

The Georgetown Tide

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Back to MacMahan Island

by Rich Start

MacMahan Island is located between Sheepscot Bay and the Little Sheepscot River. Looking out from our family's cottage on Gott's Cove, it commands our view to the north. My Great Aunt Luva Marr was married to George Grey, the long-time caretaker for the island. Each day, rain or shine, fog or snow, Uncle George would leave his house on the North End Road and walk down the well-worn path to the western shore of Gott's Cove. He would pull his skiff in on its haul-off mooring to row out to his boat moored in the center of the cove. His big boat, an open green Hampton-style with its definitive white molding along the sheer stood out among the lobster boats moored in the outer cove. Once he got the ancient inboard started he would leave the cove and head up the Narrows to MacMahan Island.

As a child, I can remember distinctly one weekend in the fall when our family was up for an overnight visit at the cottage, when Uncle George asked us all if we would like to take a trip to the island. Our response was decidedly in the affirmative and plans were made to head to the island in Uncle George's boat the next day.

The next morning, we boarded the boat and made our way to the landing at MacMahan, on the western shore of the island. Once the family was ashore, we noticed that all the summer homes were boarded up to make ready for the winter. From the landing, we walked quite a distance to the middle of the island to pick apples.

I can remember the vivid foliage on the way to the center of the island where the remains of the apple orchards that belonged to the settlers of the island long-since gone stood. I don't know how accurate memory is, but I recall narrow boardwalks over the marshy areas near the orchard. At the end of that wonderful family outing, we boarded Uncle George's boat and headed back to the cottage with enough apples for a pie and some applesauce.

Weeding with Uncle William

No opportunities to visit the island presented themselves after that outing until about five years later when my Uncle William, the youngest of my grandfather's siblings, asked if I would go to MacMahan to help him with some work in a rock garden at a large house there. Uncle William lived in the house next to our cottage with his wife, my Aunt Edith. William was a clammer and also did odd jobs to fill in when they were available.

And so, with my parents' permission, Uncle William and I set out for MacMahan in his long wooden skiff with a small outboard in the stern. The ebb tide was running strong in the Narrows and I wondered if the outboard would be able to buck the current. When we approached the narrowest section of the channel, it was obvious that the motor did not have enough power to make headway. It was then that Uncle William turned the boat towards the Georgetown shore where the ledges are sheer. I watched in wonder as Uncle William guided the boat as closely as he could to the rocks.

When I looked over the gunnel, I noticed that whirlpools created by the rushing water ran counter to flow of the ebbing tide. Uncle William explained that these were back eddies and when used in the right way could save a lot of effort when heading against the current. It was an important lesson and to this day when I'm heading against the flow of things, I always remember these back eddies.

When we reached the island, Uncle William tied up the skiff at public float used by all residents of the island when they came over from the Georgetown Shore. We went up the ramp and headed down one of the winding paths toward the southern tip of the island where an imposing home looks out over the tree tops toward open ocean to the south.

NEW TO GHS

Once again GHS finds itself the fortunate recipient of wonderful items from Georgetown's past. Thank you to all who shared their treasures.

- Five flint British ballast stones found off the western shore in the east branch of Robinhood Cove during the archeological dig during the replacement of the two bridges in the center of town. From Peter Woodruff.
- King George II British half penny (1727-1760) found on the shore of Harmon's Harbor. From James A. Milan.
- 1911 Letter from Maine State School Superintendent of Schools Payson Smith informing schools of the law requiring testing for high school eligibility and the Governor's Declaration of Arbor Day. Also, five copies of photographs of "minstrel shows" held at Howard Hall in Five Islands, circa 1950. From Gene Reynolds.
- Three books: *Art is My Life* by William Zorach; *Zorach Explains Sculpture*; and *William Zorach* by John Davis. Also, three catalogues: *William Zorach Exhibition* (1959) by the Whitney Museum; *Marguerite and William Zorach: Harmonies and Contrasts* (2001) by the Portland Museum of Art; and *Zorach: Fifty Years of Watercolors* (1970) by Bernard Rosenburg Galleries, Inc. From Richard Hasenfus.
- Book, *Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Noyes, Libby & Davis). From Harry Hopcroft.
- 1867 petite album of Trafton family photographs. From Elaine Todd Trench and William Todd.
- A large collection of items once owned by Edith Card Berry Horne, donated by her grandson George Chester Horne, including:
 - 1897/8 photo of Georgetown Center school-children;
 - 1909 photo of Edith Horne and a 1943 photo of George Chester Horne (We especially love that one!);
 - Photos of Roy Newman and Josephine Oliver Newman;
 - Photo of Josephine Newman's camp near her home on Indian Point and two photos of summer tents pitched nearby. [Editor's note: Jo Newman's Oliver family home once stood on the land that she donated to the Maine Audubon Society and which is now the Josephine Newman Sanctuary];
- Scrapbook collection of *Bath Independent* newspaper clippings about Georgetown compiled by William H. Dearborn;
- Metal & glass case containing mussel shells over 6,000 years old, found in 1967 in Boothbay, 100 feet above sea level;
- Print physiographic diagram [the mapping of land-forms according to both their geologic structures and histories] of the Georgetown vicinity;
- Valentine from Mrs. Given in 1890s;
- 1927 souvenir coupon from First Eastbound Passenger Train across the new Bath to Woolwich Carlton Bridge;
- 1976 Georgetown Commemorative Plate for the American Revolution Bicentennial;
- Toothpick holder and a silk hand fan; and
- A Portuguese 10 Reis coin (1723-1749) found in Georgetown by Edith Horne's father while he was digging sod to place on his young son's gravesite.
- Framed nautical chart of the Falkland Islands that belonged to Captain Seward Porter Emmons (1825-1922) of Georgetown, which he used during his journeys. His name is penciled on the upper right corner. According to his obituary in *The Nautical Gazette*, Vol. 102, March 4, 1922 "he began at age 11 accompanying his father on fishing trips. Later he became a cabin boy and when a young man was given

