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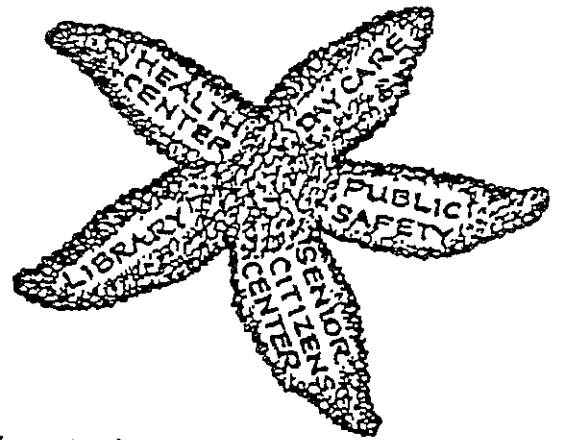
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Peaks Island STAR



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

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Fifth Maine Museum – June, 2015

On Memorial Day Weekend, the museum opened at our regular pre-season schedule (Saturdays 11 – 4 and Sundays 12 – 4). We will open 7 days a week starting in July. Many exciting and fun events are planned for this season.

On **June 2**, Stoneboat Poetry will hold a reading at **6:30 pm**. On **June 14**, Renaissance Voices will present their spring concert: *Lo, the Winter is Past* at **6:30 pm**. This is a wonderful a capella chorus. \$10; www.renaissancevoices.org. On **June 18**, the PI Lecture Series will hold its monthly lecture at **7:00 pm** – stay tuned for details!

PeaksFest will visit the Fifth Maine, too, on Friday **June 19**, the traditional kick-off Schmoozefest and SOCK HOP this year, starting at **6:00 pm** – so slick back your hair and dig out your poodle skirts! PeaksFest Bingo will follow downstairs at **7:30 pm**, and on Saturday morning **June 20**, starting at **10:00 am** we'll team up with the 8th Maine for a Secrets of the Museums Scavenger Hunt.

Also during PeaksFest on that Saturday, **June 20** starting at **10:00 am**, you can also *bring some of your OWN funky 1980's artifacts* for a groovy decade-specific **Community Pop-Up Exhibit: The 1980's**, and we'll arrange them into an exhibit! (*This is to take-off on the PeaksFest theme of this year, which, we hear is "Back to the Future" – since the first movie was in the 1980's, and THIS year [2015] is the year of the future in the trilogy – but shhhh...don't tell anyone – it's supposed to be a secret*). The **Community Pop-Up Exhibit: The 1980's** will run from **11:00 am – 4:00 pm** on the 20th, only – so be sure you drop in to see it!

And *most importantly* – one of our fabulous **Pancake Breakfasts** will be held on Sunday morning, **June 28, 8:00 to 11:00 am**. Enjoy a delicious repast of blueberry or buttermilk pancakes, eggs, ham, homemade baked beans, watermelon, juice, coffee & tea in our seaside dining room or on the verandah overlooking our garden. Come early to get a good seat!

FMI: check out the local bulletin boards, C. Eisenberg's list, the community calendar at www.peaksisland.info, NextDoor, and our website – your BEST source of information: www.fifthmainemuseum.org; email events@fifthmainemuseum.org or call 766-3330.

Homestart Meeting

Homestart, the advocate for affordable housing on Peaks, will meet on Tuesday, June 9, at 6 pm at the Fay Garman House. All Peaks Island residents are welcome.

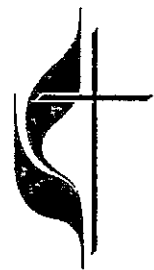
Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

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; 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.

Adult Scripture Study Thursdays, 10-11:30am at Claire Dahl's house (13 Sunset Rd.). Join our study of Christianity's Family Tree

Prayer Shawl Ministry Fridays, 10:30am – 12:30pm at Wally Fischer's house (238 Brackett Ave.). *June 5th will be held at the parsonage (9 Church Ave.).*

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

SPECIAL EVENTS IN JUNE:

Friday, June 12, 6:30pm: Family Movie Night. Join us for a free family oriented movie in our renovated and cozy Church Family Room. Bring your family for a fun, free, community night at Brackett Church. This month, we'll be watching **Paddington** (Rated PG). "Paddington tells the story of the comic misadventures of a young Peruvian bear who travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone, he begins to realize that city life is not all he had imagined...." Children must be accompanied by an adult.
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Sunday, June 21, 7pm: Ferry Home Companion. Join us at TEIA for our third year in presenting original material celebrating and finding the comic joy in island living. Thank you to TEIA for hosting this event and we invite your family to enjoy a Bring Your Own Picnic dinner before the show.

