



## Cosima's Preserve: 44 acres along Pemaquid River

This past winter, Pemaquid Watershed Association accepted a gift of 44.5 wooded acres donated by Scott Long, now retired and living in Florida, who wanted to protect the property's natural state and make it available for public enjoyment. The acres of undeveloped forestland on the west side of Benner Road in Bristol includes about 1,300 feet of frontage on the Pemaquid River near its origin in Biscay Pond and about 2,000 feet of Campbell's Swamp Brook. The preserved land is contiguous with a 130-acre property held in conservation easement by PWA.

In 1971, when Scott and his then-wife, Cosima, were living in New Haven Connecticut, they decided to look for some place nearby for weekends away from Yale. Cosima, with her mother and their dog in a cramped VW, drove in ever-widening circles looking for property that both appealed and fit into the budget. That search ended in Bristol, Maine, a good six hours from New Haven, but the property made every trip afterwards worth the drive.

The purchase included a house (not part of the recent conveyance to PWA). At that time, the house's only modern convenience was tubing for gas used to light most rooms and to heat the kitchen stove. Because electricity had come down the road only six months before Scott and Cosima arrived and had not extended across the road to the house, one of the first things they did was to have a pole put in, followed by electricity, a well, and a furnace.

They lived in Bristol for short periods until 1978 when they moved to the area for a full year. During that time, Scott joined others in founding the hospice program for Lincoln County. The following year, Cosima lived in the house and worked in a youth program in Damariscotta while Scott was in Copenhagen doing research. Eventually, Scott went to medical school and moved back to New Haven on his own. Over the years, through further land purchases and some resales, he gradually added to his Benner Road property.

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*Cosima's Preserve protects 44.5 acres and about 1,300 feet of Pemaquid River shoreline, and it abuts a 130-acre parcel that PWA has protected by a conservation easement. Photo by Michael A. Kane*

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## Looking to the future--

### PWA needs a new home

As PWA has grown and evolved over the years, we have always had our mission statement to guide us: To conserve the natural resources of the Pemaquid Peninsula through land and water stewardship and education. By maintaining our fourteen conservation easements and eleven preserves we keep our peninsula healthy and beautiful, a resource for us, and future generations, to enjoy.

For a decade now, we have been struggling to run the PWA in an increasingly cramped space. While some of our meetings can be held in our conference room, that room does not accommodate the full Board of Directors for their monthly meetings. We are concerned that because of the staircase we are preventing many members and interested parties from even accessing our office for any reason. A well-attended art reception crams too many people into an uncomfortably small space.

PWA has been periodically reviewing its options for more suitable office space. In considering a move to a new location, we have been considering many issues: adequate space to meet all the needs of the staff and volunteer workers for the present and the foreseeable future, adequate storage space; adequate meeting space, space for workshops and classes, art shows and public events; accessible space; some small area for minimal kitchen facility to better accommodate receptions; adequate parking area; an outdoor area for events, classes and workshops, etc; visible to the public, and easy to find; probably in Damariscotta, but away from the most congested area downtown, as PWA members indicated in the Member survey.

The active review for a new office location began two years ago when a committee researched what was available for rent/and or purchase in the preferred area. At that time, we could not locate any space that made financial sense for us, and met our needs for the foreseeable future. Last fall, another Space Committee was convened and the search began again with increased determination.

This time, after looking at what was available for rent, we decided that the increased rent needed for a larger space would be difficult for PWA to meet. Therefore, we decided to consider purchasing a property. In this way we would acquire land to use for outdoor events, activities, workshops, and classes as well as additional indoor space for our staff and volunteers.

At first glance, it might seem that purchasing office space could be too expensive for PWA, but we are happy to announce that we found a seller who was highly motivated to offer us a property at an affordable price, since we are a charitable educational organization. This property, located at 584 Main Street in Damariscotta, meets all the criteria we had for a new space. We will incur some fix-up expenses, but it will still be far less than building new, and we will have an asset that can be sold at a later date if we choose to do so.

