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Say Yes to Summer Fun

by Esther J. Perne



Say yes to hot feet dipped in refreshing water, say yes to a cold drink sipped in a sidewalk setting, say yes to summer sounds of music, birds, insects, voices and laughter.

Say yes to shimmering sunsets, to knarly thunderheads, to tunes under the stars and the

man in the moon.

Say yes to freshly mown grass that belongs to the neighbors and wood to be stacked that can wait and gardens someone else weeds.

Say yes to tourists and guests showing us what's to love about being here, for actually doing outings that are on our bucket lists and

for excitedly discovering what has been here right along.

Say yes to anglers and golfers for saying yes to their sports in the rain, for theater and museum and movie-goers for showing us how to beat the rain with a smile and for good books

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that finally move up the list and are the world's best excuse for staying put.

Say yes to the big old sentinel pines that give shade and fragrance and a reminder that this is the pine tree state. Or is it the loon state? Say yes to all those eerie but reassuring calls from our favorite lakesters.

Say yes to children and summer programs for children and having friends over for children and activities and outings for children and for children sound asleep at night.

Say yes to counselors and caregivers, to grandparents and non-kin who share their homes with children and youth. Say yes to food cupboards and free meals and adults that volunteer or donate.

Say yes to wet dogs and dripping ice cream and sandy bathing suits and pine needles stuck to bare feet.

Say yes to the elite bikers with their drop handlebars and toe clips and deft sharing of the roads and to the novices and beginners whose bikes have unexplainable wobbly wheels.

Say yes to small newspapers packed with directories and calendars and news and notes and ideas about some of the best that summer brings and will bring, all hard-copied in pages that can be mauled, marked up, mailed across the country or used for kindling.

Say yes to roadside produce stands, farmers' markets, grocery stores that stock "local" and the agricultural fair season that spans the summer.

Say yes to the visionaries who remind us to plant trees, divert runoff and join the campaign against invasive plants because they understand why vacationers and visitors love this area and why they want future generations to come here, too.

Say yes to having to work all summer but knowing that waterways and trails and views that steal the breath are only a brake away. So, stop. Say yes to a free summer event, a short hike or stroll, a pause in a water-side park - tonight.

Say yes to all the season's wildlife babies and seedlings and what they show us about nature's perseverance and say yes to all the newborns and infants and the lessons they show us about learning and loving and having fun in the summer.

Yes! Say yes to summer fun.



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Lights, Camera, Action: The Maine International Film Festival Is Ready To Roll!

by Gregor Smith



Maine-based film *The Sounding*, featuring Catherine Eaton

Come one, come all! Come to the twentieth annual Maine International Film Festival, July 14-23, at Railroad Square Cinema and the Waterville Opera House. With movies spanning 90 years and five continents, this year’s festival has something for everyone.

The festival’s first seven days will bring screenings of diverse Maine-made movies old and new, presentations of MIFF’s Mid-Life Achievement Award to a well-known actress and model and of a new award for cinematography to a lesser-known behind-the-camera icon, the screening of a silent film with a new score, the diamond jubilee of an animated Disney classic, and a retrospective of the work of a dearly departed friend of the festival.

Most of those screenings and presentations will be held at the Waterville Opera House and will start at 6:30 p.m. Those with other times and places will have the date, time, and location noted in parentheses, where OH = Opera House and RR1, RR2, and RR3 refer to Cinemas 1, 2, and 3, respectively, at Railroad Square. For any older film, the year of its release is also noted parenthetically.

The festival opens on Friday at 7:00 p.m. with *The Sounding*, which like 2015’s Centerpiece Film *The Congressman* features the stunning vistas of

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—The Luckiest Boy—

Whattaya' mean, tearin' down Pudge's house, and who is Pudge anyway? Well, it's a bit of story and may take a few hundred words or so, but worth telling I do believe. Here we go.

Pudge Farnham was an old white haired man when I was just old enough to remember, circa 1953. He lived right beside my parent's house, not separated by more than 20 feet or so, right smack dab in the middle of Belgrade Lakes village. The house is gone now, but was located right across from the lime colored house that we see today.

Pudge was an active fishing guide in the community during his heydays, but was on what one might call the latter end of that career. He still fished for his own food and did an occasional guiding job for a half-day or so, and he sold tidbits of fishing tackle out of what he called his "store," actually the front room of his rickety old two story house. I remember seeing him occasionally coming and going from the house, and also would see him fly fishing down at the dam, or spillway as some call it. During a period in the spring when the dam was open and fish were coming up into the spillway to spawn, many unskilled fishermen lined the point that we now call Peninsula Park. Most people fished with worms and caught a ton of small white perch. Pudge would stealthily work his way through the crowd to his favorite spot on the spillway granite wall, then toss a grey ghost streamer fly into the frothing water coming downstream from Great Pond. With small twists of his wrist and forearm he would work the streamer fly so it looked like a smelt coming upstream. Only the big fish would go after his bait and he pulled out some of the biggest hump-back white perch that I have ever seen, as well as an occasional salmon. The "worm dunkers" were in awe as Pudge quickly filled his bucket and worked his way out of the crowd and back up street to his house.

As the 1950s moved along, we kids saw less and less of Pudge wan-

Tearin' Down Pudge's House

by Rod Johnson

dering the village street. One spring or early summer, I'm guessing about 1958, I saw my Dad going into Pudge's front door with a couple of men, one of whom I knew was Harold Tukey, our neighbor and local game warden. The men returned onto the porch and were talking quietly and soon we kids, now early teenagers, got the word that Pudge had died in his bed. In those days it was not really uncommon for old folks to die at home alone and not have it known until the neighbors realized they hadn't seen them out for a few days. Another of our old guides had passed and the lot was waning each year.

Over the next year or so, my parents bought the vacant house and land from Pudge's daughter. Their intent was to tear the old house down and make room for a large flower garden that my mother had always wanted to put in. As fall and winter came on and the tourists had long since headed back home, my dad and older brother started to tear down the big house. In those days it was one board at a time, and seemed like an endless job. We youngsters found it fun to rip and tear a few boards off each day after school, and soon some of the unemployed village men and women came wandering across the lawn with their hammer or pinch bar. We started a small bonfire each day and tossed in what we tore off. The project took on a village appeal and by the time the snow began to fly, only a cellar hole remained. We burned the bottom floor in place and it fell into the hand-dug cellar. In the spring, Paul Hammond came with many truck-loads of fill, and the spot became a lawn. Half way through the next summer, mother had a nice round flower garden in the middle of the lot, which I think at least partially exists today. I for one will remember Pudge Farnham as one of the best fishermen in town. There are pictures of him, his house and other guides hanging in the LRC building, as well as the Belgrade Historical records.



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— Take It Outside —

This was another busy week, which seems to be setting up as a trend this summer. The Maine Lakes Society (MLS), on whose board I serve, received grants last year from the Onion Foundation and the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund (MOHF) that have allowed us to bring our 30-ft floating classroom, the Melinda Ann, to a number of lakes across the state and partner with Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's (IFW) "Hooked on Fishing" program. "Hooked on Fishing" is a youth education program that teaches kids to fish in order to promote family togetherness through fishing within the State of Maine. This week, we worked with almost 30 kids at the Belgrade Center for All Season's Camp Loon and Camp Golden Pond to teach them a bit about aquatic food webs, help them capture aquatic invertebrates and then teach them a bit about fishing. Jason Seiders, the head of IFW's Sidney Regional Headquarters, whose son is a Camp Loon camper, brought a number of dead and live fish of various species. He gave a presentation on various adaptations of fishes and let the kids touch and feel the fish. He talked about the various native species in the Belgrade Lakes, as well as some of invasives, such as northern pike and mudpuppies. Nothing excites kids like live critters! Every kid was intensely engaged.

We broke the kids up into groups and some searched for aquatic invertebrates while others explored the depths with Maine Lakes' Remotely

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Hooked on Fishing

by Pete Kallin



Searching for Aquatic Invertebrates.



Jason Seiders showing kids what fish look and feel like.



