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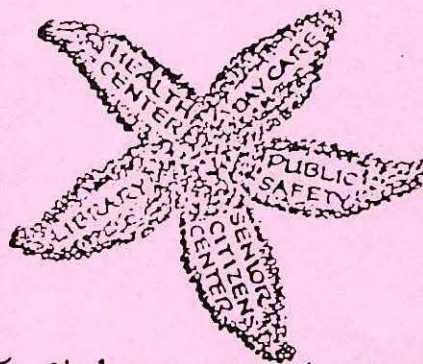
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Islands Service Agencies & other Community News

FEBRUARY 1997 VOLUME 17 ISSUE 2

Fourth Annual Valentine Poetry Read

Thursday, February 13, 7 PM
in the Community Room

Please join us for an adult evening of poetry, prose, song and multiple forms of the spoken word, all with the theme of LOVE. Romantics and skeptics alike, bring your words or those of your favorite writer. Rich and decadent DESERTS also welcome! For more information, call Jen Barrington, 766-5960, or Suzanne Parrott (766-2344).

Volunteers Tutors Needed For Reading at the Peaks Island School

The Peaks Island School is involved in a reading program called R.A.P. or Reading Advancement Program. We are seeking volunteer tutors who are willing to commit to the following schedule with a student.

11:30-12:00 (M.-W.-F.) or 12:30-1:00 (M.-W.-F.)

If you have an interest, then contact Virginia Charron, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at 766-2528. If you can not reach me, leave your name and phone number, and I'll get back to you.

HELP.....SOS.....HELP

Needed at once. Someone to deliver Meals on Wheels one day a week. Takes only two hours. Our shutins and seniors are depending on this service. Call Tom Quig for details. 766-2401

The Senior Luncheon on January 20th was well attended. 25 in all. Following the always delicious variety of treats and announcements, Bob Carey told us about his years in the Navy Air Force as a "Flying Dinosaur". (He doesn't really look that old, does he?) Although the temperature reached only 18 degrees, there was a lot of warmth, fellowship and fun in the Brackett Memorial Church Hall.

Next get-together will be on Feb. 17th, Presidents Day. Wonder if any of them will show up??

SANT CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. ROBERT BOUCHARD Council President: Clement L Voyer Jr
(tel. 766-2585) (tel. 766-2523)

MASSES

In the church

Sun @ 9 : 30 am (refreshments and fellowship after Mass in the rectory)

Weekdays Wednesday evening only @ 6 pm (in the rectory)

Parishioners unable to attend Mass may receive Communion at home. Make arrangements through Clare Cary (766-5548), or through Father Bouchard. Parishioners interested in being Eucharistic Ministers or Lectors are also invited to call.

ACTIVITIES

WATCH for further information concerning the up coming Saint Patricks Day
Corned Beef Supper !

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Johanne Dame, Minister 766-5013

Worship and Church School each Sunday at 10:00 am

Coffee Hour at 11:15

Bible Study Thurs. 7:00 pm parsonage

All friends of Jan Sullivan Smith and George Smith are invited to a reception in their honor,
hosted by Brackett Memorial Church, at 11:30 am on Sunday Feb. 23rd at the church.

Mother of the Good Shepherd
Monastery by the Sea
Telephone 766-2717

Eucharistic Sacrifice

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

On February 7, First Friday, the Monastery will have Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament all day from the conclusion of the 8:00 AM
Mass until Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5:30 PM, all are
welcome.

Lenten Notes

Ash Wednesday, February 12, The distribution of ashes, and Mass
will be at 4:00 PM followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
for one hour concluding with Evening Prayer and Benediction.

February 22- A Lenten Day of Recollection- from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM
(lunch included, donation free will) conducted by Father Robert
Lariviere, please phone for reservations.

Please see our complete schedule on the bulletin board outside our
chapel.

PINA PATTTER

Although not much has actually happened, a number of issues remain pending. Some of these will be addressed at the **PINA GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday, February 18 -- 7:30 p.m.** at the **Community Center**.

