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## 2015: Once More To The Summer

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nce more to the sparkle of blue water viewed from the bend in the road. Once more to the shades of green blanketing the countryside. Once more to waves gently lapping shores, to winds whipping up whitecaps, to loons calling for rain.

Once more it is summer in central Maine, summertime in the Belgrades, the season that stirs leaves and memories, that offers respite from harsh winters and hot pavements, the season that inspires calmer words and lighter laughter and openness of water, windows and spirit.



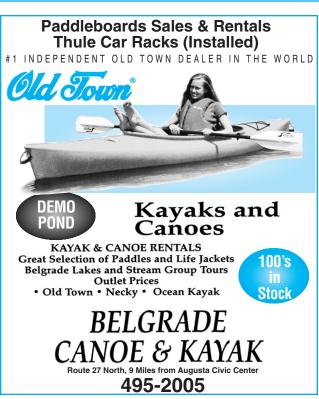
Once more summer's reach touches everyone. The returning birds bring their bustle, the snow-birds their enthusiasm. Flowers, plants, farmlands and gardens spring to life; seasonal lodgings and businesses do, too. The lakes and waterways stir with activity, with moorings and docks and watercraft flotillas, with echoes, conversation, fishing, romance, waves.

Once more the diehard cold weather lovers have shed their wool and put away their snow sports equipment, quite willingly it seems. And

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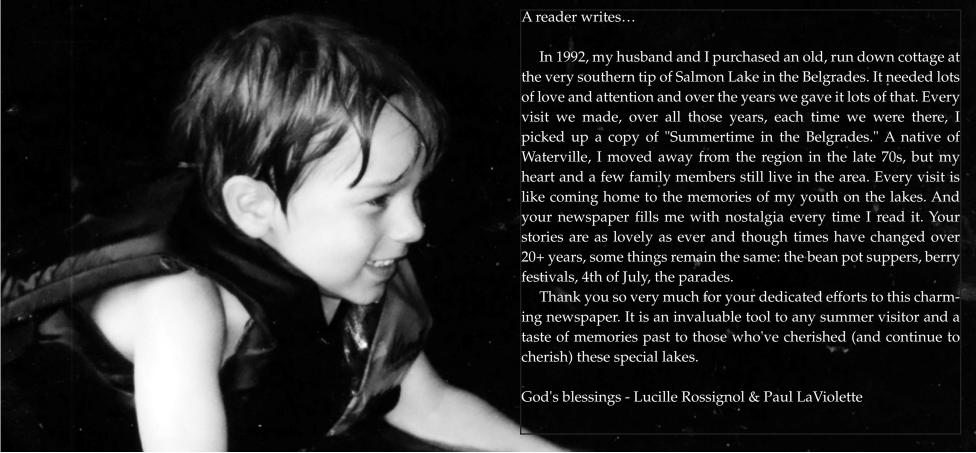








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the year-rounders, the residents? They are stacking next winter's wood already.

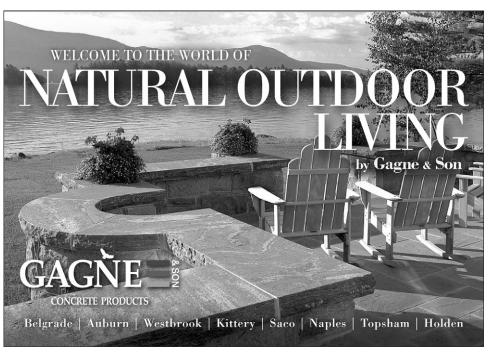
Once more unique, time-honored traditions emerge: that first double-dare plunge into an ice-cold pond; that first sweet-sour taste of fresh rhubarb pie; that first smell of baked goods from a village general store or of pine needles drying in the sun or of a rustic camp left long closed.

Once more there is that first communication from out-of-state relatives announcing their predictable approaching visit. Once more, we say...yes.

There's something about summer that makes seasonal predictions, repe-

titions, migrations and rediscoveries an unforgettable way of life. The ripples of the season have widened ever further over the decades, the surrounding population centers have encroached ever closer. Increasingly, more events and activities crowd the summer calendar, more outings are for family units, more celebrations have weather contingencies. And yet, so many aspects of summer remain unchanged.

Long days lead to outdoor lingering, activities, adventure. The magic of nature edges closer. The festivities of the season await invitingly...once more.







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## -Welcome Letter-



Dear Readers:

We know summer's here when we see "Summertime" being delivered!"

That's the phrase we hear most often at this time of year. Yes, Summertime does mean summer is here – or at least near – with its many promises of places to go and activities to enjoy, of good times shared and memories relived, of quiet reflections and lively gatherings and, at the very least, of simple, sane freedom from the bulky clothing and clunky boots of winter.

The summer of 2015, like all the summers in this area, begins not with a specific date nor designated degrees on a thermometer. After all, this is the Maine of "if you don't like it, wait a minute" weather. No, summer begins with the bustle of the returning birds and the enthusiasm of the returning seasonal residents; it begins with the reign of green on the hillsides and the lightening of footsteps and hearts; it begins with the opening of seasonal buildings and businesses and the return of seasonal traditions.

It is the seasonal traditions that Summertime in the Belgrades has presented and represented since 1992, the annual rituals of emerging nature (and residents), the changelessness amid all the changes the fleeing winter reveals, the wholesome family news and notes and endearing outings that readers of Summertime in the Belgrades look for and enjoy.

This summer again, Summertime in the Belgrades will cover a broad range of local events, historical occasions, enriching cultural and creative opportunities, exciting festivals and celebrations, awesome outdoor activities – and indoor alternatives for those wet "wait-a-minute" rainy spells, as well as conservation, business, pets, gardening, day trips to other regions of the State and whatever is newsworthy for the region's visitors, vacationers and residents.

But first, the first weekend of June and of "Summertime" is here. It's time for a paddle or a hike, time to attend an art or music event, time to pause for a scenic view or to visit a museum or historical society.

With this first issue, we welcome back our many, wonderful advertisers, our staff and you.

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## Legacies

### The Endless Winter Two Hundred Years Ago



Mt. Vernon during an ordinary winter in the 1800s.

For those who live in central Maine, the winter of 2014-2015 was bitter cold, seemingly unending and record-breaking in both heavy snowfall and plunging temperatures, but definitely not the worst the region has lived through.

According to chronicles in "Turning Back," stories of the Mt. Vernon-Vienna Area by Beverly Wight Smith," in 1816 there was frost every month of the year. On July 5, ice was formed as thick as common window glass in New England, New York, and some parts of Pennsylvania. August, too, was a cheerless month. Ice was formed half an inch in thickness. Corn was so

frozen that a large part of it was cut down and dried for fodder.

"In May, buds and fruit were frozen; ice formed half an inch thick and corn was killed. Corn fields were again and again replanted until deemed too late. In June, almost every green thing was killed, and fruit was nearly all destroyed. Snow fell to the depth of 10 inches in Vermont, seven in Maine, three in the interior of New York, and also in Massachusetts. There were but a few warm days, and very little rain fell. The wind blew steadily from the north, cold and fierce."

"Europe suffered during that strange year, too. On August 30 snow fell at Barnet 40 miles from London. Papers received from England stated 'that it would be remembered by the present generation that the year 1816 was a year in which there was no summer.'"

During this period, "one section of Vienna became known as 'Egypt,' and today that part of town is still referred to by that name and the nearby pond is called Egypt Pond. In 1816 quite a lot of crops in that part of town were saved from the prevailing frosts, so that was where people came for seed corn and wheat the next year...."

As for Belgrade: "The people of Belgrade suffered great hardships...Not even in the days of the first settlers, 25 years before, when hunting and fishing as well as tilling the soil, were depended upon to furnish food, and when what few store supplies the settlers had were brought upon their backs many miles through the woods from Hallowell and Gardiner, was there more suffering or privation among the inhabitants. Paul Yeaton (one of Belgrade's earliest settlers) planted several acres of corn, and he was regarded as a very fortunate man indeed when he harvested 12 bushels because that was as much as the total of the combined efforts of everyone in town.

"When the spring of 1817 finally rolled around, prices were exceedingly high. The price of hay was \$20 a ton and higher; wheat 15

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## Conservation

Mount Vernon Elementary School students will be getting their toes wet on Friday, June 5th, as part of a three part series offered through a partnership between Ecological Instincts and the Maine Lakes Society to teach students about the relationship between clean streams and lakes and a healthy aquatic macroinvertebrate community. The three part series began with a classroom visit on May 8th to teach the students about watersheds, ways to prevent pollution from entering our lakes and streams, and how scientists use bug data to determine if our streams are healthy.

