Service Agencies of the Island
A Personal Recollection of Hazel Town

As many of you will know, Mrs. Town died this spring. The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Robert Britton, for many years a librarian in Talking Books and Outreach at Portland Public Library. It provides a picture of life on Peaks 20 years ago and a slice of library history as well:

“What’s prompted me to write now, of course, is to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the clipping about Mrs. Town. I’m sure you’ve heard this before, but when we first established outreach service to Peaks (after the much-heralded but abortive attempt to get the bookmobile on the car ferry), Shirley Helfrich and I used to take the van over once every three weeks. We carried wooden boxes full of books and we had 4 or 5 or 6 scheduled stops in various strategic locations where we’d park for a half hour or an hour, haul out all the boxes and set them up as shelves, and check out books. This was around 1973, I’d say. We had a standing invitation to breakfast at the home of Mrs. Town and her housemate Irene Lothrop (or Lathrop). We’d take a break and go to their house at the pre-arranged time, always the same, 10:00 say, and they’d have this great spread for us. We’d sit and eat while visiting with them, and watching the water. One time we arrived to find a note on the door saying they’d had to go over town, but to come right in, breakfast was ready and to make ourselves at home. I don’t think I ever knew Mrs. Town had gone to Colby, and I certainly didn’t know she once taught in Thomaston, CT, which is only 10 or 15 miles from Torrington (Bob’s home town); we would have had that much more to talk about.”

BATTLING THE BROWN TAILS

If you are a property owner in the proposed spray area for brown tail moths, you must let the City know whether or not you want your property sprayed.

If you have received a postcard from the City requesting this information and if you have not yet returned this card to the City, please do so immediately.

If you have not received a card, call Jeff Tarling, City arborist, at 756-8383; if you can not reach him there, call the Forestry Department, 874-8793 or fax 874-8669.

Until all property owners have been heard from, spraying plans can not be finalized!
STAND FOR CHILDREN
JUNE 1, 1996
LINCOLN MEMORIAL
WASHINGTON, D.C.
A National Day of Renewal, Celebration and Commitment
for our CHILDREN
Convened by the Children’s Defense Fund
Endorsed by over 1500 organizations nationwide

Maine is hoping to send at least one bus from each county rolling down 95 together...come and stand for MAINE’S CHILDREN! Buses will leave Portland about 5:30 on Friday evening, May 31 and leave Washington to return home on Saturday evening. Call the Cumberland County Child Abuse & Neglect Council...874-1120...to reserve a seat...seats are $60 per person (don’t let the $ stop you...there will be some seats sponsored). To sponsor a seat, send donations to the CCCANC, PO Box 912, Portland, ME 04104. For more information call the Council or the Peaks Island Child Development Center...766-2854.

We are pleased to share the wonders of the
Peaks Island Child Development Center

Join us at our Celebration Ceremony
June 9, 1996 • 1:00 - 3:30 pm
71 Herman Ave (Across from the City Barn)

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Saturday, May 25. Please bring you articles copy ready to the library. You may put them in the book drop if the library is closed. THANK YOU to Anonymous for the donation to this month's Star.
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PIONEER FAMILIES REUNION
(ALBEE, BRACKETT, CLARK, GEO. CLEEVE, PREBLE, RANDALL, REED, SKILLINGS, STARLING, STERLING, THOMPSON, TREFETHEN, TROTT, and more)

PLAN THEIR 3RD REUNION
SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1996
ON
PEAKS ISLAND, MAINE

Information & reservation slips available. Contact:

Editha H. Nelson
111 S. Fleming Road
Woodstock, Illinois 60098
815-338-4199

THE FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT COMMUNITY CENTER
PEAKS ISLAND MAINE 04108

Did you know that the Fifth Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry was one of the most famous of Maine’s Civil War regiments? This regiment, often called the “Forest City Regiment” since three of its ten companies were composed entirely of Portland men, fought with the Army of the Potomac in every major battle from First Bull Run (July 1861) to Petersburg (July 1864). In the fall of 1995 this regiment was re-established with the goal of portraying as accurately as possible the activities of the original Fifth Maine. The men and their ladies hope to educate the public about the importance of the Civil War and to support the efforts of the Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center to preserve its building which was constructed by the Fifth Maine soldiers as their summer home.

