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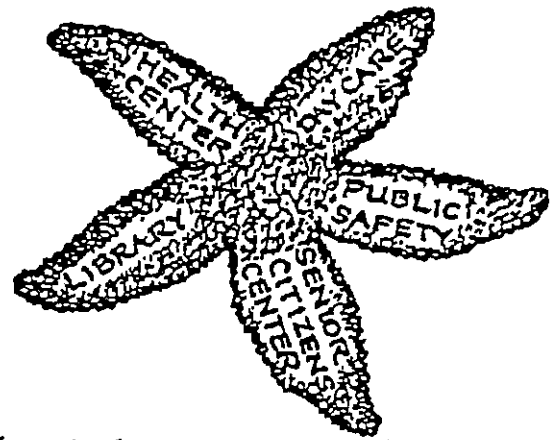
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# Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

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## AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS NOTICE TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Ladies Auxiliary Unit, Randall Mc Vane Post #142, Peaks Island, has established a Past President's Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is available to high school graduates furthering their education; such as college, vocational or trades school, career courses or other programs. Students may apply annually for assistance in continuing their studies.

First consideration will be given to Junior Auxiliary members of the unit, children of active members of the Auxiliary, American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, or any Peaks Island full-time resident who is a high school graduate.

Students interested must let their intentions be known by letter to the Ladies Auxiliary and must be post marked no later than **May 31, 2014**. Please address your letter to Lisa Lynch, Scholarship Chairman, 17 Elizabeth St., Peaks Island, ME 04108 or deliver in person to the Café. Scholarship moneys will be disbursed after completion of your first semester.

### Fifth Maine Opening Celebration – May 17, 2014

It's a new season at the Fifth Maine Museum, and we have many plans, including a refreshed museum with a brand new library space, and the wonderful new "Coney Island" exhibit.

And – our first annual "History Walk to the Future." For this fun and fit historical trivia walk, we are seeking teams of walkers to gather some sponsors and walk the fun-filled route which will end back at the Fifth Maine, where a cookout, children's craft table, and live music by the PI Ukes will be waiting! Prizes will be offered for teams raising the most support. Come as a family, a bunch of friends, a girl scout troupe, a school class.

To pick up a sponsor sheet, contact Faith York at 766-5763 or [fifthmainemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:fifthmainemuseum@gmail.com). Turn in your pledge sheet at the Fifth Maine on May 17th, pick up your map and special gear, and then have fun!

- 10:30 History Walk to the Future Registration
- 11:00 – 4:00 Museum Open House
- 11:30 Cookout & Children's Craft Table
- 12:00 PI Ukes

**Peaks Island Health Center**  
87 Central Ave.

**Hours:**      **Monday 4/28 and Friday 5/2: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**  
then beginning on Monday, May 5:  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Kitty Gilbert, Family Nurse Practitioner, provides care for all ages.  
Please call either **766-2929** or **874-2466** for an appointment.

**May is National Stroke Awareness Month**

A stroke occurs when the blood supply to part of the brain is interrupted or decreased, depriving the brain tissue of oxygen. It is a leading cause of death in the United States. Prompt treatment is crucial to minimize brain damage. Signs and symptoms:

1. Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm, or leg. (Droopy mouth on one side)
2. Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding. (Slurred speech)
3. Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes. (Blurred vision)
4. Sudden dizziness, trouble walking, loss of balance.
5. Sudden severe headache.

**Call 911**

Immediate care at the hospital (within 3 hours of onset) can be life-saving, and minimize potential complications. Major hospitals now have a fast track to diagnose and treat this condition upon arrival, thus decreasing the dire consequences of the past.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS**

Thank you to Faith York and the Peaks Island Ukes. They entertained the Seniors at the April "Breakfast for Lunch" Potluck. Good friends, good food, good music! What could be more fun than that? We hope they will come back again soon.

The May Potluck Luncheon will be held on **Monday, May 12th**. Many Islanders should be returning from their sunny retreats. Please invite them to join us at noon at the Fay Garman House and bring a dish to share. All Seniors are welcome!

## ***Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church***

*Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds*

*We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, and Reconciling Congregation*

9 Church Ave., Peaks Island, ME 04108

Rev. Angela Tarbox, Pastor

207-766-5013; [www.brackettmumc.org](http://www.brackettmumc.org); [brackettmumc@yahoo.com](mailto:brackettmumc@yahoo.com)



**Anyone is welcome to join any of our worship, fellowship, or mission opportunities.**

**Sunday Morning Worship** at 10am. Followed by an informal time of food and fellowship in the church hall.

**After School Bible School** – Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30 at Brackett church. A Vacation Bible School style curriculum for kids in grades K-5. We have snacks, games, videos and activities that help us to learn more about God and to experience God's love in our lives. May 7 is our last class until the fall!

