverland, the place where I'll never grow old and never forget or if, like Paul, my Neverland will find me. ■

To read *Portland Magazine* feature stories that cover this period in depth, including coverage of Harvey Prager, Cathy Moulton, and James Lewisohn, visit portland-monthly.com/portmag/2015/7/1970s.

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Atop the new Hyatt, a penthouse balcony juts out from a place that was just sky two years ago. Surprise—you can see all of Maine from up here, in separate vignettes. For instance, if you look toward the Fore River, there's a vista that looks like it's straight out of *One Morning In Maine*: trucks, lobster boats, classic Widgery Wharf. So strange to catch a glimpse of something so old from the top of something so new. You're the first person ever, beyond me holding the camera, to see this. You, me, and eight million gulls.

To steal up where the sky lives atop the roof of the new Courtyard Marriott, you have to go through a set of final dark zigzags before you burst into fresh air. The interior of the Marriott may be opulent, but if I were staying here, I'd spend the entire time right where I'm standing.



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Quick—Where are you? Portland's Old Port seems like an exotic new city when you survey it from new angles. Above, fresh perspective from the roof of the Press Hotel. At left, a remarkably serene and rural take on Wiggery Wharf as seen from one of the penthouse suites at the Hyatt Place. Photos on the preceding pages were taken from the new Courtyard Marriott on Commercial Street: all the way up on the roof, high above the guest rooms and condos, practically in the clouds.

(Please note, the general public is not allowed up here.) I feel lucky when I can sneak up on such beauty, with views too fresh to be clichés, 360 degrees around me. The drop toward Monument Square and then down along Commercial Street is priceless. ■



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A World Becalmed

Shh! This is an art gallery, not a library. "A Magnificent Stillness: American Art From a Private Collection."

BY COLIN W. SARGENT

Jack London describes silence—the shock after a deadly ship collision—as a “terrible quiet.” Federico Garcia Lorca is sly: “the silence of an overturned locomotive.” Rick Moody frightens with his 21st-century entry, the “reloading pause.” In the lovely hush of Portland Museum of Art’s exquisite **A Magnificent Stillness: American Art From a Private Collection**, the silence will knock you over. Fifteen paintings collected by Dr. Walter B. Goldfarb and his late wife, Marcia Finberg Goldfarb (1933-2013), bring

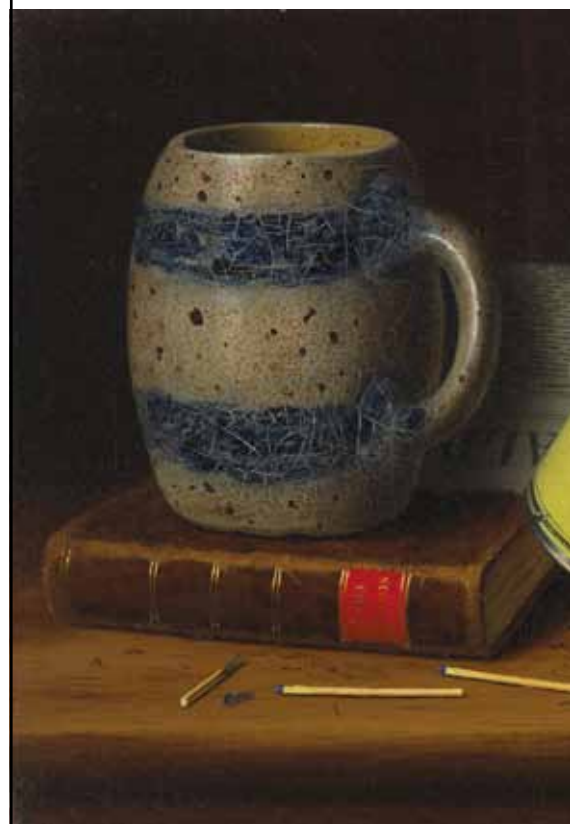


THE ARTS

the world to a crashing halt. According to the *Portland Press Herald*, the Goldfarbs met while he was an undergrad at Brown and she was top of her class at Brown's Pembroke College. Her parents owned Maine Hardware. They married in Portland in December, 1955.

Moving here in 1968, he quickly rose to become a respected surgeon while she earned a second degree at Bowdoin and became "an expert at two-dimensional electrophoresis, the separation, identification and quantification of proteins in a variety of biologic and other industrial fluids...In 1985, Marcia left Ventrex to start her own biotech company, Anatec...with customers and contracts all over the world." Together as art lovers and collectors with a home on Bowdoin Street in the West End, this high-power couple built their collection with a dazzling, exacting eye.

"You learned this from the obituary, correct?" says Dr. Goldfarb when we called to learn why his collection was so astonishingly quiet. "I provided that information. I miss her so much I had to have her name on the collection." There's a pause. "But I'm the one with the eye." But why not whirlwind painters of motion like Warhol or Dahlov Ipcar? Surely it's too easy to suggest Dr. G. loves these exacting works in near absolute silence because he's a surgeon? "It isn't quite that easy," he says. "It's



hard to explain. I had a very busy practice at Maine Medical and Mercy. These paintings appealed to me. It's like love, you look across the room and it connects. It's chemical. I never thought of the quietude as I collected them, but I guess they have it. I'd come home, look at these paintings, and feel so at ease. I've attended lectures by John Wilmerding and Richard Estes," who guided him deeper into stillness until it excited his passions. "Wilmerding is the chairman of the board of trustees at the National Gallery, as well as a professor of art at Princeton, before that at Dartmouth. Very erudite as a scholar and collector, Dutch realist" in his tastes. "He was aware of my Fitz Henry Lane (I admit I still call him Fitz Hugh Lane), and in 2004, when the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in Manhattan included three Fitz Henry Lanes in a show, one of them was Wilmerding's. Because he knew about my paintings, one of them was mine.

