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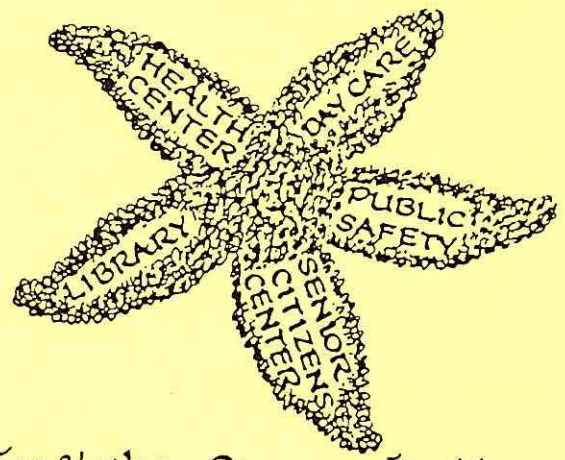
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Peaks Island STAR



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

SEPTEMBER 2001

VOLUME 21

ISSUE 9

PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

Before you go home, come to Greenwood Gardens for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 2nd, from 8:30 AM to 11 AM, \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, link sausage, orange juice and coffee.

**Peaks Island Stars
ASTRONOMY COURSE**
through
Portland Adult Education
at the
Peaks Island School

Instructor: Michael Richards

Take time out to gaze at the stars in this first-hand look at the Fall sky. Learn about the sun, moon, planets, stars, galaxies, and constellations. Please dress warmly and bring binoculars and a good astronomy book from your library or book store.

5 sessions from October 4th to November 1st
Thursday evenings from 7:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Course fee: \$28 for Portland residents/ \$32 for non-residents
1/2 price for Portland Public School employees and people over 60!

Call Portland Adult Education at 874-8160
or write to PAE at 196 Allen Ave, Portland, ME 04103

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c/o Peaks Island Library
129 Island Avenue
Peaks Island ME 04108



Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

9 Church St, Peaks Island 766-5013

e-mail: PeaksIsleRev@aol.com

Rev. Johanne Dame Roberta Deane, Lay Leader
Worship Service — Sundays, 10 a.m.

Mission Statement: Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church is called to be a caring, Christian community worshipping, praying, witnessing, reaching out to those on the island and beyond; daring to grow and change as God calls us.

Coffee Hour follows our Worship Service on Sunday mornings. Church school is held during the worship service for children ages 5 to 12 and childcare is provided for younger children. All are welcome to join us.

Sunday September 16th: Join us at worship as we celebrate the Rev. Sam McCain's ministry to this island, and his installation as Minister of Visitation at Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church. A coffee hour reception in his honor will follow the service - please come help us celebrate! Call 766-5013 for more information.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

15 Central Avenue Telephone: 766-2585

Pastor: Father Fred Morse

Parish Council: Pastoral - Jean O'Toole and Marie Watson

Financial - Ed Daranyi and Chris Hoppin

Bookkeeper: Louise Cattivelli

Mass: Labor Day Weekend Sunday at 8:15 AM and 10 AM.

Other September Sundays at 12 Noon.

Please check island bulletin boards for updates.

Sacraments/Faith Formation:

Rite of Reconciliation: Ask the priest before and/or after Mass or call Father Fred for an appointment.

Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Please call Father Fred at least six months in advance.

First Communion/Confirmation: Call Janet Dye at 766-2395.

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Church?

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults answers questions and begins the process. For information, please call Claire and Monique at 766-2220.

Parish Center Activities: Weight Watchers - Mondays, 6:00 PM; Blood Pressure Screening - Thursdays, 10 AM; AA - Thursdays at 6:00 PM

BULKY WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION ON PEAKS

Several changes have been made to the City's former Heavy Item Pick-Up Program beginning with a new name. Portland Public Works will be introducing a revised Curbside Bulky Item Collection program the week of September 9 on Peaks.

