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Belgrade Conservation Alliance Turns 25

by Esther J. Perne

What's usually dry and often high, surrounds all the lakes and ponds, is a limited resource, and has the ability to get representatives from all the lakes in one room? Land!

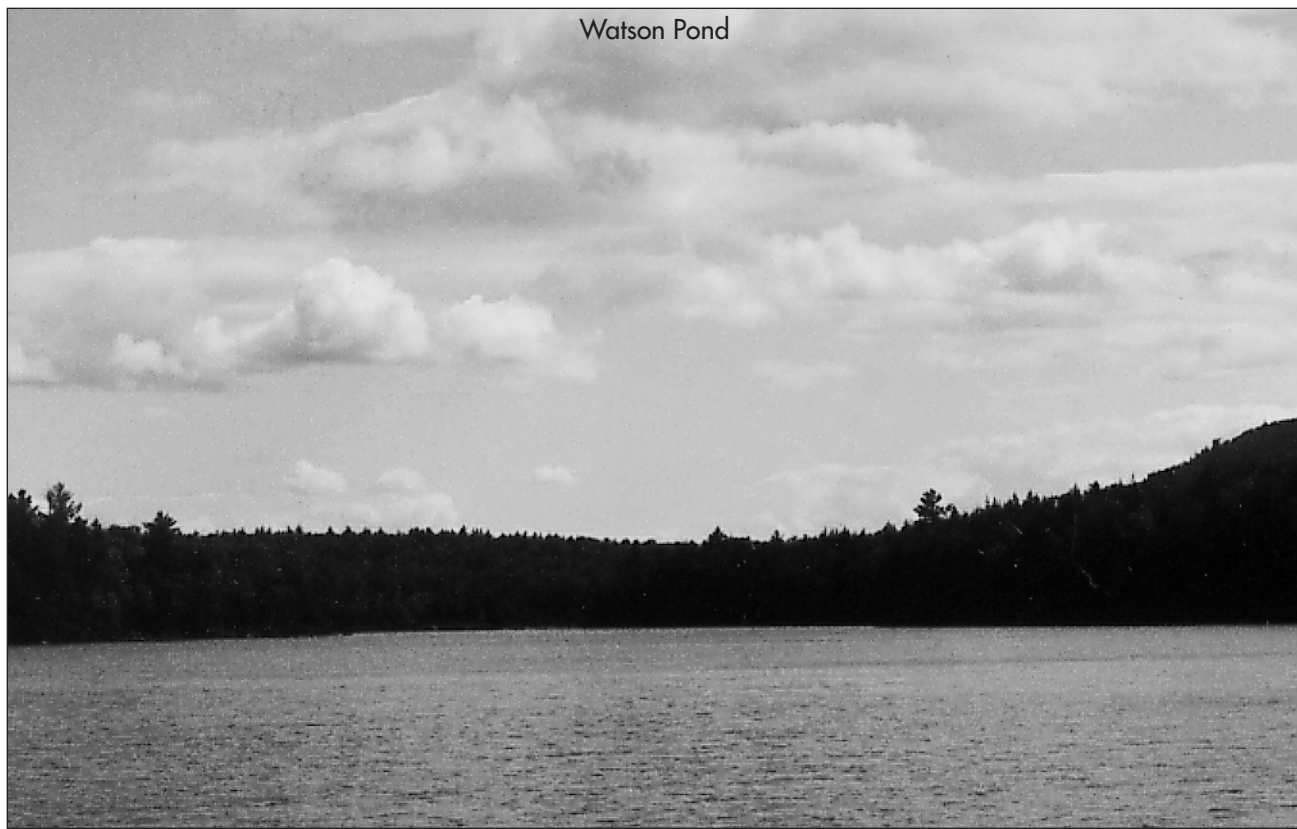
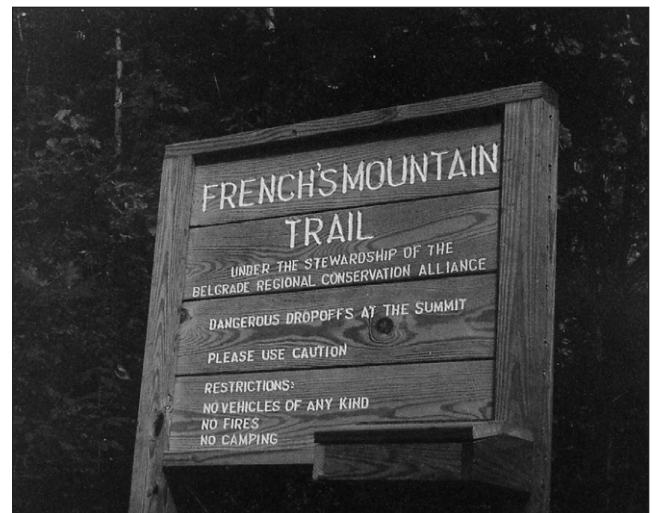
What's private, nonprofit, regional and dedicated to protecting land for its natural, recreational, scenic, historical or productive value? A conservation alliance!

What's narrow, winding, quiet, wooded and ends in a wonderful, peaceful view of the area's lakes, forests and the mountains beyond? The trail at French's Mountain in Rome.

What's any of the above have to do with living, working and playing in this beautiful part of the world? It means everyone can return year after year to an area of rapid change and saturation development and that same narrow, winding, quiet, wooded trail will still be narrow, winding, quiet and wooded – and available for all to enjoy.

It means there will be other land – land for trails, land for other recreational use, land with scenic quality, land that enhances the community and land that provides natural value.

With all the beautiful ponds and lakes in the



Watson Pond

Belgrades, in central and in all of Maine, why be concerned about preserving land? Until 1988 not too many people were. Land was great for selling off, developing, making money. It seemed unlimited. It wasn't.

In 1988 the Belgrades were faced with an almost lack of public lands. There was Blueberry Hill on the west side of Long Pond (Watson Pond Road) – owned by the then Department of Parks and Recreation and all the public boat landings as well as a wildlife management area between Routes 135 and 27 owned by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. And there were two parcels of land in Rome held by the little known Watson Pond Conservation Trust.

Serving the purpose of protecting land, preventing development and perpetuating a natural state, conservation alliances were formed

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because, outside of local government, they were the only entities allowed to accept land or land easements as a charitable contribution.

Historically, the first conservation alliance or land trust is believed to have been incorporated by the Massachusetts legislature in 1891 as the Trustees of Reservation. In 1901, the Society of Protection of New Hampshire Forests was formed. In Maine, the Monhegan Associates was formed in 1954 and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust in 1970.

The Belgrade area joined this movement in 1988 with the formation, which can be credited largely to the efforts of Watson Pond property owner, John Schooley, of the Watson Pond Conservation Trust.

Watson Pond is in Rome just north of Long Pond, a short drive off Route 27. A lesser known part of the Belgrade watershed, Watson Pond's claims were exceptionally clear water, a prohibition on motorboats and one-quarter mile of protected shoreline – the only protected shoreline in the entire Belgrade lakes chain. (To put this in perspective, Great Pond covers a circuit of approximately 45 miles.)

In 1988 the Watson Pond Conservation Trust was formed primarily to resolve a 15-year arrangement of uncertainty regarding two parcels of land: 55 acres on French's Mountain and 35 acres on Watson Pond. By establishing a legal entity that could take title to the land, it could guarantee the land would remain forever undeveloped, that it would be taken care of, and that it would be used for the public good.

Although its initial formation and acquisitions admittedly served a limited area, the Watson Pond Conservation Trust founders were aware from the start that the entire Belgrade area needed an organization. In 1991 the trust expanded to fill this need and became the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA).