One of the regiment’s first projects is to assist the 4th and 5th grade students at the Cummings School in Portland in recreating a Civil War encampment on the school grounds next month. The men will also be holding their monthly drills at the Fifth Maine building on the third Sunday of the month from May through October. For information about the regiment please call Captain Spruce Whited at 772-2962.
PEAKS ISLAND SCHOOL NEWS

Earth Day 96: The School hosted Jackson Gillman’s ecology show which included a pledge of allegiance to planet earth, and songs and stories of plants and birds and bugs. The children were very involved in his interactive production.

- Several Coast Guard persons were also present to lead a beach clean-up later in the day.

The April 26th World program was well conducted by many volunteers:
  Kindergarten: Robin Walden, Linda Dillingham, & Billie Johnson - Canada
  First Grade: Laurie Cox, Kim Norton, resources by Robert Vander Steenhoven - Holland
  Second Grade: Karen Friedman, Karen Hawkes, Rolina Mullkern - water/waste
  Third Grade: Meghan Sawyer, Anita & Terry Edwards - Australia
  4th/5th Grade: M.E. Hults, Ann Cannon - Brazil.

- The Hingham, Mass., High School Choir performed for the students later in the morning.

Kindergarten Open House is scheduled for May 2, at 6:45 pm, to be followed by a PTO meeting. Community members are welcomed.

Portland Public School Superintendent, Mary Jane McCaflmon, will visit the School May 9 at 6 pm to participate in a Teacher Appreciation dinner and to discuss the School's hopes for the future with parents and teachers. Children are invited, too.

Peaks Island and the World will be celebrated one evening during the first week in June at the School. Community members who have lived and worked in countries around the world will be invited to help us all recognize the many ways that our Island is connected to the world. There will be exhibits, games, slides & videos, musical performances, and maybe food!
LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS ON FEENEY'S BULLETIN BOARD & AT COMMUNITY CENTER.

STAR OF THE SEA
STUDIO WELCH ST.

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL

DANCE CLASSES WILL RESUME ON TUES. FOR THE SPRING RECITAL, (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED). OUR THEME IS "HOLD ON AMERICA". PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. CHRISTOPHERS PARISH. TUITION $15 PER MONTH.

A NEW EXERCISE PROGRAM WILL START MAY 6th. A 3 DAYS A WEEK, "EASY FUN MOVEMENT".
MON: BARRE EXERCISE-STEP LINE DANCE-STRETCH AND FLOOR EXERCISE.
  1 WEEKLY CLASS----$10 PER MON.
  2 WEEKLY CLASSES--$14 PER MON.
  3 WEEKLY CLASSES--$16 PER MON.

THE BOUTIQUE WILL BE OPEN MAY 8th. THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, 11.am-4pm. (SAT. 11.am-3.30pm) DOLLS, SMALL GIFTS, HAND KNITTS, JEWELRY, TAP SHOES, DANCE COSTUMES AND TOYS.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

MUSICALLY YOURS

DOREEN AND CO.
AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILLARY, UNIT 142

Once again a scholarship is being offered by the Ladies Auxiliary Unit 142 to any Peaks Island graduating Senior who is planning to further his or her education. Students interested should let their intentions be known by letter to the Auxiliary by May 31, 1996. Scholarship monies will be disbursed after the first semester. Letters of intent may be addressed to any of the following:

- Rita Johnson, 45 Herman Avenue
- Kitty Foss, 347 Island Avenue
- Monique Levesque, 13 Greenwood Street
- Joyce Doane, 364 Island Avenue

PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

The Peaks Island Lions have completed their Winter hibernations and are again preparing for a busy Summer with over twenty Lobster Bakes already scheduled beginning with one on May 1.