The children from Deborah Dubord's second grade class built "bug samplers" with help from older students. The samplers were deployed at three locations in Minnehonk Lake and two nearby streams. The samplers provide shelter for aquatic critters to inhabit

The L.C. Bates Museum is proud to announce its new exhibit, Seasonal Scenes: The Beauty of Rural Maine. Supported by a grant from the Maine Community Foundation Arts Expansion Fund, the exhibit opened on May 8 and will run through September 10.

The show is a collaboration between the L.C. Bates Museum staff and two Colby College students, Sophia Ozburn and Leah Bilodeau, under the supervision of Professor Véronique Plesch. It explores the beauty of Maine's seasons and the many ways artists have responded to it. The exhibit comprises a variety of works, including oil landscapes by Lois Dodd and Matt Russ and photographs by Shoshannah White.

### Mount Vernon Elementary School is Crawling With "Bugs in the Classroom"

over the next three weeks. On the morning of June 5th, the students will spend the morning documenting different habitat types, collecting their bug samplers, participating in a Remote Operating Vehicle (ROV) demo on the bottom of Minnehonk Lake, and learning how to take water clarity measurements, before heading back to the classroom to sort and classify the macronvertebrates in their samplers.

Students will have a chance to tally their results to determine if there are differences in the bug communities among the different sites in the watershed, chart their findings on a class poster, and make their own "bugs" as part of a fly tying activity during the third and final classroom visit.

Interested students will have the opportunity to present their work at the Maine Lakes Conference and Lake Celebration at Camp O-At-Ka on Sebago Lake

#### Seasonal Scenes at L.C. Bates

The exhibit gives visitors a broad perspective of how artists view and portray nature. According to Matt Russ, "Direct observation is the key to my work. As a landscape painter, this means working outdoors in all seasons and in any weather."

Other works in the show mirror Russ's mentality by depicting the variety of weather associated with each season and emphasizing their continual transition. Kristin Malin highlights this ever-changing quality of the seasons in her artwork, stating, "The immediacy of painting from nature, its elements changing with time, is an effort to capture the dynamics of fleeting moments."

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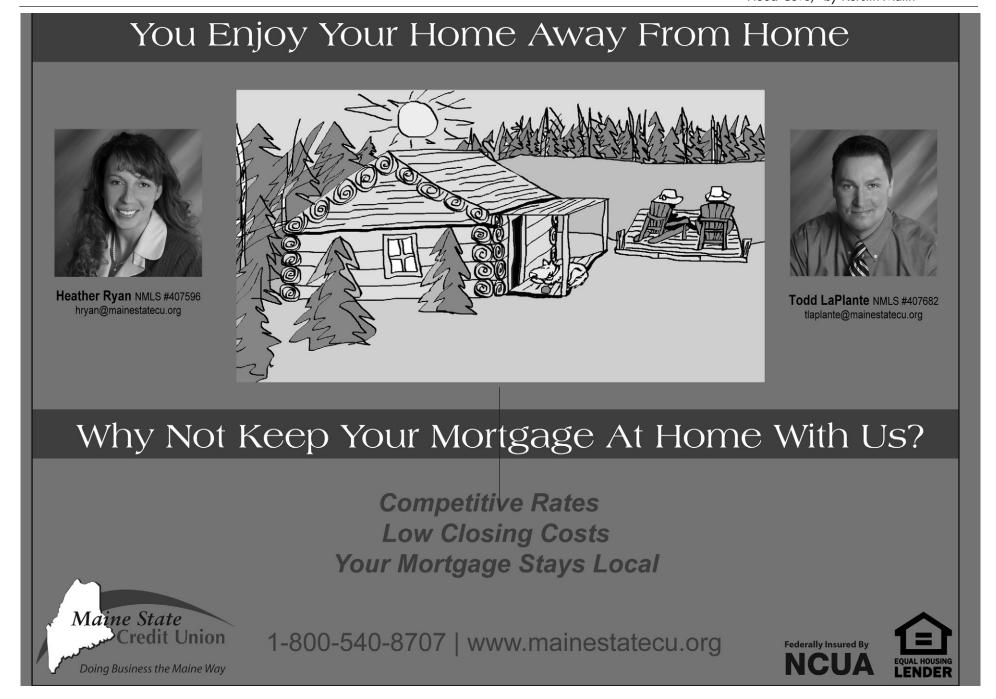
on August 22, 2015 to an audience of more than 100 lake stewards from around the state. The celebration includes lake activities such as learning to fish, boater safety, paddle boarding lessons and trips on the Melinda Ann- the Maine Lakes floating classroom. All are invited to attend the Bugs in the Classroom presentation at Camp O-at-Ka on Saturday, August 22, 2015 from 9-3pm. For more information visit the Maine Lakes website: http://mainelakessociety.org/

conference-2015/, or contact Jennifer Jespersen at jen@ecoinstincts.com.

The "Bugs in the Classroom" project is sponsored in part by a generous grant from the Flying Pond Improvement Association and the Mount Vernon PTC with technical support provided by Ecological Instincts and the Maine Lakes Society



"A Day in the Life of Robin Hood Cove," by Kerstin Malin





## Calendar Directory

#### TOWN BY TOWN...

GREAT VISITS, AWESOME OUTINGS – ART, MUSIC, CULTURE, HISTORY, RECREATION, FARMERS' MARKETS, TRAILS, SCENIC SITES, AND MORE...

#### AUGUSTA

- Viles Arboretum, 224 acres with 6 miles of year round walking trails, including art and sculpture trail, open dawn to dusk, Visitor Center open Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm, admission free, 626-7989, www.vilesarboretum.org, 153 Hospital Street
- Farmers' Market at the Arboretum, indoors, Friday 1-5 pm
- Art in the Capitol, Maine Arts Commission monthly self-guided exhibits in State House hallways (Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm), Blaine House (call for times), and Maine Arts Commission Office (8:30am-4:30 pm), 287-6746, mainearts.maine.gov
- Children's Discovery Museum, CDM, hands-on displays, activities, Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-4 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-4 pm, admission, 622-2209, www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org, 171 Capitol Street
- Danforth Gallery, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, UMA-1234, www.uma.edu
- Governor's Mansion, 1830 Blaine House, Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 pm, 287-2121, www.blainehouse.org, State Street
- Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine, Michael Klahr Center, Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm, 621-3530, www.hhrc.uma.edu, University of Maine at Augusta, off Route 27
- **Kennebec Historical Society,** Wednesday-Friday 10 am-2 pm, 622-7718, *www.kennebechistorical.org*, 107 Winthrop Street
- Maine State Museum, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, \$2 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, 287-2301, www.mainestatemuseum.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.augustamaine.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, Conv 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
- **UMA Fitness Trail**, 2 miles of wooded trails, near Civic Center, Route 27
- Farmers' Market at Mill Park, Tuesday 2-6 pm, 626-2305, www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/, North Water Street
- Farmers' Market at Turnpike Mall, 549-5112, Wednesday and Saturday 10 am-1 pm, Western Avenue

#### BELGRADE LAKES

- **Great Pond Mailboat,** 215-7520, Monday-Saturday 10 am, Post Office, Main St.
- Spring Gallery, cast bronze display at MLRC, 495-3113,

www.springgallerymaine.com, 137 Main Street

- The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, pool and lakefront, gym, playground, picnic area, rec programs, 495-3481, www.belgrademaine.com, 1 Center Drive
- Union Church Coffee House, check for schedule, 7:30 pm, \$5, 495-3599, www.unionchurchmaine.org, Main Street
- Belgrade Historical Society, 465-7924, belgradehistoricalsociety.org
- Farmers' Market, Sun 8 am-1 pm, 465-7058, www.belgradelakesfarmersmarket.org, Main Street
- Peninsula Park on Long Pond, picnic tables, Main Street
- Maine Lakes Resource Center, 512-5150, www.mainelakesresourcecenter.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.fairfieldmehistoricalsociety.net, 42 High Street
- Farmers' Market, 948-5724, Wednesday 2-6 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Nazarene Church parking lot, 81 Main Street

#### **FARMINGTON**

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

#### GARDINER

- Artdogs and Circling the Square Fine Art Press, Friday 1-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, 582-6600, www.theartdogs.com, 275-277 Water Street
- Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, 582-7144, www.johnsonhall.org 280 Water Street
- Monkitree, art exhibits, 512-4679, www.monkitree.com, Tuesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm, Saturday 12-6 pm, 263 Water Street
- **SpinOff Studio**, 588-7297, *spinoffstudio.org*, Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm, 405 Water Street
- Farmers' Market, 512-8022, www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org, Wednesday 2-6 pm, rain or shine, The Common
- Kennebec River Rail Trail, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, access near Gardiner/Randolph Bridge, 6.5 miles to Augusta
- Waterfront Park, picnicking, events throughout summer, Kennebec River
- The Center for Maine Craft, 9 am-8 pm daily, 588-0021,

www.mainecrafts.org, West Gardiner Service Plaza, Route 126 off Routes 95 and 295