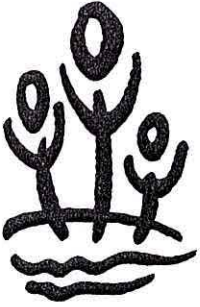
The Peaks Island Transfer Facility's hours are as follows:

Memorial Day - Columbus Day Tuesday - Sunday, 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Columbus Day - Memorial Day Tuesday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Portland Public Works Recycling Hotline - 756-8189

Web site with up-to-date information-www.portlandpublicworks.com



Peaks Island Children's Workshop

P.O. Box 80
71 Herman Avenue
Peaks Island, ME 04108-0080

Telephone: 207-766-2854
Fax: 207-766-2739

Peaks Island Children's Workshop

We have been busy beavers all summer. Or should I say crazy crabs! The Rover School Age program has been focusing their summer days around crabs of Maine and their habitats. The group has found some great specimens, but still no sign of the dreaded Asian crab! They will be ending this August month with a "Crab fest" for the center children and their parents.

The preschoolers have also been busy trying to stay cool in all the hot weather that we have had. Areas such as the water table, sprinkler, and the shady sand box have been the favorites. Some of the preschoolers also enjoyed a day with the Kayak rental boat. The group that day enjoyed a tethered ride. A big thanks goes out to the Kayak rental person on front beach.

We are looking forward to the month of September when our new playground will begin its building process. After our staff and hopefully lots of volunteers, have cleared the "Eybar" wood chips to the side, Gametime playground Co. will begin building. We will keep you posted on the schedule of events in case there are some community volunteers out there that would like to help!!!!

We are still accepting enrollment applications. Please call if you have questions or would like information sent to you.

Also, our Food Pantry is available to anyone in need. Thank you again, to all that have donated and continue to give.

School Happenings

Peaks Island School opens Thursday, September 6th as students, staff and parents gather in the gymnasium for the first weekly meeting of the year. The community is invited to attend and share in the excitement of this new beginning.

Staff met in early August for a week of planning and staff development. They have also spent many hours organizing their classrooms and preparing for this year. The staff will gather on Tuesday and Wednesday September 4th and 5th for "getting to know you" conferences with parents and students.

This year the school will open its doors to approximately forty children. The school's mission recognizes every student's individual needs on their continuum of learning. It encourages their growth in a family-oriented environment of personalized development in multiage classrooms.

Kindergarten, First and Second Graders will learn together in the primary unit with teachers Martha Gross, Wendy Litchfield and Robin Walden. Grades Three, Four and Five will come together in the intermediate unit with teacher Roberta Deane, educational technician Gayle Vail and principal Barbara Hoppin.

Other staff members include partnership developer Sue Carlson, special ed teacher Maureen Fox, custodians Kathy Newell and Jean Goodson, and secretary Diane Price. Others include French teacher Kelley Drolet; social worker Catherine Haas, Project X teacher Robin Ivy, Phil Skillings, physical education; and Betsy Weber, music.

Casco Bay Lines News

We've had an alternately successful and frustrating summer, good for business because the weather has been fine, and difficult for morale because of a series of minor incidents that have been feasted upon by the city newspaper (journalist!). Good weather and its attendant steady flow of tourist dollars is good news for our bottom line.

Also good news, believe it or not, is the incidents themselves: they have provided CBL with an opportunity to review operations and see where the weak points may, or may not be. Every maritime company learns a great deal in the wake of an accident in fact, many maritime businesses pay big bucks to simulate such incidents and we were especially fortunate that no one was hurt and damage was minimal. The Coast Guard is still in the process of investigating the incidents to determine what can be done to further safety efforts at CBL and the CBL internal task force might also bring up possible soft spots. For our part, the board remains satisfied that people who care about the quality of their work staff the company, that safety is a priority and that the community receives unparalleled service. Please make an attempt to attend meetings how about just one a year (!) since community involvement is essential. As always, please contact me with concerns.

Twain Braden Cucumber@gwi.net

A NOTE FROM PUBLIC SAFETY

Have you noticed that the days are getting shorter? Soon the sounds of Reggae on Sundays will be a memory. It is at this time of year that we think about storms. As you may be aware, there have been a few tropical storms that have brewed up recently. Are you ready?

Central Maine Power has a handout that can help you prepare for power outages. We would like to list some reminders for you.