Transfer station site plans are yet to be finalized. Bob Cook is to report on progress, or lack thereof, at the February meeting.

Paper streets remain just that. The City has a mandate to either accept or erase such streets by September. But they can ask for a 20-year extension. They probably will.

Torrington Point sewer extension work seems to be on schedule. Mark Jordan of the Portland Water District will give us an update at the February meeting.

At a meeting on January 18 islanders discussed the **Maple Street/Seashore Avenue reconstruction project**. This was put on hold because of objections to sidewalks and granite curbing. At the January meeting islanders present voted to ask the City to proceed with repairs without sidewalks and with minimal curbing; they also are requesting a narrower street than originally planned.

Browntail moths continue to pick Peaks as a perfect place to plague. The City plans to send out requests for permission to spray which instruct property owners to "**send back if you disagree with spraying.**" Jeff Tarling will give us details and get our reactions in February.

If you read the article on Cliff Island in *Casco Bay Weekly* you know that City **building inspections** on the islands are somewhat casual. Sam Hoffses, the man in charge, will explain the process in February.

Jerry Garman, representative to the Mayor's Island Advisory Committee, has put a detailed report on **island parking issues** in the library. There is interest in a shuttle between the ferry terminal and the City's Marginal Way parking lot.

Jerry also reported that another aerial survey of deer is planned *if* there is ever sufficient snow. Friends of Peaks Island Animals bring us the good news that the danger of Lyme disease on Peaks is low. Maine Medical Center's Lyme disease lab will continue to monitor Peaks. Anyone who has questions or concerns can call Dr. Peter Rand (761-9777). And Ellen Tripp has some prospects for birth control funding. For deer details be at the February meeting.

Brad Burkholder is busily concerned with our teens and their needs. And Perry Sutherland is working on ideas for island emergency shelters.

There's a lot, as you can see, to learn and consider so mark *February 18* on your calendar and come to the meeting!

At 7 p.m., before the General Meeting, the **Environmental Committee** will meet; you're welcome to sit in on that too.

And, finally, the **Planning/Land Use Committee** will meet **Thursday, February 27 -- 7 p.m.** at **Senior Citizens' Center**.

News from the Peaks Island Library 766-5540

Open: Tues. 2-8 Wed. 10-4
Fri. 10-2 Sat. 9-1

Story hour: Wed. 10:15
Toddler/Lapsit: Wed. 11

Adult Book Discussion Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM, usually in the Community Room. February's book is House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende. If you're into green hair, which we've seen quite a bit of on the boat and around town recently, this may be the book for you!

Housebound? Don't let that keep you from using the library. Call us and we will try to arrange to get books, magazines, tapes, or videos to you. Many people have friends or neighbors who bring them library materials.

Some New Books Received in January

Fiction

David Baldacci Total Control
Anita Brookner Altered States
Patricia Cornwell Hornet's Nest
Aaron Elkins Twenty Blue Devils
Diana Gabaldon Drums of Autumn
WEB Griffin Blood and Honor
Richard Patterson Silent Witness

Nonfiction

Charles Murray What It Means to
Be a Libertarian
Oliver Sachs Island of the
Colorblind
Whitley Strieber Secret School

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PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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Phone: 207-766-2854 • Fax: 207-766-2739

We would like to welcome Lorcan Ó hEithier to our teaching staff. Lorcan hails from the Aran Islands, County Galway, Ireland and received his teaching credentials from St. Patrick's College, Dublin, Ireland. We hope you'll join us in welcoming him to our Maine island community! We're excited to bring another cultural perspective to our program..we've already learned that our winter sweater can also go by the name of jumper. We are also learning some basic sign language during our preschool circle time. Our community playgroup continues each Wednesday morning from 10:15-11AM..a fun time for infants/toddlers and parents/caregivers to gather and enjoy our playspace. This is offered on a drop in basis with no fee or registration required. Our Food Pantry remains available to anyone in need of help with extra groceries. We thank those of you who continue to donate your bottle returns at Hannigan's Market...this is a way to support our efforts to serve our community..you can simply put your bottle slips in the jar at the front counter. We may start doing a daily snow dance...we had a few days of sledding fun and are looking forward to more.



