
Service Agencies of the Island

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The MACHIGONNE II sailed into Portland Harbor on Thursday morning after an all night voyage from Blount Marine in Rhode Island where she was built.

The new boat can hold 350 passengers and 10 cars. It will be used extensively for the Peaks to Portland runs - no more being "bumped" from the car ferry on those busy Fall and Spring days.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the Operations Committee, chaired by Philip Lee from Little Diamond Island, who spent an inordinate amount of time in Rhode Island and Portland for the past 2 years overseeing the construction of the vessel.

The new boat cost approximately 1 Million dollars. The funding came mostly from an UMPTA federal grant with a 20% local match. According to the agreement with UMPTA, the Casco Bay Island Transit District must now sell a boat to keep the fleet at the same size. After a thorough study by the Operations Committee, it was voted at the last regular Board meeting to sell the REBEL after we are sure the new boat can meet all expectations both on Peaks, but most importantly, down-bay. The Board is studying whether we can retrofit the ABENAKI as a freight boat, or whether it will be in our best interests to acquire another boat for this purpose.

The Board of Directors is striving to analyze the needs of the people for the next decade, and how the makeup of the fleet should look. Do we need a landing craft, a barge, perhaps a small boat for later evening runs? If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please let your Board representatives know: Gerry Garman, Doug MacVane, John Feeney, Frank Davis and Irene Fitzgerald. It is important for YOU to have input into the future of transportation needs in Casco Bay.

The Launching ceremony that was tentatively planned for 12/19 has been postponed until we have the sea trials in Casco Bay. Look for future announcements for a ceremony, dedication and complimentary cruise in Casco Bay in mid-January.

The AMERICAN LEGION AND LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY.!!!!!!!
It will be on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 at 1:00 p.m. for Pre-School children. A Visit with Santa Claus. Please sign up at BayView Market with Child's name, sex and age.
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN PARTY WILL BE AFTER SCHOOL.
News from Peaks Island School....... 

Kindergarten and Early K have shared in the school-wide Thanksgiving Project to help the Food Pantry in Portland. We have studied Native American/Pilgrim relationships - have adopted symbolic names - introduced symbols to communicate. Weaving, Quill art, making clay beads have been special activities. We have also cooked foods that might have been eaten on the First Thanksgiving!

Second graders are still working on the unit Animals That Live in the Sea. They read and discuss the animal of the day and then write their own stories about the animal to put in a booklet with their own illustrations. First graders are writing one line sentences using a letter of the day. They have also begun to do some real Reading.

Class 2-3 is learning about rocks. We also have a wonderful science exhibit in which the children have exhibited a bird's nest, a hornet's nest, a tropical shell and a homemade model of Mt. Everest. We have been enjoying acting in a play called "Stone Soup." The children are learning to make a graph of the class's favorite days of the week - Saturday won!

The fourth grade is involved in an interesting "hands on" desert unit in Social Studies, following a food unit in Science. The fifth grade is involved in colonial life and settlements in Social Studies. We recently published our second issue of "The Islander", school newspaper. Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving!

Hélène Drouin from the Native American Wolf Clan, taught our EK-5th grade students Native American songs, dances and legends. She also shared special Native American stones and artifacts.

Dates to remember for December:

December 3
Gra-Y Club returns to Peaks Island School
Thursdays 2:30 - 4:15

December 4
Parent/Teacher Advisory Board Mtg. 2:45

December 8
Parent Group Meeting 7:00 pm

December 15
Christmas Program 7:00 pm

December 22
Last day of school before Christmas vacation
Legion/Lions Christmas Party 1:00

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Staff at Peaks Island School.

NEWS FROM ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

MASS Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m.

NEWS FROM BRACKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday morning worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday school for children ages 3 -6 starts at 10:00 a.m. Child care provided.
The Peaks Island Music Association is proud to present a WINTER CONCERT and SING-ALONG on Sunday, December 13th at 3:15. The program will be at the Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church and will include songs for the holiday season. An orchestra of all island residents (!) will perform some of your favorite carols, a recently formed island singing group will be featured, two jazz ensembles will add to the festivities, and more. This will be the first winter program of the Music Association, which has presented beautiful music to Peaks Islanders for 19 seasons in the summer at the Fifth Maine. Please don't go to the Fifth Maine for THIS program. Donations are requested at the door: Adults $2.00, Children $1.00. We hope you will all be there to share in this special musical offering!!!

The PORTLAND FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM is recruiting 2 Peaks Island elders to volunteer in the Peaks Island School as a foster grandparent.

Peaks Island residents age 60 or older with an annual income not exceeding $6700 (1 person) or $9050. (2 persons) is eligible to apply.

Foster grandparents assist classroom teachers with children who have special or exceptional needs. A training and orientation is provided.

Foster grandparent volunteers are paid a non-taxable stipend of $44.00 per week, and volunteer 20 hours per week, 4 or 5 days per week. Foster grandparents also receive paid vacation, holidays, sick time and monthly training programs.

To find out more information regarding these positions please call Susan Lavigne at Foster Grandparents- 773-0202.

This position will begin in January, after the holidays.

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Dear Friends:

The Fifth Maine is planning to have an island historical society. The aim of this is to preserve the history of our island. We shall be contacting elders on the island to learn about the past, the hotels on the island; the Gem Theater; the Bowling Alley; the stores on the island; the telephone building of long ago; the Fifth Maine; the Wharves; Trefethen; Evergreen; Ye Headland Inn; etc. etc. etc.

