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Unique Events, Grand Times: Fests, Feasts and Fairs

by Esther J. Perne

The mid-moments of summer arrive, peak time for all those typical, traditional events that attract people to the region, hold them here, and invite them back. Small town celebrations, new or decades old and still going strong, are what make towns into communities. Farms, fairs, lakes and stages - they are all communities, too. Get out a map and make the rounds.

There are Maine agricultural fairs all summer and this week for one nearby, it's Pittston. Billed as super friendly, it offers all the usual food, exhibits and competitions and some of the unusual, too: Frying Pan Toss, He-Man & She-Woman lumberjack events, Pig Scramble, Mutton Bustin' and the Redneck Truck Pull.

Favorite nearby agricultural fairs coming up in August and September include Monmouth, Litchfield, Skowhegan, Farmington and Maine's Common Ground Fair.

A great way to get close to Maine's agricultural heritage is the one-day, all day Open Farm Day on Sunday, July 23. Pick a farm or several farms or focus on a favorite type of farming and plan on a leisurely schedule. See what goes on behind the scenes in preparation for all Maine's roadside stands, Farmers' Markets, agricultural fairs, scrumptious public suppers and buy local campaigns.

In-town, it's "Fest" time. Oakland's Oakfest



"Bobby and Sonny," which introduces us to two lobstermen on Vinalhaven showing as part of *Maine Shorts* at the Maine International Film Festival in Waterville.

lasts three days, July 21-23, and offers a range of activities, food, music, a parade, an open air market, a street dance and, uniquely, Paddle, Pedal, Pound - a triathlon that capitalizes on Oakland's lakeside location on Lake Messalonskee. An accent on Oakland's lake surroundings will also be reflected in A Day at the Lake theme of the parade Friday evening.

Oakfest on Saturday will focus on family and

children's activities - food, games, bounce house, music and more, as well as a large outdoor exhibit of arts, crafts and other sales at Williams Elementary School. Sunday is the triathlon based at the boat landing on Lake Messalonskee.

Fest is the theme in Farmington, too, with Summer Fest scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22. Friday's activities are

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2-9 pm and feature a food court, a talent show and a live concert with Seagrass at Meetinghouse Square, Farmington's downtown park and bandstand.

On Saturday, activities are scheduled from 10 am to 9 pm and include a Farmers' Market, sales, specials, live performers and a children's parade. At 1 pm, the Great Float Race down the Sandy River will start at the Fairbanks Bridge and at 7 pm there will be a Bed Race.

The next big Fest coming up will be River Fest in Skowhegan, August 2-5, with many activities - food, sales, crafts and more downtown as well as the events on the Kennebec River. Highlights include a lobster bake, a golf tournament, raft rides, a craft fair and fireworks on Saturday night.

A great way to see a lot of lifestyles on a small scale is to join a home, garden, kitchen or studio tour. There are many tours throughout the season and the region, but the one that is scheduled the closest in timing and travel is the Home and Garden Tour in the village of Mount Vernon on Saturday, July 22. Sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Vienna Garden Club, the tour takes place from 10 am to 4 pm, includes a brief description of each site and a map for participants to follow with each ticket purchased (\$15) and offers a lunch (\$12) at the lakeside community center with reservations made in advance.

Food outings are one of the best reasons to go somewhere or to attend an event, take a scenic drive or visit a surrounding town or village. There are still weekly grange suppers in Smithfield and monthly ones in Rome. There are sporadic church suppers in all the towns, single serving fare such as "Pie on the Porch" in Farmington on Saturday, July 22, and celebrity chef spreads such as the fund-raiser at Sugarloaf Mountain to benefit Waterville's Alford Center on Wednesday and Thursday, July 26 and 27.

Two outstanding mid-summer food experiences in central Maine are the Taste of Waterville on Wednesday, August 2 and the Kneading Conference, July 27 and 28 and Artisan Bread Fair, July 29, in Skowhegan.



And coming up in Belgrade is the legendary Bean Hole Bean supper on Saturday, August 5, followed by the equally legendary Loon Calling Contest.

Too numerous to enumerate are the many theater, music, film, literature, art and enrichment events that are everywhere and seemingly anytime at this busy, mid-season junction. For them, get out the calendar of events for some great typical, traditional lists. It's not too late to catch some of the Maine International Film Festival in Waterville or the Atlantic Music Festival at Colby College or an outdoor concert at Snow Pond or on the Kennebec River in Augusta or Gardiner. It's not too late to go a major summer theater production or the incredible one act plays in Vienna. And it's not too late to attend a presentation at a historical site, a library or a conservation center.

The mid-moments of summer have arrived.



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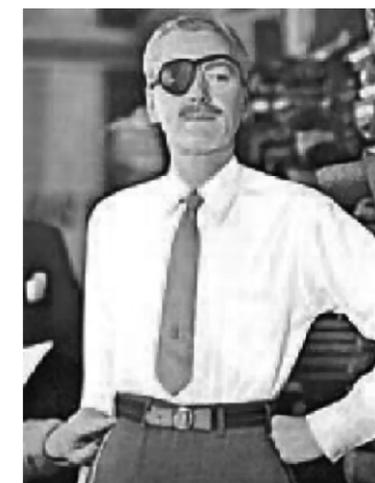
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Two Great Sightings!



photo by Sherwood Booker

Sandhill Cranes are among the more amazing birds that live in the Belgrades, amazing because this is not their normal habitat. They have been known to nest in the Smithfield area for some years and more recently in Great Pond and Messalonskee marshes, near where this baby was spotted learning to hunt.



photo by Marianne Taylor

Maine lakes are the normal habitat for the Common Loon, but it is unusual to obtain such a good family picture, especially with twins aboard. These were photographed on Lake Wesserunsett in Madison during the Annual Loon Count.

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—The Luckiest Boy—

More Sightings of the Guide Ghosts of Great Pond

by Rod Johnson

Remember several nights ago when that hellacious fog set in? Well, since that soupy evening there have been three different reports of some strange goings on out there on Great Pond. Remember that two years ago Phil Cobb nearly nailed the guide ghosts red handed as they partied on Oak Island. The same night Rod and Doris Johnson, while idling home from a Jamaica Shores cocktail party, almost smashed into an old guide boat as it slithered through the murky night. Since then the trail had gone cold and we all assumed the ghosts would not be so bold again. It appears that we were wrong and here are the reports that make us very suspicious.

#1 report came from a camper on the south end of Crooked Island. The man had been caught in the fog and slid his Rangeley boat up onto Whale Rock to wait for the soup to lift. As he sat quietly in the stern of his old green lapstrake craft, the silence nearly overbearing, a muted squeaky noise not far off kept repeating with regular cadence. Actually, the noise was more like the creaking of grandma's rocking chair, but tainted with a bit of splashing water. The combined effect was more eerie than anything the fisherman had ever encountered. The man's report to Rome police went on to say that within seconds, a long white lapstrake boat slipped out of the fog and one of the oar tips actually touched the side of his own boat's stern. With the one revealing glance that he was afforded, the man swore that a ghost like version of an old man wearing a felt crusher hat and shoulder length white wispy hair was rowing the classic old guide boat. The man's report went on to say that he had also noted a definite whiff of old varnish, and something that reminded him of beer and fish innards as the craft swept by. As of this time, both the police and the Maine Game Warden Service have left the case open—but have little idea of what went on there.