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- **Farmers' Market at the Arboretum**, indoors, Friday 1-5 pm
- **Art in the Capitol**, Maine Arts Commission monthly self-guided exhibits in State House hallways (Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm), Blaine House (call for times), and Maine Arts Commission Office (8:30am-4:30 pm), 287-6746, mainearts.maine.gov
- **Children's Discovery Museum**, CDM, hands-on displays, activities, Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-4 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-4 pm, admission, 622-2209, www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org, 171 Capitol Street
- **Danforth Gallery**, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, UMA-1234, www.uma.edu
- **Governor's Mansion**, 1830 Blaine House, Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 pm, 287-2121, www.blainehouse.org, State Street
- **Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine**, Michael Klahr Center, Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm, 621-3530, www.hhrc.uma.edu, University of Maine at Augusta, off Route 27
- **Kennebec Historical Society**, Wednesday-Friday 10 am-2 pm, 622-7718, www.kennebechistorical.org, 107 Winthrop Street
- **Maine State Museum**, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, \$2 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, 287-2301, www.maine.statemuseum.org
- **Maine State House**, Hall of Flags, House and Senate Rooms, Klir Beck dioramas, Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm, book tours at Maine State Museum, walk-ins welcome 9 am-1 pm, 287-5600, www.maine.gov, State Street
- **Maine State Library**, Monday-Saturday opens 9 am, 287-5600, www.maine.gov/msl/, State Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, walking/history tour, www.augusta-maine.gov, Water Street/downtown.
- **Old Fort Western**, 1754 fort, house, store, 1-4 pm daily, admission \$6, 4-14 years \$4, 626-2385, www.oldfortwestern.org, Cony Street
- **Riverfront Park**, boat launch, Greenway Trail, playground, eastside Kennebec River
- **Kennebec River Rail Trailhead**, Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, Water Street
- **University of Maine at Augusta Fitness Trail**, 2 miles of wooded trails, near Civic Center, Route 27
- **Farmers' Market at Mill Park**, Tuesday 2-6 pm, 626-2305, www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/, North Water Street
- **Farmers' Market at Turnpike Mall**, 549-5112, Wednesday and Saturday 10 am-1 pm, Western Avenue

BELGRADE LAKES

- **Belgrade Lakes Market**, 320-8303, careybor@yahoo.com, Sunday 8 am-1 pm, Main Street
- **Great Pond Mailboat**, 592-1537, Monday-Saturday 10 am,

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- **The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons**, pool and lakefront, gym, playground, picnic area, rec programs, 495-3481, www.belgrademaine.com, 1 Center Drive
- **Union Church Coffee House**, check for schedule, 7:30 pm, \$5, 495-3599, www.unionchurchmaine.org, Main Street
- **Belgrade Historical Society**, 495-2973, belgradehistoricalsociety.org
- **Belgrade Lakes Market**, Sun 8 am-1 pm, Main Street
- **Peninsula Park on Long Pond**, picnic tables, Main Street
- **Maine Lakes Resource Center**, 512-5150, www.maine.lakesresourcecenter.org, 137 Main Street

FAIRFIELD

- **Fairfield Historical Society**, 1890 Cotton-Smith History House, every Tuesday 9 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm and second Saturday of month, 453-2998, www.fairfieldmehistoricalociety.net, 42 High Street
- **Farmers' Market**, 948-5724, Wednesday 2-6 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Nazarene Church parking lot, 81 Main Street

FARMINGTON

- **Farmington Historical Society, Titcomb House Museum**, 778-4275, Wednesday and Saturday, 11 am-2 pm, July-August, www.farmingtonhistory.org, 118 Academy Street
- **Nordica Homestead Museum**, opera singer Lillian Nordica costumes, jewelry, mementos, 778-2042, Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-12 noon and 1-5 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm, www.lilliannordica.com, 116 Nordica Lane, Holley Road
- **Contra Dance**, 491-9928, www.starleft.org 2nd Saturday of the month, all welcome, 6:30-7:30 pm family dance, 8-11 pm regular dance, admission, Grange Hall, Bridge Street, Route 43, West Farmington
- **University of Maine campus and Arboretum**, four walking tours with informal guide pamphlet to campus trees, 581-1541, www.umaine.edu/arboretum/, downtown
- **Farmers' Market**, 778-6602, Friday 9 am-2 pm, Better Living Center parking lot, Front Street; Saturday 8 am-12 noon, Main Street
- **Meetinghouse Park and Gazebo**, weekly concerts throughout summer, downtown
- **Fairgrounds**, events throughout summer, Franklin County Fair in September, High Street

GARDINER

- **Artdogs and Circling the Square Fine Art Press**, Friday 1-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, 582-6600, www.theartdogs.com, 275-277 Water Street
- **Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center**, 582-7144, www.johnsonhall.org 280 Water Street
- **Monkitree**, art exhibits, 512-4679, www.monkitree.com, Tuesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm, Saturday 12-6 pm, 263 Water Street
- **SpinOff Studio**, 588-7297, spinoffstudio.org, Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm, 405 Water Street
- **Farmers' Market**, 512-8022, www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org, Wednesday 2-6 pm, rain or shine, The Common
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, access near Gardiner/Randolph Bridge, 6.5 miles to Augusta
- **Waterfront Park**, picnicking, events throughout summer, Kennebec River

GREENE

- **Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial**, free entertainment programs, monthly - Friday 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, www.sawyer-foundation.com, 371 Sawyer Road, off Route 202

HALLOWELL

- **Harlow Gallery**, Kennebec Valley Art Association, 622-3813, www.harlowgallery.org Wed- Sat, 12-6 pm, 160 Water Street
- **Gaslight Theater**, 626-3698, www.gaslighttheater.org City Hall, 1 Winthrop Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, history/walking tour, www.historichallowell.org, downtown
- **Farmers' Market**, 622-1350, Sun 3-6 pm, Water Street
- **Vaughn Woods and Homestead**, 166 acre park/trails/homestead, Middle Street
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, www.krrt.org, to Augusta, Farmingdale/Gardiner, Water Street
- **Waterfront Park**, deck/walkway on Kennebec River, North Water Street

HINCKLEY

- **L.C. Bates Museum at Good Will-Hinckley School**, early 20th century natural history and cultural exhibits, nature trails and camps, adults \$3, up to 17 years \$1, 238-4250, www.gwh.org Wednesday-Saturday 10 am-4:30 pm, Sunday 1-4:30 pm, Route 201

KINGFIELD

- **Ski Museum of Maine**, 265-2023, www.skimusuemofmaine.org, 256 Main Street
- **Stanley Museum**, 265-2729, www.stanleymuseum.org, memorabilia/displays on photographs, violins and Stanley Steamers, Tuesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, 40 School Street

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- **The Theater At Monmouth**, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, www.theateratmonmouth.org, Main Street

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NORRIDGEWOCK

- **Norridgewock Historical Society Museum**, 1838 building, Saturday 10 am-1 pm, 634-5032, www.norridgewockmuseum.com, Mercer Road, Route 2
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OAKLAND

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- **Farmer's Market**, Friday 2-6 pm, 465-3094, Pine Acres Parking Lot, 895 Kennedy Memorial Drive

READFIELD

- **Readfield Historical Society and Museum** in 1853 school-house, 685-4662, www.readfieldhistorical.org, Thursday and Saturday 10 am-2 pm or by appointment, Route 17, Readfield Depot

ROME

- **Mt. Philip Grange**, suppers 3rd Sat of month, 4:30-6 pm, all you can eat beans, cornbread, rolls, chop suey, pies, Routes 135/225
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- **Sidney Historical Society**, 724-8032, www.sidneyhistoricalsociety.org, 2986 Middle Road
- **Silver Spur Riding Club**, horse shows, River Road, Route 104

SKOWHEGAN

- **Margaret Chase Smith Library**, residence, home, museum exhibits, 474-7133, www.mcslibrary.org, free, Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm, 54 Norridgewock Ave.
- **History House Museum**, 1800s local history and culture, heirloom gardens, free, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-4 pm, 474-6632, www.skowheganhistoryhouse.org, 66 Elm Street
- **Fairgrounds**, weekly horse shows/competitions, free public events, covered arena, Skowhegan State Fair in August, 474-3621, Madison Avenue, Route 201
- **Farmers' Market**, Wednesday 3-6 pm, Saturday 9 am-1 pm,

weekly entertainment, 938-3906, Somerset Gristmill parking lot, downtown

SMITHFIELD

- **Fairview Grange**, 362-2791, Route 8
- **Smithfield History Society "The Groves House,"** 634-4392, 21 Lakeview Drive
- **Sunbeam Roller Rink**, 362-4951, 830 Village Rd, Route 8
- **Sunset Camps**, public beach, 362-2611, www.sunsetcamps.com, 834 Village Road, Route 8

UNITY

- **Unity College Centre for the Performing Arts**, folk genre music, 568-3147, www.unitymaine.org, 42 Depot Street