As a conservation land trust with tax exempt status the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance was qualified to accept donations of land or conservation easements – a legal agreement that places permanent restrictions on the use of a property such as limiting any structures and specifying what can be done to the surface of

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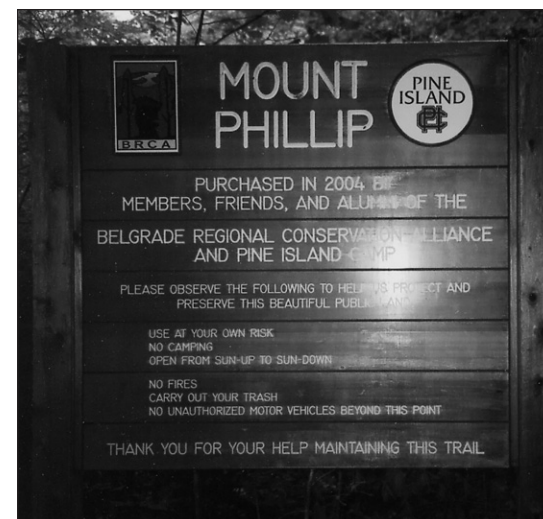
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Jack Schultz. Mt. Phillip donor.



the land and its natural growth. It also may purchase land and is in a position, whether by donation or purchase, to negotiate with landowners directly and confidentially – a position and a role best exemplified by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance’s subsequent acquisition during the past decade of the 6,000 acres that comprise the Kennebec Highlands.

Although the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance can be credited with many additional land acquisitions and easements, including the summit of Mt. Phillip in Rome, it is also associated as a lake trust with its management of the Belgrade Youth Conservation Corps starting in the mid-1990s, its work with watershed surveys, its monitoring of invasive aquatic plants, its educational outreach about how the development of land affects water quality – to highlight a few of the organization’s accomplishments.

What began with one dedicated Watson Pond lake dweller, two parcels of land totaling 90 acres and a fledgling membership of 100 has become a leading organization in land and water protection and preservation in the state.

On Saturday, July 6, the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance will celebrate its 25th Anniversary from 1-4 pm at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in Belgrade Lakes. Everyone’s invited.

Everyone’s also invited to walk up that narrow, winding, quiet, wooded trail. Thanks to the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance it’s still there.

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Pet World

Setting the Pace: Thyroid Disease (Part 1)

It has always been interesting to me how such a small gland in dogs and cats can be so important to the health and overall quality of life in the animal. The most common hormonal imbalance in dogs and a very common one in cats has to do with the thyroid gland, which is located in the neck as two small lobes, one on either side of the trachea.

This gland produces a hormone known as T4, which travels around the body in the bloodstream and is used in virtually every cell in the body. T4 is converted to T3 inside the body's cells, and this essentially regulates the rate of metabolism throughout the cells, and by extension, the individual. If there is not enough hormone, the pacemaker is sluggish and slow; this condition is called hypothyroidism. If the body produces too much, metabolism goes on overdrive; this is called hyperthyroidism. The first condition is common in dogs, the latter in older cats.

There is a definite breed predisposition in dogs for hypothyroidism, such as in Golden Retrievers, Dachshunds, Doberman Pinschers and Boxers. The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals has a screening program for individuals of certain high risk breeds to track and reduce the incidence of heritable problems by identifying dogs who may be carrying the disease. They have an interesting website that describes the breed issues (http://www.offa.org/thy_info.html). This may be of interest to anyone thinking of getting a puppy or breeding an individual of one of these breeds.

However, any dog can develop a low thyroid level due to a diseased thyroid. In these and other

cases, the body may produce an antibody that actually targets and damages the thyroid gland. In some dogs the gland shrinks for other reasons that are not well understood. Both result in a gland that underfunctions. Generally, the disease affects middle-aged to elderly individuals.

The signs that we can see clinically when a dog has hypothyroidism include: a dull, thin hair coat; slow regrowth of hair when clipped; a greasy, oily, smelly hair coat; a hairless or "rat" tail; unexplained weight gain; lethargy, weakness, exercise intolerance; personality change; imbalance; neuropathy; heart problems; and changes in the appearance of the face and eyes. Other problems that have been linked to hypothyroidism in dogs include noisy breathing due to laryngeal paralysis and an increase in aggression in a previously mild dog.

Typically, diagnosing a dog with hypothyroidism requires blood tests that show that the body is not producing enough T3 and/or T4. However, it can be a little misleading to rely on lab values alone. Some dogs who are sick from various other diseases can have a low T4 as well, and sometimes hypothyroid dogs can have sporadically normal T3 values. Some breeds, like the Greyhound, normally have healthy T4 levels way below the norm for other breeds. Certain medications, such as prednisone or phenobarbital, can also suppress T4 in the blood, giving the impression of hypothyroidism in bloodwork for a dog who is actually normal.

Often vets turn to a panel of blood values to determine if a dog has a truly underfunctioning thyroid. The panel includes a specific type of T4 in the

blood known as free T4, as well as a measure of a stimulating hormone called TSH, which is produced in the pituitary gland (located at the base of the brain). However, the diagnosis must be based on clinical signs as well as lab values. In some cases, response to treatment is used to diagnose the condition.

Treatment of hypothyroidism is relatively simple. A pill is given once, or more commonly twice, daily for the rest of the dog's life to replace the hormone the dog cannot make for itself. Frequently, improvement in the dog's energy level, weight and behaviour is quickly noticeable. Some issues, such as bad skin or poor hair coat, can take longer to improve. Regular monitoring of the thyroid levels is needed once a dog starts hormone therapy to ensure the dose continues to be correct. As a dog loses weight or more damage to the gland progresses, the dose may change.

Given how common thyroid disease is, screening is often recommended for middle-aged and older dogs who exhibit signs of thyroid disease, such as obesity and chronic skin problems. However, the opposite problem, known as hyperthyroidism, can result if a dog is given too much thyroid medication (or it can also be caused by a rare form of thyroid cancer). This condition carries its own list of problems, as we will see in the next article that will explore overactive thyroid issues in cats.



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Fireworks, What is the Neighborly Thing to Do?

by John R. Gibbs

The Fourth of July brings out our national pride and most people think of parades, family cookouts and fireworks. After all it was John Adams who declared we, as a nation, celebrate our independence by blowing off a few fireworks and hence the 200 year plus tradition was started.

Many of you that live along our lakes and visit them in the summertime have realized that our wildlife has been able to tolerate fireworks as a once a year event. However the pressure is building with the proliferation of personal fireworks throughout Maine, potentially affecting our wildlife and water quality. The loons we love to hear at night or see while sitting our docks, the mink, otters, turtles, ospreys, ducks, etc .do not share our appreciation for loud noises and bright flashes. We are privileged to share our lake environment with other creatures, including humans, who prefer a quieter atmosphere. This is all about respect for our neighbors, the elderly, small children and people who want to enjoy the peace and serenity or our naturally quiet and peaceful landscape.

We all come to this part of Maine to enjoy the lakes' natural beauty and tranquility preserved by the good citizens of the area along with the help from organizations such as the BLA, BRCA, COLA and the MLRC. Unfortunately recent Maine state laws legalizing fireworks have encouraged the increased use of fireworks producing detrimental effects on the tranquility and environment of Great and Long Ponds.

Most would agree there has been a dramatic increase in fireworks activity throughout the spring, summer and fall. Years ago there seemed to

be only a handful of fireworks around the lakes a week or so before the 4th of July and a couple of days after. It is now getting hard to find a day in the entire summer season without experiencing at least a few fireworks exploding in the distance or next door. The lakes' peaceful environment we all cherish is at risk of being lost to the noisy and polluting activity of setting off fireworks.

You may ask, other than the noise what is so harmful about fireworks? The answer is the ingredients contained in fireworks and the fact that they do not vanish after they explode. The list below will give you a good idea of what goes into the water and the land from the use of fireworks. These ingredients are not exactly desirable for lake water.