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command of the *John Patten*, sailing from Bath, Maine. He crossed the Atlantic more than 40 times and rounded the Cape of Good Hope six times and Cape Horn 23 times.” From Jeannette Von Huene.

- Book, *On Gilbert Head* by Elizabeth Etnier. From Gail and Tom Brown.
- Book, *General William King: Merchant, Shipbuilder, and Maine’s First Governor*, by Marion Jacques Smith. From Ginny Hopcroft.
- Poster of Georgetown’s 300th anniversary celebration. From the Town of Georgetown.

NOTES FROM THE TOWN OFFICE

by Cathy Collins

Office Closings

Fall workshops, Maine Municipal Convention, and a couple of holidays will make it necessary for the office to be closed on the following days:

Closed Wednesday, October 5, for the MMA Convention

Closed Monday, October 10, for Columbus Day

Closed Thursday, October 27, for required Motor Vehicle training

Closed Friday, November 11, for Veterans Day

Closed Wednesday, November 23, through Sunday, November 27. We’ll reopen Monday November 28

Documented Boats Reminder

Documented boat owners: Please remember you must pay your 2016 Excise Tax by October 1. After that date, interest will be charged and a lien could be placed on your property.

Wharf User Fees

Any user fees that have not been paid by October 1 will be subject to a \$100 late fee.

Dog News

I have received the dog tags for 2017 and will begin to license pets on October 15. You may license your pet any time after that date. Dogs six months of age and older must be licensed. We need current rabies and a neutering/spaying certificate for licensing.

If you need to have your pet vaccinated, we will be hosting a Rabies Clinic at the Town Office from 9am to 11am on November 12. The Coastal Humane Society will be here for the shots as well as ear cleaning, toe clipping, and micro chipping.

Election

In case you live under a rock, you may not be aware of the election that will be held on November 8 this year. We should be receiving our absentee ballots in early October and you may vote any time after that date. Call the office to have an absentee ballot sent to you or just stop in and vote in the office.

Tax Bills

We hope to have the tax bills ready for mailing around mid-October.

Town Office Gallery

The Tricentennial exhibit has been removed after a wonderful reception by the public. Thank you, Susie Westly Wren! The exhibit was a wonderful beginning for our new curator!

A new exhibit has now been hung with paintings by year-round Indian Point resident Pauline Haller. Pauline’s work, which features flowers, landscapes, and an occasional sheep, will be shown in September and October. Pauline understands light and it graces each work like a song.

If you are interested in showing your work at the Town Office Gallery, please contact Susie Wren at westisle@myfairpoint.net or 371-9106. We are already booking shows for the spring of 2017!

Board Vacancies

The Town is looking for members for the following committees and boards:

- Board of Appeals: 1 member and 2 alternates
- Finance Advisory Committee: 1 member
- Harbor Committee: 1 alternate
- Planning Board: 1 alternate

The Town is also looking for help at the Transfer Station. Please inquire with Jim Coombs or at the Town Office.