**Tween Nites** – Every other Friday, 6:30-9pm (generously co-sponsored by the Peaks Island Fund). For youth in grades 6-8. May 2, 16, and 30.

**Adult Scripture Study** Tuesdays, 9-10:30am at Beth Childs' home.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Fridays 10:30am – 12:30pm at the parsonage (9 Church Ave, across from school).

**Peaks Island Food Pantry** at Brackett Church Mondays, 3:30-5p; Thursdays, 9:30-11a. If you would like to donate non-perishable food, there are drop-off locations at the Community Center and Brackett Church.

### **SPECIAL EVENT IN MAY:**

**Saturday, May 31** from 9-2, RUMMAGE SALE at Brackett Church. We are gratefully accepting donations, so please call Emily Sherwood: 766-5545 or Tookie Harris: 518-9532 to arrange a time to bring your treasures to the church. This is always a blast and a joy to see the community gather for good deals and fun all under one roof.

### **St. Christopher's Catholic Church**

**Rector: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746**

**Sunday Mass** is at 10 AM followed by fellowship in the Parish House. All are invited and details are at [www.cluster21portland.org](http://www.cluster21portland.org).

For questions concerning Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage, please contact Father Lou.

**Share Scripture** with Islanders each Thursday in the Parish House from 9:30 to 11 AM.

**Cancer Support Group** meets from 7 to 8 PM on Tuesday, May 20th in the Parish House.

**AA** meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Parish House.

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**PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP:** 71 Herman Avenue: 766-2854  
[www.picw.org](http://www.picw.org)



**PICW will be closed Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day**

WE would like to Thank Maggie Small, the Elementary School and the Peaks Island fund for inviting our pre-kindergarten students to the Chewonki event "Fur, Feathers and Feet." Our children enjoyed meeting the Barred Owl and getting to hold different animal pelts.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, don't miss Tacos and Bingo at Jone's Landing. Come enjoy great food while playing for fun prizes, all are welcome 5:30 - 7:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE: Summer soiree – August 17<sup>th</sup> at TEIA

Check out the children's craft table at the Fifth Maine opening on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The PICW is accepting applications for our WAIT-LIST.  
Contact Celeste at [celeste@picw.org](mailto:celeste@picw.org) for applications

The Board of the PICW is always open to suggestions and communication from the community. Please contact us through Board Chair, Gerry Ney at [gerryney3@gmail.com](mailto:gerryney3@gmail.com)

## The Peaks Island Community Food Pantry

The Peaks Island Community Food Pantry is truly a community effort, with donations and support provided by many different individuals and organizations from Peaks Island. As part of the Peaks Island Council initiative to provide boat tickets to year-round residents in need, the Food Pantry now has a few senior, child and adult boat tickets available for distribution.

**We are located at the Brackett Memorial Church and our opening hours are:**

**Mondays — 3:30 — 5pm**

**Thursdays — 9:30 — 11am**

The Peaks Island Food Pantry would like to thank Bob Hannigan for his generous donation of many cases of spaghetti and pasta sauce, one of the most popular food items at the pantry. Thank you, Bob! The food pantry would also like to thank the members of the Peaks Island Council who approved and are now championing our funding request to the City Council. Thanks to all the council members for their support.

We are extremely grateful for any donations of non-perishable food and toiletry items (no out of date food items, please). We have a collection box located in the Douglas MacVane Community Center -- aka the library--or bring donations directly to the food pantry during opening hours. **Our current needs are: canned ham or chicken breast, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, grape jelly, canned fruit or vegetables, toilet paper.**

Cash donations are especially helpful as it allows us to provide clients with \$20 Hannigan's vouchers for fresh fruit, vegetables, bakery, dairy and meat items. **You can now make checks out directly to: Peaks Island Food Pantry.** People who wish to make tax-deductible donations should make checks out to Brackett Memorial Church and write "FOOD PANTRY" in the memo line. Please call Susan Hanley, 766-2735, for more information, to request food drop off, or to arrange donation pick up.

## May at the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building 766-5540 email [peaks@portland.lib.me.us](mailto:peaks@portland.lib.me.us)  
Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

**Is Your Child Turning Five?** We've had several newly five-year-olds come in to get their library cards recently and what an exciting time it has been for them and their parents. If your child is turning five, a library card makes a great gift, and it's free.