We all marvel at the colors of fireworks but hardly take the time to think what is behind those colors. Glittering greens: produced by Barium that is extremely poisonous and radioactive. Blazing Reds: produced by Strontium which can replace calcium in your bones, is radioactive and has a half life of 29 years. Purple: produced by Rubidium that is also radioactive and can replace calcium in bones as well. These elements do not magically incinerate in the after-burn but slowly waft through the air to be breathed in by people and loons alike or settle into our waters to be absorbed by fish and wildlife.

It may be argued that one or two fireworks only contain trace amounts of these nasty ingredients. These amounts, however, become significant as hundreds of fireworks events occur throughout the summer and eventually will have a negative effect on our lakes. Did you know phosphorous, one of our waters' chief enemies, is also contained in fire-

works? As most of you know we work hard to landscape our camp roads and waterfront properties in order to prevent runoff from carrying phosphorous and other negative elements into the lake. High amounts of phosphorous in our lakes potentially can cause algae blooms ruining the water for everyone.

The sounds from fireworks literally travel miles over water. That means when fireworks are set off at water's edge hundreds of people will hear the explosions even though they may be on the other side of the lake. Please do not forget about our loving family pets that can also be terrified by the loud booms from fireworks. Yes, most of our pets also prefer the natural tranquility of our lakes over loud noises. I had a wonderful black lab that sadly left us last year at 14 years old. Throughout her life she would pant and pace all over the camp for hours as fireworks were shot off around the lake. I cannot tell you how many times she bumped her head trying to get her 85-lb body under the bed for fear of the fireworks. Poor Gracie, rest her soul.

Please consider the struggle that caring towns such as Belgrade, Rome and others undergo to preserve the quality of our waters. One might think a lake is a good place to blow off fireworks because it's hard to start a fire over water but please consider what is being put into the lakes before you light that match. There are many poisonous chemicals and elements in fireworks and it all goes into the water and the land to stay there.

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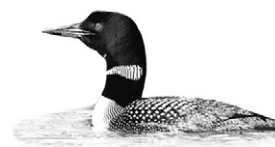
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- **Macartney House Museum**, Oakland Area Historical Society, 465-7549, Wed 1:30-4:30 pm, 1815 home with antique furnishings and Oakland artifacts, 25 Main St.

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- **Farmers' Market**, 873-7000, <http://waynefarmersmarket.weekly.com>, Sat 9 am-noon, Town Green, next to Post Office, Main St.

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...**Thursday 7/4 through Saturday 7/6** - "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Route 132, The Theater at Monmouth.

...**Thursday 7/4 through Sunday 7/7** - "The Pajama Game," comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...**Wednesday 7/3** - Free Car Seat Safety Inspections by Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, sponsored by Inland Hospital, learn proper and safe way to transport children, no appointment needed, www.maineatcheck.org, 899-9461, 10 am-1 pm, Central Maine Motors, 300 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville.

...**Friday 7/5 through Sunday 7/7** - Summer Spectacular Horse Show, free, public welcome, covered arena, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

...**Friday 7/5** - "Vaughan Vignettes" an art exhibit celebrating the legacy of the Vaughan Family in Hallowell, Opening 5-8 pm, free, to the public, exhibit runs through July 27, 622-3813, The Harlow

Gallery, 160 Water Street, Hallowell.

...**Friday 7/5** - "Yankee Doodle Dandy," Can Film Festival to benefit Winthrop Area Food Banks, bring canned or boxed goods, 6:30 pm, 623-9798, Friend's Meeting House, Route 135 South, 219 Winthrop Center Road, Winthrop.

...**Saturday 7/6** - Indoor Yard Sale, Farmington Grange, 9 am-1 pm, 778-6968, 124 Bridge Street, West Farmington.

...**Friday 7/5** - New England Music Camp Student Recital, Chamber Music Program, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, Route 23, Sidney.

...**Saturday 7/6** - "The Velveteen Rabbit," Children's Show, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

...**Saturday 7/6** - Focus on Frogs, catch some in the pond, 1-3 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...**Saturday 7/6** - Open House to celebrate the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance 25th Anniversary, free and open to the public, 1-4 pm, 495-6039, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Route

27, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Saturday 7/6** - New England Music Camp POPS Concert, 7:30 pm, tickets: \$20 donation, 465-3025, Messalonskee Performing Arts Center, Oakland.

...**Sunday 7/7** - New England Music Camp concert at "Bowl in the Pines," 3 pm, open to public, free of charge, 465-3025, Route 23, Sidney.

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

...**Monday 7/8** - 18th Annual Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament to benefit the Kennebec Leadership Institute, 12 noon shotgun start, team "scramble," 623-4559, Augusta Country Club, Route 202, Manchester.

...**Monday 7/8** - Old Crow Band Concert, 7-9 pm, Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, Main Street, downtown Farmington.

...**Tuesday 7/9** - Off The Hill, Outdoor Music Concert, free, 11:30 am-1 pm, Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, downtown Farmington.

...**Tuesday 7/9** - "Ticks and Lyme Disease" with Dr. Beatrice M. Szantyr, medical director for Maine Lyme, focus on awareness, risk factors, prevention and symptoms, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, 7 pm, 495-6039, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Tuesday 7/9** - Movie night outdoors, behind Day's Store on Long Pond, at dusk, weather permitting, 495-2205, 180 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Wednesday 7/10** - Summer Art Program, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...**Wednesday 7/10** - Don Campbell Band, Waterfront Wednesday, Sunset Concert Series, free event for the public, 6 pm, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

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...**Wednesday 7/10 through Saturday 7/13** - "The Pajama Game," comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...**Wednesday 7/10** - Faculty Recital, 8 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, New England

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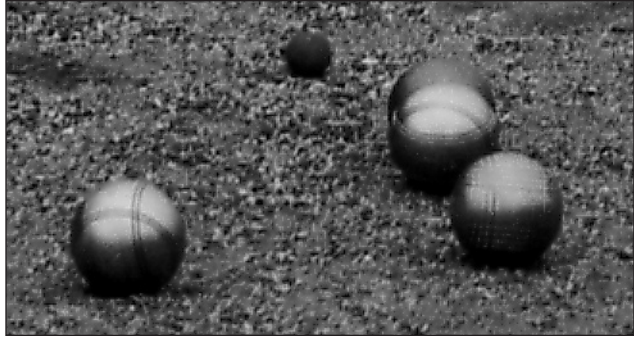
...**Thursday 7/11** - History Program, discover the early 1900s in Maine through clothing, tools, toys, school objects and printing, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...**Thursday 7/11** - Pete Kilpatrick & Tyler Stanley, Summer Concert Series, 6:30 pm, 626-2415, on the lawn, Lithgow Public Library, Winthrop Street, Augusta.

...**Thursday 7/11 through Saturday 7/13** - "The Taming of the Shrew," by William Shakespeare, preview Thursday, opening Friday, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, The Theater at Monmouth.



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— Activities & Outings — Vaughan Vignettes: An Art Exhibit

Celebrating the Legacy of the Vaughan Family in Hallowell, Maine

For the month of July the Harlow Gallery at 160 Water Street in downtown Hallowell presents Vaughan Vignettes in partnership with the Vaughan Homestead Foundation. Kennebec Valley Art Association member artists have created artwork celebrating the legacy of the Vaughan family in Hallowell. The Vaughan Homestead has been home to seven generations



"Johanna's World" pinhole photograph by Lloyd Ferriss

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A group of artists took photographs at the Vaughan Homestead on World Pinhole Photography Day, April 28, 2013. Some of the resulting work will be on view at Vaughn Vignettes at the Harlow Gallery in July.

of the Vaughan family since 1794
 Vaughan Vignettes is on view on view July 5-27, 2013. The public is invited to meet the artists at opening reception on Friday, July 6th from 5-8pm, The reception is free and open to the public and refreshments will be available. Gallery hours are Wednesday and Saturday noon - 6pm, Thursday and Friday noon to 8pm. For more information visit www.harlowgallery.org.
 Vaughan Vignettes has been sponsored by Mattson Development and by The Bookies (Hallowell Women's Bookgroup) in memory of the late Judy Kane, with contributions (in dollars or in spirit) from: Abby Thrower, Anne Young, Barb Damren, Barb DeSerres, Betsey Remage-

Healey, Cathie Murray, Cynthia Beliveau, Deb Sewall, Ginny Pidot, Joan Sturmthal, Judy Feinstein, Judy Harvey, Karen Simpson, Madeleine Martin, Margo Ogden, Sarah Shed and Stephanie Martyak.
 The mission of the Vaughan Homestead Foundation is to preserve and interpret the Vaughan Homestead and its environmental and cultural setting for their historic and educational values, and to make the Vaughan Homestead and its setting relevant, useful and accessible to the people of Hallowell and surrounding areas. For more information, visit them online at <http://vaughanhomestead.org>.