"When Wilmerding, who vacations in Northeast Harbor, and Estes, who also has property there, appeared together at a lecture at the Holiday Inn By The Bay, someone asked Estes"—the pop star and a founder of photorealism—"how he did it. He said, 'You know, I just do it.' I've donated five of the fifteen paintings in this collection to Portland Museum of Art. I've gone to see the show almost every day since it's been up, because I miss it in my bedroom." ■



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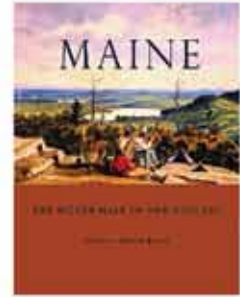


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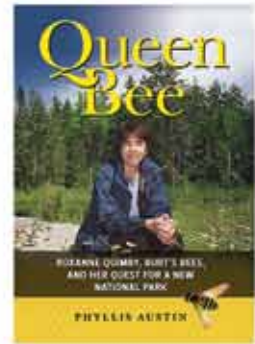
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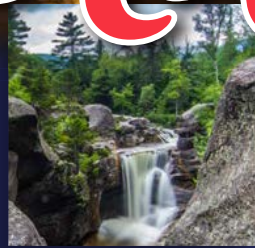
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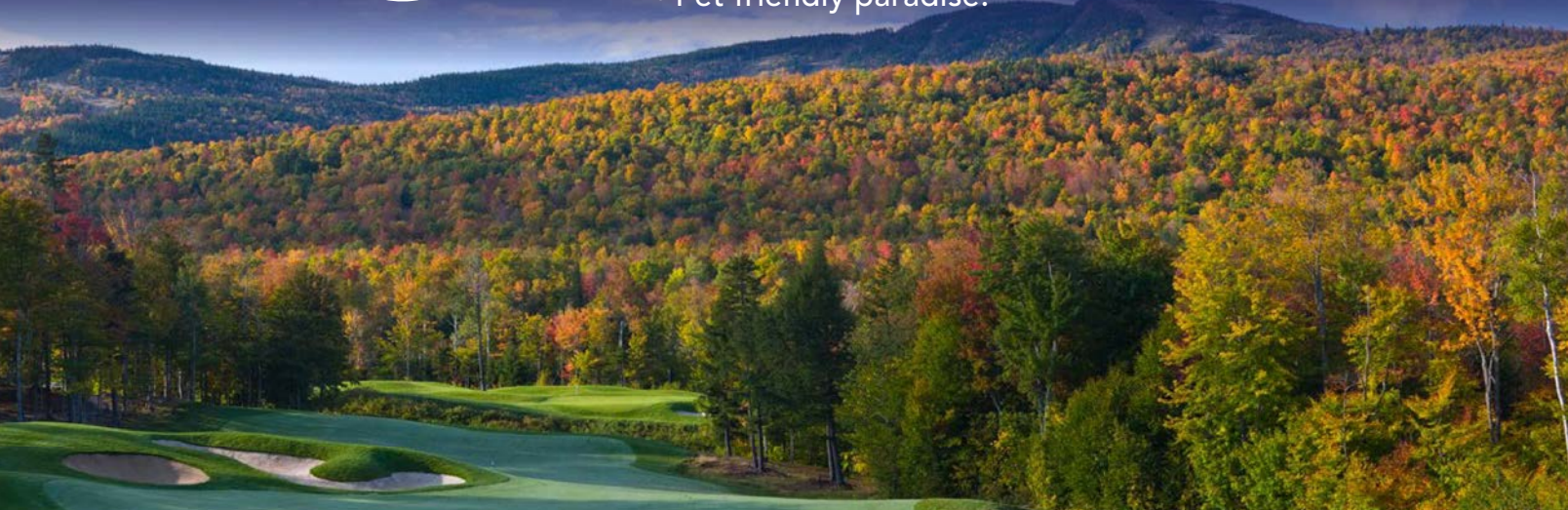
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Floating A Concept

BY CLAIRE Z. CRAMER

Will this schooner be reborn as a Kennebunk restaurant?
Dwight Raymond dreams so.

“She’s beautiful,” says owner Dwight Raymond of his 125-foot schooner *Spirit of Massachusetts*. The sleek white yacht is presently sparkling in Kennebunk’s Lower Village, sharing Raymond’s Performance Marine dock with his Pilot House Restaurant and First Chance whale-watching and lobster-touring fleet.

If all goes according to plan, the *Spirit of Massachusetts* will open as a floating restaurant any day now.

“We’ve had to jump through some zoning hoops,” says Raymond. He goes from meeting to meeting with regulatory boards. “It’s driving me *very* nuts. The problem is, it’s not like DiMillo’s. The town doesn’t



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LONG VOYAGE TO KENNEBUNK

The transformation from schooner to restaurant has been proceeding meticulously since Raymond acquired her in Portland last year. *Spirit* is a Gloucester fishing schooner replica built at Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston 30+ years ago. She was used as a school ship, along with the schooners *Westward* and *Harvey Gamage*, by the old Ocean Classroom Foundation, then based in Boothbay Harbor, which ceased operations last summer. Ocean Classroom has since been reincarnated under new leadership. Now based in Portland, OC is offering school semesters aboard the brand-new, three-masted tall ship *Oliver Hazard Perry* beginning in 2016. (See "Summer of the Tall Ships," Summerguide 2015 for more on *Oliver Hazard Perry*.)

"I've been looking to do a floating restaurant for 30 years," says Dwight Raymond. "I wanted a schooner. I have old photographs of all the old schooners that used to moor here around the bridge."

Perhaps Raymond worked as a schooner deckhand in his younger days? "You know, I never did," he says. "I'm a boatbuilder."

And as such, he's honored the schooner's original purpose. "We didn't destroy the sailing features—she's fully sailable. The sails are aboard. The idea is if we want to haul her for the winter in Portland or Gloucester, we can sail there."

BECOMING A RESTAURANT

Ship's carpenter Robin Muir spent the spring fashioning a 60-seat restaurant and bar belowdecks. "Now when you go below you really feel like you're in a restaurant." Muir says he's also built "the bar and tables."

"The work is absolutely beautiful," says Raymond. The tables are made of salvage decking "with black walnut compass roses on each one." On deck, there's also a bar. "We held a cocktail party on deck for 145 in June and it didn't feel crowded. She's a deceptively big boat."