WATERVILLE

- **Aqua City Actor's Theatre (ACAT)**, 873-7000, www.acattheatre.org. Waterville Opera House Studio Theater, Main Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, downtown history/walking tour, www.themuseuminthestreets.com/waterville.htm
- **Head of Falls Park/Two Cent Bridge**, historic foot bridge over Kennebec River connecting Waterville and Winslow, Front Street
- **Common Street Arts**, 872-2787, www.commonstreetarts.org, Wednesday-Friday 12-5 pm, Saturday 11 am-1 pm, 93 Main Street
- **Colby College Museum of Art**, 859-5600, www.colby.edu/museum/ Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 12-5 pm, free admission, Colby College Campus, Mayflower Hill
- **Colby College Special Collections**, Miller Library, Monday-Friday 10 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm, free admission
- **Thomas College Art Gallery**, 180 West River Road
- **Waterville Historical Society and Redington Museum**, 1814 home and pharmacy, 872-9439, www.redingtonmuseum.org. Tuesday-Saturday tours at 10 and 11 am, 1 and 2 pm, 62 Silver Street
- **Waterville Opera House**, 873-7000, www.operahouse.com, 93 Main Street
- **Farmers' Market**, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, www.watervillefarmersmarket.org,

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- **Farmers' Market**, 685-4657, <http://waynefarmersmarket.weebly.com>, Saturday 9 am-noon, Town Green, at the Mill Pond, Main Street

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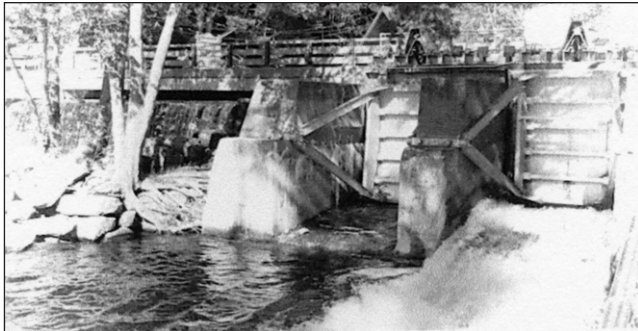
- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org, Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

WINSLOW

- **Fort Halifax on the Kennebec River**, historic fort tower, park, Route 201

WINTHROP

- **Norcross Park**, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake
- **Farmers' Market**, 446-2899, Tuesday and Saturday 9 am-1 pm, town office parking lot, 17 Highland Avenue



The Dams Keeper Report

What a beautiful summer we're having with Mother Nature's cooperation in keeping our ponds full! As of this writing Great Pond, Long Pond and Salmon/McGrath as well as most of our ponds are remarkably, still holding their own.

Great Pond is now 2.04" above full pond with Gate 1 still opened just 3" to, along with the 2.04" of water over the spillway, offer good current in the stream – ideal for the fishery. Long Pond is currently at 1.44" above full with both gates still completely closed. Salmon/McGrath is currently still right at full pond.

With the surface water temperature currently at 76.4F, the evaporation levels are fairly balanced by those afternoon showers so we're able to continue keeping our ponds full. It remains to be seen if we can continue this euphoria through the summer!

Enjoy this beautiful weather and your vacation!

Dick Greenan

Secretary, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee



THREADS OF HISTORY:

Maine Fiberarts' exhibit, history walk, mill tour, and quilt workshop take place this summer see page 13 for more.



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— Calendar —

Friday 7/14 through Sunday 7/23 - Maine International Film Festival (MIFF), 20th Anniversary, 10 days, 100 films, 50 filmmakers, full daily schedules, www.miff.org, downtown Waterville.

Thursday 7/13 through Saturday 7/15 - "Macbeth," by William Shakespeare, preview on Thursday, opening on Friday, 7:30 pm, matinee Saturday 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Wednesday 7/13 through Saturday 7/15 - "Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Thursday 7/13 through Saturday 7/15 - ASAM Summer Spectacular Horse Show, free and open to the public, covered arena, barns to visit, concessions, 272-0082, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Route 201 North, Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

Friday 7/14 - Opening of a small exhibition in the Hinckley Room about Faith Hinckley, G.W. Hinckley's daughter, when she was a "Y" Girl in World War I, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Friday 7/14 - The Cassatt String Quartet presents "Lighthouse Keeper," an interactive work based on the true story of Abbie Burgess, a courageous young girl who lived in Maine in the 19th century, noon-1 pm, 859-5600, Colby College Museum of Art, Mayflower Hill, Waterville.

Friday 7/14 - Father and son duo Ralph and Averill Lovely performing, free admission, 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene.

Friday 7/14 - Zulu Leprechauns, eclectic folk-rock, 6-7:30 pm, Summer Waterfront Concert Series, sponsored by Johnson Hall, 582-7144, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

Friday 7/14 - Atlantic Music Festival, Chamber Music, free, open to the public, 7 pm, 888-704-1311, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

Friday 7/14 - New England Music Camp Student Honor Recital, open to the public and free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, NEMC, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 7/15 - Maine Audubon Society Loon Count day, 6:30-7 am, to volunteer contact a local lake association or Maine Audubon at 781-6180 or email sgallo@maineaudubon.org, statewide.

Saturday 7/15 - Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale, 7-11 am, adults \$7, children \$4, Smithfield Church; Yard Sale and Bake Sale, 8 am-3 pm, Groves House next door, Route 137, Smithfield.

Saturday 7/15 - Old Hallowell Day, 3rd Saturday in July since 1968, activities Friday-Sunday, art, food, music, large parade and celebration of all things Hallowellian, oldhallowellday.org, Water Street, Kennebec Riverfront and downtown Hallowell.

Saturday 7/15 - Annual Yard Sale, Union Church, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 7/15 through Sunday 7/23 - Yart Sale, MIFF outdoor art sale, 11 am-6:30 weekends, 2-6:30 pm weekdays, 873-2425, Railroad Square parking lot, Waterville.

Saturday 7/15 - Use the NISE Earth and Space experiments to discover interesting information about our solar system and the upcoming solar eclipse, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 7/15 - Jam Session, 6-9 pm, 944-6497, Fairview Grange, Main Street, Smithfield.

Saturday 7/15 - New England Music Camp Pops Concert, presented by Snow Pond Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, Messalonskee Performing Arts Center, 131 Messalonskee High Drive, off Oak Street, Oakland.

Saturday 7/15 - Atlantic Music Festival, Orchestra, 7 pm, open to the public free, 888-704-1311, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

Saturday 7/15 - "Macbeth," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Theater at Monmouth.

Sunday 7/16 - "My Father's Dragon," family show, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston, The Theater At Monmouth.

Sunday 7/16 - New England Music Camp Student Concert at Bowl in the Pines, 3 pm, free to the public, everyone welcome, in case of rain concert still scheduled, 465-3025, Route 23, Sidney.

Sunday 7/16 - Coburn Park Concert Series, 5 pm, 474-0527, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

Sunday 7/16 - Dinner on the Farm, delicious family-friendly meal, live music, contra dance, children's activities, tours, products for sale, 5 pm, 649-3331, Winterberry Farm, Route 27, Belgrade.

Monday 7/18 through Friday 7/21 - Science Fun Camp, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Monday 7/17 and Tuesday 7/18 - "Democracy at Risk: Holocaust and Human Behavior," presented in partnership with "Facing History and Ourselves," learning to structure curriculum to help students connect history to their own lives and choices, 621-3532, Michael Klahr Center, The Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine, University of Maine, Augusta.

Monday 7/17 - 22nd Annual Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament to benefit the Kennebec Leadership Institute, 10 am shotgun start, kennebecvalleychambe.com, Augusta Country Club, Route 202, Manchester.

Tuesday 7/18 - "Biomimicry" Chewonki Traveling Natural History Program, explore the ways engineers have taken advantage of nature's bright ideas to show how plants and animals have evolved, free and open to the public, 10-11 am, 495-3508, The Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Tuesday 7/18 - Quarry Road Summer Race Series, 5K 6 pm, fun run for 12 and under 5:30 pm, awards August 23, www.quarryroad-races.com, Waterville.

Tuesday 7/18 - Ice Cream Social, 6 pm, Oakland Historical, Macartney House Museum parking lot, 649-4942, Main Street, Oakland.

Tuesday 7/18 - Atlantic Music Festival, new music, free and open to the public, 7 pm, 859-4353, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

Tuesday 7/18 - Going Native: Landscaping with Maine Natives, to protect water quality and promote wildlife habit, with Heather McCargo, Maine Native Seed Project, seeds available for purchase, sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Association, 7 pm, 512-5150, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Wednesday 7/19 - Public supper, entrée, beverage, homemade dessert, 5 pm, Fairview Grange, Route 8, Smithfield.