#### GREENE

• Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, free entertainment programs, monthly - Fri 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, www.sawyer-foundation.com, 371 Sawyer Rd, off Rt 202

#### HALLOWELL

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

#### HINCKLEY

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

#### KINGFIELD

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

#### Livermore

• Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 18th-19th century mansion/farmstead/schoolhouse, library, chapel, 897-4366, www.norlands.org, admission, living history tours Tuesday and Thursday 1-4 pm, 290 Norlands Road

#### MADISON

- Lakewood Theater, Maine's Summer Theater, Young Performers Camp, 474-7176, www.lakewoodtheater.org, Route 201
- Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, 474-9345, www.skowheganart.org, summer evening artists lecture series, East Madison Road

#### Моммоитн

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

#### MOUNT VERNON

- D.E.W Animal Kingdom, Zoo, 293-2837, 918 Pond Rd, Route 41
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#### **NEW SHARON**

- Farmers' Market, Saturday 9 am-1 pm, Douin's Market, 491-9025, 150 Mercer Road, Routes 2/27
- New Sharon Historical Society, Saturday 1-3, Routes 778-4167, 2/27

#### Norridgewock

- Norridgewock Historical Society Museum, 1838 building, Saturday 10 am-3 pm, 634-5032, www.norridgewock.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 schoolhouse, 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.sidneyhistoricalsociety.org,2986 Middle Road
- Silver Spur Riding Club, horse shows, River Road, Route

#### 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-Saturday 12-6 pm, 16 Common 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
- 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
- Waterville Opera House, 873-7000, www.operahouse.com, 93 Main Street
- Farmers' Market, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, www.watervillefarmersmarket.org, The Concourse parking lot

#### 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

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- Norcross Park, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake
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- East Pond Association, Smithfield/Oakland, www.eastpond.org
- North Pond Association, Smithfield/Rome/Mercer, www.northpond.net
- McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association (MP/SL), Belgrade/Oakland, RR 2, Box 2800, Belgrade, 04917, 465-3983, www.salmonlake.org
- Great/Long Ponds: Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA), Belgrade/Rome/Mount Vernon, PO Box 551, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 512-5150, www.belgradelakesassociation.com
- Friends of Messalonskee Lake Watershed, Oakland/Belgrade/Sidney, PO Box 532, Oakland, 04963, 465-4622, www.snowpond.org
- Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance and BRCA Conservation Corps, PO Box 250, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-6039, www.belgradelakes.org
- Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group (BLRBG), PO Box 596, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-3700, www.belgradelakesmaine.com
- Maine Lakes Resource Center/Docks to Doorways, PO Box 431, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-3617, 620-6029, www.mainelakesresourcecenter.org

#### BEYOND...

- Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, PO Box 5003, Augusta, 04332-5003, 621-4100, www.watershedfriends.com
- Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District, 107 Park Street, Farmington 04938, 778-4279, www.franklincswcd.org
- Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District, 21 Enterprise Drive, Augusta 04330, 622-7847, ext. 3, www.kcswcd.org
- Somerset County Soil & Water Conservation District, 12 High Street, Skowhegan 04976, 474-8324, www.somersetswcd.org
- Kennebec Land Trust (KLT), PO Box 261, 331 Main Street, Winthrop, 04364, 377-2848, www.tklt.org
- Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, PO Box 2388, Waterville, 04903, 873-6443, www.kmtrails.org
- Kennebec River Rail Trail, PO Box 2195, Augusta, 04338, 623-8162, www.krrt.org
- 30 Mile River Watershed Association (30 MRWA), Kimball Pond in Vienna to the Androscoggin River, PO Box 132, Mt Vernon, 04352, 685-4956, www.30mileriver.org
- Maine Lakes Society, formerly Congress of Lake Associations, PO Box 447, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 1-855-463-2652
- Central Maine chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (CeMeNEMBA), 441-6227,

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...Through Friday 6/19 - Harry Potter exhibit, Mantor Library, University of Maine, Farmington, 116 South Street, Farmington.

...Through Sunday 6/21 - Snow Pond Music Festival, featuring special performances from the Frederick L. Hempke Saxophone Institute and the Maine Chamber Music Seminar; recitals and performances listed on Snow Pond Calendar at www.snowpond.org, Snow Pond Center for the Arts, 465-3739, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

...Through Friday 6/26 - "Downtown Details," an exhibition of local art highlighting the architectural details of Water Street in historic downtown Augusta, presented by the Augusta Historic Preservation Commission, first floor, Augusta City Center

...Through Saturday 6/27 - "Little by Little, Bird by Bird," celebrating Spring and the 5th Anniversary of Monkitree - a fine art and craft gallery, 512-4679, Tuesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm, Saturday 12-4 pm, 263 Water Street, downtown Gardiner.

...Thursday 6/4 through Sunday 6/6 – "The

Witch in Room 204," a bewitching tale of ageless romance, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 6/5 - Ed Desjardin, Market Square Melodies, free live music on your lunch break, 11 am-1 pm, Market Square Park, Water Street, downtown Augusta.

...Friday 6/5 – Opening Reception for "Perspicere: Richard William Blanchard and Amy Peters Wood," 5-7 pm, followed by a gallery talk led by Maine State Historian Earle Shettleworth who will interview Blanchard and Wood about their work and process, free and open to the public, show runs through June, gallery open Wednesday-Saturday 12-6 pm, 622-3813, Harlow Gallery, 160 Water Street, Hallowell.

...Friday 6/5 - Farmington First Friday Art Walk, artists, entertainment, exhibits, food, sales, 5-8 pm, downtown Farmington.

...Friday 6/5 through Sunday 6/7 - "Next Fall," performed by ACAT, Aqua City Actor's Theater, 7:30 pm, Sunday at 2 pm, Studio Theater, 873-7000, Waterville Opera House, 93 Main Street, downtown Waterville.

...Saturday 6/6 and Sunday 6/7 – 2015

Maine Fiber Frolic, 15th Annual, great family outing, sheep, llamas, alpacas, goats, rabbits, fleece/fiber products, sheep and alpaca shearing, shows, drills, demonstrations, parades, children's area, educational presentations and much more; food concessions available, picnic tables, most exhibits under cover, 9 am-4 pm, adults \$5, seniors \$2, children under 12 free, www.fiberfrolic.com, Windsor Fairgrounds, Route 32, Windsor.

...Saturday 6/6 – 19th Annual Paddle for Pine Tree Camp, paddle with a purpose by raising pledges to benefit campers with disabilities; 7-mile, two-hour paddle on the Kennebec River, Solon to North Anson, family-oriented, appropriate for all ages, skill levels and abilities, followed by a celebratory barbecue and free time, \$100 minimum pledge, www.pinetreesociety.org, 443-3341 ext. 5914, start at Evergreen Campground, Solon.

...Saturday 6/6 - Run to Play 5K, 4th annual, to benefit the Children's Discovery Museum, run, jog or walk – all are welcome; registration 8-8:45 am, Kids Fun Run around the Augusta Recreation Field starts at 8:30 am, 5K from outside the Kennebec Valley YMCA down the Kennebec River Rail Trail and back starts at 9 am, register at 622-2209,

www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org/, meet at KVYMCA, 31 Union Street, Augusta.

...Saturday 6/6 – Morning Bird Walk to celebrate National Trails Day, 8 am, on the beautiful trails on the Good Will-Hinckley campus with a museum expert, bring your own binoculars; Trail Walk for "Snack Stand," 1 pm, all events free and open to the public 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...Saturday 6/6 – Celebrate National Trails Day, for information about programs contact local trails and recreation associations listed on page 7 in Summertime in the Belgrades, including Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, 592-0004, Waterville and Skowhegan Parks and Recreation Department, www.skowhegan.org, 474-6901, Skowhegan.

...Saturday 6/6 - Franklin County Historical Societies Tour, countywide open house at over a dozen historical societies and museums featuring local history collections, 10 am-4 pm, including Farmington Historical Society (778-4275), Wilton Farm & Home Museum (645-2091, New Sharon Historical Society (778-4167) and Nowetah's American Indian Museum and Gift Store (628-4981) in New Portland.







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and Wildlife, Route 26, Gray.