FROM THE TRICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

by Angie Mead

The words “thank you” don’t seem to express the level of gratitude the committee feels towards everyone who helped make Georgetown’s Tricentennial Celebration the success that it was. Besides the committee, our friends and significant others who went above and beyond to help us, we want to thank:

—Five Islands Lobster Co. and Sheepscot Bay Boat Co. who were greatly inconvenienced by the event;

—Andy King, who captained and lent us his boat ALL day and well into the night;

—the photographers and videographers who captured the entire event;

—the businesses and artists who donated door prizes: AdWear, Carrot Signs, Dahlov Ipcar, Derecktor Robinhood Marina, Diann Longstreet, Don Cowing, Ethan Russell, Five Islands Farm, Gagne Foods, Gene Reynolds, Georgetown Community Center, Georgetown Store, Hawkes Tree Service, Now You're Cooking, Reny's, Richard Hasenfus, Rinck Advertising, Susie Wren, the Cabin, and the Osprey;

—all of Georgetown's volunteer committees;

—Shelley and Arnold and Bath Bus Service;

—GVFD and the two very good natured Sheriff's deputies who were there until the VERY end.

We also had wonderful live music provided by the Bath Municipal Band, Lauren Crosby, Creagan More, and Turner Templeton. Central Maine Pyrotechnics provided the BEST fireworks ever, funded 100% by donations. Even though it rained, and we had a little lightning, it was all part of what makes it a memorable celebration. So, THANK YOU, and let's do it again in a hundred years!

P.S. Don't forget about the time capsule! We will be collecting items until December 15, unless the capsule is filled before that. What can you put in? Letters, family photos, mementos, and much more. The Tricentennial Committee and GHS have the final say, but almost anything, within reason can be included. Please make your contributions during regular GHS hours.

NEWS FROM THE RICHARDS LIBRARY

by Diane Morin

The final renovation of the library—new stairs to replace the old, unsafe ones—should be finished by mid-September. Contractor Joe Kelley told us they should not be stained until late summer 2017, but they will still look nice until then. Risers will add to the new look, preventing weeds from growing up and patrons from slipping through.

Believe it or not, it is time to talk about Blizzard Books. Please come by and choose your reading material for what we hope will be a short and mild Maine winter. We regret that we can only offer this program to year-round residents. The dates for Blizzard Books are October 24 from 10am to 1pm and 3pm and 6pm; October 28 from 10am to 1pm; and October 29 from 10am to 1pm.

The story-book hour is finished for this summer. Although attendance at the readings varied from as few

as two to as many as 32, I hope it will be viewed as a successful program. After the readings, children's books did fly out of the library and that was a very good thing. (If you take a book out, you have to come back with it and hopefully this will develop into a routine for the children.)

We are trying to get all overdue books back into the library (some have been out for years). If you have one (or more) please drop it off; we will not ask any questions and we do not charge fines. If you know you have an overdue book but cannot locate it, could you possibly make a donation to the library which would allow us to replace it?

We are working very hard to comply with all Maine State Library regulations. The State is very concerned about your privacy; you may have noticed that the name of the borrower has been obliterated from many of the circulation cards already. (This is a project we hope to finish before the 2017 season.) Going forward, for the rest of the 2016 season, each time you return a book your name will be removed. The State has given us guidelines to protect your privacy and next year we will implement a system that they have recommended: You will have a library card with a number that identifies you; that number, not your name, will be on the circulation card. As part of this system, we will have a cross reference with name cards, so if you forget or misplace your card we can still retrieve your number.

I want you to know how much I do love the Richards Library, and I have very much enjoyed working at the library and meeting you all and being your librarian, however, the library's Advisory Board will be appointing a new Director this fall. They do need someone who can work more closely and directly with them to achieve their goals for an even better Richards Library in 2017.

Thank you all for your patronage this summer, and a special thank you to our volunteers who helped keep the library open.

SCHOOL NEWS

by Deb Thibodeau

We are happy to report that the 3rd graders sold \$330 worth of books (*Meet the Wild Wolves* by GCS 3rd Graders) at the Working League Fair. This money was donated to Runs with Wolves Sanctuary. The grand total we've raised so far in sales and donations is \$430. We hope to sell the rest of our books around the Georgetown and Bath community, so if you haven't gotten one yet, you still have a chance!

Thank you to the Working League for being so supportive of our school community! At the fair, authors, Miriam

Nesset, Wendy Ulmer, and our 3rd Grade class, led by Marcie Look, did very well meeting people and selling their books. Thanks to all for joining us in the author area this year! The winner of our school skiff was Roger Boghart, who turned around and generously donated the skiff to make a donation to GIEF. Thank you, Roger!

Thank you to all of our volunteers for the Georgetown School Garden who have donated countless hours keeping the garden going this summer. The Garden Tour was so much fun and it was great to educate the public about the garden.

Thank you to all of those who contributed donations, time, and effort to the Set for Success event at the Georgetown School. This year, we outfitted 70 students with all that they would need to get their year off to a great start. Our community donated goods and money to the event to make it a great day. We are already planning next year's event! Let us know if you are interested in helping out.