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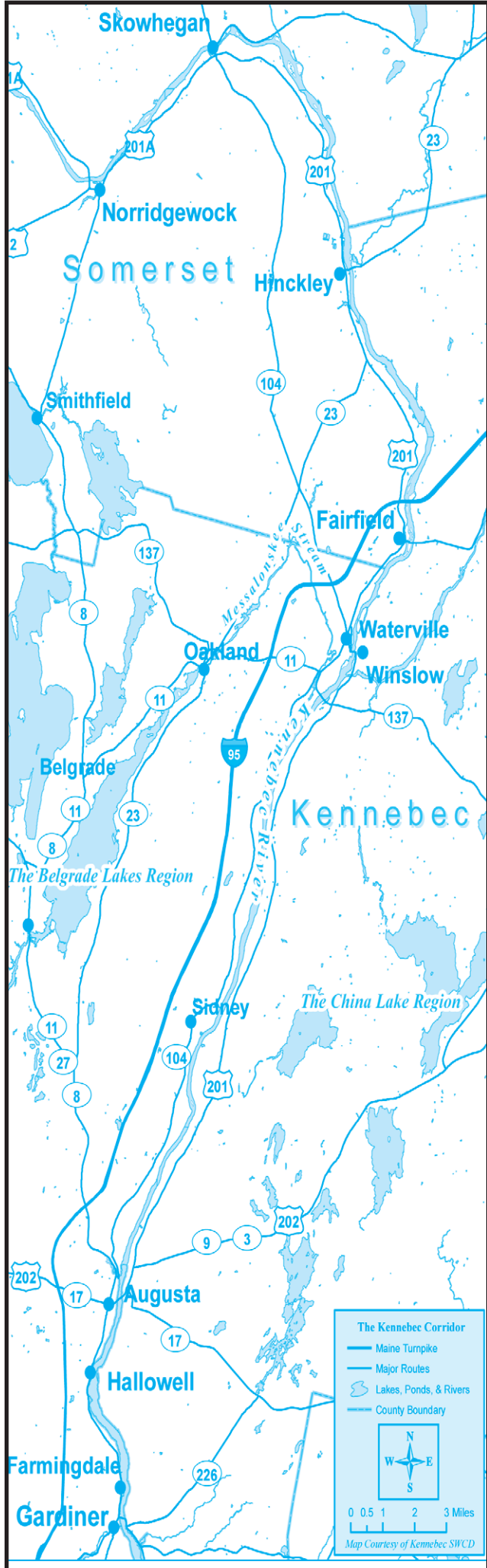
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— Katy's Column —

“Russian Voices On The Kennebec”

These days I am singing a song of praise for people who record history so future generations will know – and appreciate – what took place before they arrived! People, writers who research, verify and record events, no matter how insignificant they seem at the time, assure that future Mainers will know something of the past. This fact truly hit me in the face when a friend sent me a copy of the book, “Russian Voices On The Kennebec.”

Robert S. Jaster at one time lived in Maine and somehow became interested in the families, young and old, that migrated to Richmond, Maine along the Kennebec River in the 1950s and 60s. The subject itself was enough to prompt the read but the multitude of historic facts and the amazing personalities he captured with his research convinced me the book had many facets to recommend it. Personalities from the elite among Russians, Ukrainians, Byelorussians and others from Eastern European countries were stories in themselves. They told the plight of people in that part of the world that were still being displaced and terrorized after many of us felt that World War II was finalized. Each story was a revealing insight to the history of that era. Nobility, military generals and artistic personalities as well as the farmers who came to Maine to plow the land and seek security are amazing tales of fortitude and courage.

It was Vladimir von Poushental who arrived in Maine wooed by the lush land and many run-down farms. These facts prompted him to open a one-man real estate business. His background suggested such locations could well be a haven for people who had migrated to the United States and were looking for a way to make a living. The idea worked.

Over the following decade more than a hundred people followed their dream of freedom from fear in the Richmond, Pittston, Dresden and Gardiner area. Half a century has elapsed but the Russian names and their stories are now a distinctive part of the state history. Each of us should be pleased that Jaster was so captivated with the saga that he documented it as a genuine part of our history.

Robert Frost wrote, “Home is where when you have to go there, they have to take you in.” I would like to believe that is one of the reasons why the people from Eastern Europe found comfort here –

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Katy Perry is an author, news commentator, all around interesting lady, enthusiast about most things Maine and a very vibrant nonagenarian who writes a weekly column for Summertime in the Belgrades and who makes the weekly rounds delivering Summertime in her hometown Hallowell. And she welcomes your call about story ideas!

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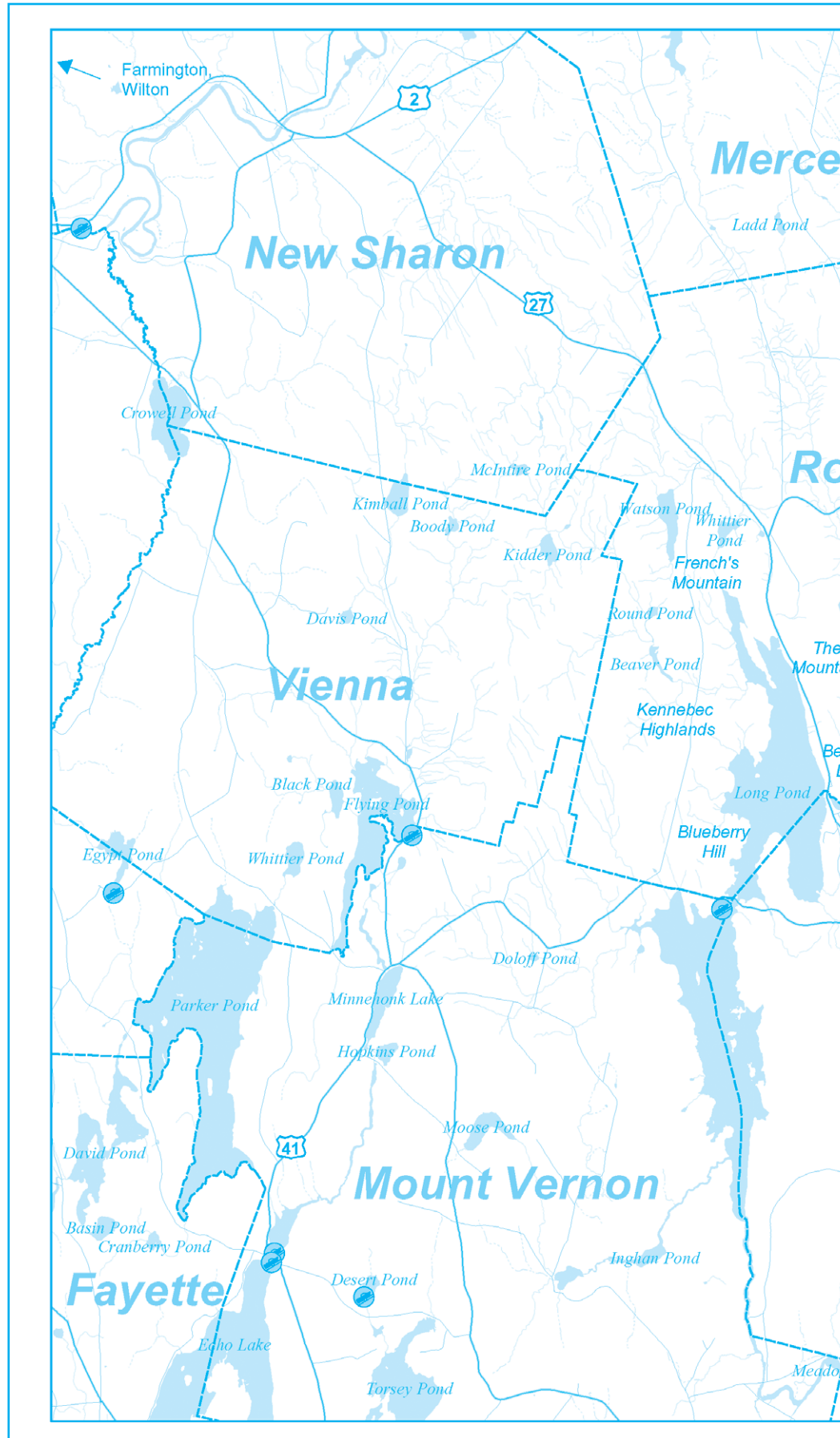