Wednesday 7/19 - New England Music Camp Faculty Artist Recital, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, NEMC, Pond Road, Route 23, Sidney.

Thursday 7/20 - LakeSmart Volunteer Training, fun informative workshop to learn how to visit sites and offer advice on how to make property more lake-friendly, pre-registration with Maine Lakes Society required, 495-6029, 8 am, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/20 through Saturday 7/22 - "Othello," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Thursday 7/20 through Sunday 7/23 - "Avenue Q The Musical," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Thursday 7/20 through Sunday 7/23 - Pittston Fair, small family-oriented country fair, midway, animal and mechanical pulling events, Exhibition Hall, children's games, strawberry festival, concert, admission, Route 194, Pittston.

Thursday 7/20 - Atlantic Music Festival, opera workshop members will present full opera scenes on stage with costumes, props, set pieces, 7 pm, free and open to the public, 888-704-1311, www.atlanticmusicfestival.org, Strider Theater, Runnals Union, Colby College, Waterville.



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Katahdin, a scene from
Henry David Thoreau: Surveyor of the Soul.

Monhegan Island, off the coast of Maine. Lead actress Catherine Eaton, who also directed and co-wrote *The Sounding*, plays Olivia (Liv), a mute woman who was raised by her now-dying grandfather. When the grandfather's voice falters while reading Shakespeare aloud, Liv breaks her silence, picking up the reading and creating her own way of speaking using Shakespeare's words. A well-meaning neurologist, summoned by the grandfather to protect Liv after his passing, has her committed a psychiatric hospital, where she rebels. He then realizes his mistake and tries to get her out.

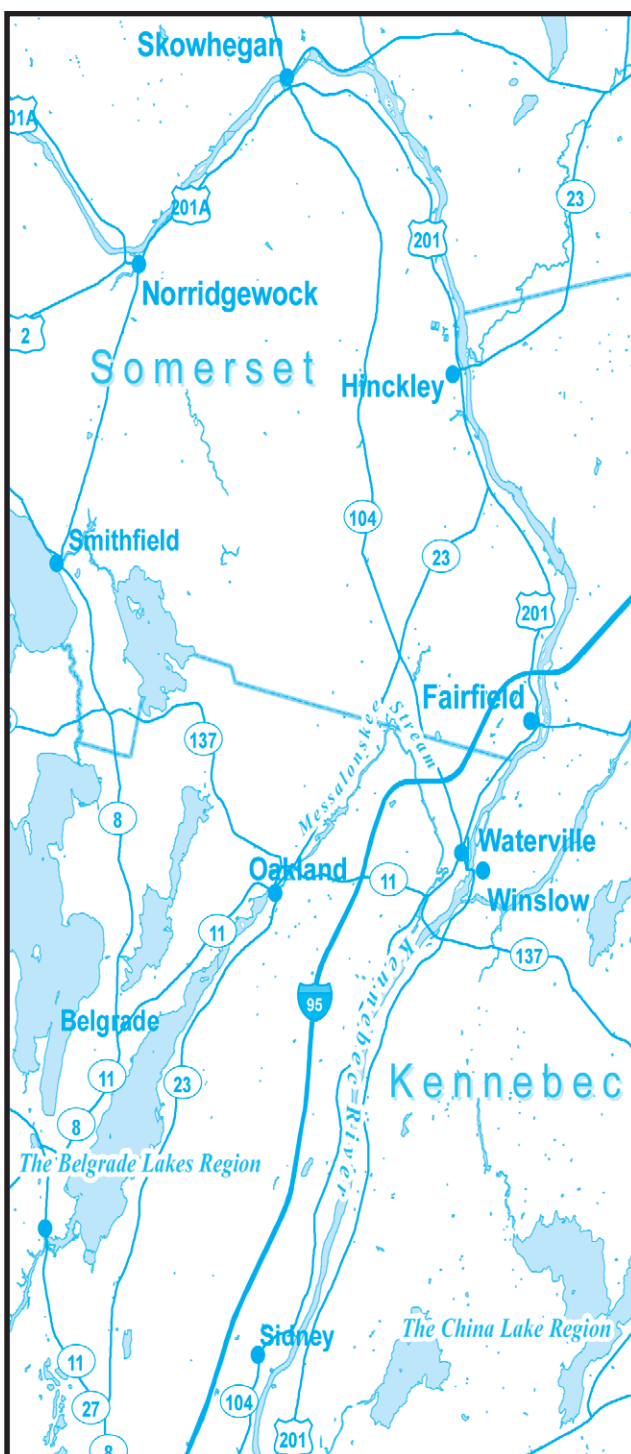
The Opera House will host showings of two other Maine-made films during MIFF's opening weekend. Saturday at 3:30 will see the world premiere of *Henry David Thoreau: Surveyor of the Soul* by Portland-based documentary filmmaker Huey Coleman. Huey, who prefers to use his first name only, is best known for his previous documentaries *Wilderness & Spirit: A Mountain Called Katahdin* (2002) and *In Good Time: The Piano Jazz of Marian McPartland* (2011).

His current film's subject is best known for Walden, the book of essays he wrote about his two years living in a rustic cabin on the shore of Walden Pond in Concord, Massachusetts. Thoreau later became a land surveyor and made several trips to northern Maine in the 1840s and 1850s — journeys which Huey retraces. The film will be shown again on Tuesday, also at 3:30.

At 12:30 on Sunday, one can see a rare print of *Deep Waters* (1948). Adapted from a novel by Mainer Ruth Moore and partially shot in Maine, the film's main characters are a lobsterman with an enduring love of the sea, a fiancée so afraid that something terrible will happen to him on the ocean that she breaks off the engagement, and an orphaned 12-year-old boy, whom the lobsterman befriends.

At 6:30 that evening, MIFF will present the silent film *Sunrise* (1927), with the world premiere of a score composed by Downeast Maine trumpeter Mark Tipton and performed by his quartet, Les Sorciers Perdus ("The Lost Wizards"). According to Tipton's website, Les Sorciers Perdus "is a pan-genre contemporary chamber ensemble that blends jazz, classical, world folk, rock, popular, [and] experimental . . . music, and which specializes in the live performance of Mark's new silent film scores," of which he has composed fourteen so far, including that for *Sunrise*.

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One of the last silent pictures, *Sunrise* tells of a simple farmer who becomes enamored of a city sophisticate and plots to kill his wife. According to the Sundance Institute, "Moving from grim tragedy to delirious farce, *Sunrise* presents a fable of love and lust, light and dark, town and city that remains thematically contemporary. . . . Its camera movements are masterfully, breathtakingly choreographed."

The man responsible for that breathtaking camerawork was Karl Struss (1886-1981), whose work on the film earned him the first-ever Oscar for cinematography. (A cinematographer choreographs the lighting and cameras to give the film the "look" the director wants.) Struss was student of still photographer Clarence H. White, who founded an artists colony on the Georgetown peninsula, which projects into the Gulf of Maine. That colony, Seguinland, flourished from 1900 till 1940 and was home to, among others, Struss and Marsden Hartley, whose paintings are currently on exhibit at the Colby College Museum of Art.