MY GRANDMOTHER'S TRUNK:

A Century of Fashion History

by Elaine Todd Trench

Family attics and storage rooms often yield surprising and interesting treasures. Plans are underway for a historical fashion event at GHS on June 20, 2017. Vintage clothing and accessories will be modeled and displayed. Several members of the Georgetown community have already offered garments and hats for the event, which will include many items enjoyed by the late Carolyn "Billie" Todd.

If you're interested in participating in any way, especially modeling or loaning clothing, please contact me at ectrench@aol.com. Photographs of historic clothing will also be included in the program. If you want to loan photos featuring historic clothing or accessories, please contact Susie Wren for assistance with scanning (westisle@myfairpoint.net, or 9106). If you want to loan (or wear!) vintage or historic hats, please contact Joyce DeVito (2324). We are hoping for multigenerational participation!

GEORGETOWN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

by Diann Longstreet

After the July 4th parade, we had no other plans for summer. In August the board of directors took the month off for family commitments and vacations. September was a quiet month with the usual activities at GCC. Cribbage, book club, and yoga met all summer.

This fall, we have a number of events planned. The first is a Hunters Breakfast on October 29 from 5am to 10am. All proceeds from the breakfast will go to the X-Fund for heating assistance.

We will once again host the Halloween Pizza Party here at the Community Center. The Georgetown Recreation Committee will be buying all the pizzas and GCC will provide the beverages. The Center will be open at 4:30pm to give everyone plenty of time to grab a bite to eat before heading off for Trick or Treating.

On Sunday, November 27, we will hold our annual craft fair from 11am to 1pm. If you are interested in participating, please send us a message on Facebook or email Angie at fiveislandsang@yahoo.com. We ask that you donate to our food drive as a table fee, non-perishables that have NOT expired, please.

We are also looking for some volunteers to help set up for the fair. It's simple: Set up the tables and cover them with wrapping paper, maybe make some coffee.

Finally, we do try to allow everyone who wants to sell to participate, but we only have so much room. Please let us know no later than November 1 if you'd like to reserve one of the tables—handmade/crafted/grown items only (no yard sale stuff or Tupperware/Avon/Scentsi, etc.).

We are still working out the details for December events. There will be a kids' holiday party and our annual Community Dinner. Announcements will be posted on Facebook, at GCC, and on the Fire Department and Robinhood Road Signboards.

Finally, a reminder that donations for the X-FUND are always welcome. Please note in the memo section of your check "XFUND." Thanks for making it possible for us to help our neighbors in need.

FORMER TIDE EDITOR MOVES WEST

Sue Ludgin has moved to the Chicago area (where she and Don used to live) to be near her two daughters.

Sue wanted us to share her information. She would love to hear from her old friends and neighbors.

If you'd like to write, please use the following address:

Mrs. Sue Ludgin
2801 Old Glenview Rd
Apt 210
Wilmette, IL 60091

Sue's phone number is (224)408-2762.

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Uncle William set me to work weeding one of the rock garden beds near the house. After about an hour it became abundantly clear to both

Uncle William and me that weeding was something that held no interest for a nine-year-old boy. Taking pity on me he, took me in to the house to meet the owner. She showed me around the cavernous interior, but the thing that captured my imagination was a chair that rode up and down the side of the stairway on a rail. Crushing any hopes of a ride on the device, she informed me that she had promised the person who had given the chair that no person other than her would use it.

After a long afternoon of trying to work up enough enthusiasm to weed, it was time to go home. During the time it took to go from MacMahan to Gott's Cove, my uncle kept up a diatribe on my poor performance at weeding. After the skiff was anchored and tied up at the shore, he took out his change purse and gave me a quarter for my attempts.

I never got back to MacMahan Island after that, but about four decades later, I became completely captivated by tracing my roots. In researching my grandfather, Arthur Marr, I discovered that his mother Clara Jane was the daughter of Captain Ira Lewis and Almira Stevens Lewis. Ira Lewis's mother was Clarissa Ann Pierce. And the mother of Clarissa Ann Pierce was Dorcas Holt MacMahan who was married to Edward Pierce. They lived on MacMahan before it became a summer community. Further research revealed that Dorcas, my fourth great grandmother, was buried in the Pierce cemetery on the northeast corner of the island.

Finding Dorcas

After moving here permanently with my wife Carol in 2003, I put finding more about Dorcas's grave on my bucket list. Nothing happened until this year, the 300th



anniversary of the charter creating Georgetown. On July 4, we received an email from Judson Browne, a summer resident of MacMahan, informing several of us that the residents of MacMahan were planning a MacMahan Heritage Day on August 14.