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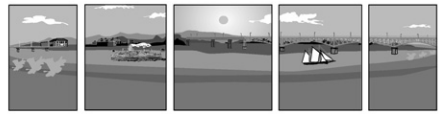
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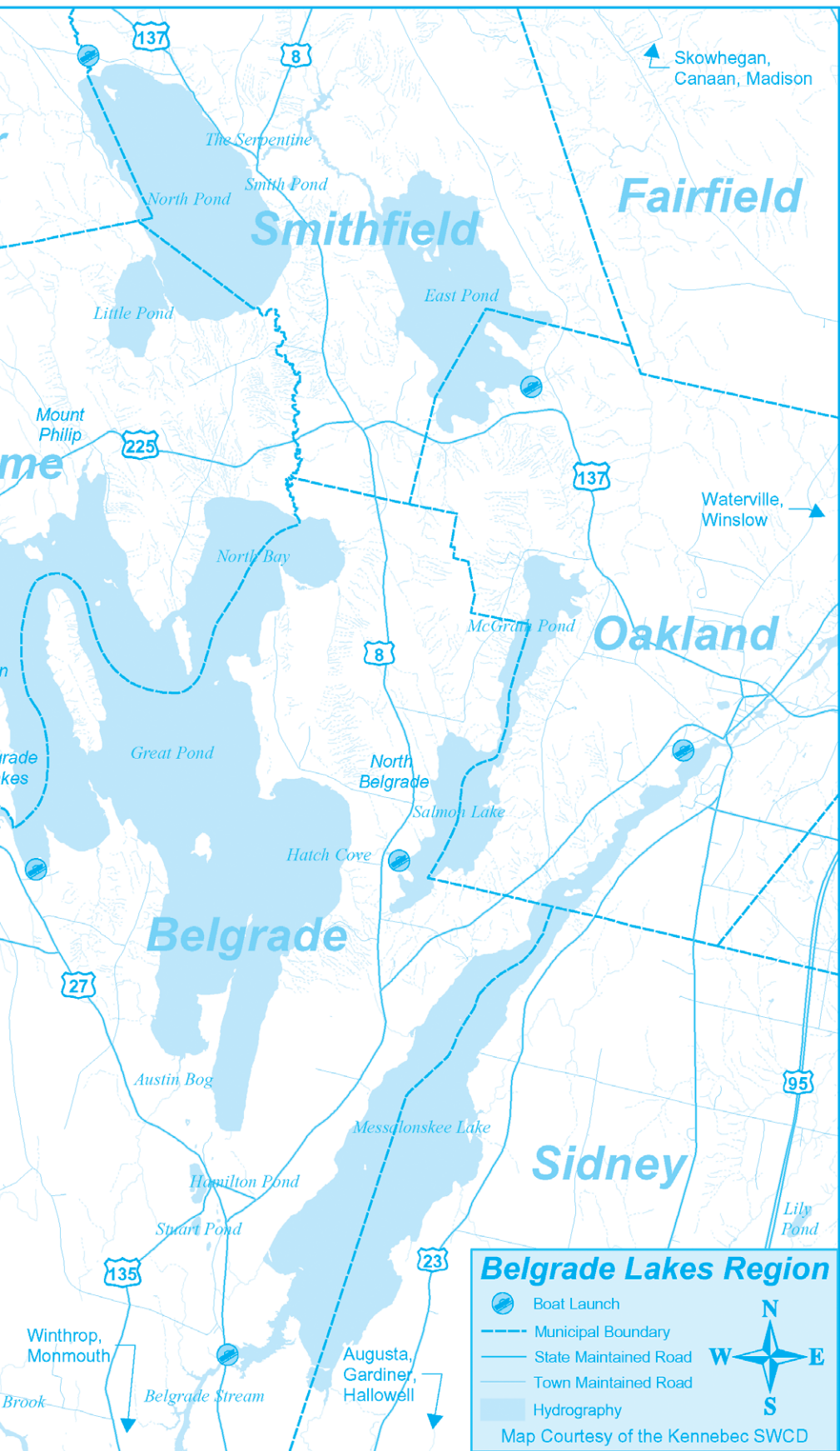
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• Maine Preservation is seeking nominations from across the state of historic properties for inclusion on the 16th annual list of Maine's Most Endangered Historic Resources. Since 1996, 115 endangered buildings, sites, and thematic property types have received endangered status, including barns and agricultural buildings, traditional downtowns, grange halls, historic neighborhood schools, steeples and towers, and town meeting halls. 2013 nomination forms and criteria are at www.maine-preservation.org. The nomination deadline is July 15. The 2013 list will be announced in August.

Mid-Maine Global Forum

• The Annual Dinner of Mid-Maine Global Forum on Thursday, August 15 will feature "Secure or Second Rate? Austerity, Defense Budget Cuts, and the Future of US Global Engagement," by guest speaker Gordon Adams, Professor in the US Foreign Policy Program at the School of International Service, American University. The event will start at 6:15 pm at the Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center, Colby College, Waterville.

Augusta

• The 43rd Annual Golf Scramble to benefit

United Way of Kennebec Valley will be Friday, August 12 at the Augusta Country Club. There will be a Hole in 1 putting contest, closest to the line and raffles. Lunch/dinner is included. Individual golfers \$125, team of 4 \$500. 626-3400

Belgrade

• "Meet the Locals," a chance to meet some of the local Maine Food Producers that Day's Store stocks on shelves and in coolers will be held Thursday afternoons from July 11 through August 22. The program will offer a chance for customers to ask questions to producers and sample some of their wares. 495-2205

• Belgrade's Lakeside Artisans Show is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 10 am-6 pm, rain or shine. This is a juried show. For more information visit www.belgrademaine.com