#2 report came just an hour later, but from half a mile or so south of the first alert. This one was called into the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department, and at first was not taken seriously. The dispatcher's report said a young female voice, name not given but quite frantic, said that she and her three friends had made a pact to swim from their camp on Stony

Point to the south end of Chute's Island. They had departed on the venture about 7:45 in the evening when boat traffic was minimal and their parents were visiting neighbors for cocktails and dinner. During their epic swim, the fog had come in quickly and left them with no choice but to keep swimming and hopefully hit their destination or at least some shoreline. Within minutes the girls began hearing voices as they struggled along. Soon the voices became clear as a bell. They all later agreed there were at least four people, all of whom sounded like old men with scratchy voices—as though they had laryngitis or some other affliction. Two of the girls reported smelling cigarette smoke or maybe it was pipe tobacco. At that point, one of the girls felt a large rock with her feet, then another cheerily announced she was standing on a flat rock only three feet underwater. Relief was apparent now that they were near shore. As they worked their way up over the slippery rocks, the voices they had been hearing suddenly stopped. The steamy smell of a doused campfire overtook them and they realized that a campsite with live embers in the fire pit was evident, but not a soul was seen. Soon thereafter, a breeze stirred lifting the fog, and within minutes the stars shown. The lucky girls quickly reentered the water and swam back to camp where they called in the incident to the KCSD in Augusta.

Last but not least, a young honey-mooning couple from New York City told Chester Thwing at Woodland Camps about their scare. Here's their story. They had been paddling a rented Old Town canoe over by Abena Point when the fog engulfed them in less than a minute. During the half hour or so that it lasted, they had "bumped" directly into the pointed stern of what appeared to be a long canoe, only with an engine in the middle. Chester listened just to be polite, but was quite sure that lust and perhaps some strong liquor might have skewed their thinking. They said no one appeared to be with the boat, but it had been loosely tied to an overhanging branch. They decided to wait out the fog while holding on to the old classic lapstrake boat, soon realizing that the 4 cylinder Gray Marine engine was

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— Take It Outside —

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There are a lot of kids on the lake from all over. Half the cars in the village have out-of-state plates and there are lines at Lakeside Scoops behind Day's Store. My neighbors, the Landrys, who winter in

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Kids Everywhere

by Pete Kallin



Nick Landry jumping off Grandfather Lincoln's swim float. Bryce and Seth Lowry up next.



Lacey, Bode, and Bailey Markham with Stephanie, Carley, and Levi Austin.

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- **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
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- **Peninsula Park on Long Pond**, picnic tables, Main Street
- **Maine Lakes Resource Center**, 512-5150, www.maine-lakes-resource-center.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.lillianordica.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
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- **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
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- **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

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- **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

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- **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

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- **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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- **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**, 474-9345, www.skowheganart.org, summer evening artists lecture series, East Madison Road

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- **Monmouth Museum**, local and regional Maine history, Wednesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, 933-2287, www.monmouthmuseum-minc.org, 751 Main Street
- **The Theater At Monmouth**, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, www.theateratmonmouth.org, Main Street

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- **New Sharon Historical Society**, Saturday 1-3, 778-4167, Routes 2/27

NORRIDGEWOCK

- **Norridgewock Historical Society Museum**, 1838 building, Saturday 10 am-1 pm, 634-5032, www.norridgewockmuseum.com, Mercer Road, Route 2
- **Oosoola Park**, picnic area, great playground, boat launch, on Kennebec River, Route 8

OAKLAND

- **Macartney House Museum, Oakland Area Historical Society**, 465-7549, Wednesday 1:30-4:30 pm, 1815 home with antique furnishings and Oakland artifacts, 25 Main Street
- **Town Parks**, playground, picnic tables, swimming area, boat launch area, Belgrade Road on Lake Messalonskee and McGrath Pond Road on McGrath Lake
- **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
- **Trails**: Mount Philip, Route 225; The Mountain, Route 27; French's Mountain and Kennebec Highlands, Watson Pond Road; for information call 495-6039 or visit www.belgradelakes.org; maps available at BRCA, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes

SIDNEY

- **New England Music Camp**, concerts free and open to the public, Bowl-in-the-Pines on Lake Messalonskee, 465-3025, www.nemusiccamp.com, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Route 23
- **Sidney Historical Society**, 724-8032, www.sidneyhistoricalso-ciety.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,

WAYNE

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

WILTON

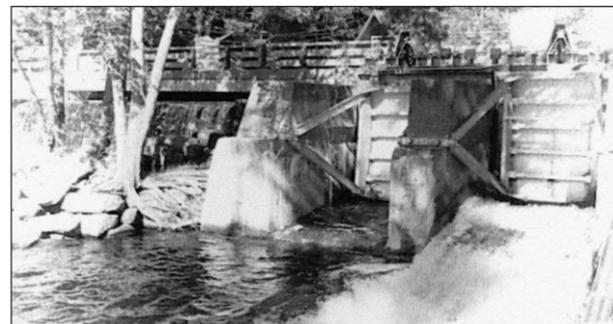
- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org, Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

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

As of this writing Great Pond, Long Pond and Salmon/McGrath as well as most of our ponds are remarkably still holding their own – Thanks to those now commonplace scattered afternoon showers!

Great Pond is now 1.20" above full pond with Gate 1 still opened just 3" offering good current in the spillway as well as a beautiful photo-op looking back from the tip of the Peninsula Park. Long Pond is currently at 1.08" above full with both gates still completely closed. Upper Long Pond, 9 miles to the North, is right at full pond. Salmon/McGrath is currently still right at full pond. All is good!

With the surface water temperature currently at 74.3F (it was a cool day!), the evaporation levels are still fairly well balanced by those afternoon showers so we're still able to keep our ponds full, unlike last year! The relatively cool water temperatures are not only "refreshing" on a hot day but an excellent antidote to those blue-green algae like Gloeotrichia that do not care for any temperatures below 80F.

Enjoy this incredibly beautiful weather and your vacation!



Dick Greenan
Secretary, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee



Deep Waters (1948), the Maine-shot drama about a lobsterman, his fiancée, and an orphan boy playing at the Maine International Film Festival. Go to page 19 for more.



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— Calendar —

Thursday 7/20 through Saturday 7/22 – "Othello," by William Shakespeare, preview – Thursday, opening – Friday, 7:30 pm, matinee Saturday 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Thursday 7/20 through Sunday 7/23 – Pittston Fair, "Maine's Friendliest Country Fair," small family-oriented, pulling events, Strawberry Festival, Historical Museum, exhibits, pig scramble, midway, fireworks, bicycle give-away, fry pan toss, whoopee pie contest, admission 14 and under free, adult \$6, free parking, no pets, 582-8861, www.pittstonfair.com, Pittston.

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

Friday 7/21 and Saturday 7/22 - Farmington Summer Fest, featuring the Great Float Race, a Talent Show, a Bed Race, street dance, food, fun, sales, 491-5533, downtown Farmington.

Friday 7/21 through Sunday 7/23 - OakFest, three-day celebration of community, with sales, food, music, www.oakfestmaine.com, downtown Oakland.

Friday 7/21 - Produce Safety Alliance Training for Maine Growers, presented by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, meets requirements for FSMA Produce Safety, 9 am-6 pm, 622-7847 x3, Maine Forest Products Council Building, 535 Civic Center Drive, Augusta.