1. Keep an eye out for weather reports of storms coming up the coast. Early warning can avoid last minute panic.
2. Stock up on canned foods that don't need to be heated, as well as bottled water and flashlights.
3. Don't forget a manual can opener.
4. Look around your property for tree limbs that might be over power lines. These limbs should be trimmed back.
5. Are your neighbors ready? Stock a little extra if you can for someone who might be home alone.
6. If a storm comes, think about boarding up windows and making sure that you have at least two ways out of your house in case an exit is blocked.
7. Remember that there will be wires down. It is hard to know what wires are power and which ones are phone or cable. No line is safe to touch EVVA.
8. The telephone number for CMP is 800-696-1000 they will want your account number so write this information down. CMP has fridge magnets with this information on it so you can find it quickly. Be patient, people from all over will be calling.
9. Candles should not be used around children and pets. Keep the candles away from flammables.
10. If you have a generator or are thinking about one, be sure it is wired correctly. Always operate a generator outside and store the fuel safely.
11. We will do our best to keep you informed. We will also try to have a Paramedic here on the Island if I am not available.
12. Try to resist the temptation to get a close-up view of the surf. The surf is very dangerous.

PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

The annual general membership meeting and election of officers was held on August 14. President Bob Hurley reported that the membership drive brought in 83 new or renewing members. Current membership is 99. Bob also reported a successful City Council visit to Peaks Island, which occurred on August 10. Five councilors came, along with city officials, including the city manager, department heads, and island liaison Tom Fortier. The trip was designed for our visitors to spend a longer time on the island than in previous years and, in general, to get a better feel for the issues. Discussion was dominated by transportation concerns, specifically crowding at the ferry terminal area on Peaks and parking. Councilors mentioned that Peaks might get an electric bus service next year. Other issues were emergency medical coverage/response time, a skateboard park (uncertainty existed as to the extent of islanders' interest), and paving or not paving certain island roads.

Bob opined that a near-term priority for PINA would be Peaks' participation in the city's comprehensive planning process. Since city staff time and budget are both limited resources, Bob warned, island residents need to engage now to ensure that Peaks is not left behind. PINA should also follow up on steps the city might take to improve fire protection on the island.

Regarding the election of new officers, there were three nominees for the three vacant positions on the Steering Committee: Cynthia Cole, Charles Enders, and Dennis Rockwell. Cynthia stated that she was particularly interested in the outreach role of PINA and in the development of our neighborhood plan. Charles stated that he was interested in the choices we islanders make that impact our quality of life and wanted to stimulate and participate in the debate. Dennis said that he was concerned about some of the changes affecting island life and wanted to help shape the future. The membership present unanimously voted all three candidates into office. Since the number of candidates matched the number of positions, in effect making the election uncontested, it was decided that no further voting as specified in the by-laws would be required.

The Steering Committee will meet Tuesday, September 11 at 7 PM in the Community Center.

PEAKS ISLAND LAND PRESERVE

The Land Preserve will be collecting baseline data this Fall on the parcels of land under its conservation easements. An aerial mapping of the island by the City will be finished by September. This map will help us to identify lot boundaries precisely. Then the terrain, vegetation, trails, etc. of each parcel can be plotted, and kept for comparisons in the future. Volunteers stand by! --- your aid will be truly needed. The dates and plans for the data collection will be up soon around town.

Several new conservation easements to be held by PILP are being considered or newly arranged, thanks to the owners of these parcels. An informational meeting was held at Brackett Memorial Church on August 28, to acquaint island property owners with how and why this can be done, and what tax benefits can result for them. Information sheets can be obtained from PILP Board members. Or call Liz Loewald, 766-4461, she'll send you one.

Fund raising to pay for recent and future land acquisitions is now a priority. Any donation to PILP for this, large or small, is welcome. So are your ideas and/or help in raising money.

The next PILP board meeting is on Wednesday, September 12, at 6:15 pm, at the Community Center.

SENIOR NEWS

Twenty Peaks Island seniors met at the Fifth Maine for a pot luck luncheon on August 13. Food was delicious and plentiful. The next luncheon will be held on Monday, September 10, at noon at the Fifth Maine. Hope to see you there.