If you can help in any way, please drop a line to the Fifth Maine Community Center, Box 41 Peaks Island, Me. 04108

Thank you

THE FIFTH MAINE BOARD.
NEWS FROM THE STAR OF THE SEA THEATER

December will be an exciting month for all of us. Starting out on December 6, Sunday, at 2:30 p.m. in St. Christopher's Hall will be our Annual Christmas Show. The theme will be, "The Little Shoemaker" It will be performed by our dancers & the Starlight Players.

O The Starlight Players, on December 20 at 2:30 p.m. and December 21 at 7:30 p.m., will present "A Threepenny Christmas". This Comedy/Drama was purchased from the Dramatic Publishing Company. It is a very funny story set in London in the 1800's, with Scotland Yard, the Low Life Gang and our hero, Nick the Saint. Fun for all ages. The proceeds will go the Peaks Island Health Center Whirlpool Fund. A very worthy project for the island community. A Therapeutic whirlpool has been tried & tested by "Yours Truly" on the mainland. It has many user and would be very valuable to have at the Health Center. We hope the people of the island Community will give their support. Come and enjoy the new Starlight Players in the Christmas Special.

The Star of the Sea Boutique is open anytime with small gifts, stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, etc. These sales help us with the cost of production for all the shows which in turn benefit the community. We hope you will drop in for a visit and support this project. Open House on weekends, Coffee served. Happy Holidays!!

VHS tapes of all shows are on sale.

Musically Yours Doreen McCann

NEWS FROM THE PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The snow was fun while it lasted, but isn't it a bit early for the winter season to begin? We were even able to go sliding.

A big Thank You to everyone who attended our Open House and made it a great success.

We would like to Thank Dixie for her generous donation of new toys and Dick Ferris for his donation of toys. They are being loved by all.

There will soon be something fishy at our center. We are setting up a new aquarium in the near future. A group will go to Portland to get some fish.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

From the P.I.C.D. Staff

NEWS FROM THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY

NEW HOURS!!!!

HOURS: TUES: 2-8 FRI: 10-2
WED: 10-4 SAT: 10-1 Phone 766-5540

We lost our book drop during November when it was smashed in the street one night. We have acquired an old mailbox and are turning it into a book drop, but it's going to take a few more weeks of work to get it ready. Meanwhile, please do not leave books outside the library, but return them when we are open. Remember - you are responsible for the books while they are signed out to you.

SOME NEW ADULT AND CHILDREN'S BOOKS

1. Brownstone, Brownstone, Planning to win with the new tax law
2. Colcord, Sea stories from Searsport to Singapore
3. Dietz, Whales and man
4. Higgins, Outlaws
5. Neff, Writer's market 88

and for Children:

1. Blume, Just as long as we're together
2. Brown, Arthur's nose
3. Dr. Seuss, Butter battle book
4. Lowry, Anastasia's Chosen Career
5. Titherington, Big world, Small World
6. Wells, Max's Christmas

We also have more children's and adult records.

"ABBIE BURGESS, LIGHTHOUSE HEROINE"---is back! This family favorite of 18 years was published by Funk & Wagnalls in 1969, paperbacked by Downeast in 1976, and chapters were included in numerous anthologies by Houghton Mifflin and Scott Foresman, publishers.

Ruth Sargent has made this available once again in soft cover and illustration by Mary Beth Owen, illustrator.

Copies are available from Peconic, Island Peconic, Island Peconic, Island Peconic, Island Peconic.
NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

Marianna Fowe has been very popular with showing her slides and sharing her experiences in Yap. It was so exciting. Please watch the Star or window at Senior Center for announcement of other activities this winter.

The next regular meeting of the Senior Citizens is Jan. 20, at noon followed by a pot luck luncheon. If weather is questionable, give a call to Center mid-morning - if cancelled, we can give you answer then.

I do hope you all have recuperated from Thanksgiving activities, and getting ready for Christmas. The Center put out 26 meals on Thanksgiving Day - some were delivered to shut-ins, some were delivered to boat crew, few ate at Center - and then the kitchen crew ate. It was tiring but rewarding. Now we are getting ready for our Annual Christmas party at the Community Center on December 9, dinner at noon - children from Day Care will be in at 12:45 for their gifts. (and they always have homemade gifts for us!!) - We will then have our exchange of gifts and few minutes of visiting. Always a good time had by all.

There are paperbacks & magazines for you to borrow throughout the winter months (got to do something to fight cabin fever).

The Center is open from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily. Drop in or give a call. We are here for you.

I would like to say thank you to all who have given generous donations to the Senior Citizens, to make a happy Thanksgiving & Christmas. Thank you all - Legion, Lions Club and all anonymous donors.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all
Senior Center 766-2545.

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ISLANDS HEALTH CENTER
24 Hour phone 766-2329

CHARLES D. RADIS D.O.
Cynthia Garner-Wiseman R.N.

We Welcome Pam Wansker D.O. to our staff at the clinic. She will be starting December 11 and helping to extend our physician services on Fridays.

In case you haven't heard, Doreen McCann and the Starlight Players will be presenting a Christmas play "A Threepenny Christmas" on December 20 and 21. Proceeds from the production will be benefitting the Health Center, specifically for the Whirlpool Fund. If interested in becoming a sponsor for the program, anyone can call Cynthia at the Center or Kay Taylor at 766-2811.

What a wonderful Christmas present - Thank you, Doreen!!

May the joy and spirit of the Holidays bring to all the greatest medicine on Earth...

LOVE!!!