Friday 7/21 - Nick Perry's Brass Tax, refreshing rock & roll quartet, www.johnsonhall.org, 6-7:30 pm, free, Johnson Hall Summer Waterfront Concert Series, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

Friday 7/21 and Saturday 7/22 - Maine Jazz Camp, free public concerts, Friday 6:30 pm, Saturday 10 am, 131 Roberts Learning Center, University of Maine Farmington.

Friday 7/21 - Atlantic Music Festival, free admission, 7 pm, 888-704-1311, Given Auditorium, Colby College, Waterville.

Friday 7/21 - New England Music Camp

Faculty Recital, free and open to the public, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 7/22 - "We the People" the musical, theatre camp teen production, 10 am, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Saturday 7/22 - Home and Garden Tour, Mt. Vernon Vienna Garden Club, \$15 includes a brief description of each site and a map, luncheon ticket \$12 (reservation required at 293-1200), 10 am-4 pm, tickets in advance at Longfellow Greenhouses, Calico Patch and by calling 293-3150, 293-2670, tickets 9 am day of tour at Community Center, Mount Vernon.

Saturday 7/22 - Pie on the Porch, live music, \$4, a la mode \$.50, 1-4 pm, Holman Parish House, 227 Main Street, Farmington.

Saturday 7/22 - Atlantic Music Festival, piano concert, 3 pm, 704-1311, Given Auditorium, Colby College, Waterville.

Saturday 7/22 - New England Music Camp concert at "Bowl in the Pines," open to the public, free of charge, 3 pm, 844-476-6976, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 7/22 - Sandy River Ramblers concert, original songs about Maine topics, banjo, fiddle and harmony singing, refreshments available, donations welcome, 6:30 pm, 397-2241, Community Center, Mount Vernon.

Saturday 7/22 - Community Concert featuring Metropolitan Opera Singer Renee Tatum, from classical to caberet, \$20, 7 pm, 293-3328 or 293-2362, Vienna Union Hall, Vienna.

Saturday 7/22 - Atlantic Music Festival, Chamber Music, 7 pm, free admission, public welcome, 859-4353, Colby College, Waterville.

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

Sunday 7/23 - 28th Annual Open Farm Day, farms open to visitors for tours, demonstrations, children's activities, sales, generally 10 am to 3 pm, for more information, visit getrealmaine.com

Sunday 7/23 - "My Father's Dragon," family

show, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Sunday 7/23 - New England Music Camp Student Concert at "Bowl in the Pines," rain or shine, free to the public, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 844-476-6976, Route 23, Sidney.

Sunday 7/23 - Coburn Park Concert, 5-6:15 pm, free, 474-0527, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Route 2, Skowhegan.

Sunday 7/23 - "The Learned Ladies," by Moliere, 7 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Monday 7/24 - Rome Board of Selectmen meeting at Pine Tree Camp, BBQ at 4:30 pm, tours of facilities, regular business meeting at 6 pm, full details on romemaine.com, Pine Tree Camp, North Pond, Rome.

Monday 7/24 - Atlantic Music Festival, Solo Recital, piano competition winner, 7 pm, 704-1311, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

Tuesday 7/25 - Quarry Road Summer Race Series 8K, makeup or course previews, 6 pm, fun run for youth 12 and under 5:30 pm, all proceeds to benefit the Boys and Girls Club and YMCA of Greater Waterville, <http://www.quarryroadraces.com>, Quarry Road Trails, Waterville.

Wednesday 7/26 and Thursday 7/27 - Chef Celebrity Gala and Golf Celebrity Classic to benefit the Alford Youth Center in Waterville, 872-7092, Sugarloaf Mountain, Carrabassett Valley.

Wednesday 7/26 - "Eyes on the Water" Invasive Plant Patrol, with the North Pond Association and Toni Pied, Milfoil Director for the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, beginners will be teamed with experienced plant patrollers, snorkelers welcome, 9 am-12 pm, RSVP at 313-2494 or 495-6039, public boat landing, North Shore Drive, Smithfield.

Wednesday 7/26 - Public Supper, entrée, pie, beverage, homemade dessert, \$8 adults, \$4 under 10, Fairview Grange, Route 8, Smithfield.

Wednesday 7/26 - Journey on the wild side

through Maine's woods and coast, with Lee Ann and Thomas Mark Szelog, see the many ways the natural world impacts our daily lives, light refreshments provided and books available for purchase, 6-8 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Road, Belgrade.

Wednesday 7/26 through Saturday 7/29 - "Avenue Q The Musical," 474-7176, Lakewood Theatre, Route 201, Madison.

Wednesday 7/26 - New England Music Camp Recital, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, Alumni Hall, Route 23, Sidney.

Thursday 7/27 and Friday 7/28 - Kneading Conference and Saturday 7/29 Maine Artisan Bread Fair, to preserve and promote grain traditions from earth to hearth, www.maine-grainalliance.com, Bread Fair at Skowhegan State Fairgrounds, Route 201/Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

Thursday 7/27 through Saturday 7/29 - Vienna Historical Society 34th consecutive annual plays, "Making Josie Jealous" by Beverly Wight Smith and "Doctor's Orders" by Cheryl Herr-Rains, 7 pm each evening and 2 pm Saturday, \$6, Union Hall, off Route 41, Vienna.

Thursday 7/27 through Saturday 7/29 - Maine Quilts 2017, 40th Anniversary Show, 9 am-5 pm, 216-7358, Augusta Civic Center, Augusta.

Thursday 7/27 - Happy Birthday Museum Building, 114! tour the building and hear stories of the beginnings, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Thursday 7/27 - Suite on Mill Stream, by New England Music Camp, 3 pm, 495-3617, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/27 - "Picnic Social," Belgrade Historical Society Oral History Program, filming get-together and stories, bring picnic supper for yourself, a dessert to swap, stories to share and pictures of the past, water and iced tea provided, 5-7 pm, 465-9680 or 495-9046, Grange Hall, Belgrade Depot.

Thursday 7/27 through Saturday 7/29 - "Red Velvet," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.



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Open Farm Day: July 23, 2017

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The 27th annual Open Farm Day is set for Sunday, July 23. Open Farms near The Belgrades include:

Belgrade:

- Winterberry Farm, organic diversified, 9 am-5 pm, 649-3331, 538 Augusta Road, Route 27.

Chelsea:

- Olde Haven Farm, livestock and diversified vegetable, tours, visit the livestock, stop at the store, 10 am-5 pm, 620-4014, 159 Togus Road.

Farmington:

- Morrison Hill Orchard, apple orchard and berries, 10 am-3 pm, 778-4945, 272, Morrison Hill Road.

Gardiner:

- Butting Heads Farm, home use dairy and self sustainable, 8 am-3 pm, 462-1637, 281 Costello Road.

Litchfield:

- Applewald Farm, mixed vegetables and orchard, tours, children's play area, free samples, 9 am-6 pm, 268-9276, 525 Huntington Hill Road.

Monmouth:

- Friends' Folly Farm, fiber, goat farm and store, mee the Angora goats, tour, demonstrations, play with the kids, 10 am-4 pm, 632-3115, 319 Norris Hill Road.

Vassalboro:

- 47 Daisies, vegetables, berries and mushrooms, 10 am-2 pm, 509-0569, 552 Webber Pond Road.

Wilton:

- Black Acres Farm, diversified organic, tours, baby animals, tasting, products for sale, 10 am-3 pm, 491-5443, 123 Black Road.