...Saturday 6/6 - Grand Opening of the New Bateau Exhibit, permanent outdoor exhibit, including informative panels highlighting Benedict Arnold's March in 1775, the Kennebec River Drives, and industry on and around Skowhegan Falls, light refreshments provided, 5-7 pm, 474-6632, Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center, Riverside Lawns, 66 Elm Street, Skowhegan.

...Saturday 6/6 – David Sancious, an early member of Bruce Springsteen's group, the E Street Band, best known as a keyboard player and guitarist, 7:30 pm, \$17 all seats, 582-7144, Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, Water Street, Gardiner.

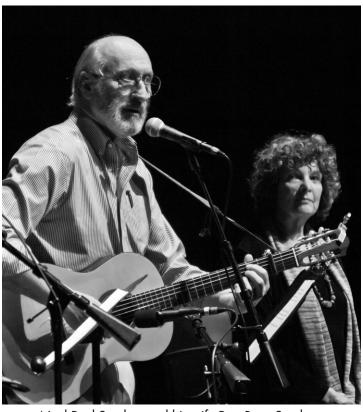
...Sunday 6/7 - 2015 Maine Fiber Frolic, animals, education, food, crafts, 9 am-4 pm, adults \$5, seniors \$2, children under 12 free, Windsor Fairgrounds, Route 32, Windsor.

## One Light, Many Candles By Gregor Smith

n Saturday, June 6, Noel Paul Stookey, the "Paul" of the 1960s folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary, and his wife, Rev. Betty Stookey, will present One Light, Many Candles, a program of readings and songs, at the First Congregational Church on Eustis Parkway in Waterville. This will be the first presentation of this program in Central Maine and Noel Paul Stookey's first public appearance in the Waterville area since his concert in January 2013 at the Waterville Opera House for the Maine Public Broadcasting Network.

On their website, the Stookeys describe One Light, Many Candles as a "multifaith program ... of readings and music that reflect the diversity and integrity of individual faith while seeking a global spiritual community." The program grew out of the monthly, interfaith services conducted by Betty Stookey at Northfield Mount Hermon, a private, secondary, boarding school in Western Massachusetts, where she was chaplain from 1997 to 2005. In these services, students of diverse religious traditions read from their holy books, their readings supplemented by Noel Stookey's music and songs from other lands.

Since their three months as "minister and artist in residence" at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. in 2005, the Stookeys have presented One Light, Many Candles in places as varied as Earlham College, a Quaker college in Indiana, and the Reversing Falls Sanctuary, a "center for contemplation and action" in Brooksville, Maine. In 2011 they brought the program to secular audiences in Maryland and Florida and since then have performed it several



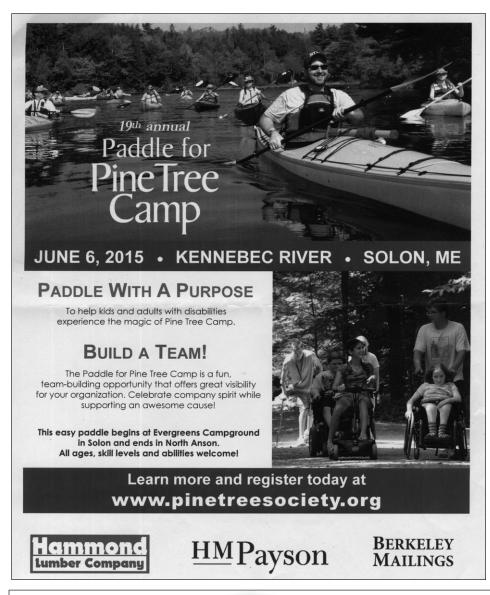
Noel Paul Stookey and his wife Rev. Betty Stookey. Photo by Lancia Smith

times each year in theaters, churches, schools, and colleges mainly in New England, but also in New York, Ohio, California, and Florida.

The program has evolved over time, continually bringing in new material. It generally lasts an hour to an hour and a half, as it moves back and forth between Betty Stookey 's reading aloud and Noel Stookey's singing.

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#### JUNE

- Readfield Walks, a unique history program will walk to Kamp Peacock on Friday, June 12, 10 am-12 noon. Camp Peacock, known as Dixon's Camp is on Lake Maranacook. Readfieldhistorywalks.blogspot.com
- The 5th Rally for Norlands: Civil War Reenactment Weekend is June 13-14, with a wide variety of living history demonstrations, exhibits and engaging activities to benefit Maine's oldest living history farm and museum. 897-4366
- The 5th Annual Yard Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library will be held Saturday, June 13, 8 am-2 pm at Day's Real Estate, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-2101
- The Union Coffeehouse will feature Porch Light on Saturday, June 13 at 7 pm. Porch Light is a new acoustic folk duo featuring Matt Loosigian and Mariah Sewall singing original, traditional and contemporary folk songs.
- Readfield History: The Evolution of Summer Resorts & Kids' Camps in Readfield, 6:30-8:30 pm, Wednesday, June 17, is offered by Maranacook Adult Education. 685-4923, x1065
- June 17-July 4 the 37th Whatever Family Festival will provide fun festivities along the Kennebec, including celebrations in Gardiner, Hallowell and a Day in Capitol Park. 623-4559
- Augusta's first Waterfront Wednesday Concert of the summer will be on June 17 at 6 pm to sunset, featuring the "Nikki Hunt Band." 626-2350
- "Preservation and Restoration of a Railroading Icon Maine Central Railroad #470" the June program of the Kennebec Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30 at Augusta City Center, 16 Cony Street.. 622-7718
- An Erica Brown Bluegrass Concert will be held on Thursday, June 18 at 7 pm at the North Church in Farmington, sponsored by the Farmington Historical Society.
- Annual Meeting, Belgrade Historical Society, 7:30 pm, Thursday, June 18, Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons. 465-7924
- Gaslight Theater in Hallowell will perform

"Harvey" on June 19-21 and 26-28. 626-3698

- Relay For Life of Greater Augusta will be held Saturday, June 20 at Windsor Fairgrounds, Relay for Life is the world's largest fundraising event to fight every cancer in every community. Register online at relayforlife.org or call 1 800-227-2345.
- The Charlie Daniels Band will be performing on Friday, June 26 at 7pm at the Waterville Opera House. 873-7000
- On Saturday, June 27, 5-7 pm, the Union Church in Belgrade Lakes will be hosting an "Italian Night Dinner" and on Saturday, August 15, a Turkey Dinner.
- The 2015 Kingfield POPS and Arts Festival is set for June 27 with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. Tickets on sale now in Kingfield and Farmington at Tranten's Stores and Skowhegan Savings Banks locations.

#### **JULY**

- The 16th Annual Black Fly Follies variety show featuring the talents of the Theater at Monmouth's summer company will be held on Saturday, July 4 at 7:30 pm. 933-9999
- The Eighteenth Annual Maine International Film Festival will take place July 10-19 in Waterville 10 days, 100 films, 50 filmmakers and many special guests. Order passes, make donations or volunteer at www.miff.org or call 861-8138.
- Now is the time to sign up for the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament to benefit the Kennebec Leadership Institute scheduled for Monday, July 13. Sponsorship opportunities are available. 623-4559
- On Wednesday, July 15, Maine authors John Ford and Mark Nickerson will spak at the Belgade Public Library from 6-8 pm. 495-3508
- Skowhegan is the site of The Kneading Conference on July 30 and 31. 474-3621

#### **AUGUST**

• Taste of Waterville - food, fun, music and dining outdoors - will be held on Wednesday, August 5 in downtown Waterville. 873-3315



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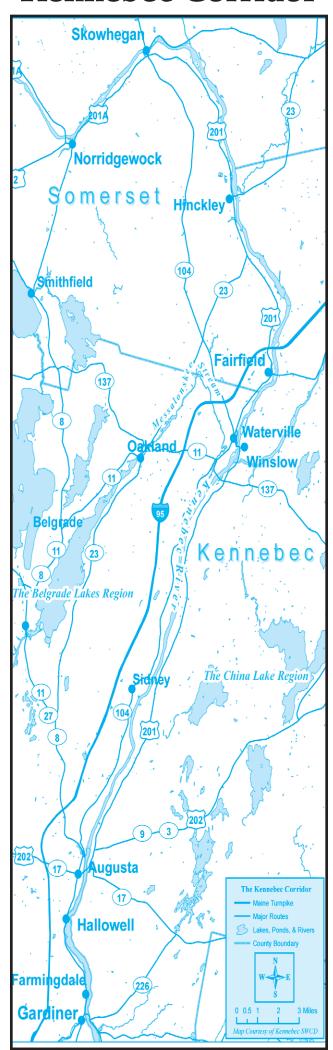
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#### Belgrade