A custom awning with detachable glass panels will protect on-deck patrons from inclement weather. "We plan on staying open into the fall, when the tour buses come. We're building a very long ramp, directly to where



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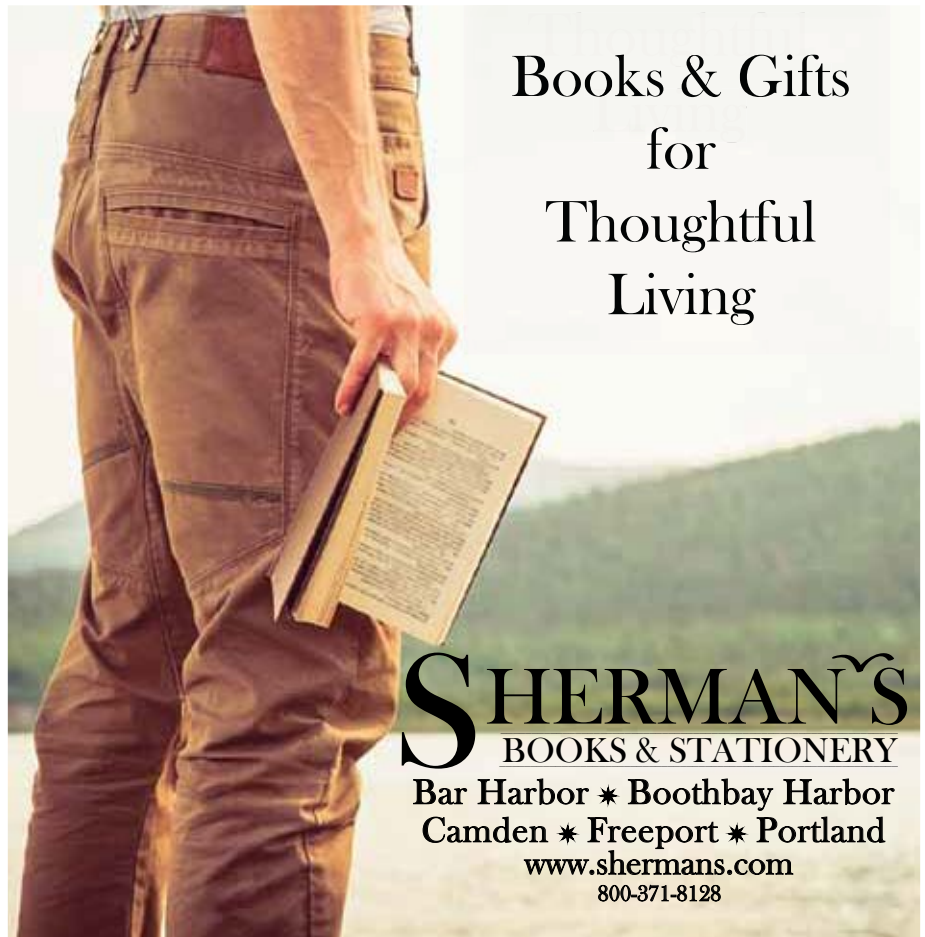
The compromises involved in turning a sailboat into a restaurant have been carefully considered, including the plumbing—the rest rooms are real bathrooms, not marine heads. Raymond says, "There's a 3,000-gallon holding tank. And with the disposable dishware, we'll only be washing pots and pans. The plating is bamboo—biodegradable, very low impact."

LET'S EAT

The menu posted on the *Spirit's* website is upscale casual. Starters include a raw bar selection followed by chowder, lobster stew, and classic salads. There are tasty-sounding small plates such as pan-seared scallops and shrimp spring rolls. And the must-haves—shore dinners, lobster rolls, and hamburgers—are there.

"There are a lot of places with the same menu in this town. We will not have fried food," says Raymond.

Despite scheduling delays, he does not seem stressed about getting his floating restaurant open. "Oh, it'll happen," he says. ■



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Portland illustrator Ed King imagines a party for knighted Mainers and assorted royals: 1) Prince Philip; 2) Queen Elizabeth; 3) Senator George Mitchell; 4) William Phips; 5) President George H.W. Bush, with parachute; 6) Lady Bettina Brown Gorton; 7) Harry Oakes; 8) Sir William and Lady Pepperrell; 9) Hiram Maxim; 10) General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Knight Moves

The royal treatment: A brief history of Maine's knights of the realm.

BY RON SOODALTER

What boy doesn't dream of becoming a knight? We have all watched the scenes in the Hollywood swashbucklers in which the king lays the flat of his broadsword blade on each of the young warrior's shoulders, granting him entry into that rarest of societies.

Although many might assume this tradition to have been long left in the historic past, it is alive and well, and practiced by governments in Europe and Great Britain to this day, to honor their own citizens as well as deserving foreigners. According to the British Monarchy website, "Foreign citizens occasionally receive

honorary knighthoods or damehoods...Such knighthoods are conferred by The Queen, on the advice of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, on those who have made an important contribution to relations between their country and Britain." Unlikely as it might seem, over the centuries—and for a variety of rea-

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sons—a number of Maine’s citizens have had knighthood bestowed upon them.

MAINE’S FIRST KNIGHTS

The first two “Mainers” to be knighted were subjects of the British Crown. Born to a Woolwich family of reportedly modest means, **William Phips (1651-1695)** made his fortune as a treasure hunter, locating and salvaging the riches from sunken Spanish vessels. After turning over one-tenth of the booty to the crown, Phips was knighted by King James II and appointed royal governor of Massachusetts Colony. From then on, things turned somewhat dicey for Sir William. In 1692, he bowed to religious and political pressure by creating a special court to hear the many accusations of witchcraft emanating from Salem Village. Phips placed his lieutenant governor, William Stoughton, in charge of the court. Stoughton was utterly

Maxim lived to see millions fall before the terrible efficiency of his invention.

devoid of legal training, but more than qualified as a religious zealot, and very few of the accused walked free from the trials. After a number of locals had been tortured and executed, Phips finally heeded the public outcry and granted a handful of pardons, but neither the community nor Phips’s reputation would ever be the same.

William Pepperrell (1696-1759) of Kittery epitomized the self-made man, achieving great riches and prominence, and becoming the most famous American of the early 18th century. But it was for his service as a soldier that he was knighted. In 1745, during King George’s War, Pepperrell helped organize, finance and lead a successful expedition against the French fortifications at Louisbourg. It was a stunning achievement, and the king made him a “baronet”—a member of an hereditary order. The phenomenally wealthy Pepperrell enjoyed the good life to the fullest, and, in the words of Nathaniel Hawthorne, “spent the remainder of his days in all the pomp of a colonial grandee.” According to prominent Maine historian Ernest Marriner, “Sir William, who had once enjoyed being rowed across the Piscataqua in Governor Winthrop’s barge, acquired a barge of his own,” rowed

by liveried black slaves. He owned a tract of over 100 miles that stretched from the Saco to the Piscataqua rivers, and his opulent mansion, with its extensive formal gardens, was maintained by a staff of a dozen slaves. (Slavery had not yet been abolished in Massachusetts, and ownership was an obvious sign of wealth and status.) In 1759, after attaining the highest level of military, political, and commercial success, William Pepperrell—writes Hawthorne—“laid down his aristocratic head among the humbler ashes of his fathers.”