The Lions are also undertaking a membership drive and during the months of May, June and July initiation fees and dues will be waived. All interested men should contact Ed Latham, 766-2502 for further information and applications. Come on and join the fun and smell like a Lobster!

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER
STERLING STREET 766-2929
Monday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The library has literature on the brown tail moth and also on lyme disease for anyone who is interested. Please feel free to go in and read about them.

Tuesday May 7, Dr. Dorsey from the Cumberland County Foot Clinic will be in. Please call 761-3889 for an appointment.

Friday May 22, the Dental Clinic will be in. There may also be other days that have not been scheduled yet. Please call 874-1025 for an appointment, ask for Jean.
Our open drop-in continues with hours: Wed. 6-8, Fri. 6-8:30, and Sun. 1-4. Please inform your children in grades 6-12 that they will be welcomed and encouraged to mingle and play games or get involved in any activity that is offered.

Jeff Norberry has graciously donated an Apple Computer to the organization for which we thank him so much. We had hoped to acquire one at some point in the future to allow youngsters who don't have one at home, to have access to one for homework or other educational use. Barbara Taylor has offered her time as a tutor to help kids with schoolwork. We have also been given a pool table from a donor in Portland. We just have to arrange to pick it up. Robin and Larry Walden as well as Bill Jones have donated each $25.00. Thank you for your generosity.

We held a Volunteer Information Meeting and met with a nice group of individuals. We talked about the possibilities that do exist when people care to get involved in a project like this, and came up with some new volunteers with some new ideas.

We would like to offer a variety of interesting activities. So if any of you have an idea that you would enjoy being involved in, give a call to Brad -2628 or Bill Oliver-5152 and discuss the possibilities. This is an all island organization and it only helps to be involved.

Thank You,

Brad Burkholder

April 19, 1996

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

Our office maintains a phone listing for each monthly card holder so that we may reach you during business hours. We may need to reach you because of a problem with your vehicle or your account. For instance, if your payment is overdue and we cannot reach you, we must assume that you have given up your monthly space and rent it to the next person on the waiting list. To avoid this situation, we are going to lock out the following card numbers so that the booth attendant can ask for a phone number. #9, #24, #31, #37, #158, #197, #259, #306, #537, #680, #695. Please note, these numbers are not necessarily delinquent, we simply have no means of reaching you.

Please keep security in mind. Remove all items that may attract thieves and report suspicious individuals to the booth attendant.
On Saturday, May 4th, beginning at 9 a.m., the P.I.N.A. Environmental Committee is sponsoring a general island clean-up. Volunteers are requested to meet at the Community room where bags, ties, and maps will be distributed.

If you have walked on the back shore, I'm sure you've noticed the debris and rocks on both sides of the road. There are cans, jars, styrofoam, ropes, parts of lobster buoys and traps, and much more. All of this is the result of heavy seas with accompanying winds in a storm two weeks ago.

I'm very grateful to those people who have been accumulating bottles and cans in several areas of the island. Last week I collected enough from one pile to garner $1.60 for the Child Development Center.

Be prepared for messy or dirty objects by wearing old gloves. It might also be helpful to have an old broom handle (or something similar) with a nail in the end in order to reach inaccessible trash.

Our rain date will be May 5th.

Hoping for a good response for Peaks' sake.

COME MEET TOM ALLEN AND DALE McCORMICK, CANDIDATES FOR THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS; SATURDAY 11 MAY
8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
The Community Center, behind the Library.

Share a cup of coffee and a muffin with Tom and Dale before they each give an opening statement followed by a question and answer period.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR! See you on the 11th of May!
SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

PEAKS ISLAND, ME

Pastor: Rev. Costanzo J. Piselli (tel. 766 2585)

Council President: Peter Donnelly (tel. 766 5971)

MASSES*

Saturday: 4 pm
Sunday: 9:15 am (refreshments and fellowship after Mass)
Weekdays: 7:30 am (no Mass on Thursdays currently)

(Parishioners, who are unable to attend Mass may receive Communion at home by making arrangements through Clare Cary at 766 5548. Parishioners interested in being Eucharistic Ministers or Lectors should call Clare also.)

ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 1:30 pm in the Rectory beginning May 6th.

Beano is cancelled until further notice.

MOTHER OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD MONASTERY BY THE SEA

Schedule and News

Saturday May 4th

The Servants of God of St. Augustine will be sponsoring a day of recollection conducted by Father Benedict Groeschell, C.F.R. The day will begin at 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at St. Domnick’s Church 42 Gray St. Portland. Suggested donation $20.00. To register please phone the Monastery or you may register at the door on the 4th.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 8:00 am
Wednesday - 5:00 pm
Saturday - 9:00 am

Our complete schedule may be found posted on the bulletin board outside the Chapel.

Since it may be necessary from time to time to change the Mass or prayer times please feel free to phone our Monastery at 766-2717 using our voice mail to see if there is a change in schedule before coming to the chapel, thank you for your understanding.
We enjoyed our last Pot Luck Luncheon at Brackett Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to the Congregation for extending the invitation to enjoy the fall and winter months in the cozy warm hall. We will be looking forward to returning next fall.

We celebrated Barbara Shea's birthday with a two-candle cinnamon bun and a gift certificate to purchase a plant at the new Lausier Family Gardens at the top of Welch Street. Three lucky members won Feeney's gift certificates.

May 20th is the date for our next Pot Luck get together at the Fifth Maine Dining Room, starting off our Spring and Summer meetings.

The members voted unanimously to increase our yearly dues to five dollars. Dues may be paid at our May Luncheon and at the Senior Center. We voted to paint and decorate the Senior Center, replace the out of order space heater with a new more efficient unit. Mr. Downing has some badly needed repairs to take care of now that Spring has arrived.

Good News, Al and Doreen McCann are back home on the island, looking forward to seeing Al fully recovered soon.

PEAKS ISLAND COMMUNITY FOLK DANCE!

For the first time on Peaks Island, an International Folk Dance featuring Greek, Bulgarian, Roumanian, Serbian, Yiddish and Israeli folk dances will be held. It will be on Friday, May 17th at the Community Center, starting at 7:00 p.m. Dance levels will be geared towards families and beginners. Denise Macaronas and Nancy 3. Hoffman will teach and lead the dancing. Come and have a great time exploring different cultures through dance with us! A donation will be requested at the door. This dance is sponsored by the Portland Recreation Department, and more will be planned if it is a popular event. For more information call 706-22970

BRACKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:

10:00 Worship; Coffee hour follows in Memorial Hall
9:00 Church School, 4th grade and older
9:30 Church School, all ages

Please join us in worship each Sunday. Rev. Johanna Dame, pastor.
Pre-School Story Hour:
Wednesdays at 10:15 AM

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for the Spectacular Open House on April 25. More than 100 people signed the guest book and there were more who came to enjoy the good food, laughter, and friendship that were shared in abundance. Special Thanks to Robin Walden and Anne Whitman, who hostessed the party and to Ann Hinderer who created the stunning display of Lupine Award-winning books. The Lupine Award is the Maine prize given each year for new books by Maine authors or with Maine settings.

If you find us horsing around at the library we all have Joan and Larry Blake to thank. The Blakes made us a cart to store our storytime mats in, complete with head and tail. It is just beautiful and is being enjoyed by both children and adults.

Adult Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Tuesday May 7 at 7 p.m. to discuss EMMA. Please join us if you have ever read any of Jane Austen novels.

In June, we will be discussing My Old Man and the Sea: A Father and Son Sail Around Cape Horn, by David and Daniel Hays. The true adventures of a father and son who sail 17,000 miles in a tiny boat to the bottom of the world and back. This event is being sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council and there will be a facilitator. So please mark your calendars for this event. Copies of the book will be available at the library.