Peaks Island's Health Center News 26 Sterling Street PO Box 52 766-2929

With Labor Day marking the official end of summer here on Peaks Island, Mary Libby, RN, FNP has set her Winter Hours at the Health Center: Mondays and Thursdays, 8 AM to 3 PM and by appointment. For an appointment, call 766-2929 or Dr. Martin's Windham office, 892-7055. Walk-ins also are welcome during the open hours. Kathy Jones has left the practice, but Jill Tiffany will continue as medical assistant. Plans are underway for the annual flu-shot clinic, but it will be later this year, probably in November. Watch the bulletin boards or call the Health Center for information.

For dental care, phone the Center for Community Dental Health, 874-1025, ext. 3005. Leave a message for Wanda on her voice mail and she will return your call.

A podiatrist, Dr. Pingitore, will be here Wednesday, September 19. For an appointment, call 761-3889.

STAR OF THE SEA STUDIO'S

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to a new season of dance. Our theme for the Christmas Show is "A Story Book Christmas" A program of the favorite story land characters. The Spring Show will be a lively jazz show "Here Comes the Show Boat".

Due to recent increase in transportation and production in music supplies, the tuition will have an increase of \$3.00; total monthly price will be \$18.00 per student. Family price for two students in the same family \$30.00 per month. Tuition must be paid on the first lesson of the month. Our classes will start on Monday Sept. 10th at Peaks Island Community Center. 1st Class Age 4 yrs to 6 yrs 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

2nd Class Age 7 yrs to 12 yrs 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

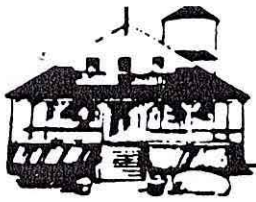
Riverton School Community Center starts Wednesday Sept. 12th.

In addition to our regular program of American tap, jazz, and ballet all students will be introduced to our old Irish and English style step dance, both soft shoe, jazz and hard shoe (taps).

Our heritage goes back to the Irish and English style dancing, jigs, reels and Celtic dance. During the season we will have a guest teacher. Peter McCann a great addition to our teacher staff.

We hope to see you all back for an exciting year ahead. Tell a friend.

God bless, musically yours,
Doreen and Co.



THE FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT COMMUNITY CENTER

P.O. BOX 41, PEAKS ISLAND, MAINE 04108

The Penny Auction on August 6 took on a life of its own and was a great success in bringing together Islanders from every neighborhood and of all ages. The Regiment hall was filled to over-capacity! It was loud. It was confusing. It was fun! And everyone went home with at least one prize! Over 50 people worked on different aspects of the event, from selecting prizes to setting up chairs and making lemonade. Two of the volunteers (and first time Penny Auction goers) enjoyed themselves so much, they have decided to chair the activity next year. Penny Auction organizers, Mary Ann Sanford and Julie Kilmartin, are thrilled with this year's success and look forward to next year's penny auction. Thanks to all who helped out and all who participated.

The Fifth Maine Garden/Landscaping Committee has been hard at work clearing the bittersweet and other growth from the back yard and planting annual and perennial flowers. The committee would like to purchase four cedar captain-style chairs for the seaside garden. The chairs would serve as lovely memorials to islanders who have passed on. Each chair, with an engraved brass memorial plate, will cost approximately \$225. If you are interested in remembering a loved one in this way, please contact Joan Blake, Garden Committee chair, at 766-2360.

The Fifth Maine will celebrate Maine Heritage Day on **Saturday September 15 at 1:30 pm** by **re-dedicating the Alonzo Stinson Monument in Portland's Eastern Cemetery**. Sgt. Stinson was the first Fifth Maine soldier and the first man from Portland to die in battle during the Civil War. In 1908 his comrades from the Fifth Maine erected a monument in his honor and presented it to the City of Portland. With the help of the Third Maine Infantry and the Third Maine Fife & Drum Corps, the Fifth Maine will recreate portions of the original dedication ceremony. Featured speakers will be Mayor Cheryl Leeman and Portland city historian, Herb Adams. *Please note that the re-dedication ceremony, originally scheduled for June 2, was postponed due to torrential rains on that day and was re-scheduled for September 15.*

The museum will be open on Labor Day from 1 to 4 pm and on Sundays in September from 11 am to 4 pm.