• Neighbors Driving Neighbors, working with the Mount Vernon Community Partnership, is a volunteer transportation system scheduled to begin July 15 that will match people who need rides with volunteer drivers. The system will include the communities of Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Vienna and Rome and will provide rides to Augusta, Farmington, Lisbon Falls and Waterville for medical appointments, shopping and social events. 397-3752

#### Hallowell

• Call for Artists! Harlow Gallery artist members are

invited to submit one piece of art depicting or inspired by birds for the annual Members' Show and Sale. Show will be July 3-25. The opening reception, July 3, 5-8 pm, will coincide with the opening of the Harlow Gallery's Sculpture Garden at Vaughan Homestead on Litchfield Road (on view through August 29). Drop off work June 28 and 29. Volunteers are needed to help both dates. 622-3813

#### Litchfield

• 2015 represents 24 years of Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festivals, hosted by Greg and Sandy Cormier of Sidney. This year's festivals, #44 and #45, will be held on June 17-20 and August 26-29 at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. The BIG CHANGE for 2015: children 16 and under are FREE. The festival will continue to offer the Kids Academy, which is also free (apply at www.blisteredfingers.com). Gates will open at 8 am Sunday morning of each festival for Early Bird camping; the stage shows will be Wednesday through Saturday, with gospel singing Sunday morning. A lot of new entertainers as well as the old favorites will be at the 2015 festivals. 873-6539

#### Oakland

- Oakland Public Library on Church Street is 100 years old this year and welcomes visitors to the historic building. The Summer Reading Program for children will feature the theme "Every Hero has a Story." Entertainment for the program on Thursdays at 2 pm includes: Thursday, July 9, Judy Pancoast, music, dancing and singing; July 16 Steve Nutting, cartoonist; July 23, Gene Roy, electrical wizard, Michael Faraday; July 30, "Stephan the Great" magician; and August 6 end of the season party. 465-7533
- First Annual OakFest! ...Fun and activities for the entire family will be featured at the first annual OakFest during a three-day celebration, July 24-26. The celebration will kick off on Friday evening, July 24 at 6 pm with a hometown summertime parade with floats, antique cars, fire trucks, marching units and a children's bike section - followed by a downtown community street dance, food vendors, an artifacts exhibit, and more. On Saturday, events will be scheduled all day at the Williams Elementary and Messalonskee Middle Schools. Plenty of food, a children's area, vendors and crafts will be part of the funpacked day. triathlon, Paddle-Peddle-Pound-the-Pavement, will highlight Oakland's many outdoor resources, and will wrap up the event. 465-7357

#### Rome

• Mt Philip Grange monthly bean suppers are back for the summer. The season started on Saturday, May 16, with a record crowd and will continue every 3rd Saturday of each month through October. The menu features 3 kinds of beans, American chop suey, hot dogs, breads and homemade pies - All you can eat! The Grange is located at the intersection of Routes 27 and 225 - near a lot of great hiking trails! To get on the mailing list email holtie318@mail.com

#### Vassalboro

• The 18th Summer Solstice in the Garden to benefit Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area will be held on Saturday, June 13 from 10 am to 3 pm at Fieldstone Gardens, Quaker Lane, where guests of all ages will enjoy gardening workshops and tours, children's activities, building fairy houses, live music, artisan wares, a buffet gourmet luncheon and guest speaker Dr. Nathaniel Petley, naturopathic doctor and clinical

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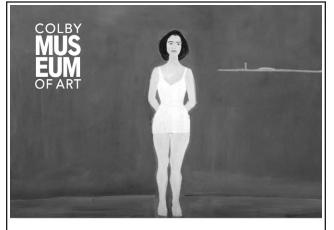
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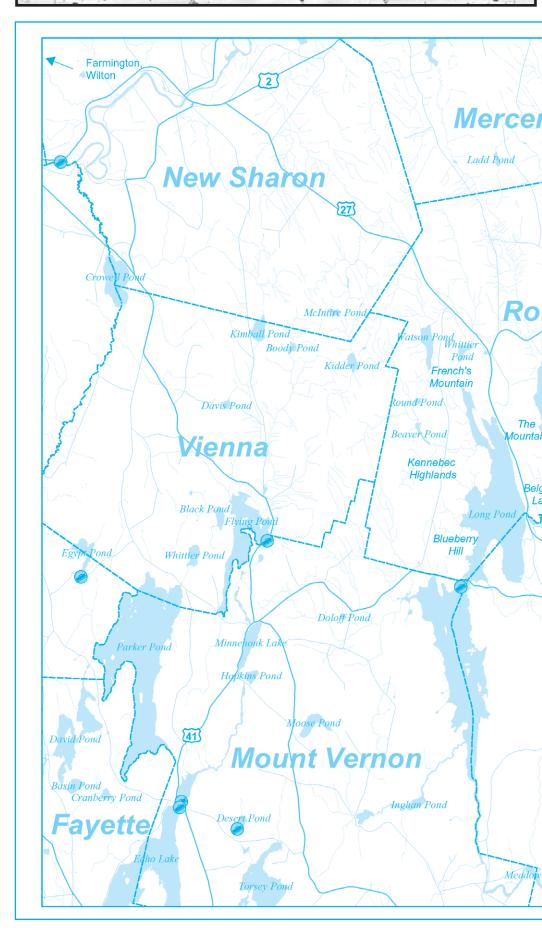




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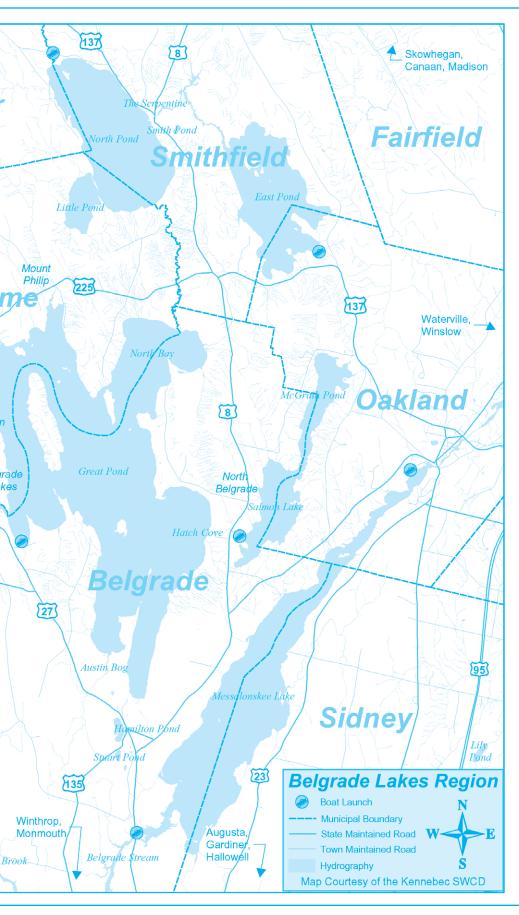
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shillings a bushel; potatoes 4 shillings, and corn \$2. Hundreds of residents migrated to Ohio and Pennsylvania, and others went to Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. It is believed that about 15,000 of Maine's scanty population (150,000 in 1815) went West that spring and it was said that some settlers sold their farms for as little as \$10, and some places were abandoned outright.

"In the vicinity of Belgrade Lakes in May of 1817, there was a two-day venue (from the French vendre – to sell), as auctions were then called. About 19 or 20 families had decided to migrate to Ohio, so they agreed to hold a union auction at a meeting house which they had been in the process of building, and although not completed the frame was up and boarded. Two men were sent out on horseback to ride far and wide, announcing it as the 'great vendue.'"

A big crowd came. Some were accommodated at the settlement, and as many as 50 camped about the meeting house, the interior of which was filled with various kinds of household goods, of the different families, in separate lots. Early the following morning, cattle, colts, sheep, and geese were driven there and confined in hastily built yards where people could look them over. Dog, cats, and other pets were offered as gifts to anyone who would take them.