SOME NEW BOOKS

Fiction:
Charlotte Vale Allen
Ellen Archer
Elizabeth Berg
Pat Booth
Mary Higgins Clark
Eleanor Cooney
Janet Dailey
Jude Deveraux
Philip Friedman
Philip Kerr
Anne Perry
Elizabeth Peters
Danielle Steele

Nonfiction:
Christopher Darden
Ann Landers
Ellen Spector Platt
Letty Cottin Pogrebin
David P. Richards
Francis Robinson

Claudia's Shadow
Darling
Pull of the Moon
Marry Me
Moonlight Becomes You
Shangri-la: The return of the World of Lost Horizon
Nortorious
Heiress
Grand jury
The Grid
Pentecost Alley
Hippopotamus
Malice

In Contempt
Wake up and smell the coffee
Ultimate Wreath Book: Hundreds of beautiful wreaths to make....
Getting over getting older
How to discover your personal painting style
Atlas of the Islamic World Since 1500
MAY ACTIVITIES ON PEAKS ISLAND
Sponsored by Portland Parks & Recreation

To reserve the Community Room before May 6, please call Patty Kamp at 766-2791. After May 6, you may call Denise at 766-2970. Please note: For information on putting a display up in the Community Building, please call Denise at 766-2970 (answering machine).

**SPECIAL ON-ISLAND ACTIVITY: ETHNIC DANCE**

Bring an ethnic snack (optional) to share!

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<td>Dance instruction by Nancy 3. Hoffman &amp; Art Linnell</td>
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<td>Cost: $3.00 at the door, please ask for family/senior rates</td>
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**OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS**

Pre-registration is required for all off-island activities. Sign-up sheets are on the blue door of the Community Building. Many people from "in-town" are interested in coming with us on these trips. They will be receiving their notices a few days after the Star comes out. Please register as soon as you can. Don't delay! Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed. Space is limited. A minimum of 8 people is required, unless otherwise stated.

If you have any questions, please call Denise at 766-2970.

**SMTC Luncheon**

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**Falmouth Shopping & Lunch**

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**Victoria Mansion Tour & Ethnic Lunch**

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**Spring Flowers & Visit to Perham's in So. Paris**

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<td>Cost: Free - (lunch extra)</td>
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**Advance Notice: Bus Trip to Farnsworth Museum, Rockland, Maine**

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<td>COST: $22 per person for bus transportation &amp; tour, lunch extra</td>
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Special note to adults: Please contact Officer Barter if you are interested in CPR certification. He may schedule a course in June.
CBITD ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

CBITD's annual election of Directors will take place Tuesday, May 7, 1996. Please try to learn about the candidates and make your selection at your voting precinct on the 7th. Directors bring your concerns -- and theirs -- to the Board room. They cast the votes that shape Bay Lines policy. Your choice on the ballot should reflect the direction you want for Casco Bay Lines. Your vote -- or lack of a vote -- speaks volumes on how you want your Bay Lines to be run!

SPECIMEN BALLOT

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE FOR EACH OFFICE

DIRECTOR REPRESENTING GT. DIAMOND IS.

☐ LAUGHLIN, C. STUART
   Great Diamond Island ME

☐ TAGGERSSELL, VILEAN
   Great Diamond Island ME

DIRECTOR REPRESENTING PEAKS ISLAND

☐ BURMAN, JOSEPH J.
   Peaks Island ME

☐ WINTER, CHRISTINA F.
   Peaks Island ME

DIRECTOR REPRESENTING LT. DIAMOND IS.

☐ HAGGE, CYRUS Y.
   Little Diamond Island ME

CASCO BAY ISLAND TRANSIT DISTRICT

ANNUAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS

7:45 A.M. WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 1996

Immediately followed by Executive Committee and Rate Structure Committee meetings

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DIRECTORS' MEETING & ANNUAL MEETING

7:45 A.M. FRIDAY MAY 17, 1996

Casco Bay Ferry Terminal Conference Room

PUBLIC WELCOME -- COFFEE & DONUTS SERVED

Look for a Survey in this month's STAR. Please give one to anyone you may know who might want to use the Child Development Center for their day care needs.