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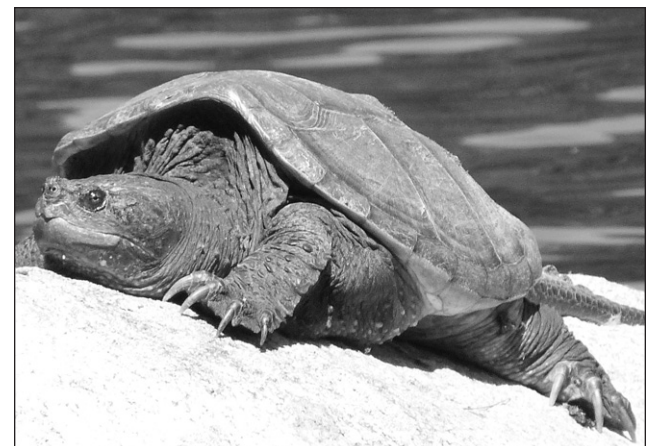
• On Saturday, July 13, the monthly contradance will be held at the Farmington Grange hall on Bridge Street. The evening starts with a family dance with a sit in band from 6:30-7:30 pm. (\$2 adult/\$1 child), followed by pot luck snacks, 7:30-8 pm. The regular Contra with Camp'r playing and Dugan Murphy calling will be 8-10:30 pm, \$6 adults/\$5 students or \$15 family. All dances are taught. Beginners are welcome. No partner necessary. 491-9928

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• Area art collectors are invited to attend a live art auction fundraiser to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Harlow Gallery on Sunday, July 21, 5-8 pm at Slate's Restaurant. Those unable to attend may submit an absentee bid. Written bids will be accepted until the day of the auction at noon. www.harlowgallery.org, 622-3813

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Expressions

Colby Museum to

Celebrate Reopening with Community Day, July 14



On Sunday, July 14, to celebrate its grand reopening, the Colby College Museum of Art will offer a special Community Day, featuring activities and attractions for the whole family.

Highlights of the day will include art-making activities, a live band, hourly tours, food and ice cream from Maine-based Stone Fox Creamery. All activities will take place between noon and 5 pm, are free and are open to the public. No reservations are required.

The new Alford-Lunder Family Pavilion — which will exhibit works from the renowned Lunder Collection, many for the first time—makes the Colby Museum the largest art museum in Maine.

In 2007 Colby alumnus Peter Lunder and life trustee Paula Lunder promised their extraordinary art collection to Colby College. Now, with completion of the striking new wing, the museum presents The Lunder Collection: A Gift of Art to Colby College, on view July 13, 2013 through June 8, 2014. Six other exhibitions will be on view beginning July 13. Keeping the art in Maine was a priority for the Lunders. "We think all people deserve to see beautiful things," said Paula Lunder, "not just those in major art centers. We want this to be for Maine people—the people we love." The Lunders raised their children in Waterville, summer in Maine, and visit the Colby museum frequently.

The Alford-Lunder Family Pavilion is named in

recognition of a gift from the Harold Alford Foundation and the partnership and friendship between Harold Alford and Peter Lunder. It celebrates the deep commitment of the Alford and Lunder families to Colby and the state of Maine, and it reflects the Lunders' desire that their collection be available to Maine people.

In addition to The Lunder Collection, the museum will present:

- Spaces and Places: Chinese Art from the Lunder-Colville Collection and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
- "A Thing Alive": Modern Views from the Marin Collections
- Nowhere But Here: Art From the Alex Katz Foundation
- Alex Katz: A Matter of Light
- American Weathervanes from a Distinguished Maine Collection
- Process & Place: Exploring the Design Evolution of the Alford-Lunder Family Pavilion.

The Colby College Museum of Art was founded in 1959 and now includes five wings and more than 8,000 works of art. With 38,000 feet of exhibition space, it is Maine's largest art museum. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, noon to 5 pm. For more information visit www.colby.edu/museum/ or call 869-5600.

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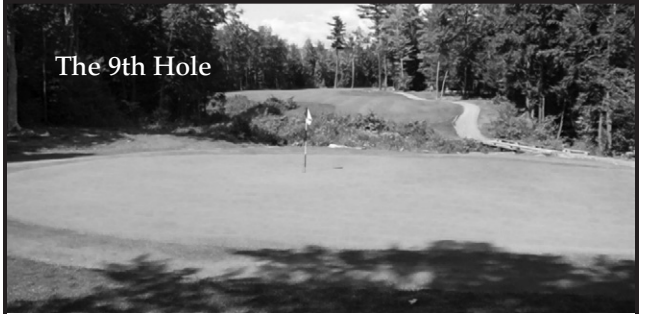
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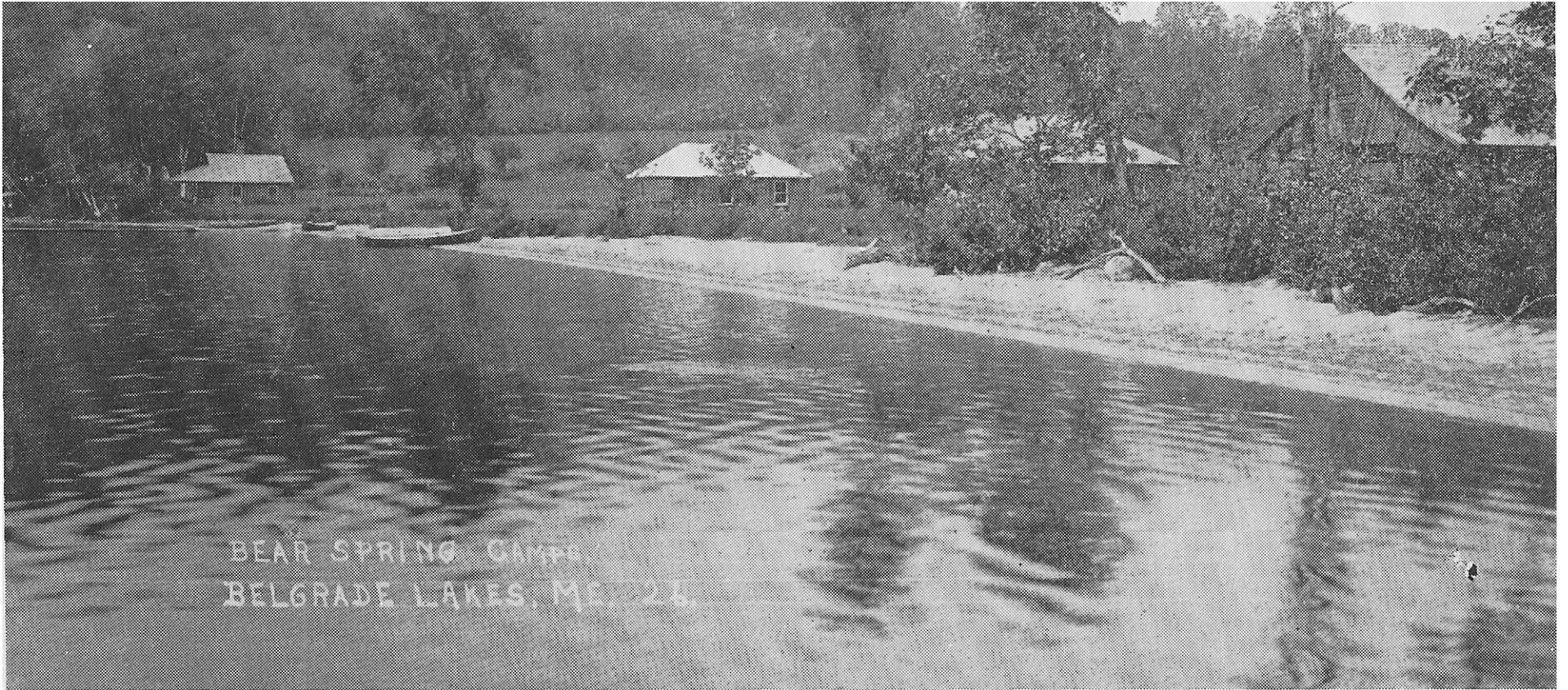
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Chapter V – Deliverin' Boats on Great Pond

by Rod Johnson



I'm guessing it was the summer of 1957. The Champion 4.5 horsepower on the flat-bottomed scow was plying the stream all the way out to the lake. Once we were past the narrows Mother couldn't see us, so the sky was the limit.