In Struss's honor, MIFF has created the Karl Struss Legacy Award for Distinguished Achievement in Cinematography. According to festival programmer Ken Eisen, "MIFF decided to initiate this award because the *look* of films is something that, ironically, often gets overlooked;

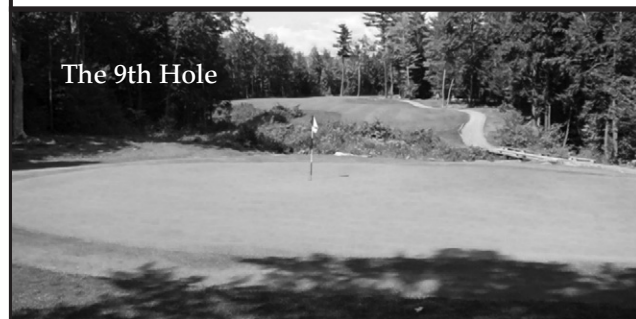
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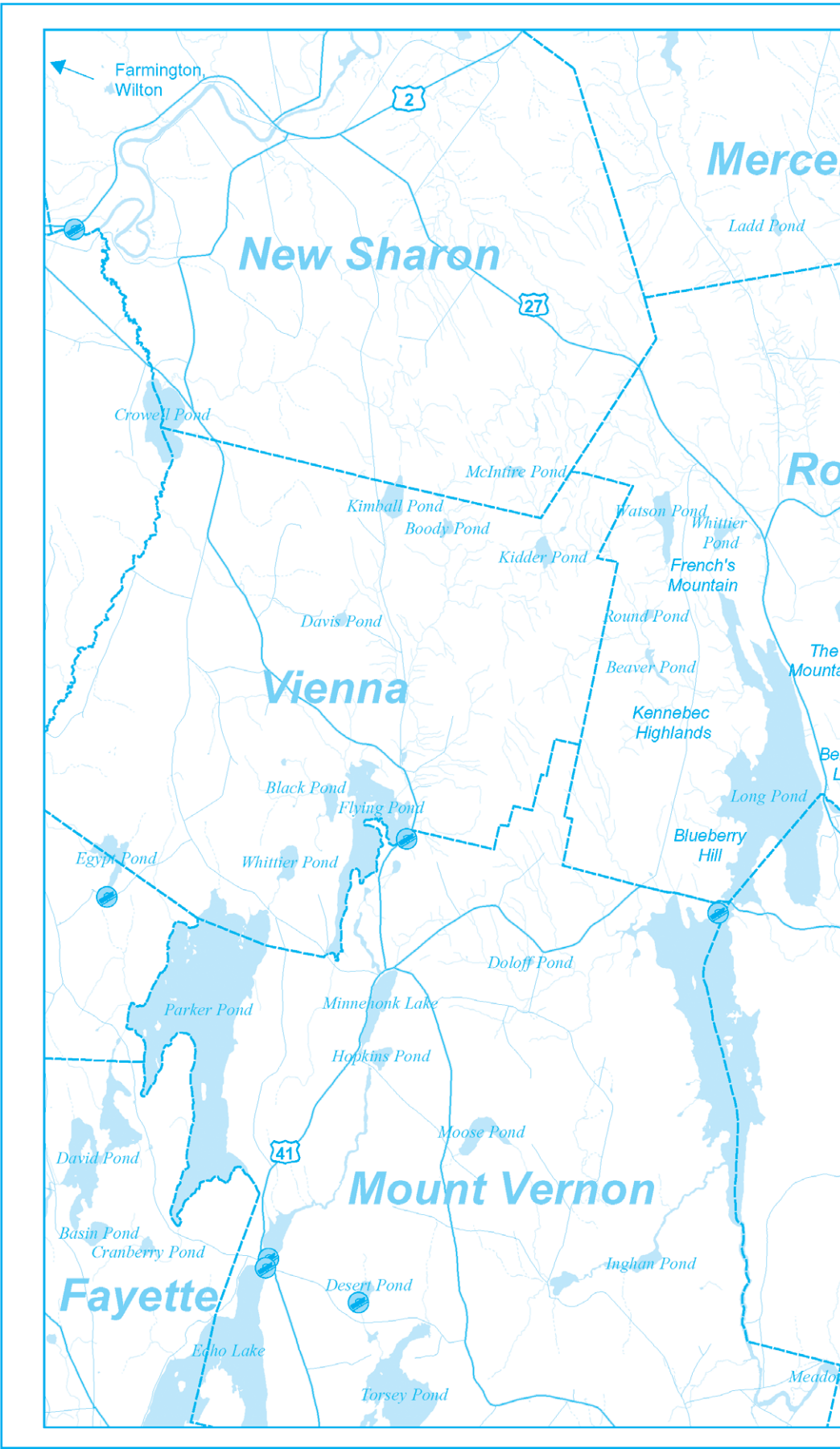
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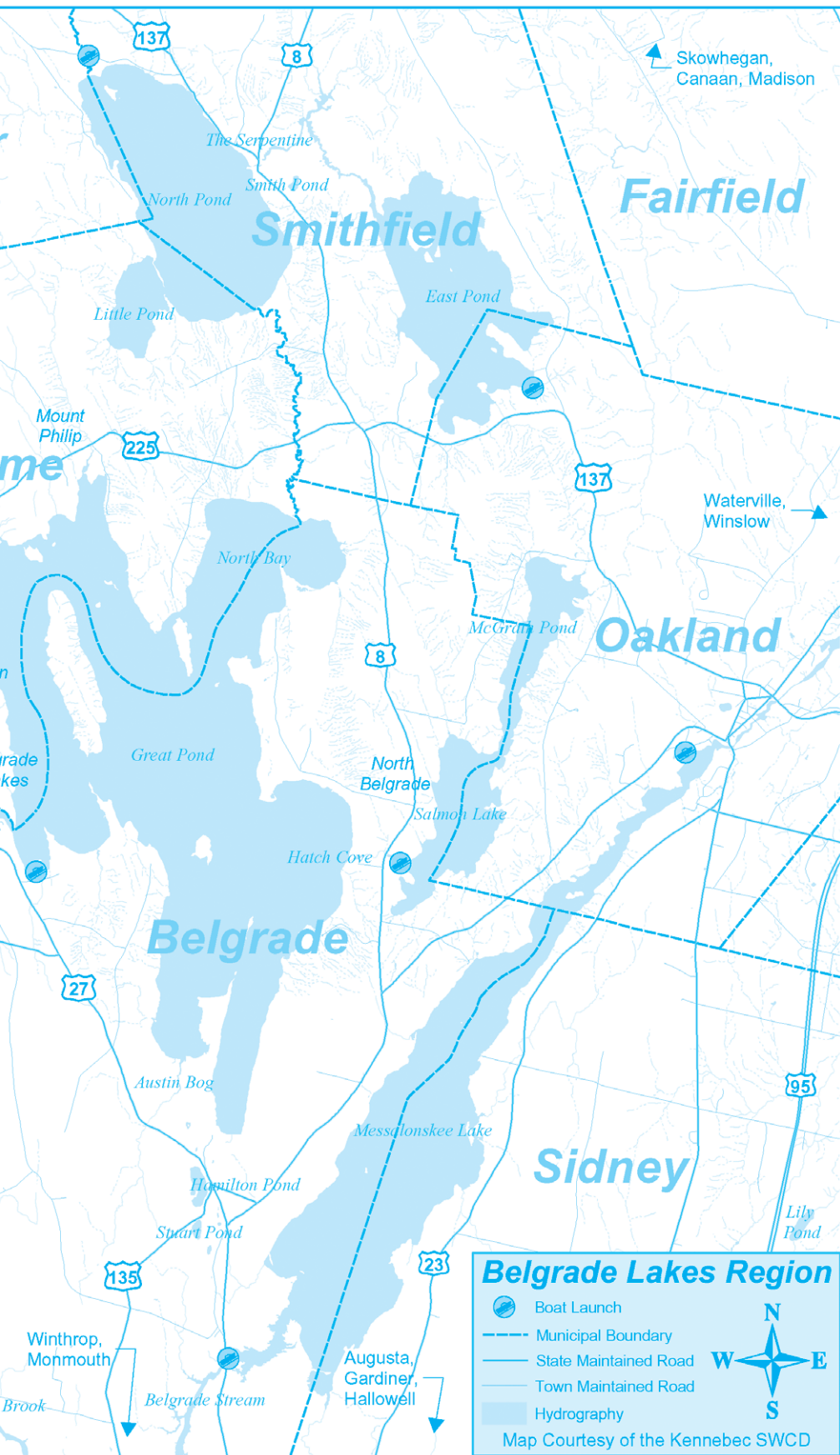


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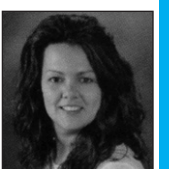
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— Upcoming —

JULY

• The Farmington Summer Fest in downtown Farmington on Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22 will include sales, competitions, live entertainment, a talent show, a bed race, a street dance and more. 491-5533

• Oakland's OakFest will be July 21-23 in downtown Oakland and will feature local food, arts, music and more. www.oakfestmaine.com

• The Mt. Vernon Vienna Garden Club Home and Garden Tour will be on Saturday, July 22, 10 am-4 pm. \$15. 293-3150, 293-2670s

• The Annual 5K Road Race to benefit the Belgrade Public Library will be Saturday, July 29 at the Belgrade Central School at 8 am. 495-3508

• Lively Spaces final performance will be Saturday, July 29, 10 am-2 pm at Colby College Museum of Art. 859-5600

AUGUST

• The 24th Taste of Waterville is Wednesday, August 2, 11 am-11 pm, with shopping, music and food. 873-3315