For a complete list visit getrealmaine.com

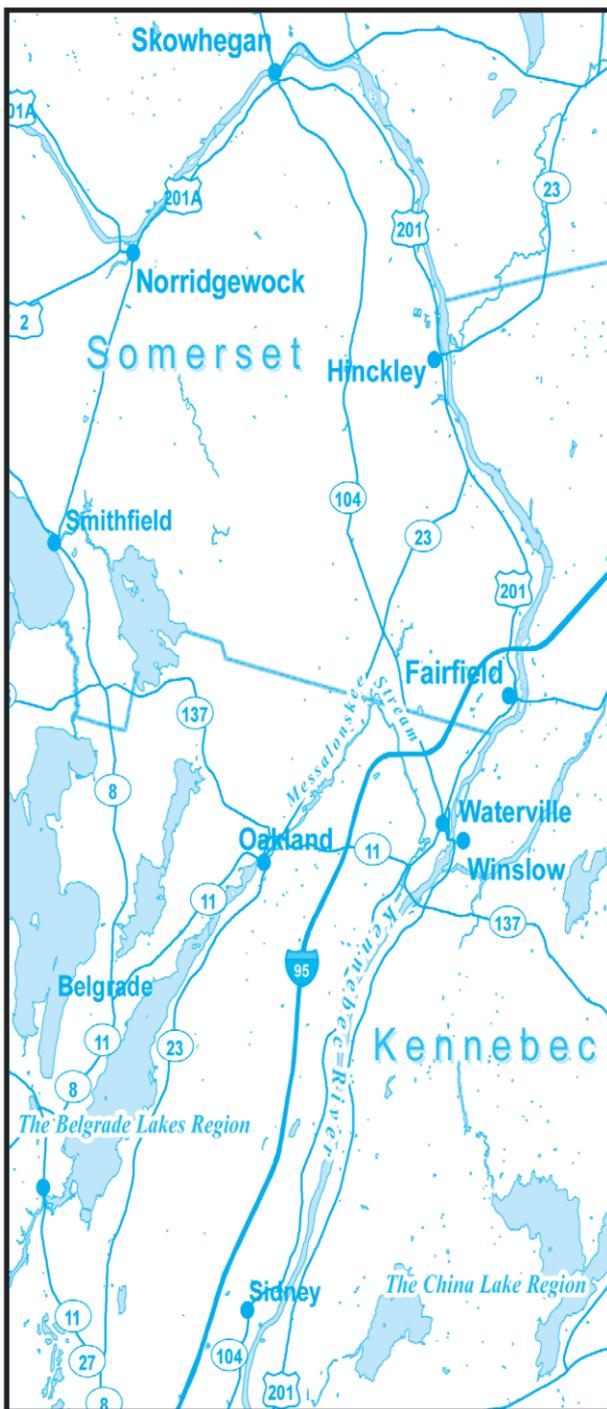
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Virginia are up for a while with their friends, the Lowrys. They are getting a lot of use out of Grandfather, Lincoln Nye's, swim float.

I've been getting a few hikes in and doing some mushroom foraging in the Kennebec Highlands. With the recent rains I am seeing pretty good numbers of some of my favorite mushrooms. I am also seeing a lot of kids out hiking with friends and family. This morning I met Lacey Markham from Vienna and Stephanie Austin from New Sharon getting ready to head up BRCA's trails on The Mountain with their kids. The older kids had hiked the trail in June on a school field trip and had so much fun that they talked their moms into taking them back. The kids were poring over their maps trying to figure out which trail to try first. It was fun watching them apply their map reading skills.

Another fun event this week was helping my friend, Warren Balgooyen, learn how to use his new (??) motor boat. Warren is really a big kid in an old man's body. He is always looking for adventure and after nearly eight decades of paddling and rowing all over lakes and streams in Maine has finally decided it is time to get a boat with a motor.

Kennebec Corridor



Warren Balgooyen with his new (??) motor boat on North Pond with nice white perch.

Although, as you can see in the picture, he continues to keep an oar close by just in case. We launched his boat at North Pond and did a little fishing while he learned how to start, shift, run navigation lights, horns, etc. His motor is an Evinrude 18 HP Golden Jubilee Edition, presumably manufactured to celebrate Evinrude's 50th anniversary, which would have been 1959. The motor was a bit louder and smokier than my Honda four-stroke but ran pretty well for an old motor.