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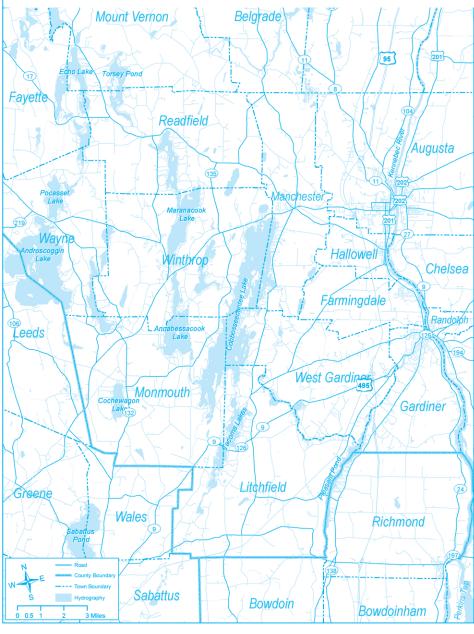
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- Farmington Historical Society, 778-4275: Titcomb House, the Octagon, House, North Church
- •Kingfield: Kingfield Historical Society, Stanley Museum, 265-2729
- •New Portland: Nowetah's Indian Museum, 628-4981



Wilton Farm and Home Museum, Wilton, Maine

- •New Vineyard: New Vineyard Historical Society
  - Strong Historical Society
- •Phillips: Sandy River Railroad Museum, Phillips Historical Society
- •Rangeley: Rangeley Historical Society, Outdoor Sporting Heritage, Maine Forestry Museum
  - Temple Historical Society
  - •Wilton Farm and Home Museum, 645-2091
- Livermore Falls Maine's Paper and Heritage Museum



Octogon House, Farmington, Maine

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A number of the artists depict nature in a highly abstract way. Among them is Rachel Eastman, who asserts, "My aim is to elude the literal to render nature as felt, walked through, breathed in, and condensed."

While a majority of the artists depict untouched scenes of nature, painter Lois Dodd chooses to explore the harmonious relationship between nature and human development. This combination of diverse media with varying artistic approaches creates a well-rounded and enrapturing show.

The museum is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 AM to 4:30 PM; Sunday, 1 PM to 4:30 PM; and at other times by appointment or by chance. Admission costs \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Throughout the summer, artists whose works appear in the exhibit will hold workshops, which visitors of all ages are encouraged to attend.

The L.C. Bates Museum is located on the Good Will Hinckley campus on Route 201, 5 miles north of Exit



"Watson Pond," by Matt Russ

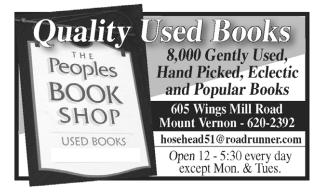
133 off I-95. For more information about the exhibit, the museum, or its programs, call 238-4250 or visit www.gwh.org/lcbates.



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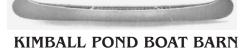
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The Stookeys have been married for over 50 years, 37 of which they have lived on the coast, in Blue Hill, where they raised their family.

Tickets to the Waterville performance cost \$15 in advance, or \$20 on the day of the show. One can reserve tickets by calling the church office at 872-8976; the office is open 8:30 - 11:30, Monday - Friday. Those who prefer to pay by credit or debit card may get tickets at Lakeside Orchards, 306 Readfield Rd., Manchester, 622-2479. The performance will begin at 7:00. For more information, visit www.wtvlucc.org or onelightmanycandles.org.

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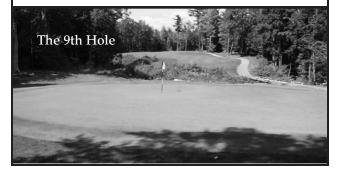
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### 15th Annual Maine Fiber Frolic at Windsor Fairgrounds





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The Fiber Frolic is a great opportunity for a 12 free. family outing, a safe destination to get close to

farm animals, to discover the many outlets of fiber arts and crafts, to wander among the barns, talk with owners, watch the competitions and relax at a favorite food concession. The drive is scenic, the parking easy, and the price right. Adults are \$5, seniors \$2, children under 12 free.

Throughout the day, farmers and spinners

and weavers, go about their equipment discussions, serious workshops and peer networking while guests admire the fiber products, attend shearing demonstrations, enjoy musical entertainment and watch Dan Grady's marionettes.

For a detailed program, workshop registration or vendor registration go to www.fiberfrolic.com

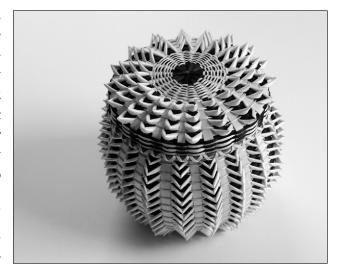


### Maine Indian Basketry Exhibition at Maine Fiberarts

Indian Basketry" is an exhibition on view now through June 30 at Maine Fiberarts, 13 Main Street, Topsham. The exhibition includes 78 baskets woven by over thirty Wabanaki basket makers that were lent from 12 different sources. A Reception and Art Conversation with Penobscot basket maker Theresa Secord will take place on Sunday, May 24, from 2-5 p.m. and the public is invited to attend to see these beautifully-crafted baskets.

The Wabanaki or "People of the Dawn" include members of the Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Maliseet and Micmac tribes who hail from the Northern and Down East regions of Maine. They have a long standing tradition of weaving baskets prized for their utility and fine craftsmanship.

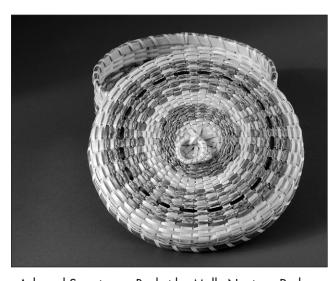
Since January, members of a curatorial committee have been gathering baskets for Maine Fiberarts' show from the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor, from Home & Away Gallery in Kennebunkport, from several private collectors, and from the artists themselves. Baskets include both historical and contemporary examples. While the materials used are mainly brown ash and sweetgrass, the techniques employed vary widely. Point baskets, curly baskets, handkerchief, alewife, button, sewing, and birch baskets are all on view. Baskets shaped like corn and radishes, stand next to work baskets with handles, and baskets that are eighteen-inches tall. The exhibition includes the work of David Moses Bridges, Pam Cunningham, George Neptune, Clara Keezer, Molly Neptune Parker, Jeremy Frey, Fred Tomah, Mary Sanipass, Theresa Secord, and Sarah Sockbeson, to name only a



Point Basket by Ganessa Bryant Frey on view at Maine Fiberarts in Topsham through June 30. Photo by Christine Macchi

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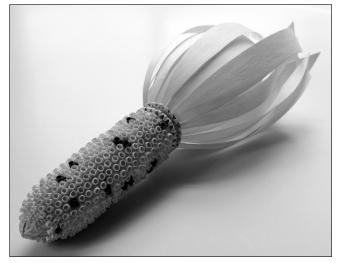
Special programming to coincide with the exhibition will also take place. On Saturday, June



Ash and Sweetgrass Basket by Molly Neptune Parker on view at Maine Fiberarts in Topsham through June 30. Photo by Christine Macchi

13, Passamaquoddy basket maker George Neptune will offer a talk at Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick from 1-3 p.m. on the topic of "Collecting Maine Baskets." Finally, on Saturday, June 20, from 1-2 p.m., Theresa Secord will offer a hands-on workshop at Topsham Public Library entitled "Weaving an Ash and Sweetgrass Bookmark." Admission to the workshop is free for the first twenty people who sign up by emailing: cyndi@topshamlibrary.org or by calling 207-725-1727.

The Maine Indian Basketry Exhibition is sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank, Maine



Yellow Corn with Lid by Theresa Secord on view at Maine Fiberarts in Topsham through June 30. Photo by Christine Macchi

Humanities Council, Maine Arts Commission, Maine Community Foundation and by several individuals who value this art form.

Maine Fiberarts is located at 13 Main Street, Topsham, 721-0678 or online at www.mainefiberarts.org.



## Take It Outside

reetings to the greater Belgrade Lakes **J**Community and welcome back summer residents and visitors!

When I was growing up and there was any kind of ruckus in the house, which was pretty common with six kids, my mother would tell us to, "Take it outside!" We would then head out to the woods behind the house to find something to do. My mother was a wise woman. Fifty years before Richard Louv wrote Last Child in the Woods in 2008, she had an innate understanding of "Nature Deficit Disorder" and knew that direct exposure to nature is essential for a child's healthy physical and emotional development. Louv later proved that kids who spend a lot of time outside are healthier, have longer attention spans, and are less likely to suffer from depression or childhood obesity. If you haven't read Louv's book, you should. I hope this column will inspire you to take advantage of all the outdoor recreation opportunities in our area and especially about the importance of getting youngsters outside and interacting with Mother Nature. Mother Nature is an amazing teacher and we can all learn from her.