Vacation Bible School - The Jesse Tree Journey

Jesse Tree Journey Ecumenical Vacation Bible School will take place at St. Christopher's from 9 AM to noon July 13th - July 17th.

Sponsored by both St. Christopher's and the Brackett Memorial Methodist Churches, it is recommended for children entering kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall. Cost is \$25 per child with a \$50 maximum per family.

Join us on an exciting journey through the Old Testament to the Gospels of the New Testament. Its final Holy Hero is Jesus and the final destination the Church. The Jesse Tree (or Jesus' Family Tree), Scripture, role plays and music are included in the opening assembly and closing assemblies. Children rotate to prayer, art, game, and snack stations that include energetic lessons and activities that connect to the day's Scripture reading and Jesse Tree hero.

For more information or to volunteer: contact Melissa Maurais at 773-7746 or Melissa.maurais@portlanddiocese.org. Or contact Mary Anderson: Maryparkeranderson@yahoo.com, 766-0997.

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St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Michael Seavey at 773-7746

Sunday Mass is at 10 AM each week followed by fellowship in the Parish House. All are welcome. Details for other Masses in Portland are at <http://www.portlandcatholic.org/>

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

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

Rosary: The Scripture Studies Group invites all to pray the Rosary for special intentions and world peace at 9:30 AM before Mass each Sunday.

Cancer Support Group meets from 7 to 8 PM on Tuesday, June 16th in the Parish House.

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

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**St. Christopher's Annual Fair
Saturday, July 4th, 10am-2pm**

Welcome to our Annual Summer Fair! Once again we include our Rummage Sale, Raffle Items, 50/50 Cash Raffle, Silent Auction, Home-made Baked Goods, Kids Games and Face Painting, Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs AND our Famous Lobster Rolls !

If you would like to contribute Silent Auction or Rummage Sale items (no clothing or electronics please) contact Susan Hanley at 332-2443 or Chris Hoppin at 766-2593. Or drop them off behind the Parish House from 11am 'til noon on Sundays June 21st and 28th or June 29th to July 2nd.

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PEAKS ISLAND COUNCIL JUNE MEETING

June 4th, 6:30 p.m., at the Community Center

June's Peaks Island Council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4th (instead of the usual 4th Wednesday of the month). All our welcome and encouraged to attend.

PEAKS ISLAND TAX AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The long, cold stormy winter is over and the month of June is here with the hopes of warm and wonderful weather. I would be remiss if I did not mention the fact that the cost of energy made it difficult for folks to stick to their budgets. PITEA responded to over 44 requests for energy assistance and every family that requested assistance received that assistance. We thank everyone who supported our fundraisers over the last year to make this possible. At the same time we assisted 7 families to pay their property taxes. WE just learned that 17 families received letters informing them that liens have been placed against their homes. PITEA will begin to discuss ways in which we can help these families.

We spoke to the City Treasurer about the liens and she let us know that tax payers may make monthly payments so that the entire cost is not due in March or September. Please feel free to speak to the folks in the taxation office about your lien and how you can work with them to eliminate the lien. Our committee will be looking for ways to help those whose taxes are overdue.

One of our committee members who joined our committee in May of 2003 passed away in May. Jane Gerard brought a great deal of energy and her many, many ideas for fundraising to our committee. Loaf and Ladle Dinners, the Winter Carnival Week, summer lawn party, summer raffles for golf carts etc., etc., were mainstays of our fundraising efforts. Her energy and devotion to making sure that people stayed warm in the winter and kept their homes tax free were just two of the many ways that Jane kept this island uppermost in her mind. For over thirty years she thought about her neighbors and their needs. She was a good friend to many and we all lost a dear and valued friend. Please join us in sending our condolences to her husband Sid and to her children Andy, Mike and Amanda and their spouses and children.