And so, a month and a half after the arrival of that email, a flotilla of boats from MacMahan began ferrying people from the wharf in Five Islands to visit the island. Carol and I waited our turn and boarded one of the boats for a quick trip up the Narrows to the landing at MacMahan.

As we headed up the ramp from the float, we were greeted by members of the community who welcomed us, offering maps and suggestions of things we could do and see. Once I mentioned that we were on a mission to see the gravesite of my great, great, great great grandmother, we were whisked to a waiting golf cart and driven to the Pierce Cemetery on the northeast corner of the island.

The driver of our cart told us that island residents had made a special effort to clean up the headstones there. After a bumpy ride we reached the Pierce cemetery, and there it was, the headstone of Dorcas Holt MacMahan Pierce.



When we finished investigating the cemetery, we returned to the landing area we were treated to a light lunch and a fascinating presentation on the islands history in the clubhouse near the shore.

I know the residents of Georgetown join me in thanking the residents of MacMahan Island for a very special and meaningful day. They all went out of their way to make us feel welcome and we came to know why they take so much pride they feel in their island.

2016 WORKING LEAGUE FAIR WRAP-UP

by Susan Means

As Tricentennial banners adorning our town this year proclaim: “Georgetown rocks!” The Georgetown Working League heartily agrees and wishes to thank all supporters of the 103rd GWL Fair, held August 13. That group includes all attendees, volunteers, donors, and those who purchased quilt raffle tickets. As always, all Fair proceeds support student scholarships and town services and organizations.

Fair Chair Denise Sensor emphasizes that the success of the event is dependent on a lot of people pulling together. They include:

- The GVFD for their continued support;
- Dave Knauber for “being everywhere and doing everything that needed doing;”
- Dave Barney and his family for “their continued Herculean efforts in delivering those fabulous fresh cinnamon buns to the bake table.” (We’re all aware that the baking starts at 3am!)
- Spouses/offspring of League members who park cars, post (and store) signs, sell items, and set up and take down tents, along with performing numerous other chores large and small.

This year our artists and craftspeople, whom we sincerely thank for participating, were relocated to the lawn in front of the school, with good results. Our Maine children’s authors in our kids’ area, coordinated by Deb Thibodeau, were spotlighted in the main hall by the school library. And parking was located behind the school, which worked extremely well and will be continued.

Thanks are also extended from individual Fair Chairs.

From the White Elephants Chair:

—Dave Tudor, for use of his washtub “which helped the intake crews make items squeaky clean;”

—Non-League members and parents of scholarship winners for devoting their time to the MONTH-LONG effort to prepare for this area of the Fair;

—All donors, who “thought of us as they cleaned or downsized so we could repurpose their treasures.”

P.S. If you purchased an Oster wine opener, please call 441-8090: The charger was left behind.

From the Luncheon Chairs for donations and support:

—Jason Barabe

—Keith Longbottom, Five islands Lobster Co

—Brackett’s Market

From the Jewelry Chair:

—A big “thank you” to Jill Burden, a gemologist who has offered her services for several years to evaluate and price jewelry donations

From the Silent Auction Chairs, who thank all bidders and our wonderful donors:

Five Islands Farm • Five Islands Lobster Co • Georgetown Country Store • Georgetown Pottery • Grey Havens Inn • Just Framing • Mustard Seed Bookstore • Osprey Restaurant • Pamela’s World • Robinhood Cove Oyster Farm • Beth Barney • Ellen and George Browning • Martha Feehan • Bud Grant • Ellen Grant • Katherine Gray • Pauline and Erich Haller • Rosemary Hentz • Dahlov Ipcar • John Jones • Diann Longstreet • Sheila O’Grady • Scott Raymond • Jean Summers • Raymond Swain

And finally, the big reveal: The lucky winners of this year’s Tricentennial art quilt are Bruce Patterson and Roberta Fox, of Indian Point (for a generation) and North Andover, Massachusetts. Their wonderful photo accompanies this article. They were stunned at the news and have reported that “we are over the moon with excitement that we won the quilt for the Georgetown Tricentennial!”

Our congrats to Bruce and Roberta, and we’ll see you all at the 104th GWL Fair in 2017!



GEORGETOWN READING GROUP

by Claudia Hayward

Our next reading group gathering at the Community Center will be held on October 4 at 10am. We will discuss *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi (non-fiction).

As promised, I am publishing the remaining book titles chosen by the book group through August 2017. We voted on these books at our annual luncheon in June. Please save this list for future reference.