THE FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Bits From The Past....

As New Year's Day comes and goes the L Street Brownies in South Boston make their annual plunge into the frigid waters of New England. Many older folks on the island remember Peaks' own version of the L Street Brownies aptly named Operation Ice Cube. During the 1940's Elmer H. Harmon greeted each New Year with a dip in Casco Bay on January 1st. Elmer, a boat builder who, as a young man, had played with Rudy Vallee in a quartet called the Melody Men, was a life-long swimmer. At age 16 he swam the four mile length of Highland Lake nonstop.

Elmer's New Year's Day dip was done the old fashioned way -- wearing just a bathing suit. No wetsuit or axle grease to ward off the cold temperatures. But, in 1948, he gave in and donned a pair of wool socks. His fellow workers at Don Crandall's Boat Shop claimed he had "gone soft" but Elmer explained that it was due to his experience of the previous year when he slipped on icy rocks and bruised his feet badly coming out of the water. When asked by a reporter if he had ever caught a cold from his winter swim, Elmer replied: "No, but the last hot bath I took, I sat around the living room and caught an awful cold".

A look back at the month of February 1934 should make Peaks Islanders even more grateful for the "spring-like" winter we've experienced so far this year. The winter of 1934 was one of the coldest on record in Casco Bay. So cold that Portland Harbor froze solid! The Coast Guard had a difficult time breaking up the ice so that ferries could reach the islands. Commuters and students often had to walk across the ice to Cushing or House Islands in order to board the ferries for Portland and, on the return trip, got home the same way. Island paperboys had to drag their sleds across the ice to pick up papers. And freight was delivered in the same way. So when you hear some of our "old-timers" talk about the winter that was - believe them and hope that it doesn't happen again!

Kim MacIsaac

Gretchen Haß a new address:
54 Governor's Way #719, Topsham, ME 04086
She would love to receive cards and letters.

DEADLINE for next month's STAR: Tuesday, February 25. Bring items copy ready, single spaced, please, to the library. You may use the book drop when the library is closed.

January 22, 1997

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

Parents, please keep children close by when walking through the garage. We had a near tragedy a few weeks ago when a ten year old was almost hit by a car coming around a turn. Most people hold a smaller child by the hand, but children this age are often tempted to run ahead. While we think the responsibility should be primarily the driver's, all of us as pedestrians need to be alert and keep our children firmly in tow until we are certain that they understand the hazard imposed by even slow-moving cars. We are also working to assure that all garage users drive sensibly and defensively and will be revoking parking privileges of those who do not heed warnings to drive more appropriately. Please report incidents of inappropriate driving to us.

The Casco Bay Garage has a limited number of monthly parking spaces available for winter only (through April 30) at a reduced monthly rate of \$60 per month. Please contact us at 879-1671 if you want more details on this program. We also have a few year-round spaces available at this writing but I do not expect them to last long.

We pride ourselves on having one of the cleanest parking facilities in the city. We ask your help in making it better. When removing trash from your vehicle, please see that it gets to the rubbish receptacle in the elevator lobbies.

Drive Safely, Dan Hogan

STAR OF THE SEA
STUDIO AND BOUTIQUE

OUR 1997 SEASON FOR THE DANCE STUDIO IS OFF TO A GREAT START WITH 16 STUDENTS ON THE ISLAND STUDIO AND 31 STUDENTS FOR THE RIVERTON STUDIO IN PORTLAND. REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE FOR THE SEASON AT THE END OF THE FEBRUARY VACATION.