THE KNIGHTS FROM SANGERVILLE

Sangerville, Maine, boasts a population fewer than 1,400. And yet, the tiny town in Piscataquis County fostered two Knights of the Realm! They could not have been more different from one another. One contributed a fortune to the improvement of social conditions, while the other developed an instrument of war.

Born in Sangerville, **Hiram Stevens Maxim (1840-1916)** was a world-class inventor. He first demonstrated his creative skills by inventing a better mousetrap—literally. By all reports, his “self-resetting” snare was highly successful in eliminating rodents from a local grist mill. In his lifetime, the prolific Hiram was awarded over 270 patents, for inventions ranging from the pocket inhaler and the curling iron, to smokeless gunpowder and aircraft artillery. He even dabbled, albeit unsuccessfully, in the realm of sustained flight. His crowning achievement, however, and the one for which he is remembered today, was the invention of the self-powered machine gun. After a myopic U.S. War Department refused to purchase his invention, Hiram set up a plant in Britain, from which he successfully marketed his doomsday device to virtually every other major army in the world. So impressed was Queen Victoria with Maxim’s gun that she had him knighted. Hiram Maxim lived until 1916—two years after the outbreak of World War I, and in time to see millions fall before the terrible efficiency of his invention.

Harry Oakes (1874-1943) was born 34 years later, and achieved notoriety—and knighthood—by a totally different route. Despite what was considered a fine education for its time—a bachelor’s degree from Bowdoin College and graduate credits from Syracuse Medical School—Harry left home at 21



LEGENDS

Good knight, Mr. President

George H. W. Bush isn’t the only presidential knight. Three U.S. presidents—all Republicans—have been knighted, one before he ever ran for office. In the fall of 1945, **King George VI** conferred the Order of Merit on a decidedly underwhelmed General of the Army **Dwight D. Eisenhower**. It was one of many honors heaped by grateful governments on a no-nonsense professional soldier whose primary objective was the winning of World War II, and who had little patience for the trappings of state. In a letter to General **George Marshall**, Eisenhower bemoaned what he called “a fearful drain on available time. I do hope the whole business is doing a little good. Otherwise, I am certainly inconveniencing myself to no purpose.”

In 1989, the British government bestowed on President **Ronald Reagan**—described by one reporter as “Prime Minister **Margaret Thatcher**’s conservative soul mate”—his own GCB. Both Reagan and Bush were knighted after their terms of office had expired, since Article I, Section 9, of the U.S. Constitution prohibits members of the government from accepting “any present, emolument, office, or title, of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state” without the approval of Congress.



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to find his fortune by prospecting for gold. Just as Sir William Phips had sought his treasure in the sea, Harry was determined to take his from the earth. After years of failure in Alaska, California, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, and Central America, he struck pay dirt near a northern Ontario town with the unlikely name of Swastika. He dug some \$300 million from the ground—the equivalent of more than \$7 billion in today's money—making him the wealthiest man in Canada. Oakes became a naturalized Canadian citizen, moved to Nassau, Bahamas, with a newly acquired young bride, and proceeded to donate large sums to social, cultural, and environmental improvements, including a \$400,000 gift to St. George's Hospital of London. So impressed was King George VI with Oakes's largesse that he knighted him in 1939, bestowing upon him the title of baron. Unfortunately, his good fortune soon failed him. One rainy summer night in 1943, Sir Harry was brutally murdered in his Nassau home by party or par-

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ties unknown. According to oral tradition, when still in college, Harry had confided to a classmate that he would gain a fortune and die a violent death, "with his boots on." Oakes's youthful prediction proved true on both counts.

THE DISTAFF KNIGHTS

Titles of nobility have not fallen exclusively to the men. The title of Lady is the female equivalent of Knight, and some women of Maine have been so graced. When, for example, William Pepperrell—a subject of the Crown—was made a Baron, his wife automatically became Lady Pepperrell. Nor was she the only Maine woman to achieve nobility. After Bettina Edith Brown (1915-1983) of Great Barrington married Australian politician John Gorton, she became an Australian citizen and British subject as well as a down-easter. And when John was knighted in 1977 after having served as Prime Minister, Bettina automatically became Lady Gorton. An accomplished woman in her own right, she matriculated in Asian studies, learned to speak fluent Indonesian, and worked for years on a Malay/English dic-



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Bangor High School graduate Bettina Brown Gorton, wife of Australian Prime Minister John Gorton, converses with her Indonesian language instructor Yohanni Johns in Canberra in 1968.

tionary. Lady Gorton used her rank and position to strengthen and enhance Australia's relations with Indonesia.

PRESIDENTIAL YANKEE IN QUEEN ELIZABETH'S COURT

In 1993, President George H.W. Bush, whose family has maintained a generations-long residence in Kennebunkport, was awarded the highest honorary rank bestowed by Britain on foreigners: the Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, or, GCB. The ceremony was, to say the least, understated, and was described by one chronicler as having "no pomp at all and very little visible circumstance." Comments the former president, "It was conferred during a private visit to Buckingham Palace, and given the friendship between our nations and my high esteem for Her Majesty, I recall being very moved. Because I was not a British subject, I do recall I did not have to kneel." Apparently, only British subjects get to kneel before Her Highness; Americans—even presidents—receive their knighthoods standing. Nor, it seems, are foreigners allowed to call themselves "Sir." After receiving his medal and crimson sash, President Bush was treated to a private lunch at the palace, at which, according to the Associated Press, the "table talk was top secret and the menu strictly confidential."

"When I returned home," recollected the President, "I asked Barbara how it felt to be married to a real live knight. Her reply? 'Make the coffee, Sir George.'"

A KNIGHTHOOD FROM FRANCE

Britain is not the only nation to have awarded knighthoods to denizens of the Pine Tree State. In late 2013, 89-year-old Donald Tuttle of Augusta was appointed a knight in the French Legion of Honor, in recognition of his service-

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es in the liberation of France during World War II. He recalls the event with both reverence and humor. “The French consul in Boston called to say I was going to be knighted with France’s highest award. They asked me where I would like the ceremony to be held, and I said, in my garage; I don’t travel much anymore. Instead, I had them mail it to me.”

Tuttle, at 19, flew 50 missions over France as tail gunner in a B-24 Liberator bomber. He was wounded on his second mission, and shot down over enemy territory on his fortieth. Bailing out over enemy territory, he watched as his best friend’s chute fatally snagged in the plunging bomber’s tail section. Hidden by Italian farmers, Tuttle eventually made his way back to his own lines—and another 10 deadly bombing missions. Plagued by memories to this day, Tuttle was asked if he might be suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder—what the GIs of his era used to call “combat fatigue.”