November 1: *One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood

December 6: *A World Elsewhere* by Sigrid McCrae

January 3: *The Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri

February 7: *Savage Beauty: Life of Edna St Vincent Millay* by Nancy Mitford

March 7: *Stories: The Greatest Masterpieces of Russian Literature* by Anton Chekov

April 4: *Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence* by Karen Armstrong

May 2: *Monsignor Quixote* by Graham Greene

June 6: *Society Without God: What the Least Religious Societies Can Tell Us About Contentment* by Phil Zuckerman

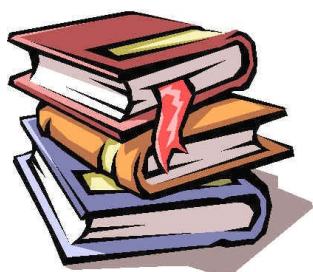
July TBD: *Little Red Chairs* by Edna O'Brien

August 1: *Holy the Firm* by Annie Dillard

Feel free to read along with us, even if you can't make it to the Community Center for the discussions, but we'd love to have you join us.

If you are in Georgetown and would like me to order a book on our upcoming reading list, please let me know. I will order it online for you at the best available price (no tax, no shipping), new or used in very good condition. I will also deliver the book to your Georgetown address when it arrives. How can you refuse?

Contact me at 2127 or cjh2127@aol.com.



ARROWSIC-GEORGETOWN BROADBAND INITIATIVE UPDATE

Homeowners in Arrowsic and Georgetown, we are the Arrowsic Georgetown Broadband Initiative (AGBI), and we need your help! We're a group of citizens from both islands who have been meeting and working for over a year to bring better internet to our islands.

This fall, we are putting together an application for "Connect Maine" funding. To do this, we need to verify the internet speeds we currently get. This is where you come in!

Would you go online to <http://speedof.me/> and find your download and upload speeds? Just click on the "Start Test" button in the lower left, wait until it finishes, and then send us the results shown at upper left. Results look like "Download 3.52 Mbps, Upload 743Kbps."

Please do this once, twice, or three times at different times and days, and then send the results to surveyteam@AG-Broadbanders.org. Also, please include whether you get the "standard" Fairpoint DSL or a higher speed option (like "premium" or "ultra" on your Fairpoint bill). And finally, we need your street address. Thanks, this will help us all!

Our Facebook page will be showing our progress: www.facebook.com/AG.Broadbanders/. If you have questions or comments, please contact us at surveyteam@AG-Broadbanders.org.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTRY STORE by Lorna Chafe

Thanks for your patronage and patience during our busiest summer yet! And thanks to our wonderful staff, led by Dolores and Cheryl, for responding to all our customers' needs, cooking those fabulous meals, making those picnics delectable, and staying pleasant all the while.

Come have lunch on the dining porch and enjoy our fall exhibit: the photography of Diann Longstreet and the pastel paintings of Marijke Damrell, September 8 through late October. Diann, who makes the wonderful calendars and cards, will focus on shore life in her photography for this show. Marijke, who has been a featured artist at the Old Post Office Gallery, paints lovely coastal scenes. In November we will display the whimsical beach glass and pebble wall creations by Sue Richards, and aerial color photos around Georgetown by Lawreston.

Keep in mind that the holidays are coming as you browse the shelves and the print rack, and note the Maine authors whose books we are now carrying.

CHURCHGOERS GET A VISIT FROM THE PAST

As part of Georgetown's Tricentennial Tour of Historic Places, Eric and Denise Reynolds acted as docents at the Five Islands Baptist Church. The couple enjoyed giving tours and history to as many as 50 guests on a beautiful August Saturday.



Because the church was built in the 1800s, Denise and Eric dressed as the congregation might have back then. In character, Denise portrayed her sixth great grandmother Susanna Rowe, while Eric dressed as the first Pastor of the church, John McFadden. The following Sunday the couple reprised their characters during morning service to the delight of the churchgoers.

JASON SCHOENER—SHAFTS OF LIGHT

October 8 through November 23 at GHS, 20 Bay Point Road, Georgetown, Maine

The Georgetown Historical Society, in association with West Island Gallery and Susie Westly Wren, will offer an exhibition and sale of the work of Jason Schoener this autumn.

The show will begin Saturday, October 8, with a special presentation by Susie Westly Wren at 10am, who will discuss Schoener's mid-career style. Regular hours for the show will be Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm and Saturdays from 10am to noon.

For the past thirty years this largely-unseen collection of Jason Schoener's work has been stored in an old Maine barn and was part of the gallery inventory of the late Tom Crotty of Frost Gully Gallery. It dates from 1962 to 1994. Wren and Crotty worked together to bring Schoener's Georgetown collection to market in 2007. As the person responsible for cataloguing Jason's lifetime of work, Susie is honored to bring this special collection to market, now, for the Schoener estate.