Dad was working on convincing Mother that it would probably be okay to let me run a boat all the way to Bear Spring Camps, while towing several others. Mother was a sport, but this must have stretched her goodwill to the limit. She finally agreed, but told Dad that the first trip could only be to Woodland Camps, about one third as far, with less chance of getting lost.

Our boat rental business down by the dam, where Lake Point Realty is now, did daily rentals to fishermen from the local area, but also supplemented the boat needs of several sets of sporting camp cabins. Most camps had some boats, but never enough if all the cabins were full and the sports all wanted boats.

When a call came in from places like Bear Springs, Woodland, Joyce's Island, or even Clement's Camps on Long Pond, the boats had to be delivered. The boats were the old wooden lap strakes, commonly know as Rangleys boats, but these were built right here in Belgrade Lakes by father's predecessors, Ralph Stuart and Ernest Soler, both having passed away. We had a few

molded plywoods that some people preferred; they were wider and deeper.

Being that older brother Richard had joined the Army and was in Bordeaux, France, my chance to be the delivery captain came to fruition. Dad would fit his newest 5 horsepower Johnson (the one with the neutral lever on top) onto the first boat, then hook from 2 to 4 others together with short painters, creating the fleet. He'd say go ahead, I'll meet you there. The excitement turned to uneasy feelings and then light fear after leaving the familiar waters of the stream and heading to my vague destination. He'd mumbled, with evidence of Red Top snuff on his lips, something like: head out past the first point, give it a wide berth 'cause there's a bunch of big rocks in close, then head about 2 o'clock and you'll see the big flag. Well, considering the fleet was only moving about 2 mph, getting lost or found was going to take some time. The directions were good enough and the flag did in fact appear, although there was some skepticism as to whether it was the correct one.

Finally, arriving near shore by the flag and seeing other green Rangleys at several docks, my confidence reappeared. Slowly rounding the breakwater in front of Woodland Camps, I killed the 5 Johnson when hearing some yelling. Sure

enough, there were Dad and Don Mosher, sitting in rockers up on the Lodge porch – having a so-called "toddy." Mission accomplished. Don gave me a soda. We took the 5 off the boat, threw it in the back of the pickup and reported home to Mother that it was "no big deal."

Later in the summer, there were other opportunities to deliver. The big one came in early August when the cabins around the lake were all overflowing with sports. Margarete Mosher from Bear Spring Camps called and wanted 4 boats as soon as we could get them up there. Dad rigged them up to tow after work and I got some vague directions, but had never been in that part of the lake. I think he said "cross the same point as if going to Woodland, only keep your course through the gut (south end of Hoyt's and now Long Point) and keep the big rocks sticking out of the water (the white ledges) on your right. Again, look for a flag on a point (Jamacia Point) and go through that narrows, keep the land close on your left and follow way down into the cove. You'll see the cabins on the big sand beach."

After what seems like an ocean crossing, perhaps with celestial guidance, the beach and cabins did appear. Dad and Bert Mosher (I don't think Don and Bert were related) were sitting on a tiny cabin porch – having a "toddy."

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Fishing

A Magical Day on Great Pond

by Mike Guarino



Mike's first pike

This past week the Belgrades played host to a magical day on the water. It's a simple concept that involves regular people who live extraordinary lives. The guests are men and women who have earned the title of "first responders" and soldiers who sacrifice everything for their country. We tie yellow ribbons on trees and put decals on our vehicles to show appreciation, but when you actually get to spend quality time with the individual, you realize they are true American Heros. Let me tell you about the Pine Grove Program..

The Pine Grove Program is based in Pleasant Ridge, Maine – most people know where Bingham and The Forks are located because they are the hub for white water rafting, but just west of the mighty Kennebec River is a small town called Pleasant Ridge and within that town sits a traditional Maine sporting facility named Pine Grove Lodge. Pine Grove is known for its deer hunting and fly fishing on the river and local remote trout ponds. In recent years they've built a huge following for Maine's world class hare hunting, but many people still visit to fish, hike and even hunt bobcat and black bears over walker hounds and beagles. The owners are Bob and Andrea Howe, and they have intimate ties to the Belgrades, because Bob and his brother Steve grew up here and know North and Snow Ponds better than just about anyone. Bob and I still do trips together and each time we meet up, it's just like old times. Andrea always has

some homemade treats for me and between her yummy cooking and Bob's skill and humor I'm reminded of why I love my job!

So here we all are ... about 100 people strong including about 25 Maine Guides who are going to take everyone out for a day on the lake. The hub of the adventure is at the Center for All Seasons and one by one, boats drove over and picked up excited anglers. The angler I had the pleasure of spending the day with is named Mike and he was a first responder on 9/11. His firehouse lost 12 of 25 firemen that day and we had some good conversations about the experience and how he is doing now. But we also focused on the fishing. Mike is a good fisherman and he was pumped when he caught his first northern pike on a big Rapala he was casting up in Crystal Springs. He said he'd always wanted to catch one but had never had the opportunity. We fished some shorelines with Senkos and Rapalas for smallmouth but most of the fish were

running small in the shallow water. We switched over to tubes and jigs and found lots of bigger smallmouth in 12 -20 feet of water. That tactical switch made a big difference and by the time we headed back to The Center for a BBQ, we were both pooped and hungry.

It was a great fishing day on a beautiful lake, but what really made everything so special were the people involved. Valencia and Phil at the Center did an amazing job and all the members of the Pine Grove Program who attended made the day extra special. Three cheers to all the guides who volunteered, too. I think we had more fun than the anglers and I do know that was a day I will never forget!

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• The 5th annual Garden Tour at Granite Hill Estates is Saturday, July 13, 10 am-2 pm. 626-7786

• Farmington will be the site of the Western Maine Storytelling Festival, July 19-21. wmsfestival.org

• The East Pond Association Annual Meeting will be Saturday, July 20, 10 am, Smithfield Town Office, Route 8. www.EastPond.org

• The Mt. Philip Grange July Monthly Bean Supper will be Saturday, July 20, 4:30-6 pm, Route 25, Rome.

• Maine Quilts 36th Annual Show will be July 26-28 at the Augusta Civic Center. 415-4417

• The 2013 VLMP Conference for volunteer lake monitors will be Saturday, July 27 at The Great Outdoors in Turner. 495-6039

• Aquafest, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance will be held Saturday, July 27, location tba. 495-6039

• The Belgrade Fire & Rescue 7th Annual Auto Show will be Sunday, July 28, rain or shine, 8 am-2 pm at the Belgrade Central School. 458-1837

• River Fest in Skowhegan runs from July 30 through August 4 in downtown Skowhegan and along the Kennebec River. 474-3621

AUGUST

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• On Saturday, August 10 at the Belgrade Center for All Seasons in Belgrade Lakes the vocal duo Britannica will perform music from the Beatles, Moody Blues, Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix, the Kinks and others. 495-2286

• The 2013 Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance Bi-Annual Pro Am Golf Tournament and Reception for the Lakes will be held Wednesday, August 14 at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Club. 495-6039

• Maine Farm Days will be August 22-23, 9 am-4 pm daily, at the Misty Meadows Farm in Clinton. Mainefarmdays.com

• The Gaslight Theatre in Hallowell will present "Picnic" August 23-25 and 29-31.

• The 6th Annual 5K Race for the Lakes will be held on Saturday, August 31, 8 am, at Camp Runoia, Point Road in Belgrade. Pre-registration by 8/23 \$15. 495-6039

SEPTEMBER

• September 1 is the deadline for electronic submissions for the art show "All Creatures Great and Small" at the Harlow Gallery in Hallowell October 4-26. 622-3813

• On Sunday, September 8 the Franco-American Festival will be held in Waterville.