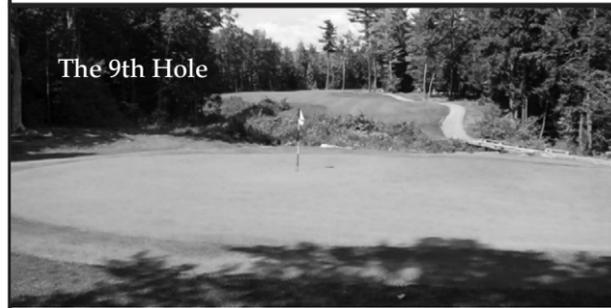
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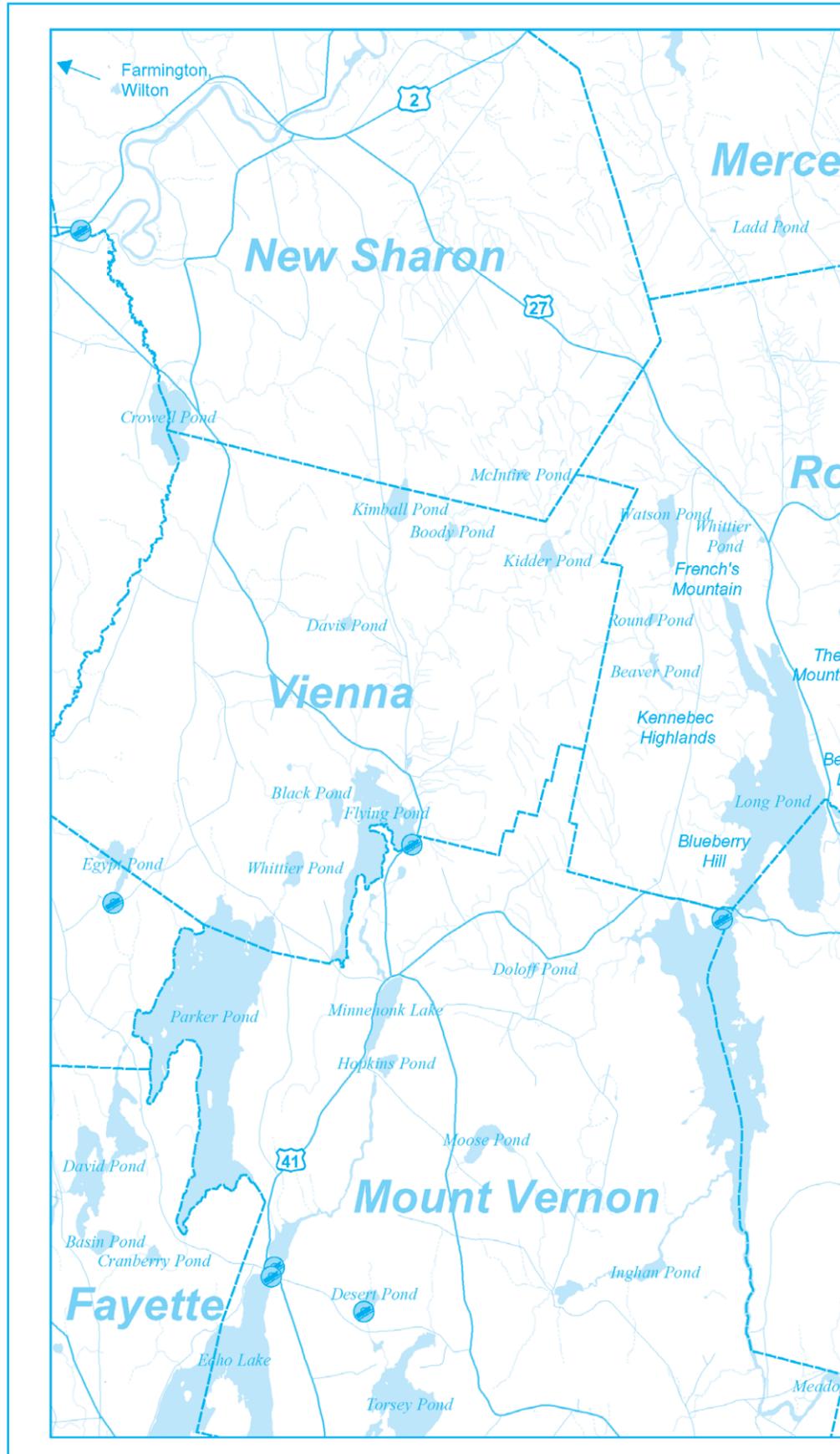
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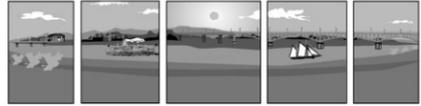
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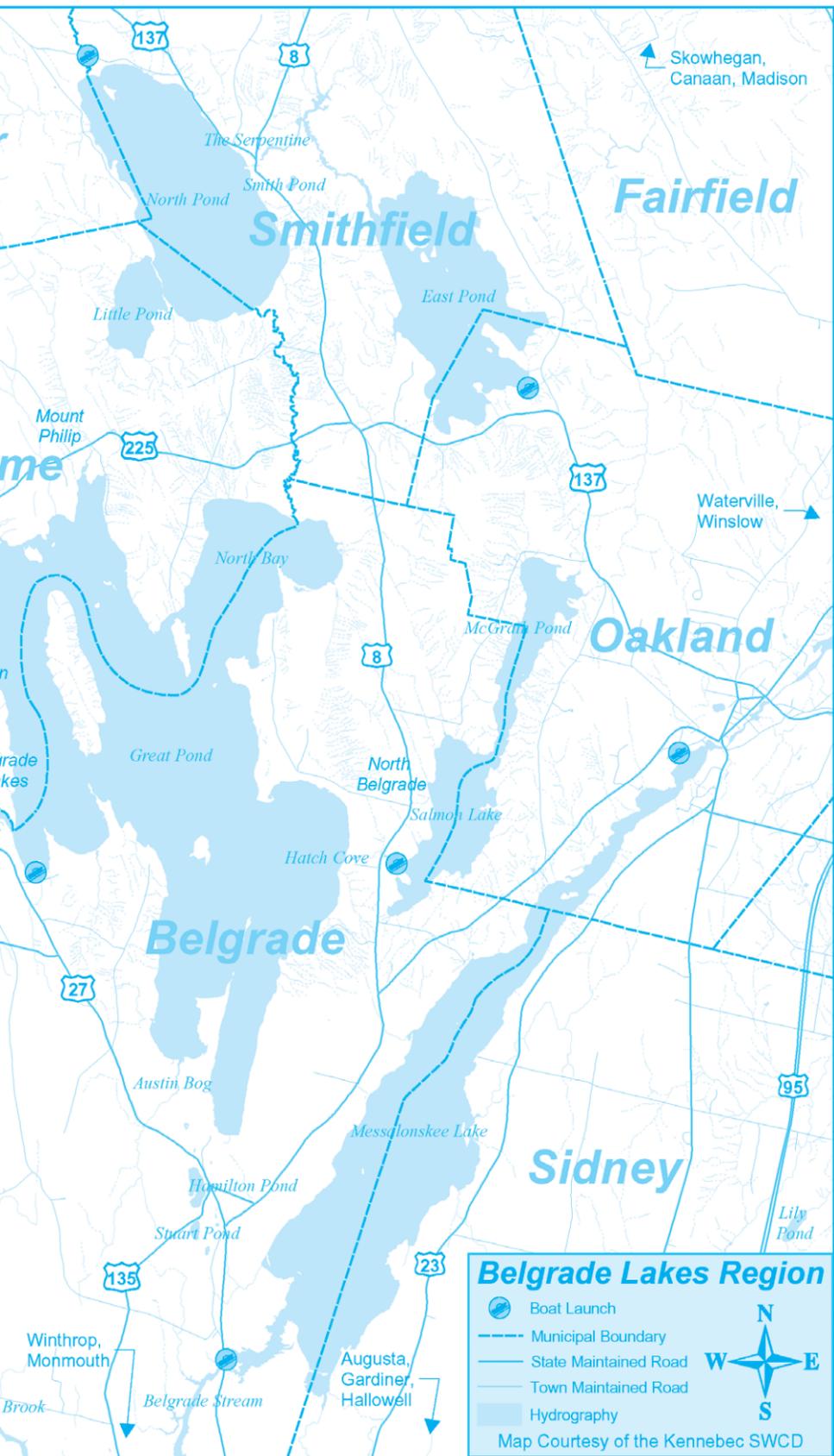


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- River Fest takes place in downtown Skowhegan, Wednesday August 2 through Saturday, August 5 to celebrate recreation and life on the Kennebec River. 474-3621
- The Taste of Greater Waterville presented by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce will be Wednesday, August 2, featuring sit-down dining in downtown Waterville. 873-3315
- ArtWalk Gardiner, featuring open galleries and in-store exhibits, will be Friday, August 4, 5:30-8 pm.
- Celebrate in Belgrade Lakes with the annual Bean Hole Bean Supper put on by Belgrade Fire/Rescue and the Loon Calling Contest on Saturday, August 5. The supper starts at 5 pm; loon calling registration 6:30, contest at 7 pm. 495-3312

- A Summer Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, August 5, 5-6 pm in Waterville at the First Congregational Church located on the corner of Main Street and Eustis Parkway. Menu includes beans, casseroles, salads, summery desserts and sundae bar. Adults \$8, children under 12 \$4, under 5 free.
- David Mallett is coming to Good Will-Hinckley on Saturday, August 5 at 7 pm. 238-4280
- Discover Maine Made treasures at the Belgrade Lakeside Artisan Show, Sunday, August 6, 9 am-3 pm at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons. 495-3481
- On Wednesday, August 8, the Oakland-Sidney Methodist Church on West School Street in Oakland will hold their annual August Turkey Supper, 5-7 pm. Dinner includes roast turkey with all the trimmings and homemade pies. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5.
- The Mid-Maine Global Forum Annual Dinner Event on Thursday, August 10 will feature Derek Mitchell guest speaker on "The Value of American Foreign Policy in Asia and the World." www.midmaineglobalforum.org
- On Saturday, August 12 the 5th Capital Y Tri, Kennebec

- Valley YMCA Sprint Triathlon (13 and older) will start at 8 am at 31 Union Street, Augusta. No registration accepted after August 4. 622-9622 ext. 122
- Simons & Goodwin return to the Union Coffeehouse on Saturday, August 12 at 7 pm.
- Local historian, Eric Hoogland, will present a Belgrade Lakes Village History Night on Tuesday, August 15, 6:30-8 pm. at the Union Church.
- The Mt. Philip Grange will hold a monthly bean supper on Saturday, August 19, starting at 4:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit school supplies for Messalonskee Middle School.
- A Turkey Dinner will be hold on Saturday, August 19 at the Union Church in Belgrade Lakes.
- The 47th Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival will take place August 23-27 at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. 873-6539
- Main Street Skowhegan will host the annual Skowhegan Craft Brew Festival on Saturday, September 2, 2-7 pm, on Water Street. 612-2571



Nine More Days of Free Classical Concerts at Colby

By Gregor Smith

Although the Maine International Film Festival is winding down, the Atlantic Music Festival is still gearing up. The latter has nine more days to go, with concerts with concerts nearly every evening and on some afternoons too. All concerts will be held on the Colby College and will have free admission.