Crotty favored the colorful, mostly local, landscapes that make up the 2016 exhibition as they were rendered with brave use of light and form (what Wren terms "shafts of light"). In 1967, Schoener said of his abstractions of nature "... it is necessary to eliminate the extraneous and intensify those details important to my feeling about the subject."

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1919, Jason Schoener came from a family of distinguished American artists. He was the nephew of sculptor William Zorach and his wife, painter Marguerite Zorach, and cousin of Dahlov Ipcar.

Schoener's extensive career included more than twenty solo exhibitions around the country and numerous important group shows at the Midtown Gallery in New York. Schoener showed with well-known artists such as Edward Betts, Hans Moller, and William Thon. His work is in the collections of the Oakland Museum, the Whitney, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the University of Maine, and Colby and Bowdoin Colleges, among others.

The exhibit is sponsored by West Island Gallery. For more information, please see the gallery website at www.westislandgallery.com or call Susie Westly Wren, gallery owner, at 9106.



Jason Schoener, "Harmon's Harbor Green," Oil on Canvas, 30"x40", 1989.

DAHLOV IPCAR TURNS 99!

Dahlov will be 99 this November. In honor of her birthday, here is a roundup of some Dahlov news bites.

Charlie Ipcar has uncovered a treasure trove of Dahlov's childhood art, uncrated for the first time since 1939. These pieces were originally displayed at New York's Museum of Modern Art in an exhibit entitled "Creative Growth." Below is one sample of these rare finds, and there are dozens more that Charlie has posted on Dahlov's Facebook page. Check them out!



Author Pat Davidson Reef has released a new edition of her 1987 book about Dahlov Ipcar. The book, called *Dahlov Ipcar, Artist*, is "a juvenile biography for young people about Maine artist Dahlov Ipcar, who has a distinctive style. It explores visually her growth as an artist from selected childhood works to her adult masterpieces in museums. Also included in the book are examples of murals in public buildings, illustrations in children's books, and wonderful cloth sculptures that Dahlov has created. It is designed for both children and adults to enjoy."

The new edition of the book contains full color photos and a commentary written by Dahlov.



To mark Dahlov's 100th birthday in 2017, Islandport Press has created a poster calendar that showcases illustrations of Dahlov's home state of Maine. Taken from some of her finest children's books, the illustrations in "Dahlov Ipcar's Maine" give you twelve images of the state as experienced by the artist herself. Each month, you'll be treated to a glorious new scene of Maine life,

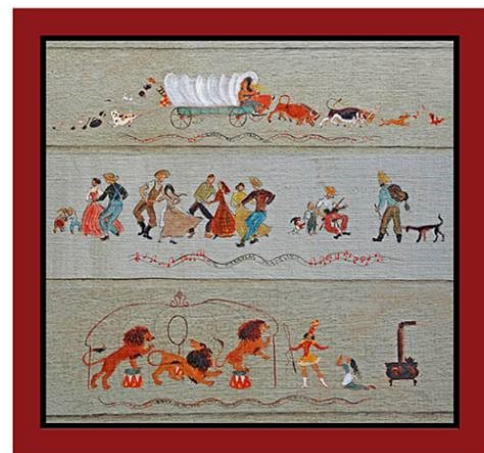
including early days cutting ice and tapping maple trees, watching sailboats along the coast, observing the animals in the woods, and enjoying a farmer's bounty. Sail along with Dahlov Ipcar and experience the colors, people, and warmth of Maine. On sale now at Islandport Press



Did you know that Dahlov's books are now featured in the revamped children's book area at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York? In an interview that can be found at nobrow.net/nobrow-field-trip-to-the-met/, book buyer Lauren Gallagher says, "A Dahlov Ipcar book might make a kid want to draw just as much as a beginner's guide to Monet or Leonardo." Visit the website to enjoy the rest of the interview.



Bob Zentz & Jeanne McDougall, Nor & Eli Dale, Charlie Ipcar & Alison Freeman



An Evening of
Dahlov Ipcar's Favorite Songs
Friday October 28th 7:30 PM

Unitarian Universalist Church
Corner Middle & Pleasant
Brunswick
Admission: \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door/
half price for children under 12
Reservations or More Info: 737-2187



OBITUARIES

JANE PARKER MORSE

Died August 22, 2016

Jane Parker Morse passed away this summer after a 21-month battle with glioblastoma.

She was the daughter of John G. Morse Jr. and Frances Robie Morse of Phippsburg. She attended Phippsburg schools, and graduated from Morse High School in 1969 and Colby College in 1973. While at Colby, she spent a semester at Oxford and continued to visit England for several years after that. She graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1980.

Jane was employed at the law firm of Friedman and Atherton in Boston. While living in Boston, Jane joined the BU Rowing Club and enjoyed spending time rowing on the Charles River.