• River Fest on August 2-5 in Skowhegan will feature Moonlight Madness, Drivers and Duffers Golf Classic, a classic car cruise-in, a lobster bake, raft rides, a craft fair, kids' activities and fireworks. 474-3621

• The Annual Belgrade Lakes Loon Calling contest and the Belgrade Fire Department Bean Hole Bean Supper will be on Saturday, August 5 in Belgrade Lakes. The supper is 5-7 pm at the Center for All Seasons; the Loon Calling sign-up is 6:30 pm, the contest at 7 pm at the bridge in Belgrade Lakes. The 2nd Belgrade Lakeside Artisan Show will be at the Center for All Seasons on August 6. 495-3312

• David Mallett will perform on Saturday, August 5 at 7 pm at Good Will-Hinckley. 238-4250

• Little Kickers Soccer (Boys & Girls Ages 5-8) will be held August 14-17 through Maranacook Adult Ed. 685-4923 x1065

• The second Ice Cream Social and RB Hall Band Concert

of the summer hosted by the Oakland Area Historical Society will be on Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30 pm. 639-4942

• Winthrop's 29th Annual Sidewalk Festival is scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 10 am-3 pm. 377-8020

• August 23 through 27 the 47th Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival will be presented at Litchfield Fairgrounds. 873-6539 Children 16 and under free with adult. 873-6539

• Color Me United 5K run/walk will be held on Saturday August 26, 9 am-12 noon, at the Narrow Gauge Cinema/Prescott Field parking lot in Farmington.

SEPTEMBER

• An array of Maine craft brewers, local food vendors, farm-to-table fare, live music and more is scheduled in Skowhegan on Saturday, September 2 at the Skowhegan Craft Brew Fest. 474-3621

• Register today for the Skowhegan Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk to be held on Saturday, September 23 at Coburn Park, Skowhegan. Lustgarten.org or 1-866-789-1000



Book Review: The Wreck of the Essex

by Martha F. Barkley

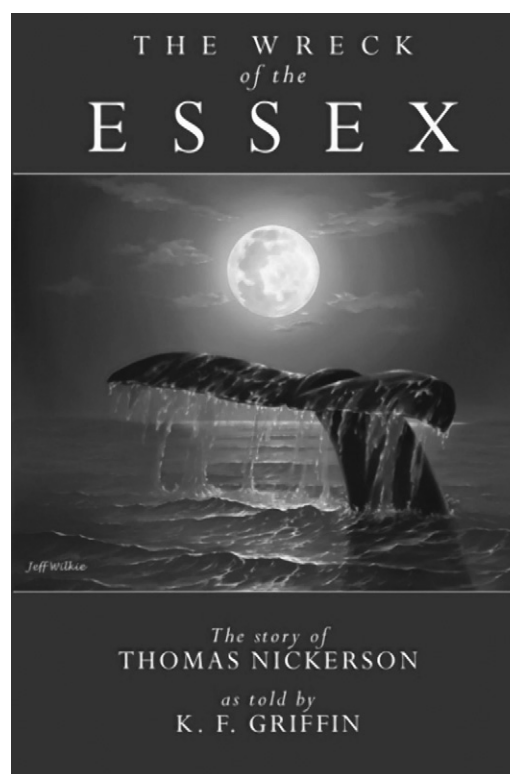
When I first began reading *"The story of Thomas Nickerson"* "blubber boilers" caught my mind's eye. Maine author Kathryn Swegart (pen name K. F. Griffin). She presented in May at our Belgrade Public Library with her husband Robert showing slides.

Herman Melville read Owen Chase's version of The Essex tragedy which became the classic Moby Dick. Our Rome historian researched the fourteen-year-old Thomas Nickerson's version of The Essex sinking and survivors. Nickerson recalled his experience as a young man on board the famous whaler. It was finally discovered a hundred years after it had been written. This discovery caught the author's eye in a newspaper article.

Now we have a middle school history of the great sea tale. Many of us have plowed through the huge Moby Dick epic classic novel. Most of us know Gregory Peck in the Moby Dick movie. Recent versions of In The Heart of the Sea show the same classic tale with references to Nathaniel Philbrick's in-depth history. Griffin highly recommended reading Philbrick. I agree.

The great white whale that rammed a whaling vessel has only been recorded once. This middle school version has much to offer in its Glossary of whaling terms, map of the Pacific showing pivotal places of the history, cover art of "flukes up" and what I love best: Hannah West-Ireland rendition (2015) of Maximus the whale ready to ram the ship.

Saint Brendan the Navigator is quoted, "Fear not brothers, for our God will be unto us a helper, a mariner, and a pilot: take on the oars and helm, keep the sails set, and may God do unto us, his



servants and his little vessel, as he wills." The freshwater spring miracle in the saltwater at Henderson Island is one example of the guardian repeatedly felt by the crew during the many trials of survival. When all seemed lost, the guardian sailor's guidance was felt and followed by the survivors.

The great ships that sailed the world during the whale oil trade, many anchored at Nantucket. Thomas Nickerson signed on the crew at age fourteen and survived the ramming and sinking of his ship from Nov. 20, 1820 until Feb. 18, 1821. Only five survived the distance of 2,500 miles. Three crew members remained on Henderson Island and rescuers came for them later.

This maritime history of survival has an after story which almost seems impossible. All five survivors, including the young Nickerson, continued to make a living on board ships. They returned to the sea...can you believe their bravery?

Besides all the knowledge gained about harpooning whales, the exciting Nantucket sleigh ride, cutting up the huge carcasses and boiling the blubber for oil, I found this passage intriguing:

"I know how to fix it," I said. "I will swim under the boat and hold a hatchet to the loose board. When nails hit the hatchet, they will clench the board together."

"For the first time, I was talking to Owen Chase, man to man. Mr. Chase bent down to study the space between the boards. To my amazement, he listened..."

Young Nickerson was successful in this repair...only in this young account of repairing a whale ship can we find this history. Thanks to K. F. Griffin for bringing the Moby Dick classic closer to home for readers, both young and not so young. All ages can learn from this history.

I also recommend Naslund's novel Ahab's Wife, because she tells the story of the years and years Nantucket wives spent waiting while their husbands were at sea. Were they dead or alive? Wondering and worrying. Her novel enlightens the rest of the story, while our local Rome author tells whaling from a teenage point of view.

All these titles are available at our Belgrade Public Library.





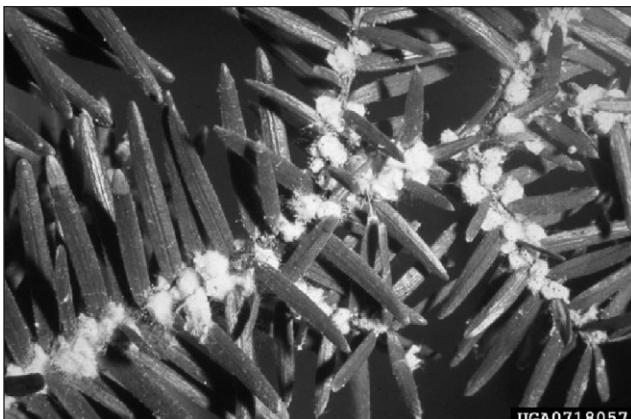
–Conservation Too–

Last week I spoke of Invasive Forest Pests or “bugs”. I wasn’t able to cover all of the problem insects so will briefly explain a couple of the other culprits be aware of. The objective remains to help people identify invasive forest pests.

Maine’s Soil & Water Conservation Districts continue their work with the Maine Forest Service to help people identify invasive forest pests. That work includes hosting presentations at which we discuss what bugs to look for, how to identify evidence that they are in the area, and what to do if you happen to come upon what you think is an “Invasive Forest Pest”. Later this summer and fall we will be doing a couple of these presentations in the Belgrade area.

I mentioned Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in the earlier article. Look for its “wooly” collections on the underside of hemlock branches and along the stems where needles occur. See photo. Be careful of spreading it either on your clothes, your pets, camping equipment or even your vehicles.