The mainstay of the festival is its Chamber Music series. Three of these concerts have gone by, but four remain, on Friday, July 21, Saturday, July 22, Wednesday, July 26, and Friday, July 28. These chamber concerts, which will all take place in Lorimer Chapel and start at 7:00 p.m., will offer a musical potpourri of works from the 17th to the 21st centuries by soloists, duets, and small ensembles.

For a much less formal affair, come to the Salon @ the Bar at the Marchese Blue Light Pub on Sunday, July 23. Starting at 7:00, a succession of soloists and small groups will play and sing anything they like, from baroque to folk, including works they have composed themselves. The program will not be announced in advance, but is guaranteed to be eclectic. Patrons may come and go as they please and may order food and drink to enjoy while they listen.

For piano lovers, the AMF's Piano Institute will give recitals on Saturday, July 22 at 3:00 in Given Auditorium and Monday, July 24 at 7:00



in Lorimer Chapel. The first recital will feature various students of the institute, while the second will be a solo performance by the yet-to-be-determined winner of the festival's annual piano competition.

Wednesday at 4:00, it will be all about violins, violas, and cellos, as students of the AMF's String Seminar present ageless masterworks in Given Auditorium. Twenty-four hours later in Diamond Auditorium, composer and violinist Mari Kimura and the scholars in the AMF's Future Music Lab will offer, what the AMF website calls "the newest insights into new music performance, the use of interactive computer technology, extended technique, improvisation, and composition for an exciting new world of sound and technology."

Thursday at 7:00 in the Chapel, singers in the AMF's Opera Workshop will give a soirée of art songs, which are stand-alone songs, not part of an opera or other larger work, which are meant to be performed by a solo singer with piano accompaniment.

Finally, on Saturday, July 29 at 7:00 in the Chapel, the AMF Orchestra will offer the festival's final concert: Gioacchino Rossini's overture to his opera La gazza ladra ("The Thieving Magpie"), AMF founder and artistic director Solbong Kim's Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra, and Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 6.

To reduce paper waste, AMF does not print concert programs. Rather, the festival encourages audience members to follow along by viewing the program on the AMF website using their smartphones. (Please turn the ringer off and do not make or take any calls during the performance!) AMF staff will print paper copies on request for those who lack smartphones, or you can print one yourself before leaving home.

The schedule is subject to change, and more performances may be added. For the latest information, visit the AMF website at www.atlantic-musicfestival.org or call the AMF office at (888) 704-1311.



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Those "Ditches" We Call Driveways! - How to Manage Them

By Dale Finseth

It's now the middle of the summer season i.e. it is after the 4th. As part of our focus on Nonpoint Source or NPS pollution I'll discuss gravel roads. Here in Maine, and particularly in and around our lakes and ponds, we frequently need to travel on and frequently are responsible for a gravel camp road or our own gravel driveway. Those road surfaces often collect and direct runoff into our lakes, ponds, streams and wetlands.

Much of our conservation work and the work of various Youth Conservation Corps, Road Associations and watershed groups will focus on gravel road work. Gravel road erosion is a major source of sediment into our lakes and that sediment carries phosphorus in addition to other toxins like road salt, oil and the like. Gravel roads and improving the way those gravel roads function is an excellent way to help protect water quality. Given all the use those roads get during the summer an improved road both costs less money over time and makes for a much better "mud season". Since it is now about mid-season of the 2017 Summer Season, many roads that did NOT receive a 'spring upgrade' are showing problems. Potholes have appeared, ruts have developed in the tire lanes, ditches may NOT be directing runoff into the woods and other vegetated areas. Instead, the road-



Don't let your road start looking like this.

way, culverts, and ditches are all working together in order to direct stormwater and the sediment into the lake. The Kennebec SWCD focusses on Gravel Road Management/Maintenance Plans as a means to provide landowners a better understanding of how their road impacts water quality and how to manage its maintenance to minimize that impact. A good Road Plan also provides the landowners with information to better budget the resources they devote to their shared roadway. Those resources not only include the dues paid by landowners, but the

volunteer work to maintain it. A better maintained road can save a property from damage caused by stormwater leaving the roadway and damaging the individual's property. It is important for people to better understand how the road "works". Given the Road Plans written in the past few years, feedback is good. People appreciate the advantage of having a long range plan to protect the investment they have already made in their gravel road access.

While the Road Plan is usually for the "shared" road which is the responsibility of the property owners, many of the recommendations and Best Management Practices can easily be modified to help the individual camp owners better manage their own driveway. We do NOT want to see these gravel roads simply become a means to transfer silt and phosphorus filled conduits to our waterways. Intercepting that stormwater is an excellent way to help protect water quality.

...And with the improved attention to long term maintenance they can expect better long term water quality. Definitely a "win, win" situation.

Remember, there is a lot to do in order to protect water quality.

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

Are You Buff Enough? Workshop – Huge Success!

By Jodie Mosher-Towle

On Saturday, July 8, the North Pond Association hosted the first of many workshops and educational events based on results of its newly acquired 10 year Watershed-Based Protection Plan (WBPP). The WBPP is the result of an extensive shoreline survey of the lake's 9-mile radius organized by Ecological Instincts of central Maine and carried out with the help of about 25 volunteers over a few weeks last fall. Non-point Source (NPS) Pollution (erosion and runoff) "hot spots" were discovered and projects to correct problems that affect water quality, like phosphorus run-off and erosion have begun. North Pond is now eligible for 319 Grants to help cover costs of improvements as a result of the survey.

The workshop, Are You Buff Enough? How to Become LakeSmart-er, was designed to help property owners watershed wide, on the water or not, to look at their property from a 'health of the lake' point of view. Asking questions like: Where does the runoff from my roof or driveway go, directly into the lake or is it diverted? When the waves crash onto my shoreline, is soil from my yard going into the lake? Nutrient loading is what causes harmful algae blooms in our lakes. Diverting the runoff from directly flowing into the lake helps

eliminate harmful non-point source pollutants from reaching the lake.

Maggie Shannon, Executive Director of Maine Lakes Society which manages the LakeSmart program in Maine, gave the introduction to the workshop sharing LakeSmart information with the 25 eager participants. "I am now convinced I need a LakeSmart screening so I can take the first steps to do my part to protect the lake," said Mark Lemieux.

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance's (BRCA) Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) director, Nathan Durant's superb presentation explaining, with video clips and before and after pictures, exactly what BMPs can do and how they work for a wide variety of properties. YCC provided Melissa Michonski with a rain garden and diversion trench a couple of years ago and she shared, "Nathan simplified a lot of information that may seem intimidating at first glance to someone new to the lake. I am so glad this workshop was offered to help others learn how easy it is to do their part."