In 1993, Jane gave up her career in law upon the death of her father and moved home to Phippsburg to care for her mother and help run the family businesses. As vice president of Sagadahock Real Estate Association, Jane became involved in promoting the success of downtown Bath. She spent countless hours searching for the stores she thought Bath needed and persuading them to open in Bath. The diversification of offerings in downtown Bath is very much due to Jane's vision.

Jane was a founding member of Main Street Bath and served as its president for one term. She was on the Board of Corporators at the Patten Free Library, Bath Savings Institution and MidCoast Hospital. She also spent many hours serving on the boards of Sagadahoc Preservation, Inc., and the Bath Historical Society.

She loved the maritime history of her home town, a love that was passed down to her from her father who spent many a dinner conversing about the subject. She followed in his footsteps as a member of the board of the Maine Maritime Museum. Jane loved boating and sailing in particular. She was truly relaxed when she was out on the water. She loved music, especially opera, and books. She had a collection of books about Bath and maritime history, as well as historic preservation.

Jane's life was enriched by her nieces and nephews. She watched over their lives carefully and was particularly fond of their children when they were born.

Jane was predeceased by her parents, John and Frances

Morse. She is survived by a brother and a sister, her nephews and nieces, grand nephews and grand nieces.

Memorial donations may be made to the Maine Maritime Museum, 243 Washington Street, Bath, ME 04530; Patten Free Library, 33 Summer Street, Bath, ME 04530; Sagadahoc Preservation, Inc., Fund for the Restoration of the Winter Street Sanctuary, P.O. Box 322, Bath, ME 04530 or Bath Historical Society, 33 Summer Street, Bath, ME 04530.

Editor's Note: Although Jane Morse was not a Georgetown resident, she was always interested and supportive of the work GHS did. She came to GHS events and was a constant reader of the Tide. Her Morse family had connections of years back in Georgetown and Phippsburg.

LOIS DEWSNAP

April 21, 1922 — August 9, 2016

Lois Patricia Forster Dewsnap passed peacefully in Nashua, NH, this summer. Lois was born in Natick, MA, and graduated from Natick High School in 1938. She received her BA from Boston University in 1942 and her MA from the same school the following year.

Lois married George H. Dewsnap (deceased) in 1944 and was later divorced.

Lois was a teacher for many years and taught in Waltham Public Schools for 20 years before retiring. In the 1980s she worked for Telshare Publishing as a Sr. Editor and Vice President. She traveled extensively with her sister, Grace Mitchell, with whom she authored the early childhood education book *Help! What Do I Do About...?* and who inspired Lois to write *Common Sense Discipline*.

In 1984 she fulfilled her lifelong dream of retiring to Maine and moved to Georgetown, where she lived until 1999, taking an active part in the local community including volunteering at the Laura E. Richards Library. In 1999 Lois moved to Hunt Community in Nashua, NH, where she served many years as the librarian and was also active on the Marketing Committee and Activities Committee.

Lois is survived and deeply missed by her four children and their spouses, her six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and friends across the country.

The family requests that donations in Lois' memory be made to Hunt Community (Scholarship Fund), c/o The Hunt Community, 10 Allds Street, Nashua, NH 03060.



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FOR YOUR BULLETIN BOARD

The Georgetown Historical Society is open every Wednesday from 10am to 5pm and every Saturday morning from 10am until noon. **Reid State Park** is open daily from 9am to sundown.

October

- 4: Reading Group, GCC, 10am
- 5: Town Office closed
- 7: Teacher Inservice; GCS closed
- 8: "Jason Schoener: Shafts of Light" exhibit opens at GHS. Special presentation by Susie Westly Wren at 10am
- 10: Columbus Day. GCS and Town Office closed
- 11: Working League Meeting, GCC, 10a
- 24: Blizzard Books, 10am to 1pm & 3pm and 6pm
- 25: Working League Interim Meeting, GCC, 10am
- 27: Town Office closed
- 28: Blizzard Books 10am to 1pm
- 29: Blizzard Books, 10am to 1pm

November

- 1: Reading Group, GCC, 10am
- 8: ELECTION DAY. PLEASE VOTE!
- 8: Working League Meeting, GCC, 10a
- 11: Veterans Day. Town Office closed
- 12: Rabies Clinic, Town Office, 9am to 11am
- 21: Parent-Teacher Conferences; GCS students dismissed at 11:30
- 22: Parent-Teacher Conferences; GCS students dismissed at 11:30
- 23: Thanksgiving Holiday. GCS and Town Office closed
- 24: Thanksgiving Holiday. GCS and Town Office closed
- 25: Thanksgiving Holiday. GCS and Town Office closed