**Middle School Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, May 20, at 5:45 for food and fun. Those who met last time decided six is the right number of books to read between meetings. If you are in Middle School and would like to participate in the program, come into the library for details and to get your punch card.

**First Tuesdays Book Discussion:** The book for the next meeting, May 6, is *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in Mumbai* by Katherine Boo. For the June 3 meeting the book is *Life Saving Lessons* by Linda Greenlaw. Books for the months ahead are listed on the Friends of the Peaks Island Library's Facebook page and on the wall by the library door. To reserve a library copy, come in, call or email the library. Meetings begin at 7 in the Community Room.

**Nursery Rhyme Time:** for infants and toddlers at 10:15 on Wednesdays.

**PreSchool Story Time:** Fridays at 10:15. All island children and visitors are welcome.

## PEAKS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

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### An evening devoted to island bees and monarch butterflies

7 pm Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
at the Community Center



#### Speakers:

Curtis Rindlaub, island beekeeper and author  
Sam Saltonstall, fascinated monarch follower

An award winning documentary will be shown after the speakers finish.  
Bring a seat cushion!

**More than HONEY**  
A film by Markus Imhoof  
(2013 - 91 minutes)



Milkweed plugs may be on sale at cost.



## PEAKS ISLAND COUNCIL (PIC)

Scheduled PIC meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Community Center. Next scheduled meeting is May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. For more information please contact any of the council members: *Cheryl Miner Chair, Marjorie Phyfe Co Chair, Chris Alves, Mary Anne Mitchel, Jean Martens, Lisa Penalver or Tim Wyant.*

### Need Based Ferry Tickets

Tickets available through the Baptist Church 956-3072, Brackett Church 766-5013, Food Pantry, Peaks Island Health Center, Peaks Island Children's Workshop, St. Christopher's Church 332-2443 and the Peaks Island Senior Center.



### Bike Tickets for Island Residents

Spring is here! Bike tickets became available at the Peaks Island Library for *island residents* at no cost. During regular library hours, island residents may request tickets for up to four (4) people. Only one set of tickets will be given out per day. We ask that individuals request them no more than once a month to allow for more people to use them.

This program is funded through the Peaks Island Council budget as part of the budget of the City of Portland. This program is intended to give island residents recreational access to the bike trails of greater Portland. Enjoy!

## PEAKS ISLAND TAXI NEWS

Spring is finally here and we're looking forward to a good summer. May is a busy month on the Island. The school budget election is on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Taxi offers **free rides** to the polls and back for all Islanders.

It is also time for our annual **50-50 raffle**. Ticket sales will begin Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and continue through Memorial Day the 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be selling raffle tickets outside of Hannigan's Market. You can also purchase your tickets from the driver in the taxi. Last year's winner won over **\$1000** in cash. Signs will be posted with the time of the drawing on Monday. Come help us to **"Keep the Wheels Rollin"**!

## Peaks Island Elementary School

On Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, we had a visit from Chewonki and made the acquaintance of owls and a bat! What a wonderful visit, financed by The Peaks Island Fund, and arranged by Maggie Small. We are so grateful!

Emma, Chewonki's educator, shared an informational video, feathers and bird skeletal parts, and owl pellets. The highlight of her presentation, though, was the introduction of the live specimens. These included a bat and a Barred Owl for the morning group, and a Saw-Whet Owl, a Screech Owl and the Barred Owl for the afternoon group.

One Tuesday afternoon, our students worked together in small teams to assemble Wood Duck and Screech Owl nesting box kits. We had the entire school in our Art/Music Room and many adult helpers were there as well. We are so proud of our students! They are all amazing. Adult helpers, we could not have done this without you! Thanks to Michael Steinberg, the boxes were installed around Battery Steele. Have you noticed them there?

Sharoan Cohen and Kevin Attra helped Michael with the installation and we heard he only fell into the water once!

On Friday, Mr. Marenghi fulfilled his promise to honor our students for their achievements on the First in Math website by dressing up in a fairy costume and tossing candy to the kiddos, from our gymnasium roof! It was pretty cool! Thank you Mr. Marenghi for being such a great sport!

Thank you students, for your hard work earning over 150,000 stickers. Parents: take a look at this site with your child. It's challenging and, (I speak from experience), not easy to earn stickers! Next goal: 200,000!

We maintain a Blog page on which we have posted many pictures of the events described above. Please visit: [blogs.portlandschools.org/room4](http://blogs.portlandschools.org/room4)  
Click on the page links at the top. Enjoy!