Outside there were hands on demonstrations by NPA LakeSmart Screener, Linda Rice, on how to apply erosion control mulch, successfully plant

a buffer plant and how rip rap is placed and used to control erosion. A pontoon boat ride to view LakeSmart properties and buffer plantings completed the informative workshop. Participants of the free workshop received discount coupons for buffer plants at area nurseries and landscape businesses and left with a buffer plant to start their improvements.

The workshop, co-sponsored with BRCA Lake Trust, whose members are comprised of the BRCA and all 5 lake associations: Belgrade Lakes Association, East Pond Association, Friends of Messalonskee, McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association and North Pond Association, was held at Fairview Grange in Smithfield where NPA has working Best Management Practices (BMPs), a rain barrel, dripline trench, infiltration steps, buffer plantings on the bank and a rain garden to name a few, on display for all to see and learn from. Signage throughout the area explains each BMP and how it works.

Hard copies of the North and Little Pond shoreline survey report are on sale for \$15 at Rome, Smithfield and Mercer town offices and

MLRC in Belgrade Lakes Village. You can also find it on the web: <https://tinyurl.com/yb5gnlzy>

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Notebook

Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program

• The 2017 VLMP Annual Lake Monitoring Conference is scheduled for Saturday, July 29th at the beautiful historic lake lodge of The Great Outdoors, on the shore of Pleasant Pond in Turner, Maine. Several speakers, an exhibitor's area, a volunteer recognition ceremony, a mobile laboratory from the Environmental Protection Agency, you can test your aquatic plant identification skills or re-certify for water quality monitors, there will be fabulous door prizes, and lunch is included! This wonderful event is free for certified VLMP lake monitors; \$35 for guests, or \$20 for students.

30 Mile River Watershed

• Two summer events are on the schedule for the 30 Mile River Watershed Association: the Paddle Trek and the Watershed Cleanup. The 9th Annual Paddle Trek from Mt. Vernon to Wayne will take place on Saturday, July 29. Paddlers are welcome to travel all or a portion of the 15 miles; shuttles will be available. The 30 Mile River Watershed Cleanup Day will be on Saturday, August 5 with gatherings at multiple locations to clean up trash from lakes, ponds, streams, roadsides and public lands. To sign up for either event visit 30mileriver.org.

Augusta

• The final summer seminar at the Michael Klahr Center of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center at the University of Maine Augusta will focus on civil discourse: "The Democracy is Noisy." The 9 am-4 pm program will be held on August 2 and 3 for educators and life-long learners and on August 8 and 9 for students in grades 8 through 12. This project has been developed in partnership with the Gannet House First Amendment Museum in Augusta. Registration forms are available online at hhrcmaine.org/summer-seminar and are due with payment two weeks prior. 621-3532

Fairfield

• "Giselle" will be presented by the Bossov Ballet Theatre with students from Central Maine Institute on Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29

at the Williamson Performing Arts Center. Tickets are adults \$15, seniors and students \$12 and families \$40. Performances are Friday at 7 pm, Saturday at 2 pm.

Gardiner

• Reading means family fun during the downtown storywalk and scavenger hunt at participating businesses on Friday, July 28, 3-5 pm. Families start at the Gardiner Library for a checklist and directions, and will need to walk both sides of Water Street to complete the book and receive a small prize. The book featured is "My Name is Yoon," an inspiring story about a young immigrant girl struggling to adapt to her new environment. After the storywalk, bring a blanket or chairs for an evening of music at Waterfront Park for Johnson Hall's free concert, the Mike Van Summem Band, at 6 pm. 626-3440

Greene

• The Lorraine Ouellette Trio will be performing at the Sawyer Memorial on Friday, July 28th at 2 and 7 pm. Admission free; building is air conditioned. The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial is located at 371 Sawyer Road, Greene. 946-5311

Hallowell

• What's in a Second Sunday poetry event? Laughter, camaraderie, thought, beauty, creativity, discovery. Come join the fun with poet Claire Hersom and let your inner poet speak. Sunday, August 13, 2-4 pm, Open to everyone, beginners to professionals. All ages welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. 2-4 pm, Harlow Gallery. 622-3813

Mount Vernon

• Join The Loon Lap on Sunday, August 6 (rain date August 13) to walk/run around beautiful Minnehonk Lake and Hopkins Pond. Enjoy a swim at the beach, dining, local shops. To support the Greater Minnehonk Lake Association and the Mount Vernon Community Partnership Corporation. 10 am-noon. 9:30 am registration at the Mount Vernon Community Center. \$10 for adults, children under 12 free.

Oakland

• The Oakland Alumni association will be holding its annual banquet at the Elks Banquet Center on 76 Industrial Street in Waterville on Saturday,



Dining

Augusta

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Rome

• The 2017 Rome Yacht Club Regatta will be on Saturday, August 5 at 10 am in front of the Vines' Camp at the northern most cove of Great Pond. Those who reach Crooked Island first, with all the clues and at the discretion of the Clue Masters, will be deemed the winners. Two classes of boat permitted: small boat or 1 sail and large boat or 2 or more sails. Only wind and paddle energy allowed. The Commodore's Ball will be held at the Melvin's on Nickerson Lane on Friday, August 4 at 6 pm. 329-7591

Skowhegan

• Skowhegan State Fair, dating to 1818, is America's oldest consecutively-running agricultural fair. Events include harness racing, nightly shows and entertainment, extensive livestock, produce, flower and 4-H displays, pulling events, a midway, commercial vendors, special admission days and food, food, food.

Waterville

• Christmas in July. The Maine Children's Home

for Little Wanderers is currently collecting gifts for its Christmas Program. Each year, the Christmas Program distributes boxes of gifts and clothing to more than 1700 financially disadvantaged children throughout the state. New items only are being sought in Warm Wearables (sizes 1-16), Gifts for Older Children (10-12), and Toys, Crafts, etc. which include board games coloring material, action figures, cars, princess items, dress-ups, sporting goods and infant/toddler developmental. 872-0261

• Help raise money for the Greater Waterville Area Kiwanis and Recycled Shakespeare Company by letting us take care of your kids on the night of Wednesday, August 2, 5-9 pm. Enjoy the Taste of Waterville without having to worry about your children. Drop them off at Blue Wave Studios to play games, color and dance. Children must be potty trained. \$5 for an hour. \$10 for the whole night. No reservation required. 314-8607

• Join Recycled Shakespeare Company for a unique experience in theater. Start Friday, August 4 at 7 pm to write, direct, rehearse an original script to be acted on Saturday, August 5, starting at 7 pm. The entire event will take place in the hall of Fairfield United Methodist Church on Route 201. Please register in advance for details. No charge; ages 12 and up welcome if accompanied by an adult. Public welcome to see the plays, free of charge. 314-8607



forwarded the report. Both men agreed that they had better things to do than chase a figment of some flat lander's imagination. The following morning, the couple paddled back across the cove and found no such guide boat. By noon, they were on their way down the Maine Pike to New York City.

These latest reports help give credence to what some of us already know---The Guide Ghosts of Great Pond are indeed in our midst!

Note: Don't run away, we gut sum more gud ones for ya!