A particularly scary bug is the Asian Longhorned Beetle. For those of you familiar with Worcester, MA, this is the forest pest that wiped out whole streets of fine old mature trees. It had gotten established and not been reported. Unfortunately the Asian Longhorned Beetle looks a lot like a Maine native, the Pine Sawyer. [



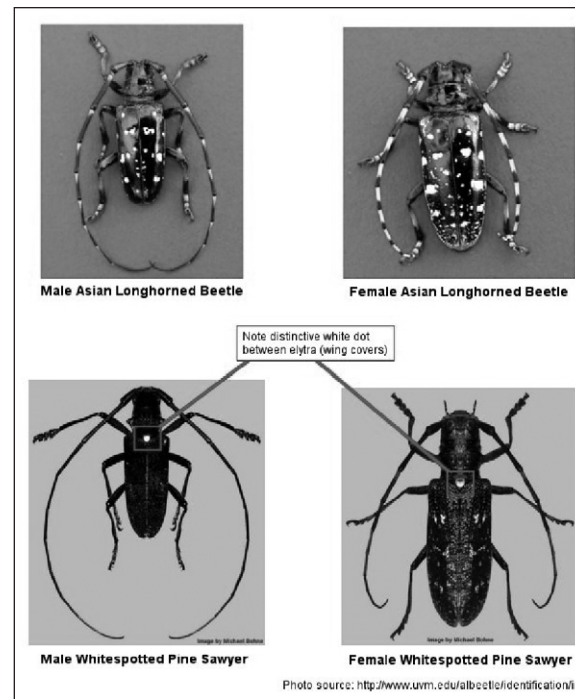
see photo] As of yet, ALB have NOT been sighted in Maine. However, the Maine Forest Service would much rather have someone call if they believe they have spotted one.

Learn how to identify these nasty Forest Pests. The Maine Forest Service of the Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has an excellent website for all invasives including these Forest Pests. www.informe.org/portal/about_me/invasives.html If you think you have identified one, do not hesitate to call the Maine Forest Service. 207-287-3891. They would rather help you learn it is NOT an invasive than have you fail to report the real deal. Take a picture or collect the bug in a bag or bottle and keep it in the freezer. Help out in this effort to protect Maine from these invasives.

Invasive Bugs – Chapter Two

By Dale Finseth

Remember, protecting the woods is one way to protect water quality. Do your part!



Compare Asian Longhorned Beetle [top] vs native Whitespotted Pine Sawyer. The ALB tends to be shiny with maybe a bluish tint but they can look very similar.

For information about any of our conservation projects please contact Dale Finseth at 622-7847, x 3 or check our website at www.kcsacd.org

Maine Fiberarts Explores Textile History

Threads of History: Exploring Maine's Textile Past is the theme of programming taking place in and around Brunswick and Topsham during July and August. Events are sponsored by arts nonprofit Maine Fiberarts and include an exhibition, a history walk, a tour of Maine Woolens, illustrated lectures about textile mill history and Maine's silk industry, and a log cabin quilting workshop held at Maine Fiberarts.

The exhibition at Maine Fiberarts, “Threads of History: A Contemporary Take” features work by 16 Maine artists, and is on view May 9 through September 1. A Reception/Meet the Artists takes place Sunday, July 23, from 1:30-4 p.m. which is free and open to the public.

This exhibition features work by a diverse group of artists referencing Maine textile history. The collection of work within “Threads of History” ranges from woven portraits using photo transfers, to garments and wall pieces made of paper, cloth and bark fiber. Items of clothing include bonnets made of paper, shoes formed from gold wire, and a coat assembled from picture postcards. Hooked rugs, woven photographs, handmade paper assem-

blages, and a canvas floor cloth are all shown. As one example, artist Jill Snyder Wallace calls her piece “Lost Industry,” “an ode to the demise of the textile, shoe and wood turning industries of Maine.”

Artists’ books on display include an elaborate beaded storybook book entitled “Ornithology” by Nan Heldenbrand Morrisette and a journal made of kozo fiber made by Richard Lee depicting a “Trip through New Hampshire Sheep and Wool.”

On display are also artifacts of the textile industries of the past, including sewing supplies, beaded purses, textile tools, and items of clothing.

Art and artifacts were created by: Chris Antonak, Brunswick; Elizabeth Berkana, Portland; Kate Brinsmade, Bowdoinham; Barbara Burns, Harpswell; Crystal Cawley, Portland; Janet Conner, Hiram; Stephanie Crossman, Vinalhaven; Henry D'Alessandris, Brunswick; Richard Lee, posthumously; Roslyn Logsdon, New Harbor; Arlene Morris, Brunswick; Nan Heldenbrand Morrisette, Falmouth; Gail Skudera, Lewiston; Barbara Taylor, Brunswick; Jill Snyder Wallace, Minot; and Donald Talbot, Lisbon Falls.

In addition to the exhibition and Reception on July 23, other programming includes:

- A Log Cabin Quilting Workshop, with artist Stephanie Levy, July 22, from 10-4 at Maine Fiberarts.
- A Walk Through Brunswick Textile History with historian Candace Kanes, July 27, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (start at the clock in front of the Tontine Mall) (rain date, Saturday, July 29 from 10-11 a.m.);
- A Tour of Maine Woolens, a Brunswick weaving mill, with president Raymond Boschold, Wednesday, August 9, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.;
- An Illustrated Lecture on Historic Textile Mills in Brunswick and Topsham, with architectural historian Scott Hanson at Topsham Public Library, Wednesday, August 16, 6-7:30 p.m., and
- An illustrated talk on “Maine’s Silk Industry: Famous from Coast to Coast,” offered by Jacqueline Field, August 30, 6-7:30 p.m. at Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick.

Details about programming locations and fees can be found at www.maineiberarts.org under “Current Exhibition.”



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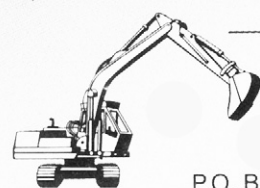
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— Notebook —

Mid-Maine Global Forum

• ..."The Value of American Foreign Policy in Asia and the World." The Mid-Maine Global forum is pleased to host Ambassador Derek Mitchell on Thursday, August 10, 6:15 pm, as guest speaker at the annual summer dinner program. Ambassador Mitchell is senior advisor to the Asia Program at the U.S. Institute of Peace. His most recent position in his distinguished career was as Ambassador to Myanmar (2012-2016). He has worked for the Department of Defense specializing in Asian security policies and has authored numerous books and articles on Asian security affairs. www.midmaineglobalforum.org

North Pond

• Eyes on the Water IPP! The North Pond Association and Toni Pied, Milfoil Director for the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance are holding an Invasive Plant Patrol on North Pond on Wednesday July 26, 9 am-12 pm. Participants should meet at the North Pond public boat landing on North Shore Drive in Smithfield and bring kayaks or canoes, aquascopes and ID packs. Snorkelers are welcome to come and dive. Beginners will be teamed with experienced plant patrollers. The IPP team is also looking for volunteers with boats capable of hauling a canoe or kayak to a more distant part of the lake. For more information and to RSVP contact 313-2494 or 495-6039.

Augusta

• Maine-ly Harmony women's barbershop singers will hold its annual entertainment/fundraiser yard sale on Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16, 9 am-3 pm, in the Hill Gardens, Route 3, Palermo. There will be tables of treasures, grilled hot dogs and home-baked goods at the "Harmony Café" and perennials from Hill Gardens. Proceeds help pay the expenses of entertaining veterans, the elderly, church and fundraising organizations throughout Maine. 582-5523

• Friends of Lithgow Library are holding a Book Sale on Friday, August 25, 9 am-4 pm and Saturday, August 26, 9-11:30 am at Lithgow's

Belgrade

• On Sunday, August 6, 9 am-3 pm, the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons will welcome artisans from around the state to the Belgrade Lakeside Artisan Show. The show will feature handcrafted items, including pottery, fiber, collectibles, jewelry, woodworking and more, in every price range. Artisans will be located inside and outdoors. The Center is on Great Pond off Route 27, a half mile south of Belgrade Lakes Village. 495-3481

Gardiner

• Gardiner Historic Walking Tour! After years of planning, preparation and production, Gardiner Main Street and the City of Gardiner are proud to present its historic walking path. Start at the boat launch and follow the blue painted sturgeons to capture 250 years of rich history in Gardiner. Carefully crafted by local historians, and professionally designed, these panels are organized by topic and placed in historically significant locations around downtown. The panels were made possible by grant funding through Preserve America and the Riverfront Communities Bond, and a lot of perseverance by City Staff and BMS and Library volunteers. 582-3100

Hallowell

• The public is invited to attend a poetry reading at Harlow Gallery featuring Edward Rielly and James Breslin on Friday, July 14 at 7 pm, a presentation that is part of the series "The Bookey Readings at the Harlow." Edward J. Rielly is a professor of English and director of the Writing and Publishing program at Saint Joseph's College of Maine and is the author of approximately thirty books. James P. Breslin is widely published and has won first, 2nd and 3rd Prizes in contests sponsored by the Maine Poets Society. A \$3 donation is appreciated at the door. 622-2813

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• The Sandy River Ramblers will hold a concert on Saturday, July 22 at 6:30 pm at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. The concert will feature



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- **YART SALE on the Fringe**. Now in it 3rd year, the annual YART SALE will include artists, crafters, photographers, dabblers, entertainers, and creative thinkers to show, sell and promote their work to the public. Artists will have use of the edge of the parking lot at Railroad Square, coinciding with the Maine International Film Festival, July 15-27, 11 am-6:30 pm weekends and 2-6:30 pm weekdays. Free children's activity 3:30-4:30 pm. To reserve space call 873-2425.