We will be holding our second annual chowder and lobster roll dinner in July and our Bean Supper in August. Watch for our emails and signs announcing the dates and times.

If you wish to contribute to PITEA, please send your check made out to PITEA to P O Box 126, Peaks Island, Maine, 04108. You may designate Tax or Energy Assistance as the recipient. We know that the winter of 2015-16 and the two property tax payment dates will be difficult for some of our neighbors. WE want to make sure that everyone is safe and warm and continues to keep their homes for years to come.

We would welcome new members to our committee. Please call 766-0067 to volunteer. Just want to cook for our dinners, please call Cynthia at 766-0067. Join our happy chefs!

Mary Arnold, Ralph Ashmore, , Linda Capone Newton, Heather Kannianen, Linda Murphy, Howard Pedlikin, Cynthia Pedlikin, Val Simoneau

SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS

The Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, June 8th. Invite your senior friends and neighbors to join us at noon at the Fay Garman House. Come and enjoy the beautiful gardens that are blooming outside the community room. Bring a dish to share and join in the camaraderie.

Your annual dues of \$5.00 are now due and will be collected at the June and July luncheons. All Seniors are welcome!

June at the Peaks Island Branch Library

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

Welcome back to our long-time summer friends and to newcomers and vacationers. We are drifting happily into Summer Mode here at the library, so read carefully as some programs take a break, some change location, and some new ones begin.

Author Talk by former islander Brenda Buchanan on June 25 at 7 pm. Brenda's newly released book, *Quick Pivot, a Joe Gale Mystery*, is her first publication and is available only as an e-book.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion: It is that time of year again when the Book Discussion moves to the beautiful setting at the TEIA clubhouse. Thank you to TEIA for partnering with the library. Books for July and August are *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr (July 7) and *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown (August 4), both highly recommended by all who have read them. To reserve a library copy of either book, come in, call or email the library. Meetings begin at 7 pm. June 2, the book will be *Norwegian Night* by Derek Miller, in the Community Room.

Summer Reading Program for Adults runs June 1 – July 31. Fill out an entry form each time you complete a book. There will be a drawing at each branch each week for a \$10 gift certificate from Longfellow Books. All entry forms will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize at the end of the 8 weeks.

Middle School Book Club: Our next meeting is on Tuesday, June 16th at 5:45 pm in the Community Room. We will continue to meet during the summer months. If you are in middle school now or will be attending in the fall please join us. If you are visiting Peaks Island join us, it will fun to hear what others are reading.

Summer Reading Program for Children runs June 15 through August 15. The goal is to read or be read to one hour each week. There will be Sea Dogs tickets, drawings for weekly prizes and a party at the end for those who complete the program. Details available at the library.

Story and Craft Program begins Tuesday, June 23, at 7 pm in the Community Room. This program is geared for 5-8 year olds and will run through August 4. Mrs. Crowley-Rockwell will again share her time and talent to entertain with stories and encourage young people to think of themselves as readers.

Nursery Rhyme Time: for infants and toddlers at 10:15 on Wednesdays, through June 10.

PreSchool Story Time: Fridays at 10:15 through June 12. All island children and visitors are welcome.

New Vision Campaign for the Peaks Island Branch Library

We are excited to introduce the New Vision pledge campaign in support of the renovation of our Library. The proposed renovation will ensure that the library can continue to provide flexible, dynamic space to meet the evolving interests and needs of our community in an enlarged, and energy-efficient place. If you have not received campaign materials by June 15, please pick up a copy from the library or contact any of the committee members below: Jane Banquer, Deb Chase, Carol Eisenberg, John and Jean Gulliver, Jean Gulnick, Bob and Jane Hannigan, Cheryl and Bud Higgins, Barbara Hoppin, Connie Hurley, Bridget and Barry Kinner, Phyllis MacIsaac, Kathryn Moxhay, Karen Peterson, Mira Ptacin, Mary Jo Roth, Monica Stevenson and John Freeman, Kay Taylor, Bill and Patty Zimmerman.