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still emitting heat from recently running. They also noted that the craft was well equipped with seatbacks, long oars and also a picnic basket with some tall bottles in it. One bottle had a Narragansett label and the other said Kruger Ale, neither of which they had ever heard of. Out of the blue, a rustling of the trees along the shoreline preceded the fog's sudden lifting. They made a bee line from Abena Shore across the cove to tell their story to Chester. Reluctantly Chet called Harold Tukey, the Game Warden, and



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Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program

Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program & L.L. Bean Outdoor Discovery School are presenting an INVASIVE PLANT PATROL Plant Paddle on Saturday, July 22, from 9:30AM to 12:30PM at the Public Boat Landing, Runaround Pond, Durham (Runaround Pond Rd. is off of Rt. 9).

Paddlers of all ages are welcome to attend! Please see below for a list of things to bring.

(~ IMPORTANT ~ Pre-registration is required. Please register online today, or contact Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, vlmp@mainevlmp.org or (207) 783-7733 for more information.)

Maine's lakes, rivers and streams are increasingly threatened by non-native invasive plants. Once established in a lake, stream or pond, early detection of an invasive aquatic plant provides the best hope of eradicating the invader. Trained volunteers play an extremely important role in this effort. The work is interesting, rewarding and fun!

The IPP Plant Paddle is a 3-hour guided exploration that takes place on shore and on the water. This is a fun, informal way to learn about the threat of invasive aquatic plants and the importance of early detection. You will learn how to use your new free Quick Key to help spot suspected invaders, become familiar with some common native plants, and practice many of the skills needed to be an effective early detector.

What you will need to bring:

- Small, shallow-draft boat, e.g. canoe, kayak, inflatable, lightweight skiff, etc. (If you do not have a boat, please contact the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program.)

- Personal Floatation Device (PFD's will be worn at all times on the water)

Optional:

- Food and water to keep you going throughout the session
- Hand net or small plastic garden rake for collecting specimens and catching fragments
- Small anchor

- Polarized sun glasses (not essential, but very helpful)
- 5-10 power magnifying glass or hand lens for examining plant specimen structure. (We will have some loaner lenses on hand as well)
- Extra clothes, bathing suit, snorkeling gear, sunscreen, camera, etc.

Invasive Plant Patrol workshops are made possible with support from ~ Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, Maine Department of Environmental Protection,

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This year's exhibit honors Harry Smith, a filmmaker, painter, and ethnomusicologist. In his *Early Abstractions* film series, Smith experimented with direct animation, in which the artist draws or paints directly on the celluloid, with each successive image slightly different from the previous one. Exhibit visitors can then try direct animation for themselves, as part of the Community Cameraless Film Project.

MIFFONEDGE is open daily through Saturday, 2:00 – 9:00. Admission is free. For more information about Harry Smith and the other artists and their works, go to www.miff.org/film/miffonedge-volume-5/.

All good things must come to an end, and this year's festival will end with a bang, or rather with loud guitar chords, as MIFF presents *Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World*. This new documentary about the hidden history of American Indian performers and their role in the development of blues, jazz, folk, rock, and heavy metal features archival footage of and new interviews with many icons, Indian and non-Indian alike, of American popular music of the late 20th century, including Jimi Hendrix, Quincy Jones, George Clinton, Tony Bennett, Taj Mahal, Slash, Jackson Browne, Iggy Pop, Buffy Sainte-Marie, and many more. Rumble will screen Sunday at 7:00 in the Waterville Opera House.



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Still More to See at the Maine International Film Festival

by Gregor Smith

Although there are only three days to go, there is still a lot to see at this year's 20th annual Maine International Film Festival. The final weekend will bring the visit of a leading independent film director, screenings of several worthy but neglected vintage films, a competition for Maine's youngest filmmakers, a compilation of shorts by older Mainers, an interactive audiovisual exhibit, and a closing night documentary about the influence of American Indians on American popular music.

All screenings will take place either at the Waterville Opera House (OH) or in one of the three theaters at Railroad Square Cinema, designated as RR1, RR2 and RR3. Foreign films will have the country of origin, along with the year they were released, in parentheses.

This year, the festival salutes indie director Tom DiCillo. DiCillo soared into the cinematic stratosphere with his directorial debut in *Johnny Suede* in 1991 and rose even higher with his next outing, *Living in Oblivion* (1995), which was shown at MIFF earlier this week. Two of his later films will be shown this weekend: *Box of Moonlight* (Fri., 6:30, RR1), his 1997 comedy about an anal retentive electrical engineer who learns to unwind when he gets stuck in a small town that time has passed by, and *Down in Shadowland* (Sat., 6:30, RR1), his newest oeuvre, a 71-minute meditation on New York City's literal underworld, its subway system, and the denizens thereof.

The festival's last three days will also give you a first (or second) chance to see many of MIFF's "re-discoveries." Each year the festival presents at least half

a dozen undeservedly overlooked masterworks, many of which have been newly restored. This year's selection includes *Dekalog* (Poland & West Germany, 1989), a series of ten, one-hour films by Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski. Set in the same housing complex and each focusing on one of the Ten Commandments, the segments are inter-related, but each stands on its own. The segments are being shown throughout the festival, two at a time. Screenings remain for Parts 7 & 8 (Fri., 3:00, RR3) and Parts 9 & 10 (Fri., 9:00, RR3 and Sat., 3:00, RR3).

The other "re-discoveries" with screenings yet to come are *Trouble in Paradise* (1932), Ernst Lubitsch's romantic comedy about Gaston and Lily, partners in crime and in life, whose plot to rob a female perfume company executive unravels when Gaston falls for the intended victim (Fri., 9:30, OH and Sat., 3:30, OH); *Stalker* (USSR, 1979), Andrei Tarkovsky's fable about The Zone, a forbidden area that was created by the impact of a object from outer space and that can be entered only with the aid of a "stalker," but where wishes come true (Sat., 9:30, OH & Sun., 12:30, RR1); *Le Cercle Rouge* ("The Red Circle") (France & Italy, 1970), a diamond heist thriller from director Jean-Pierre Melville (Sun., 12:15, RR2); *He Walked by Night* (1949), a film noir where Los Angeles police track an electronics expert who has killed a cop (Sun., 3:30, OH), and *Deep Waters* (1948), the Maine-shot drama about a lobsterman, his fiancée, and an orphan boy (Sat., 6:30, OH).

Saturday is Making It In Maine Day, the centerpiece of which is the 40th Annual Maine Student Film

and Video Festival at 12:30 in the Opera House. This student competition accepts short films, 10 minutes or less, in three age divisions (Grades K-6, Grades 7-8, and Grades 9-12) and in three categories: Narrative, Documentary, and Creative. This last category includes music videos, art films, stop-motion animation, and experimental works. At each year's MIFF, the top submissions are shown, the winners announced, and the prizes awarded.

At 3:30 on both Saturday and Sunday, one can also view shorts by older Maine filmmakers in Railroad Square's Cinema 1. Lasting just over an hour, *Maine Shorts* comprises five films, lasting from 4 to 37 minutes each. They are "What My Friends Do on a Saturday Night," where complications ensue after a young man invites his ex-girlfriend to a party; "Bobby and Sonny," which introduces us to two lobstermen on Vinalhaven; "Gleaners," which follows the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program as it picks, or "gleans," fruits and vegetables left in the field after the harvest; "Road Kill," in which a boy on his bike "gleans" and then buries road kill; and "Are You Really My Friend?," in which the filmmaker visits all 626 of her worldwide Facebook friends to photograph them.

At some point during the festival, be sure to check out the fifth annual MIFONEDGE at Common Street Arts, just around the corner from the Opera House. According to the MIFF website MIFONEDGE presents "audiovisual works that challenge how we look at, listen to, and think about film. . . . to rethink our experience of the moving image."

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