THE BOUTIQUE HAS MANY NEW ITEMS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING. SOME EASTER BUNNIES HAVE ARRIVED EARLY, SOME WITH THEIR EASTER BONNETS, SOME WITH THEIR BABY BUNNIES. THE ANGEL WINDOWS HAS MANY SMALL GIFTS FROM "RAPHAEL", ANGEL MUGS, GUARDIAN/RINGS, PENS, PENCILS, ROSARY'S, ANGEL

SPIRITUAL CARDS AND MANY MORE. WE HAVE MORE DOLLS FOR YOUR COLLECTION, MINI TEA SETS, JEWELRY FROM "LIVELY" ACCENTS (CASCO ME.), HAND KNITTS, HOODED CHILDRENS SWEATERS, MITTS, INFANTS AND ADULT SWEATERS. WE ALSO TAKE ORDERS.

OUR DANCE CORNER HAS A FEW TAP AND BALLET SHOES LEFT, SIZES 2½ & 7, WHILE THEY LAST, BALLET \$8 TAP \$10.

WEATHER PERMITTING, WE WILL BE OPEN THURSDAY 11am. to 4pm. FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY 12n to 4pm.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE STUDIO AND BOUTIQUE ARE NONE PROFIT SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND THE CHILDREN STUDYING THE ART OF THEATRE AND DANCE.

WE SINCERLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

DOREEN AND CO.

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER

STERLING STREET P.O. Box 52
Peaks Island, Me. 04108
766-2929

The hours for winter are Mondays, 9:00 - 4:30, and
Thursdays, 9:00 - 2:00

We will be closed on President's Day, February 17th.

Center for Community Dental Health (874-1974 for appointments)
will be at the Health Center on 2/13 - dentist, and
2/19 - hygenist

Friends of Peaks Island Animals • 5 boulder rd. • peaks island • me. • 04108



766-5606/766-5742

The next meeting of the Friends of Peaks Island Animals will be the third Tuesday in March, 1997, at 7 p.m., in the Community Center.

We will be participating in national Spay Day USA, February 25, again this year by sponsoring a spaying/neutering lottery. The ten winning pets will be spayed/neutered at no charge to their owners. Rules and entry blanks will be available at Hannigan's IGA (thanks to them again for their support!) beginning February 10, with the winners to be drawn on February 25. You can also support Spay Day USA by sponsoring the spaying/neutering of a pet whose owner may be unable to afford it; please call us about reduced-cost spaying/neutering. If you've been putting it off, this is the time to do it--before the spring mating season begins.

Island Institute Scholarships

The Island Institute offers scholarships to students from the 14 year-round islands, including Peaks Island, based on financial need, academic achievement, recommendations, and an essay. The application for the 1997-98 year, due by April 30, 1997, is available at the Peaks Island Library.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND
Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve the Community Room, please call Denise at 766-2970. If no one is there, please leave a message at 874-8793 during regular business hours. Please note: If you would like to put a display up in the Community Building, please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970.

Special Activity for Preschoolers:

VALENTINE CRAFTS
MONDAY, February 10

10:30 - 11:00 am

Community Center

•• ON ISLAND ACTIVITIES - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS ••

Slide Show: Spring/Summer Flowers
An Island Treasure (and pleasure!)

Presented by Jim Lausier

Friday, February 7

1:00 - 2:00 pm at the Com. Ctr.

Songs & Poems:

Valentine Celebration

Pianist: Jan (Sullivan) Smith

Poet: Margaret Richards

Wednesday, February 12

1:00 - 2:00 pm at the Com. Ctr.

•• OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES for ADULTS ••

Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Sign-up sheets are on the brown 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 BUFFET LUNCHEON

Friday, February 14

11:15 am boat/no later than 3:15 pm return

Cost: \$8.00 plus gratuity

Please note: this will be a buffet lunch

FRUGAL SHOPPING:

A Visit to area Dollar Stores & Thrift Shops
(lunch too!)

Monday, March 3

11:15 am boat/no later than 4:30 pm return

Cost: \$1.00 for transportation/
lunch and shopping extra

SPECIAL OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITY FOR FAMILIES
(senior adults welcomed too!)

Ride the Narrow Gauge Railroad and visit the Museum
(we will walk to India St. and the train will pick up up there)

Friday, February 21

10:00 am boat/12:15 pm return

\$1 per child (children must be accompanied by an adult)/\$3 per adult
Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 19. Minimum is 10.