“I can’t think of any other reason for me to still feel the way I do. I still have nightmares, and I’m jumpy as a son-of-a-gun. You tell your readers that. I want people to know what these boys went through. It wasn’t some field trip. These days, I read about our boys getting killed in wars that make no sense, and it just makes me sick.”

The French government mailed Tuttle a handsome medal, which he displays with the many others he won in the war. The certificate that accompanied the citation reads, “France will never forget the sacrifices made by the American soldiers for the cause of freedom.”

THE PEACEMAKER

In 1998, Senator George Mitchell of Waterville was invested as an Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE) for his splendid efforts in negotiating the Good Friday Agreement, which brought about a cessation of hostilities in Northern Ireland. Senator Mitchell, a modest man who built an unsurpassed reputation for international diplomacy, recalls, “I was completely surprised to be invited to Buckingham Palace to meet with the Queen. I was accompanied by my wife, her mother, and my sister. I had been chairman of a three-man team in Northern Ireland, and the other two were with me as well, to receive similar honors.

“It was a nice ceremony,” Mitchell remem-

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bers. “We were met by uniformed British officials as we entered the Palace, and taken to a separate room and briefed about the upcoming event. As you would expect, Buckingham Palace is a very nice place! The Queen entered, a brief statement of citation was read, and she placed medals on the three of us. An informal reception followed.”

Mitchell was informed that as a foreigner, he would not be referred to as “Sir George.” “As it was explained to me, if I chose to give up my American citizenship and become a British subject, I could use the term, ‘Sir.’ I declined the offer...”

“Actually,” he reminisced, “I already knew the Queen. In 1992, when she came to address a joint session of Congress, as Senate Majority Leader I hosted a luncheon in the Capitol. I sat with her at lunch, and we had a long conversation. So when I got to Buckingham Palace, we enjoyed quite a nice talk. Not surprisingly, after a lifetime of doing such things, she’s good at personal conversation.

“It was my sister’s birthday, and the Queen was very nice about acknowledging that. To this day, my sister—who has stopped recognizing her birthdays due to advancing age—refers to that last one, which she celebrated with the Queen of England!”

On a more somber note, Mitchell remembers, “It was a nice gesture by the British government, but it turned politically awkward. By sheer coincidence, on the very day, indeed at the very time, we were in Buckingham Palace receiving these awards, the Northern Ireland Assembly, which had been formed as a result of the peace agreement, collapsed. We were scheduled for a celebratory dinner but I couldn’t go, because I received calls from the Prime Ministers of Ireland and the United Kingdom asking me to return to Northern Ireland, to try to put the process back on track.” I spent the whole day and evening on the phone with British and Northern Irish officials. I ended up returning [to Northern Ireland] for several more months, and eventually succeeded in putting it back together. It was a very difficult period, with horrific incidents of violence. In the end, the agreement was worked out, and continues today.”

The year following Senator Mitchell’s investiture by the Queen, President Clinton awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America’s highest civilian honor. ■

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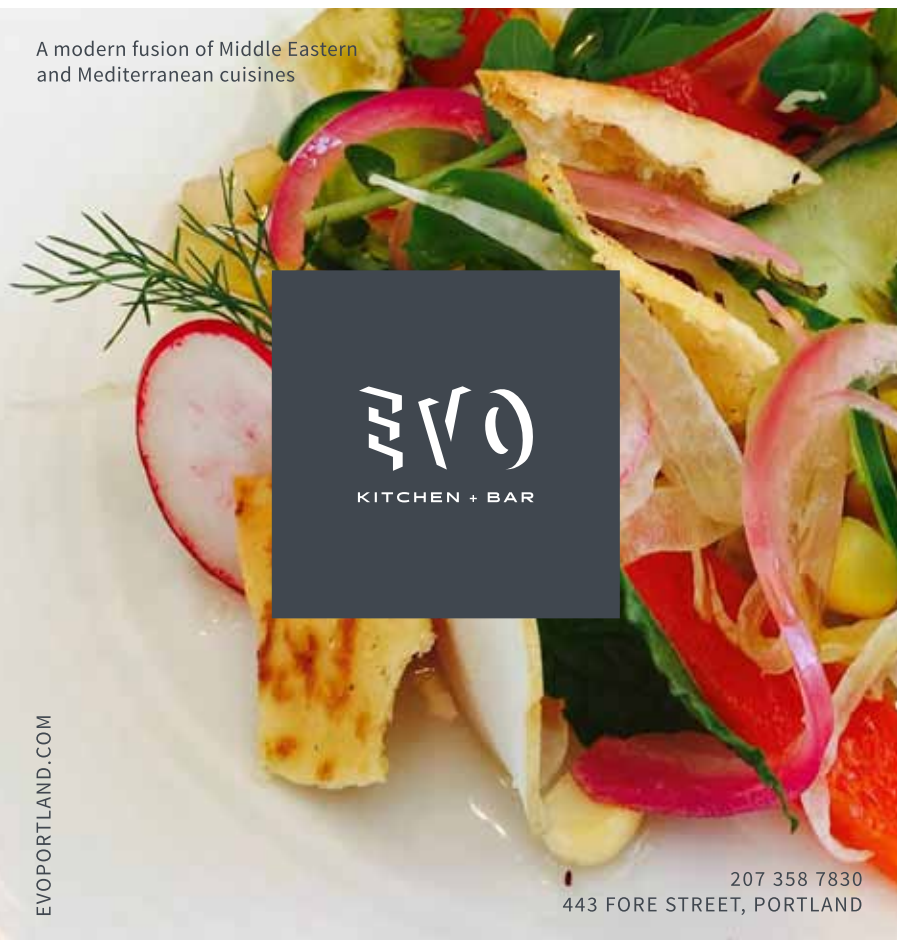


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Viewed from the street, Evo seems like a small corner of Portland's Hyatt Place Hotel, but once inside, all heaven breaks loose. Gigantic glass walls circle the entire elegant, chic space, affording terrific light. We're seated in arguably one of the best people-watching perches on the peninsula.

The food measures up to this attractive ambiance with appealing choices prepared before our eyes (from comfortable seating at the bar we can see the entire kitchen). The menu lists items by categories—vegetarian, meats, fish, desserts—rather than courses.

But first, libations. We're attracted to "Luna Selene" (Tito's vodka, St. Germaine, concord grapes, and lime, \$11), but we turn instead to a wine list containing many bottles from the Eastern Mediterranean. A helpful server offers tastings. *Recolte 2013 La Reserve du Domaine Sainte-Eugene*, a value at \$22, is the complex red with the body to stand up to the intriguingly spiceladen fare.