Wayne

- **Start Saturday, August 5**, with a 5K Run/Walk

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Operated Vehicle (ROV), which has a 200-ft cable and an underwater camera. The kids got to look at the invertebrates (crayfish, mayfly and dragon fly larvae, etc) they captured on the MLS Ken-a-vision microscope. Other groups came out on the boats and did a bit of fishing. Except for snack and lunch breaks, it was nonstop organized chaos but the kids had a ball, as did the instructors and counselors. The weather was perfect and we caught quite a few fish. Several kids were fishing for the first time and caught their first fish ever. Hopefully not their last!

This area offers some great outdoor recreation, whether you like to hike, bike, birdwatch, fish, sail, or paddle a canoe or kayak. Pick up a map of the local trails at Day's Store or from the BRCA at the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC). And make sure you take a kid along on your next outdoor adventure and help create some memories.



to benefit Cary Library. Course starts at Wayne Elementary School, is primarily flat and has one good hill. There will be an official timer and prizes for top finishers. Walkers are welcome; kids, pets and strollers walk towards the back. All kids receive prizes. Other activities include Wayne Farmer's Market, Cary Library Lobster Roll Lunch and a Loon Calling Contest. Registration begins 8:15 am; race 9 am, other activities 10 am. Registration \$15; forms at the library or www.cary-memorial.lib.me.us/ 685-3612

- Cary Memorial Library presents the History of Maine Canoes and historic Maine canoe companies by Rollin Thurlow of Northwoods Canoes on Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30 pm. This will be a colorful evening of cedar canvas canoes, stories of old woods characters and beautiful scenes of Maine lakes and streams. Cary Memorial Library is located at 17 Old Winthrop Road. 685-3612



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Roger Deakins

we'd like to recognize the work of great cinematographers whose work is certainly *noticed* by everyone who watches a movie, yet who remain popularly anonymous. Who better to start with than Roger Deakins? Deakins, despite his 13 Oscar nominations, has been overlooked for getting a statue. This is our attempt to rectify that."

Over the past four decades, Deakins, 68, has been cinematographer for some 64 documentaries and feature films and also a few shorts and TV miniseries early in his career. His credits include *A Beautiful Mind* (2001), *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (2000), *The Big Lebowski* (1998), *Fargo* (1996), and *1984* (1984).

On Monday, he will receive his award at a screening of *Prisoners* (2013), the crime thriller for which he received one of his thirteen Academy



Whales of August

Award nominations. Three of the other films for which he was nominated will also be shown during the festival. They are *The Shawshank Redemption* (1994), a film based on a Stephen King novella — another Maine connection! — (Sat., 7/15, 6:30, OH); *Skyfall* (2012), the James Bond flick starring Daniel Craig (Tues., 7/18, 6:30, RR1); and *No Country for Old Men* (2007), the Coen brothers' adaptation of a Cormac McCarthy novel (Sun., 7/16, 6:30, RR1).

To mark its twentieth anniversary, MIFF has invited some of its favorite filmmakers, all past guests of the festival, to return, each to present one of his or her favorite films, although not necessarily one that he or she helped to make. One of these films, *The Whales of August* (1987), will be of special interest to local audiences.



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Presented by Mike Kaplan, a producer who worked with another festival favorite, the late director Robert Altman, *The Whales of August* was shot on the coast of Maine and starred four screen legends, Lillian Gish, Bette Davis, Vincent Price, and Ann Sothorn. It will be projected Tuesday at 3:30 in Railroad Square’s Cinema 1 and will be accompanied by *The Raw Whales Interviews*, a new documentary compiled from the only interviews of the cast filmed while the movie was being made.

Sadly, one of the festival’s favorite filmmakers, Jonathan Demme, could not return. Demme, 73, died of esophageal cancer on April 26. Best known for *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991), for which he won a Best Directing Oscar, Demme directed some 62 films and television series in his four-decade career. MIFF honored him with its Mid-Life Achievement Award in 2002 and had invited him to return this year.

Instead, MIFF is dedicating this year’s festival to him and will present three of his classics: *Something Wild*, his 1986 comedy thriller starring Jeff Daniels and Melanie Griffith (Tues., 7/18, 6:30, OH); *Stop Making Sense*, his 1984 documentary about rock band The Talking Heads (Wed., 7/19, 9:30, RR1); and *Cousin Bobby*, his 1992 portrait of his cousin, Robert W. Castle, an actor and Episcopalian minister who preached in Harlem. (Thurs., 7/20, 3:15, RR2).

On Wednesday, MIFF will present its Centerpiece Film *Bambi*. While neither made nor explicitly set in Maine — the film does not speci-

fy the location of Bambi’s forest — Disney’s 75-year-old, animated classic does have some surprising Maine connections: Damariscotta photographer Maurice Day took many pictures of Mt. Katahdin and the North Woods to guide the animators; two live fawns were sent from Maine to California to serve as models; and the film’s songwriter, Frank Churchill, was born in Rumford.

Finally, on Thursday, MIFF will present its Mid-Life Achievement Award to actress and model Lauren Hutton. Each year, MIFF presents a handmade, customized, papier maché moose trophy to an actor, director, screenwriter, film editor, or other movie professional, usually to one who is in the prime of his or her career. Past honorees include Robert Benton, Michael Murphy, Glenn Close, Keith Carradine, Malcolm McDowell, John Turturro, Ed Harris, Peter Fonda, Jonathan Demme, Sissy Spacek, and Terrence Malick.

The award presentation will follow a 6:30



Lauren Hutton

screening of *American Gigolo* (1980), in which Hutton plays a politician’s wife and sole ally to a high-priced and high-living male prostitute (Richard Gere) wrongly accused of murder. Three other Hutton films will be screened earlier in the festival: *Welcome to L.A.* (1978), in which she portrays the photographer girlfriend of an older millionaire (Sun., 7/16, 3:30, RR1); *The Gambler* (1975), where Hutton plays the girlfriend of a college professor who is addicted to gambling (Tues., 7/18, 9:15, RR2); and *A Wedding* (1978), where she is one of 48 guests at a wedding and reception gone comically and horribly awry (Wed., 7/19, 3:30, RR1).

NEXT WEEK: A Look at the Festival’s Last Three Days!



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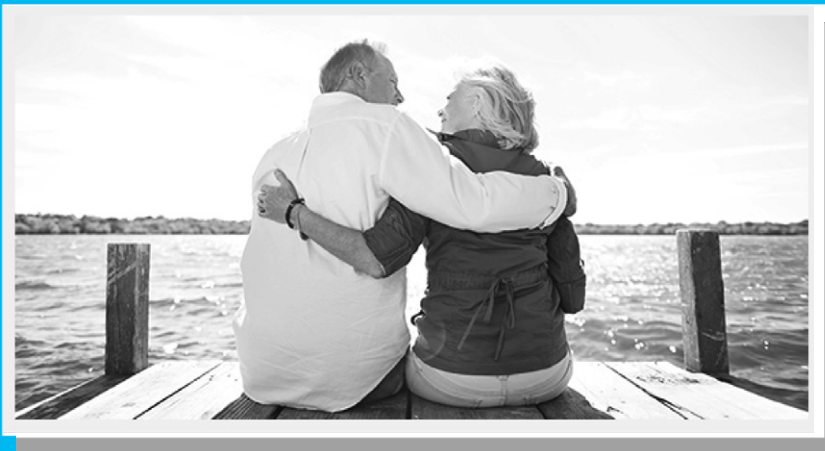


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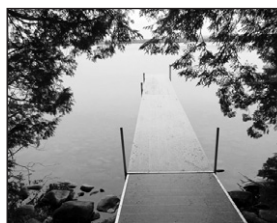
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