PEAKS ISLAND MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Thanks to all of the islanders and summer visitors who made our Wednesday-night concert series so successful this year. We had record-breaking audiences this summer, almost doubling last year's attendance. Our thanks, as well, to the **Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center** for once again graciously making their beautiful museum available for our programs.

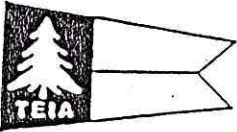
At the August 8th concert, we were very pleased to introduce the recipients of the **Barbara Goelman Music Scholarship**. The award is open to any island music student who can demonstrate significant ability and a real commitment to pursuing and working towards musical excellence. PIMA agreed that there were two candidates deserving of this year's scholarship and, given the excellent response we have had to our concert series this summer, we were able to present each of these young musicians with a scholarship of \$250. The awards went to **Charley Friedman**, 13-year-old son of Karen and Phil Friedman, year-round residents of Peaks, and to 15-year-old **Sophia Tobin**, a resident of Maryland who summers on Peaks at her family cottage with her parents, John and Reni Tobin. Sophia plans to use her scholarship to help pay for a select opera program for aspiring young singers at Catholic University next June. Charley, whom you've probably seen riding around the island with a cello on his back, will be using his award to continue his lessons with Richard Noyes.

The next scheduled PIMA event is the **15th Annual Holiday Concert and Sing-Along** scheduled for Sunday, **December 9th**. So circle your calendars now, and look for further information in *The Star*.

Winner of Raffle at 8th Maine Art Show

Dominick De Angelo was the winner of the painting raffled by the Island Artists. All proceeds of the art work entitled "Rams Head Light" by Priscilla Lane Brown were donated to the 8th Maine Restoration fund.

The show is held annually by the nine women artists on the last Friday in July. The artists, who have been painting together on Peaks Island since 1973, hold this show to feature their works done on the Island over the years. Several residents have commented how they enjoy the way we have "chronicled the history of the Island."



Trefethen Evergreen Improvement Association

It's been smooth sailing all summer with great weather and many interesting activities at TEIA. Our major event of the summer, the Annual Fair and Dinner, was a tremendous success and enjoyed by hundreds of Islanders on August 4th. The Book Discussion Group, co-sponsored by TEIA and the Peaks Island Library, met three times in the Senior Lounge overlooking the bay just at sunset. Its success has encouraged us to continue the joint venture again next summer.

The House and Garden Tour was a lovely way to spend a sunny summer day, followed by Schooner Fare's performance the same evening. The Senior Luncheon, Codfish Ball, DJ Dinner Dance, and Pancake Breakfast offered something for everyone. Add to this the Junior Tennis and Sailing programs, Friday night dances, the Youth and Preteen activities-it was a busy time for all! This year eleven Island children received Club scholarships to join in the fun. See Principal Hoppins to see if you qualify for next summer's scholarships.

Labor Day arrives but we just keep on going! TEIA will sponsor the Around the Island Race on Sunday, September 2. All non-motorized vessels are eligible. The \$5.00 registration fee (9:30 at TEIA) includes the race, follow-up BBQ, and awards. See Race posters for additional information or call Dave Norton at 2697.

While the Clubhouse is officially closed, tennis courts and docks remain open until...(weather?) For the low fee of \$5.00 per day (first 2 days), non-members of TEIA may use the Tennis Courts when accompanied by a member. For additional information contact Bob Dahl at 2630. Take the opportunity to try out the courts during this quieter season and you'll probably want to join in full time next summer!

GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE FOR ISLAND COMMUNITY The TEIA Board of Governors has approved a grant of \$1000.00 in four gifts of \$250.00 each. The Grant money is available for Island Improvement projects of Religious, Social, Neighborhood, or Service organizations, for Environmental, Recreational, School, Health, Day Care, or Special Needs. Please mail your grant request letter with a brief project description to TEIA, Attention: Jerry Garman, P.O. Box 87, Peaks Island, ME 04108. Contact Jerry at 5054 with any questions.

DEADLINE: REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2001.