PeaksFest 2015

(Hint: THIS is the year of the FUTURE...)

We hope you've got these dates saved: **June 19 – 21**: the annual celebration of your favorite island community is happening! PeaksFest 2015 will have a super-fun theme this year, and you'll see it in everything from the wicked-cool-Marty-Braun-designed-2015-edition T-SHIRTS to the fun and funny FERRY HOME COMPANION show, to a COMMUNITY POP-UP MUSEUM EXHIBIT on the 1980's, to the MOVIES on Saturday night (all THREE of them! OK, that's a very big hint). We'll have a SOCK HOP on Friday night at the opening SCHMOOZEFEST at the Fifth Maine, BINGO, then PIE EATING CONTESTS, books sales, special music, animal balloons, scavenger hunts, PARADING MAD SCIENTISTS, and wild-west-clad doggies. It doesn't get any better than this! There's still time to get your ideas in, and we *always* need more helping hands; so if you want to jump in on the action, you are not yet "OUTATIME"! Whatever you do – just be there, with a smile on your face and a HOVER BOARD beneath your feet (or at least a dance in your step)! Stay tuned for the official schedule!

PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: 71 Herman Avenue: 766-2854
www.picw.org



PICW will be closed Monday June 22nd for a staff in-service day

The sun has been shining and we have been enjoying the warmer weather by spending lots of time outside going on walks and riding tricycles. The kids have helped plant flowers around the playground and we will be starting our vegetable garden project soon.

Thank you to Horizon Solutions for coming out May 21st for United Way's Day of Caring and cleaning up our playground, it looks beautiful. Also, a special thanks to David Hagan, Adam O'Brien and Brian Olson for volunteering their time and building our elevated garden systems. As a reminder, if anyone has tomato plants or vegetable seeds they would like to donate to this project please contact Michelle at michelle@picw.org.

PeaksFest is June 19-21st: Look for our bake sale table down front on Saturday morning

PICW is accepting applications for part/full time care on our WAIT-LIST. Contact Celeste at 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, Melissa Conrad mconrad@backshore.net

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Thursday, June 25, by 6 pm. In July and August there will be a calendar of events on the front page. To have your events included in that, on a separate piece of paper please list the name of the event, date, time, place and cost of admission if there is one. Also, please include your contact info in case the calendar editor has any questions for you. You may put submissions in the Book Return or under the door if the library is closed.

Peaks Island Music Association – Summer, 2015

The Peaks Island Music Association is pleased to announce its 2015 summer season!

Please join us at the Fifth Maine Museum on alternating Wednesday nights throughout the summer. ALL of our concerts begin at 8:00 pm, and all suggested donations for PI Music Association concerts are only \$5 per person. We try VERY hard to bring you the best we can and keep our prices VERY low. Where else can you get a world-class pianist or a Nashville star or hear your neighbors play their hearts out for that price? ☺

We welcome rockabilly sensation Sean Mencher and His Rhythm Kings on July 8. The popular Annual Island Musicians concert will swing in on July 22. Fabulous pianist, and artist-in-residence at Bowdoin College, Mr. George Lopez will bring a concert of classical music on August 5. The Peaks Island Chorale will sing you into the end of the season on August 20.

Our annual Barbara Goelman Music Scholarship will be awarded at that last concert, and deadline for applicants is Aug. 1 – so if you know a talented young music student who is studying hard, let us know, and encourage him or her to apply!

FMI: check out the local bulletin boards, Carol Eisenberg's list, the community calendar at www.peaksisland.info, NextDoor, or send an email to Faith York at fyonpi@aol.com, or call 766-5763.

Peaks Island Health Center
87 Central Ave. P.O. Box 52

Hours: Monday, Wednesday and 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.

The Health Center Board would like to thank the many Islanders (over 40 of you) who attended one of the workshops on end-of-life choices on Thursday, April 30. We are very grateful to Priscilla Platt, a trained volunteer with the Maine Health, who gave two sensitive, helpful and well-organized presentations geared toward writing an Advance Directive. Have you completed yours? If you were unable to attend, and are interested, you will find additional Advance Directive (ADC) and Medical Emergency Information (VOL) forms at the Health Center. If you would like help with the Advance Directive, you may call the Southern Maine Agency on Aging at: (207) 219-0155.