### **Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

**Our Portland Fire Department continues to work with the Island CERT but we still need more volunteers!**

**Learn about how you can help Islanders during a disaster.**

**For more information, call Al Bleau at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.**

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR:** Sunday, May 25, by 6 pm. Bring articles copy-ready to the library. You may put them in the Book Return or under the door when the library is closed.

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## MAY ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and/or equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise (766-2970 or [d1m@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:d1m@portlandmaine.gov)) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island - Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Denise will be on vacation from 5/23 until 6/1 - returning to PI on Monday, 6/2. Any room reservations for that time MUST be made by Thursday, May 22. She will also be out of the office on June 5, 6, and 9 - returning to PI on Thursday, 6/12. Please call again if you left a message but did not hear back. Check <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/rec/peaksislandcc.asp> for facility schedule.

**SPECIAL NOTE: I AM LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HOST OUR "MYSTERY TEAS" DURING THE SUMMER. THANKS!**

### WEEKLY KNIT/CROCHET, CHAT and LUNCH

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, and 22 10:45am-12:00 pm

Join us in the com. rm. as we continue making hats, scarves and dishcloths for charity. Stop by if you are interested in buying hand-made dish cloths (\$2) or hats/scarves (\$7 each). Proceeds go towards purchase of much needed gloves/socks.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES (com. room)

Everyone is invited to enjoy these afternoon movies. BYO lunch at 12:30 pm for some pre-movie fun. Movie descriptions are on Denise's bulletin board. (as you enter com. bldg).

May 1: *Secretariat* (123 minutes)

May 8: *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (95 minutes)

May 15: *Babes in Arms* (93 minutes)

(may need to substitute another Mickey Rooney film)

May 22: *Paradise Road* (122 minutes)

### WALKING TOUR: GLIMPSE OF OLD PEAKS ISLAND

Monday, May 5 AND Monday, June 2

11:00 am - Tour starts at Greenwood Garden

12:00 pm - Tour ends with a "Meet and Greet" at com. room  
Walk with Reta Morrill and Joyce O'Brien as they share what life was like on PI before WWII. After the walk, we will have time to share your own stories, photos and postcards. Pre-registration appreciated. Fee is \$2 per person/per session

### SPECIAL IN-TOWN TRIP: PLANTS, FOOD & MORE!

Friday, May 16 10:00 am boat/2:15 pm return

Back by popular demand! We will go to the annual plant sale at the Morrison Development Ctr. in Scarborough. We will also stop at Highland Avenue Greenhouse and Farm Market, which contains a bakery along with soup and sandwiches. Deadline to register is Thursday, May 15. Min. is 6. Fee: \$4

### NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPH MONTH CELEBRATION

Monday, May 19 10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Come see a slide show of the fun we've had over the years! Help plan for the Summer 2014 - Denise will have several ideas for off-island adventures. BYO photo(s) and lunch.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MONDAY, JUNE 16

#### ANNUAL LUNCH w/ "IN-TOWN" SENIORS

Monday, June 16 11:45am - 2:30 pm Lunch & program

Once again, the "in-town" seniors will be on Peaks Island for their annual luncheon. Details will be in the June "Star".

**On-going exercise program for Adults**  
FMI, please leave a message for Denise (766-2970)  
Low-Impact Aerobics with Weights:  
Mondays and Thursdays - 9:30 to 10:30 am (com. rm.)

### May Movies - Saturday Nights - FREE

<b>6PM</b> <b>3</b>	<i>Fraggle Rock</i> , episodes 4, 5, 6 of Season 1, 1983, NR, 30 min each	<b>8PM</b> <b>3</b>	<i>The Butler</i> , 2013, PG-13, 132 min
<b>10</b>	<i>Cirque de Soleil: Worlds Away</i> , 2012, PG, 91 min	<b>10</b>	<i>The Master</i> , 2012, R, 138 min
<b>17</b>	<i>Secret World of Arrietty</i> , 2012, G, 94 min	<b>17</b>	<i>The Last Picture Show</i> , 1971, R, 126 min
<b>24</b>	<i>Frozen</i> , 2013, PG, 102 min	<b>24</b>	<i>Chasing Mavericks</i> , 2013, PG-13, 116 min
<b>31</b>	<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i> , 1954, G, 126 min	<b>31</b>	<i>All Is Lost</i> , 2013, PG-13, 106 min

Saturday Night Movies are a program of the Friends of the Peaks Island Library and are shown on a large screen in the Community Room by volunteers. Children must be accompanied by adults.