Perfectly browned and crisped veal sweetbreads (\$14) are seasoned with date molasses, and garnished artichoke, radish slices, Aleppo pepper, and watercress. This is a pretty and satisfying dish.

Chef de cuisine Matthew Ginn (executive chef is Brendan Hicks, also chef at Chebeague Island Inn) calls Evo's menu "refreshing—less butter and cream, more olive oil and sumac." Succulent sautéed chicken livers (\$10) from nearby Sumner Valley Farm are prepared with fresh pomegranate and lemon juices, olive oil,

and sumac and served with bite-sized crackers inspired by a 10th-century recipe involving crushed walnuts, pomegranate, and vinegar.

Expect the unexpected here. Peekytoe crab falafel (\$12) is nothing like Maine crab cakes. Three fried round balls of crab, chick peas, chick pea flour, and fava beans arrive with a fabulous, garlicky sauce. "Like mayo without eggs," says Ginn, "*toum* is an emulsion made from garlic, water and oil." Sprinklings of cumin and coriander pull it all together.

Don't miss the remarkable pork shoulder shawarma (\$8), marinated and slowly roasted in Evo's vertical rotisserie. Served in house-made Marook Mountain flatbread, the shaved meat's flavors are augmented by garlic and scallions.

Sardines ala Plancha (\$14) are a joy. Whole fresh young herring from Brown Trading are boned and filleted; seared on the flat-top with roasted peppers, onion, shallots, garlic, and sherry; and served with a tantalizing charred escarole.

Moving to the sweets, we enjoy a fine Persian baklava (\$7)—crispy phyllo with pistachios and rose blossom syrup. But the stand-out for me is Quamar al Din (\$10), little light turmeric cakes called *sfouf* served with fresh mint and an exquisite apricot sorbet.

Evo is short for "evolution of Mediterranean food," says manager Sarah Smith, and we're all for this sort of progress. ■

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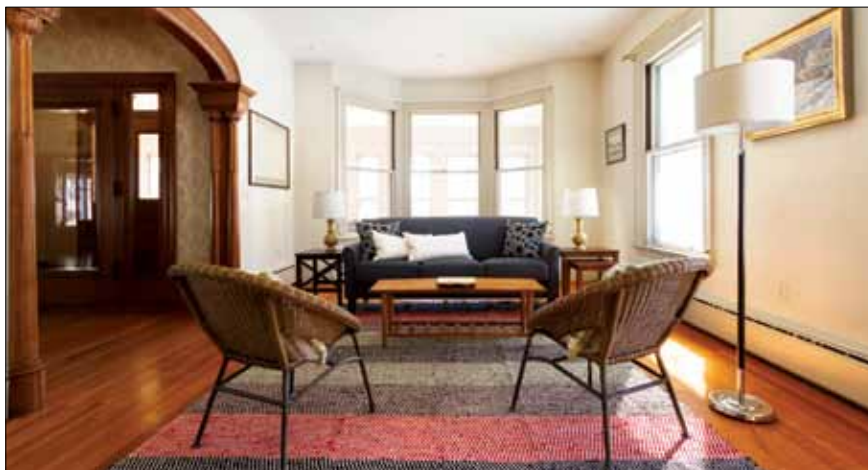
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If your father is the mayor of Portland, you're a likely lad from the start.

While a student at Bowdoin, the future Gov. Percival Baxter founded the literary magazine *The Quill*, which exists to this day. According to Wikipedia, the fabulously wealthy Baxter knew how to get rowdy: "In 1896, Baxter joined a number of his Bowdoin classmates and travelled to Bath, Maine, where the Democratic candidate for President, William Jennings Bryan, was scheduled to speak. Baxter and his crew were so raucous that they were arrested. Although the Baxter's confederates pled guilty, the future Governor fought the charges with the help of his father, Portland Mayor James Phinney Baxter, and managed to have his record expunged."

By 1901, he had a law degree from Harvard and was a promising young attorney in Portland, on the way up. If he had this getaway cottage built, it may have been during these upwardly mobile years.

Gov. Baxter never married. He donated all of Baxter State Park and Mt. Katahdin to the people of Maine during his lifetime, with a \$7 million cash gift to assure the parkland had perpetual care.



Molloy of Sotheby's Realty. "This mantel is ledge out that door!"

As much as they loved it growing up, the next generation of Quirks, some living far away, feel it's time to let it go. "She's a beautiful cottage," says Shirley Quirk. "We had the bonfires and the lobster feeds, many a memory. This is hard for the three of us, because we're very close."

"They love it, but it lost its luster because renting it was like a business," Molloy says. "They've been renting it for \$1,800 per week, which is under market. Property managers I've talked to believe it could easily get \$2,500 per week during the season."

Especially so if tenants learn it's the Gov. Baxter house, as Molloy mentioned to us

during the showing. Not that we're saying it isn't. Often, family tradition survives all scrutiny. Maine Historian Earle Shettleworth Jr., viewing pictures, can't authenticate this story and hasn't heard of the connection. It's news to Dorothy Higgins of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society: "...Speaking with old time Cape residents, they were unaware about this home being owned by Governor Baxter. This does not mean we have given up hope about finding info, because we would like to know more so we can enter this into our history."

Molloy makes no claims other than to offer he's heard that "Gov. Baxter had this built in roughly 1900, before his years on Mackworth Island, where he had his





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cemetery for his Irish setters. This little building behind the cottage (not part of the parcel) was where his housekeeper lived. He kept his tin lizzy in a garage across the street.”

Whoever built it, it's a charmer, with original heart-of-pine floors, the original sea wall. The single bedroom upstairs has the best views in the universe through a contemporary Palladian window. The kitchen is tiny, but everything's storm-ready and shipshape, even clever. “The boiler's out back,” Molloy says.