For any TEIA information call John Carroll at 2163, Jane Kaveney at 781-326-1237 (e-mail: JMK8587@aol.com), or for Membership, Mary Sora at 914-277-5450. For the next few months you can probably find Dave Norton around the Club grounds, so check in with him also.

STAR DEADLINE: Tuesday, September 25. Bring your articles to the library, copy ready, single spaced, and no more than half a page if possible. THANK YOU to several anonymous donors for contributions to the STAR.

Peaks Island Branch Library News
OPEN: Tues. 2-8; Wed. 10-4; Fri. 10-2; Sat. 8-12 noon
Telephone: 766-5540

Adult Book Discussion begins its 10th year on Tuesday, September 4, at 7 PM, in the Community Room. Please join Kay Taylor to discuss Half a Heart by Rosellen Brown. Book discussions are on the first Tuesday of each month, and anyone who has read the book is welcome to attend any meeting. In October author Cynthia Thayer will be with us to lead a discussion of her books, Strong for Potatoes and a Certain Slant of Light. Read one or both and join us for that special event.

Following a summer break, we will again be having PreSchool Story Time on Wednesdays at 10:15 A.M and Nursery Rhyme Time for infants and toddlers on Saturdays at 11 AM each week.

Have a question about computers? Stuck on a problem? Want to know how to use the internet for genealogy searches? On Wednesday mornings, Richard Norris will come to the library to give individual help to anyone who has a computer question. Those who took advantage of his help last spring found it just what they needed to "come unstuck" and move forward with their computer use. Please let the librarians know ahead that you would like to come so not everyone will come at once.

Friends of the Peaks Island Library Saturday Night Film Program

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| 9/1 | 6 PM – The Neverending Story (NR) 90 min. | 8 PM – What's Up Tigerlilly (PG) 80 min. |
| 9/8 | 6 PM – Oliver and Company (G) 74 min. | 8 PM – Man Who Knew Too Little (PG) 94 min. |
| 9/15 | 6 PM – The Yearling (G) 90 min. | 8 PM – Planet of the Apes (G) 112 min. |
| 9/22 | 6 PM – Yellow Submarine (NR) 90 min. | 8 PM – Kolya (PG-13) 105min. |
| 9/29 | 6 PM – The Secret Garden (G) 92 min. | 8 PM – Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG) 105 min. |

All movies are FREE and in the Community Room

Since people have different sensibilities, tastes, and opinions, we offer the following website for those who would like to know more about a movie before coming to see it: www.imdb.com

Friends of the Peaks Island Library Annual Meeting

There will be a brief meeting for the election of the board and a review of the past year's activities, followed by a regular board meeting on Thursday, September 13, at 7 PM at the library. All members of the Friends of the Peaks Island Library may vote. Board meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

If you have not joined the Friends or renewed your membership this year (at the July Booksale or since), you may use the form below to do so. If you have questions about what the Friends do, contact Carol Eisenberg, President, or ask the librarians, who are grateful for all the ways the Friends enhance library programming and services.

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| <h2 style="margin: 0;">Friends of the Peaks Island Library Membership</h2> | |
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| _____ Family (\$3.00) _____ # in family | |

Peaks Island School 5th Grade Essay Winners

Each year 5th grade students at the Peaks Island School participate in two essay contests. The Peaks Island American Legion Post and the Peaks Island School Alumni Association sponsor them. Each organization selects and recognizes the essay writers.

This years winning essays are Me as an American by Erica DeMichele and Living on Peaks Island by Mitchell Murdock.

The winners were announced at their 5th grade Graduation in June, where each student read their essays aloud. They would like to share them with you.

ME AS AN AMERICAN

Being an American is a lot of fun, a lot of work and a lot of freedom. Kids don't have all freedom in life. We can't drive 'till we're 16 and we have to be 18 to vote. But that's okay because I'm having fun right now. I hope America stays just the same. I like it how it is.

Responsibility is a word that has a couple of meanings. When I think of responsibilities, I think of having to feed the pets, cleaning my room or other things like that. But it has more meanings than that, it also has to do with me being an American. I have responsibilities like respecting the earth and people around me and also myself.