• The unique Lake George-Somerset Sports & Fitness point-to-point Sprint Triathlon from Lake George Regional Park in Canaan to Somerset Sports & Fitness in Skowhegan is set for Sunday, September 15. 474-2224

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Theater at Monmouth kicks off Season 44 on Thursday, July 4 at 7:30 p.m. with Francis Beaumont's *The Knight of the Burning Pestle*. Monty Python meets Don Quixote in this hilarious comedy by one of Shakespeare's most popular contemporary playwrights. Imagine Homer and Marge Simpson attending a play only to climb on stage to redirect the show with Bart as the star, and you have some idea of the fun unleashed in *Pestle*. Loaded with laughter and song, this play is a celebration of the way Elizabethan audiences expected to be part of the action—with superlatively silly results!

When a troupe of Elizabethan actors are interrupted mid-prologue by a few unruly audience members, they find themselves introducing a new storyline into their play to appease the crowd. Cue the foolish knight, a rhyming suitor, an angry ghost, a drunken singer, a squire, a dwarf, a giant, and other outrageous characters in this comedic romp that's part satire, part romance, and all fun. Shakespeare never attempted anything like this!

General Manager of the Shakespeare Theatre Association and Literary Chair for the National New Play Network, Patrick Flick makes his TAM debut as director on *Pestle*. A four-time Emmy winning television producer, Flick has worked as a director and actor at theatres across the country including Orlando Shakespeare, Marin Theatre Company, Phoenix Theatre, and Riverside Shakespeare in New York. His approach to *Pestle* is to give audiences a taste of what it would have been like to see this production as Shakespeare himself might have. The setting is the Blackfriar's Theatre in London circa 1600s,

with the period costumes and bawdy antics audiences have come to expect from the Elizabethans. Flick hopes *Pestle* deliver "a rollicking, raucous good time that will leave audiences laughing on their way out the door."

The *Knight of the Burning Pestle* features Bill Van Horn and Grace Bauer as the Citizen and Citizen's Wife (the unruly audience members who interrupt the play); Mike Anthony as Humphrey (the Foppish suitor); Max Waszak as Rafe (the unwilling apprentice turned Knight of the Burning Pestle); Mark S. Cartier as Master Merrythought (the singing drunken husband); Janis Stevens as Mistress Merrythought (the grand dame of the company); James Noel Hoban as Venturewell (the actor/manager of the company); Alex Harvey as Jasper (the desperate lover); Aislinn Kerchaert as Luce (the fair maiden). Other members of the hapless troupe of players include: Josh Carpenter, Luke Couzens, Hannah Daly, Simon Kiser, Ambien Mitchell, Frank Omar, and Ryan Simpson. Set design by Dan Bilodeau, costume design by Jonna Klaiber, light design by Lynne Chase, and sound design by Rew Tippin.

Performance Calendar: Celebrate Independence PREVIEW 7/4 at 7:30 p.m., All Tickets \$10; OPENING 7/5 at 7:30 p.m.; additional performance dates, 7/6, 7/10, 7/20, 8/1, 8/3, 8/13 and 8/16 at 7:30 p.m.; 8/10, 8/11, and 8/14 at 1:00 p.m.; 7/28 at 7:30 p.m. with a post-show talk-back. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$30. For calendar and reservations, please contact the TAM Box Office at 207.933.9999 or visit www.theateratmonmouth.org.

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- Conservation Too - Now That the 2013 Field Season Has Begun

Here at the Kennebec Soil & Water District, the field season is at full speed. For us that means that our three staff are busy throughout the week doing conservation work for landowners and for other conservation partners. 2013 sees the beginning of a new Non Point Source or NPS 319 Project. Last spring we successfully submitted a proposal to the Maine DEP to fund NPS Conservation work in the Togus Pond Watershed. We partnered with the Togus Pond Watershed group which is officially known as the Worumontogus Lake Association or WLA and with the City of Augusta. Project funding is provided in part by the U.S. EPA under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act in partnership with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Because the money comes from Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, it is called a "319 NPS Project".

This project will be heavily devoted to helping gravel road groups around the watershed develop Gravel Road Management Plans and then assist each group determine how to address the issues identified in the plan. We've talked about the benefits of such a plan before. We now have a couple of the road associations who've used such plans and want to upgrade those plans. With an early start on some plans, groups can begin to use them in this year's annual meeting and begin planning and budgeting to best meet the long term needs of their roadway. A couple of the road groups already recognize that with the increased use of their gravel roads by resi-

dents, including more year round residents, they need to make better plans to address the impact of mud season on their roadway and the ongoing wear and tear on the road resulting from year round use.

In addition to the Road Maintenance Plans the "Togus NPS Project" will also help pay for some of the conservation work done by landowners as they address erosion problems adversely affecting the water quality of Togus Pond. That erosion can add its phosphorus which usually leads to some level of algae bloom in August. The project is a two year project and has the potential to address a number of problems in the watershed. Every little bit helps....

Part of what makes the Togus Pond project even more interesting is two other changes likely to occur in the watershed over the coming years. The State of Maine is currently considering a plan to add a public boat launch of some type to Upper Togus Pond. Other than informal "carry in" locations there is only a WLA managed boat launch. It is available to anyone who wishes to arrange for a member key. Another initiative is a Federal, State and local effort to create a fish ladder at the Togus dam site to allow sea run alewives and other marine critters to enter the pond again. Alewives are currently dipped over the dam every spring, but the plan is to create a fishway similar to what was installed on Webber Pond.

Both of these initiatives have the potential of affecting the pond's water quality. There remains some disagreement about what the impact of each

will be. What is clear is that WLA is fully engaged as being part of the process. It will be an interesting process to watch.

Remember, it's all about protecting water quality. You can make a difference.



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but, as you know, there was discrimination! As if we, as a nation, did not arrive from another continent!

Time does much to heal the wounds of that faction of life and, again, Jaster has let the people from that era speak for themselves. Several interviews he conducted, excerpts of news stories and personal observations from native Richmond people have consolidated the era in a storybook fashion. Every aspect of the book is stunning and amazing in its reality.

The book was published by UMO Press in 1999 and at this writing, 2008, was out of print. The Maine State Library, fortunately, has copies of "Russian Voices On The Kennebec." It would be easy to borrow the book by asking such help from your own local library. Or, shop in one of the region's delightful used book stores. Find it and read it! I dare say you will be as impressed with Jaster's work as I was.



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Business

Friends Dedicate New Library in Belgrade

by Gregor Smith

On June 30, a sultry summer Sunday afternoon, the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library formally dedicated the new Belgrade Public Library at 124 Depot Road. Although the new library opened last December 18, the Friends decided to save the ribbon-cutting until now, so that more of its donors, some of whom are here only in the summer, could attend.

The old library was in the Center for All Seasons, five miles north on Route 27. With a mere 400 square feet, the old facility was so cramped that some the books had to be stored out back in a shed. The new library, in a converted single-family house, has 18,000 square feet, four and a half times as much space.

Formerly owned by the Paul Hammond family, the house lies in the geographic heart of Belgrade, next to the Belgrade Central School. The Friends bought the house in 2009, while part way through a campaign to raise \$300,000 for the purchase, renovations, and an addition on the back. They reached their fundraising goal in October 2012 and finished the renovations and addition the next month. Finally, in December, patrons and volunteers helped cart all the books from the old library to the new.

The building is owned by the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library and leased to the town for \$1 a year. In concluding her dedicatory remarks, Friends president Judy Johnson said, "We are very proud of this building, and we hope you are too, when you come inside." Judging from the banter of those who did, all were well pleased.



From the outside, the library looks that same as when it was a single family home.



Judy Johnson, president of the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library, prepares to cut the ribbon. She is flanked by Dennis Keschl (right), formerly Belgrade's town manager and now its representative in the Maine House, and Gregory Gill, the current town manager.



With a cathedral ceiling, the interior of the new library is bright and airy.



Librarian Marcia Haigh shows a book to two young patrons.



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