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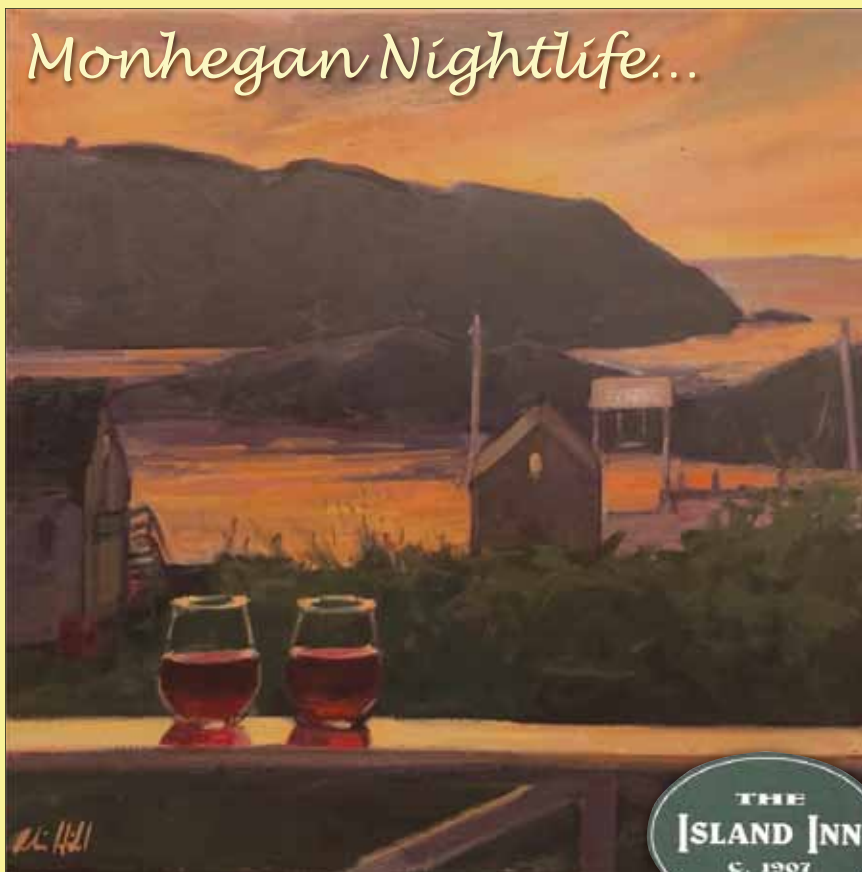
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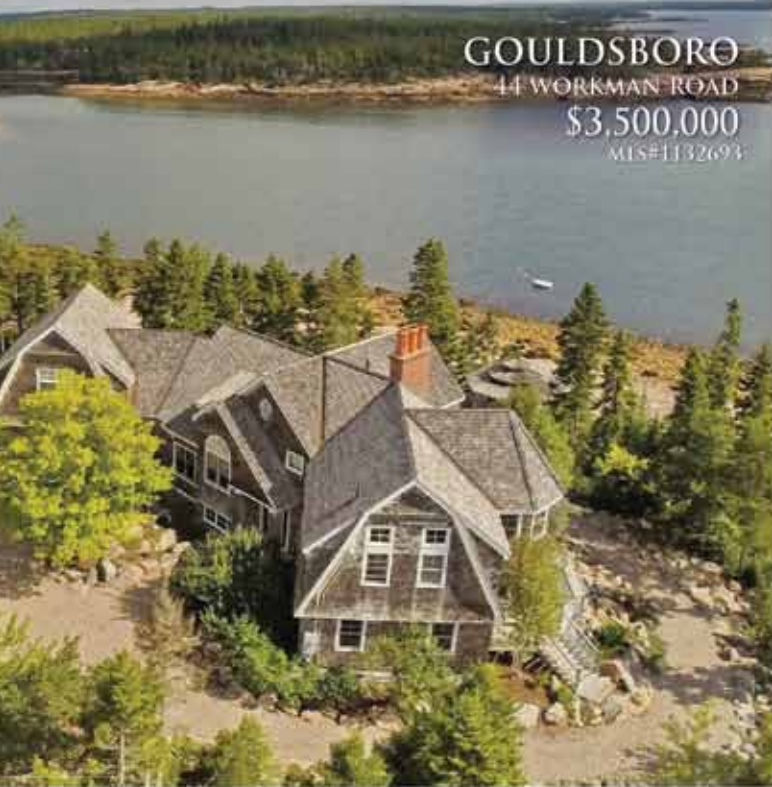
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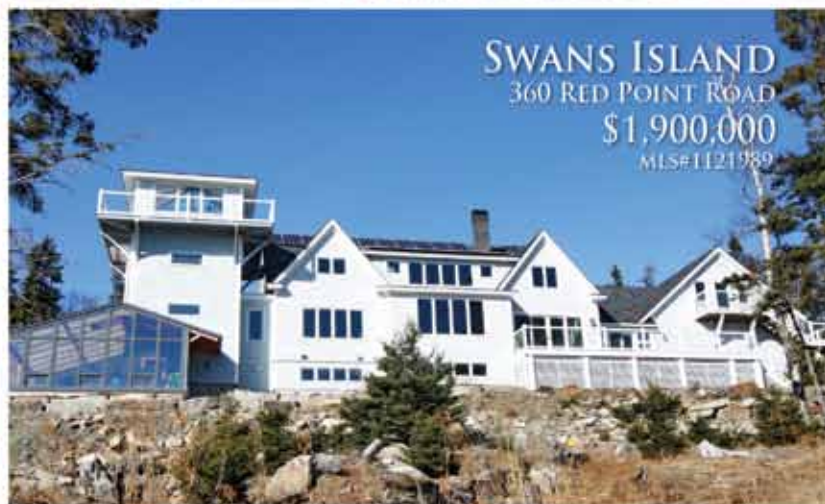


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August 16 – Run for the Fallen 5K

5k Run/Walk, runforthefallen.org

August 20 – 42nd Annual Sidewalk Art Show and Sale

Rain date August 21.

September – 25th Annual Capriccio

Two week long, town-wide Festival of the Arts.

September 5 – Annual Labor Day Weekend Sidewalk Sale

Rain date of September 6

September 19 – 15th Annual Lobster Dash

9am at Ogunquit Beach, lobsterdash.com

October – Maine Oktoberfest

Events throughout the entire month of October.
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October 23-26 – 12th Annual OgunquitFest