This year was a long cold winter, with early freeze and late ice-out (April 24 on Long Pond), more like a traditional Maine winter. I followed my winter philosophy of "Carpe Skiem" and skied almost every day in the Kennebec Highlands. Those trips were fun but probably not what Summertime readers are interested in. On Memorial Day Weekend, the annual summertime switch was thrown and suddenly I couldn't find a parking place anywhere in Belgrade Lakes and had to stand in long lines at Day's Store. It was really windy on Saturday so I headed to the hills instead of the lake and hiked BRCA's Mountain Trail. This trail is relatively easy and the multiple loops allow you to create hikes from just over a mile to over three miles without retracing too many steps. I saw lots of people using the trail and found lots of spring wildflowers along the way, including painted trillium and pink and white lady slippers. At one point on the Long Pond Loop, I overtook a family from Connecticut that included a woman in her mid-70s leaning on a stout walking stick. She urged me to pass her because, "I can go pretty good on the uphill sections but I'm a lot slower on the downhills than I used to be." I told her that she McIntire Pond, a fly fishing only, native trout was coming up on a section of the trail that had a lot of lady slippers in bloom and she got a wistful look in her eyes, and said, "When I was a young girl, I used to run through these woods looking for lady slippers." Clearly, in her mind, she was still a young girl in the woods, just not as fast as she used to be.



### Welcome Back for Summer; Let's Get Outside!

by Pete Kallin





Mel Croft in McIntire Pond

On Sunday, I was up early and on the lake fish-



Native wild brook trout

ing by 5:15. I trolled past the mouth of the stream below the dam in Belgrade Lakes, which is often productive early in the morning but had no strikes. I looked out over the lake and saw a group of loons diving a quarter mile offshore. Knowing that those birds literally fish for a living, I figured they knew what they were doing and headed their way. I trolled a large circle around the loons and suddenly my fish finder lit up and one of my rods bent over. In the next 40 minutes or so, I landed two nice bass, two decent salmon, and two very large brown trout, one almost 4

ing fish by 6:30. On Tuesday, Mel Croft and I headed into

pounds and the other 3. I released the bass and

salmon to fight another day and headed home

with two trout, one for the freezer, and one for the

grill later that afternoon. I was back home clean-

pond in the Kennebec Highlands. It is a spectacularly beautiful spot, and has some of the prettiest native, wild trout I have seen. We each caught multiple trout including at least three over 12 inches. If you go there, just make sure you have an appropriate 4-wheel drive vehicle as the road in off Roxy Rand is a bit rough.

As you can see, there are plenty of recreational opportunities in the Belgrade Lakes Region. Groups like the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) lead hikes and paddles throughout the summer. Check their web site at www.belgradelakes.org for the latest schedule, which is usually included elsewhere in this paper. I will be writing about some of these trips throughout the summer in future editions of this column. In the meantime, take a kid fishing or on a hike, or paddling in a canoe. Or take a parent, so they can become a kid again.







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### --- Notebook -

#### Maine Marks 195th Anniversary

• As of March 15, 1820, "the State of Maine is hereby declared to be one of the United States of America and admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, in all respects whatever." So reads the "Act of Admission" designating Maine, a district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as a separate and independent state. Maine's statehood was approved by Congress as a result of the "Missouri Compromise," a proposal to admit Maine as a free state and Missouri as a state that allowed slavery, thus maintaining political balance. The Act of Admission and many such historical documents are preserved at the Maine State Archives in the Capitol Complex on State Street in Augusta.

#### **Maine Preservation Seeks Most Endangered Historic Places**

• Maine Preservation is seeking nominations of historic properties for inclusion on the 18th annual list of Maine's Most Endangered Historic Places. Since 1996, 136 endangered buildings, sites and historic architectural assets have received endangered status, including barns and agricultural buildings, traditional downtowns, grange halls, historic neighborhood schools, steeples and towers and town meeting halls. To request a nomination application, please email Bree LaCasse at bree@mainepreservation.org with the name and address of the site, your contact information and a brief one-sentence explanation of why the property is being nominated. The deadline to request an application is June 3. The 2015 list will be announced in August.

#### Maine Farmland Trust Hosts Maine Fare

• Maine Fare on the waterfront in Belfast, Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27, is an annual food festival that features two days of local food, classes, cooking demos and competitions, local farm tours, kids activities and the Belfast Fourth Friday Art Walk with local tastes at each gallery. Music, entertainment, over 30 vendors and a Homegrown Hootenanny that includes The Gawler Family from Belgrade will round out the event. See what's on the table at www.maine-fare.org 338-6575

#### Maine Wildlife Park Summer Programs

• Summer Wildlife Days, sponsored by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park, presents Saturday programs through September, 11 am-2 pm, at the park in Gray. June programs include: "If you care, leave them there! June 6; Herpetology (reptiles and amphibians) June 13; Meet Donn Fendler - "Lost on a Mountain in Maine" and learn about outdoor safety and survival skills June 20 and "The Ancient Ones" June 27 and 28. The Ancient Ones, a group of re-enactors in full period dress, will set up a real Living History Camp from the late 1700s-1800s on Saturday and Sunday. www.mainewildlifepark.com 657-4977

**Belgrade Lakes Association Milfoil** 

#### Mission

• The battle to Stop Milfoil in Great Pond continues with an aggressive 2015 action plan to remove 90% of the remaining invasive milfoil in Great Meadow Stream and North Bay, to use Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance workers and the new DASH boat while employing New England Milfoil professionals for a limited time, to increase survey work including nighttime searches with lights, to close the infestation area to all motorized watercraft, to expand "Adopt-A-Shoreline" and to raise \$100,000. To donate to the Stop Milfoil Capital Campaign send a check to "BLA-STOP MILFOIL," PO Box 551, Belgrade Lakes 04918 or online at www.belgradelakesassociation.org.

#### **Invasive Aquatic Plant Manual Control Training**

• The Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program is offering a free two-day training course and certification for scuba divers, hooka divers and surface support providers in the manual control of invasive aquatic plants on Wednesday, June 17 and Saturday, June 20 in Oakland. Part 1 - Introduction to IAP Manual Control with manual harvesting and benthic barrier in-lake instruction and practice will be held Wednesday, 9 am-5 pm at Memorial Hall, Church Street. Part 2 - Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) in-lake instruction and practice will be held Saturday, 10 am-3 pm at the Oakland Boat Landing on Messalonskee Lake. To register, christine@mainevlmp.org or call 783-7733.

#### Free Maine State Park Admission on Father's Day

• Father's Day is Maine Resident's Day, a free day for all Maine residents, 9 am-6 pm, at Maine state parks and historic sites. All vehicles with Maine license plates are allowed free entrance. Open admission does not apply to Baxter State Park, Scarborough Beach State Park or the Penobscot Narrows Observatory.

#### Augusta

- During construction and expansion, Lithgow Library has moved to the Ballard Center in the former hospital building on the east side of the Kennebec River. 626-2415
- "Downtown Details," an exhibition of local art highlighting the architectural details of Water Street in historic downtown Augusta is being held in recognition of National Historic Preservation month and will be on view through June 26 at the Augusta City Center. The exhibit is presented by the Augusta Historic Preservation Commission.
- The 38th Annual Whatever Family Festival and Day in Capitol Park sponsored by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce, from June 17 through the 4th of July, needs volunteers to help with safety, parking, chick-in, decorating and more. Sign up today at info@AugustaMaine.com or 623-4559.

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## Dining

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- Wings Hill Inn and Restaurant, gourmet fine dining in historic inn, daily culinary chef's specialties, Route 27/Main Street, Belgrade Lakes Village, 495-2400 or 800-495-2400, www.wingshillinn.com

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•Sunset Camps, pizza, picnic foods, drinks, tables in beach area, access from North Pond, 834 Village Road, Smithfield, 362-2611

## Free Cooking Course For Families

cooking Matters for Families is a two-hour, six-session course, that starts Wednesday, June 10, 4:30-6:30 pm, at the Union Church of Belgrade Lakes. The course teaches children and their families how to prepare delicious, healthy meals together at home.

The class includes hands-on learning and group discussions and covers topics including healthy cooking techniques, food safety, tips for smart shopping, budgeting tips to stretch food dollars and more. Participating families will receive free groceries each week to prepare a meal at home as well as a free cookbook, cutting board, thermometer and reusable grocery bag upon completion of the program.

The Cooking Matters for Families course in Belgrade is open to children ages 11 to 14 and their families. Each child participant must be accompanied by at least one adult. The course will be taught by a nutritionist and a cooking enthusiast and is offered through Healthy Northern Kennebec with support from Belgrade Regional Health Center.