I think of the word "America" or "American" a lot because it has my name in it. So it's like I'm apart of "America". Being an American is not only being special because you have your name in the word. Now the word American means to have freedom and rights. But living in America wasn't always like this.

If Martin Luther King hadn't said his speech, some people would still be slaves. Or if none of the wars had been fought, we wouldn't be free. So I thank all of the people who have gone to war and who have fought.

Being an American is great and a lot of fun. I'm glad I was born in America and no place else. And I don't mind waiting 'till I'm 16 to drive or 18 'till I can vote. Because I'm an American NOW and that's what counts. I'm glad to be an American.

Living on Peaks Island

Pretend you are a tourist, on a ferry car ferry, passenger ferry, car ferry, any kind. After you have been on the boat for about fifteen minutes, you will see a fairly big sign on a great big green tower that says

Peaks Island

Peaks Island to me is the best place in the whole Casco Bay. Everything about it is wonderful, the food, the places, and the people. Peaks Island, five miles in diameter, may seem big to newcomers, but seems a regular size to the islanders. That is good, though, because everyone knows each other, and everyone knows where everything is, unlike a city.

There are a lot of places to go on Peaks Island:

The library is nice, with two floors of books, tapes, and audiovisuals. The books are about endless, it seems, and you can see at least one new book you haven't seen before every time you come. You can also request books from other libraries in two of the five computers they have there. The librarians never seem to have a time when they are too busy to help you, too.

The places to eat are great, like the ice cream store, and the café.

When I go on the backshore, it feels very quiet and peaceful, with the beach echoing around you and the smell of the sea air. When you go to the beach on a hot summer day, the water is very cool, and you can always see fishing boats out in the distance.

Probably the best thing about the island is the people. All the people on the island are nice, like the librarians, the teachers, the residents, and everyone else. Everyone is very helpful and fun.

I'm glad we chose to live on an island, especially Peaks Island, since everything here is pleasant and fun. I don't want to move out of this island anytime in my life. And that is why I think Peaks Island is the best place in Casco Bay.



SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve the Community Room, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. A written request must be filled out before the room can be scheduled (forms are available from Denise). Denise works for Portland Parks and Recreation on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

**** ISLAND HAPPENINGS - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS ****

AFTERNOON TEA, COOKIES and MEMORIES

Thursday, September 6 1:00 pm – Meet at Community Center

Bring your own teacup & cookies. Denise will share photographs of past island happenings.

MOVIES ON PEAKS ISLAND: *Roman Holiday*

Starring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck

Monday, September 24 1:00 pm Community Center

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE PROGRAM (using videos) - Open to ALL!

This on-going program meets on Monday and Thursday mornings

9:30 to 10:30 am in the Community Room All are invited to come!! FREE!

HOW TO START YOUR OWN GENEALOGY SEARCH

Guest Speaker: Jeanne Sawtelle

Monday, October 1 1:00 pm Community Center

**** OFF-ISLAND TRIPS: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS ****

Pre-registration required. Sign-up sheets are on Denise's bulletin board in the Community Center. Phone registrations begin on September 6 (leave message at 766-2970). Each trip has a small transportation fee. Minimum for each off-island trip is 8. A late lunch is possible on all trips that take the 12:45 pm boat.

FREEPORT SHOPPING

Thursday, September 13 12:45 pm boat / 5:30 pm return

Deadline to register is Monday, September 10

HOUSE ISLAND TOUR

Saturday, September 15

Times: TBA; please check island bulletin boards

Cost: approximately \$15

Deadline to register is Thursday, September 13.

OGUNQUIT MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

Monday, September 17

12:45 pm boat/5:30 pm return

(times may change depending on time of tour)

Cost: \$6 (admission and transportation). Deadline to register and to pay is Friday, September 14

CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP (and \$.50 card shop)

Thursday, September 27

12:45 pm boat / 4:30 pm return

Deadline to register is September 24.

NORTH CONWAY BUS TRIP

Thursday, October 4

8:15 am boat / 5:30 pm return

Cost: \$21 Our major stop will be Settler's Green (approx. 50 stores). Lunch will be on your own.

Deadline to register and pay is September 27.