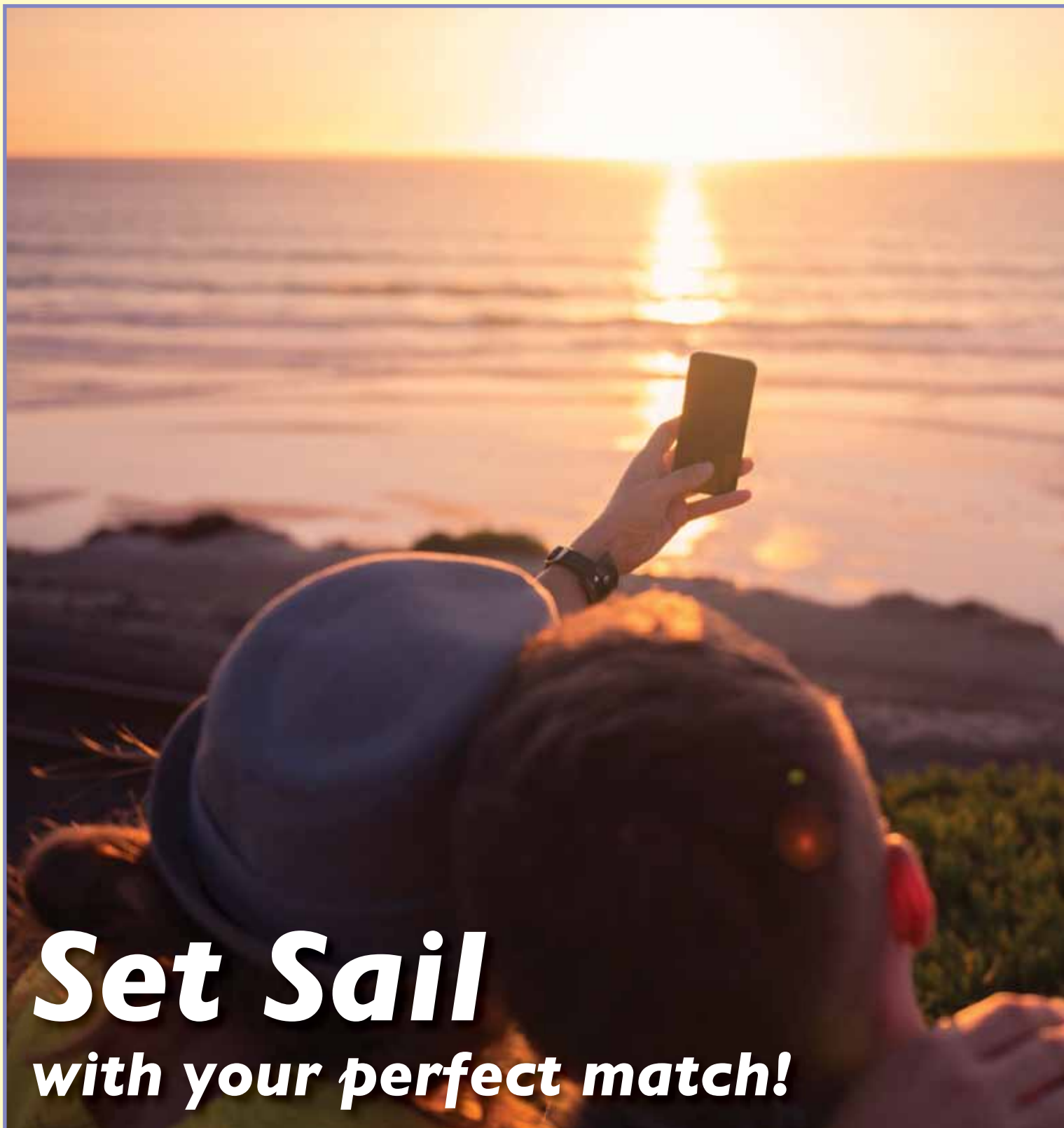
A fun-filled weekend of fall-themed events including pumpkin and cookie decorating, costume parade, classic car show, craft show, Geocache/letterbox scavenger hunt, high heel race, wagon rides, storytelling, scarecrow contest and more!

December 11-13 – 29th Annual Christmas by the Sea

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Remember ‘The Dog Man’?

He was a wraith, he was real, and out there is a cluster of people who can recall him. He would materialize unexpectedly out of nothing, a loping Civil War refugee with his bedraggled troops strung in a line behind him. Circumstances kept them always on the move. The Dog Man would never show if you went looking for him; he was capricious that way and kept his schedule to himself. Such an ugly, motley bunch they were, man and dogs: One large gold dog near the end of the string had a frozen hind leg held always at half-mast while soldiering on, three legs doing extra duty. The Dog Man did the baying when necessary, and the dogs followed in silence, dematerializing as they went, absorbed by the shadows.

Those days, there wasn't much to the waterfront except decay, but the decay was generous. There were no sharp edges of prosperity hard between land and water. Splintered wood merged with the tides and mud, or blended with crumbling asphalt and chunks of waste granite, lavish spreads of broken bricks, glass. Sometimes the sunlight would hit just right and the ground at your feet would sparkle, flashing silver. Such beauty was a rare thing. The decay had a rich variety to it: a texture of homemade bread that was a feast for the eye. All the many stinks of the town and waterfront were there for the cataloguing and analyzing.

The unattended waterfront enabled The Dog Man to live in lonely splendor in a reclaimed metal shack, right at the water's edge with rotting pilings as his view. The Dog Man shifted, moved on a whim to different quarters, but he always seemed to keep a roof over their heads. How did they manage the winters? There must have been magic, or perhaps there was compassion. Strange kind of benevolence, a blind eye.

The Dog Man had his rounds—ellipses, really, is what they were. His unrecorded journeys rivaled those of Odysseus. He would cross streets with that undulating, attenuating string of woeful canines fanning out behind like geese in flight, the last animal just making it to the curb in time as the oncoming car, with driver's patience stretched to the limit, accelerated away. Leg-



ends can begin this way.

His persona was a fierce one. He was as grubby as his charges. Intimidating, he loomed as alpha to the pack of followers that had been homeless before he gathered all of them to him. Down the Bob Solotaire streets lined with squat, mean buildings

that gave no hint of what they would become, The Dog Man and his pack would walk, and walk with purpose, and his sharp commands echoed off the bricks. Man and dogs compelled the eye to look, to see and to be repelled, forcing most to scurry to a safer route or watch the wall while the Gentle-

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man went by. On they would go by the Hollow Reed where they never stopped and then back toward the Hill past the dark lair of Amato's with its shadows, back toward the wharves and the water. Something like home must have waited there.

The wanderings ceased. A stillness hovered over the waterfront like sea smoke. One day, dogs and man were no longer there and their leaving had taken some of the city's breath. Perhaps the dogs had caught an exotic scent coming on the breeze and asked to go. The Dog Man went on sabbatical once before, melting south to Biddeford, another brick-made town that seemed to promise shelter for roughened street refugees. But there were no warrens of safety found, and The Dog Man brought his troops back north.

It was when all his dogs were taken and an itinerant sign painter was all that remained, that The Dog Man turned his back and walked into the silence. ■

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