Cooking Matters is a national program of Share Our Strength. For more than 20 years, it has provided hands-on cooking and nutrition classes to low-income people at risk of hunger. Cooking Matters has been recognized by the USDA and by Michelle Obama's "Let's Move!" for excellence in nutrition education. In Maine, Cooking Matters is implemented through a partnership between Good Shepherd Food Bank and Maine SNAP-Ed.

Belgrade Regional Health Center is part of HealthReach Community Health Centers, a group of eleven Federally Qualified Health Centers in Central and Western Maine serving over 80 rural communities. HealthReach is celebrating 40 years of dedicated providers delivering high quality medical and behavioral health care.

For more information or to register for Cooking Matters for Families, please contact class coordinator Jacqueline Stevens at 872-4485 or jstevens@healthynorthernkennebec.org.

## Waterville Walks



Are you ready to get active? Looking for a free, supported walking program accessible and welcoming to all? Waterville Walks! is for you!

Waterville Walks! is a volunteer supported, community walking program designed to get people of all ages moving, socially connected, and gaining the health benefits of regular exercise.

Participants in this FREE program are connected to other walkers at their level and given tools to measure progress while encouragement and support come from volunteer walk leaders and others in the program; all ages and abilities are welcome! Get connected by visiting the Waterville Walks! Meet-Up Page at www.meetup.com/Waterville-Walks, where you can

re you ready learn more about the program and learn about other to get active? opportunities for walking with others in your coming for a free, munity.

There will be a kick-off event for Waterville Walks! on June 4 at 5:30pm at Quarry Road Recreation Area for the program with free pedometers for the first 30 people, walking logs, trail maps, and more! Other walk times and locations are expected as interest and volunteer commitment grows. If you are interested in leading a walk, promoting the program, or learning more, please contact Ellen Wells, Community Wellness Team Leader, at ewells@emhs.org or 861-3292.

Waterville Walks! is a community program of Inland Hospital in collaboration with Waterville Parks & Recreation, Healthy Northern Kennebec, Friends of Quarry Road, Central Maine Ski Club, Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, and Waterville Main Street.



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**Great Pond Marina**, 25 Marina Drive, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes, 495-2213, www.greatpondmarina.com

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#### **CANOES AND KAYAKS**

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#### **DINING**

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#### **HEALTH CENTERS**

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Inland Hospital, 200 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville, 861-3000, 1-800-491-8600, www.inlandhospital.org

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#### **MUSEUMS**

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Belgrade Lakes, 495-3111, 1-888-495-3111,
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#### RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

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#### VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

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#### WINDOWS

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Titled "Little by Little, Bird by Bird," this show of birds will run through June 27. It is inspired by two quotes: the French proverb that states "Little by little, the bird builds his nest," and the story by author Anne Lamott about her brother being overwhelmed by a homework assignment on birds and her father telling him "Bird by bird, buddy. Just take it bird by bird."

"Little by Little, Bird by Bird" includes bird inspired works by nine Maine artists: Helen Farrar, Nancy Barron, Bridget McAlonan, Susan Mathias, Barbara Chase, Elizabeth Korson, Virginia Hurley, Betsy Cook and Sarah Smith. Capturing the birds that capture their fancy, each artist explores these fine feathered friends from their own perspective and in their chosen medium.

Moniktree is a fine art and craft gallery located at 263 Water Street in historic downtown Gardiner. The gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 am-6 pm and Saturday 12-4 pm. 512-4679

## Bird by Bird Exhibit Celebrates Many Facets of Progress



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herbalist. \$5 admission fee per person includes Fairy Feast lunch for children 12 years and under; \$10 for gourmet lunch. Pre-register at 873-3615

#### Waterville

• The 18th Summer Solstice in the Garden to benefit Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area will be held on Saturday, June 13 from 10 am to 3 pm at Fieldstone Gardens, Quaker Lane, where guests of all ages will enjoy gardening workshops and tours, children's activities, building fairy houses, live music, artisan wares, a buffet gourmet luncheon and guest speaker Dr. Nathaniel Petley, naturopathic doctor and clinical herbalist. \$5 admission fee per person includes Fairy Feast lunch for children 12 years and under; \$10 for gourmet lunch. Pre-register at 873-3615

### Belgrade Regional Health Center

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the spectacular Belgrade Lakes Region. We at Belgrade Regional Health Center hope that your visit is memorable and that you enjoy good health during your stay. We look forward to the return of our summer residents as well as visitors to the area.

In case you do have a health concern while visiting, we are available to treat acute problems as well as chronic health conditions. Please call us for an appointment at (207) 495-3323, and we will see you as soon as possible at the health center. Our appointment hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday evening 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

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## Conservation Too -

### So Many Invasives, We are International in Scope

by Dale Finseth

Since many of those reading this article may only be here for part of the summer, I thought that I'd focus on the issue of "terrestrial invasives." Not that I would refer to any of you as "invasives," but like you, those of us who live here year-round need to come to grips with managing "invasives". Over the past few years there has been an increase in terrestrial invasives. Local land owners, foresters, land trust managers and State of Maine officials are taking notice.

In the Belgrades most people are fully aware of the problems that can be caused by waterbased invasives like Milfoil and Hydrilla. Hours of time and thousands of dollars are spent trying to control their spread. But 80% of the Belgrade watershed's 96-97,000 acres is relatively dry land and supports the growth of terrestrial invasives. Point being that there is a great deal more land that is being invaded than water.

The culprits? In recent years the spread of Multi Flora Rose, Barberry and Russian or Autumn Olive seem particularly robust. Your back yards are feeling the pressure of these invasive plants. There is a list of these invasive plants [check http://www.maine.gov/doc/nrimc/mnap/fea tures/invasives.htm for both a list and pictures. The Natural Areas Program has a good website and additional materials as well. If you



Multi flora rose in spring

have the chance, stop at a Cooperative Extension office and pick up some of their handouts.

In most cases, trying to control their spread is difficult. You need to recognize that there is a problem. That occasional plant out back with interesting foliage and a pretty flower might become a thick bank of vegetation if you leave it be. Take a look along the edge of the woods on your property and note the occasional spring clusters of white flowers which indicate Multi Flora Rose. Next year that small patch of white flowers will be joined by additional mounds of nasty thorn covered plants. Removal is much more difficult. Before long that area can become a breeding ground of fruit and seeds which get

spread to neighboring properties.

Our natural landscape is part of what Maine is all about. Its future depends on the choices we make. When buying plants or moving them from place to place, consider whether the plants are likely to escape. Plants advertised as fast growing, prolific, and soil tolerant are often the ones that become invasive. Maine just won't be Maine if the plants dominating our landscape are all from away. As Harry Potter's professor, Mad Eye Moody, would say, 'constant vigilance.'

- Replace invasive plants in your garden with non-invasive alternatives.
- •DO NOT attack the problem with indiscriminant herbicides. They may have a place in your management plan but they are not a magic bullet. Be careful with their use.
- •Check out the Maine Natural Areas IMapInvasive program and become a citizen scientist.

Remember, there is a lot to do in order to protect water quality. Managing invasive terrestrial plants is part of that effort. While we may talk about managing our tourists, they usually leave in the fall.

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

## Paddle With A Purpose On the Kennebec River June 6



On Saturday, June 6, the 19th annual Paddle for Pine Tree Camp will feature a seven-mile excursion down a beautiful stretch of the Kennebec River from Solon to North Anson.

Described as Maine's premier paddling event, the Paddle for Pine Tree Camp attracts hundreds of participants each year and raises thousands of dollars that help send Maine children and adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities to the barrier-free, lakeside Pine Tree Camp on North Pond in Rome.

Since 1945, the Pine Tree Camp has welcomed all who could benefit from its programming and no one has been turned away. Proceeds from the paddle event will go directly to the Campership fund.

The two-hour paddle down the Kennebec River is family-friendly and ideal for all ages and abilities. Starting at 8 am at Evergreens Campground in Solon, the paddle adventure will end with a free, celebratory barbecue at 2 pm in North Anson

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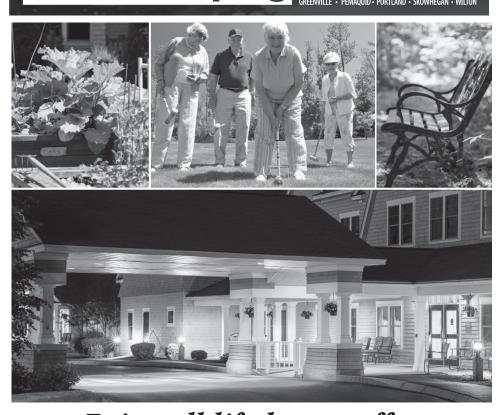
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