When you visit the Health Center, be sure to notice the lovely paintings of Peaks Island scenes on the walls of the waiting room. Jeanne O'Toole Hayman has generously donated them to the Health Center, and thus, to the community. Many thanks from all of us, Jeanne!

Because it could make a difference to you someday in an emergency, we would like to join CERT in their efforts to encourage everyone to place a good-sized reflective house number on their house, in a place that is easily visible from the street.

Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Peaks Island CERT continues to look for more volunteers to serve Islanders in times of a disaster or emergency. For more information, call Al Bleau at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.

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JUNE 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 (DLM@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2970) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island, on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you leave a phone message but I don't get back to you, please call again as I may not have received the original message. Thanks!

LAUGHTER YOGA

Monday, June 1 AND July 6 10:45 – 11:30 am in com. room
Learn to laugh at nothing at all and get all the health benefits that laughter offers. The Yoga part is short and deep breaths (no Yoga positions. All are welcome – no experience needed

WEEKLY KNIT/CROCHET and CHAT

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25 10:45 -11:45 am
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

BYO.PICNICS at the COMMUNITY GARDEN

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25 12:15 – 1:15 pm
Enjoy the beauty of the community garden at Trott-Littlejohn Park. BYO lunch and share garden stories with others. All are welcome (children must be accompanied by adult). Attention community/home gardeners: if you have extra produce you would like to share with island seniors, please contact Denise at DLM@portlandmaine.gov. We'll help distribute the produce.

LUNCH at the INN w/ "IN-TOWN" SENIORS

Friday, June 5 11:45am – 2:30 pm (w/ social time/program)
Once again, the "in-town" seniors will be on the island for their annual luncheon. Pre-registration required – deadline to register is Wednesday, June 3. Lunch includes salad, rolls, choice of chicken or pasta, dessert and soft drink or hot beverage. Cost: \$13 (includes tip). FMI: leave message for Denise (766-2970)

BRAIN TEASERS, PUZZLES and GAMES

Monday, June 15 10:45 – 11:45 am in com. room
Play Scattergories and Gestures and enjoy some brain teasers.

SPECIAL IN-TOWN TRIP –

UNE ART GALLERY, HISTORIC HOUSE, LUNCH

Friday, June 19 10:00am boat/no later than 4:30pm return
Let's play tourist in Portland! Gallery has watercolor paintings of John Calvin Stevens. We'll have lunch then tour one of Portland's historic homes (TBA). Register by Mon., June 12. Minimum is 6. Mini-bus transportation is \$5; house fee TBA

"MYSTERY" TEA

Monday, June 22 1:00 pm – meet at com. building
Enjoy a view and refreshments at a "mystery" location. Pre-registration required. Sweets appreciated. Drivers needed.

MORNING MOVIE: THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA

Monday, June 29 11:00 am – com. room
Celebrate Meryl Streep's birthday month as she portrays Miranda, the editor of "Runway" magazine, who is a terror to everyone around her. Anne Hathaway stars as Andy, a young woman hired to be Miranda's assistant. (1 hour and 49 min)

ON-GOING EXERCISE PROGRAMS – ADULTS

MONDAYS and THURSDAYS:
Low-Impact Aerobics w/ Weights - 9:30 to 10:30 am (com. rm.)

TUESDAYS:
Adult Basketball – 6:00 to 8:00 pm (school gym) \$2 pp
Please check bulletin boards for end date for basketball



FREE – June Movies – Saturday Nights – Free

6PM 6	<i>Spiderwick Chronicles</i> , 2008, PG, 101 min	8PM 6	<i>The Liberator</i> , 2014, R, 117 min
13	<i>Free Birds</i> , 2011, PG, 107 min	13	<i>Matrix</i> , 1999, R, 136 min
PeaksFest – June 20 – Special Showings			
6pm Back to the Future; 8pm Back to the Future Part 2; 10pm Back to the Future Part 3			
27	<i>Paddington</i> , 2014, PG, 95 min	27	<i>Fruitvale Station</i> , 2013, PG-13, 85 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.