So we begin our Anniversary year with a new executive director, and new headquarters. The Board and the staff look forward to an exciting time ahead, able to carry out our mission in ways we never imagined. We hope our members will join us in creating and carrying out new programs and activities. We will keep you posted as to how the "move" is going, and want you all to feel that this is your new PWA home, and that you are welcome there.



## Pemaquid Watershed Association

### *Mission*

To conserve the natural resources of the Pemaquid Peninsula through land and water stewardship and education.

### *Community Service Vision*

A protected yet accessible Pemaquid Peninsula where people and wildlife thrive in a pristine and nurturing environment.

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Please check the mailing label to see if your membership is up-to-date.



## President's Corner



*Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm.*

— John Muir, *The Wilderness World of*

I was reminded of this quote by John Muir, the renowned author, naturalist, and environmental advocate, as I prepared to pen this column for our spring newsletter. Activity here at PWA has picked up to a feverish pace, and if you study the faces of our fully engaged staff and volunteers you cannot help but notice their joyful enthusiasm. It is wonderfully infectious.

PWA is celebrating a truly golden anniversary this year...50 years of conserving natural resources on the Pemaquid peninsula...a milestone achievement that would not have been possible without the hard work of countless members, donors, friends, and volunteers. I hope that you can join us to celebrate and appreciate their achievements. So much that has been accomplished over the last 50 years would not have been possible without the selfless donations and gifts made by so many of you who wanted to witness of permanent protection and preservation of resources that are dear to you. Whether through protective conservation easements or direct gifts of land these acts of generosity have defined who we are as an effective conservation force here on the Pemaquid peninsula. As you may have read in our cover story in this issue, Scott Long has recently joined the ranks of PWA donors, with the foresight and passion modeled by John Muir, through his gift of 45 acres along the Pemaquid River in Bristol. We all thank you Scott!

As I mentioned in my column in our last newsletter, we are highly in need of dedicated resources for the management and stewardship of our precious land holdings. While our Land Stewardship Committee works tirelessly at monitoring our easements and preserves; constructing and repairing trails and bridges; and planning for future improvements, their efforts are in need of staff support. We have taken steps to make that a reality and hopefully one of the first actions by our incoming executive director will be select someone to take on those stewardship responsibilities. To that end, we have carefully considered many options when it comes to sustaining our responsibilities and have come to the conclusion that, after 15 years at the same level, we need to adjust our individual and family membership dues to better support our stewardship responsibilities. While we are comparable to many of the surrounding land trust organizations, we will continue to strive for new and additional sources of funding support that will improve and enhance our capabilities.

Looking forward to the start of our next 50 years, I am pleased to introduce our new Executive Director, Jennifer Hicks. You can read all about Jenn and what she brings to PWA on page 4.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention how much I have appreciated all the assistance and support I have received from you, PWA members, for your generosity of time and funding. The response to our 2015 annual appeal campaign shows how generous each of you are. Also, it is a good time to remind you to renew your membership with PWA. Thank you.

### 2016 BUSINESS SUPPORT

#### BUSINESS PARTNERS (\$500+/yr)

Bath Savings  
*Bristol Recreational Trail Adoption*

Damariscotta Bank & Trust  
*Volunteer Gala Sponsorship*

H.M. Payson & Co  
*Party on the Pier Sponsorship*

Masters Machine Company  
*La Verna Preserve Adoption*

The Contented Sole  
*Party on the Pier In-Kind*

First National Bank  
*Doyle Preserve Adoption*

Mid-Coast Energy Systems  
*Cruise for a Cause*

River Mist Kayaks

#### BUSINESS MEMBERS (\$100-500+/yr)

Cheney Insurance Agency

Damariscotta River Grill

First Federal Savings

Gosnold Arms, Inc

Hammond Lumber

Lake Pemaquid, Inc

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Lincoln County Publishing

Maine-ly Pawn

Mexicali Blues

NC Hunt Lumber

Newcastle Square Realty Associates

Salt Bay Framers

Sproul's Furniture

Yellowfront Grocery

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## Meet your New Executive Director, Jenn Hicks!



The PWA Board of Directors have been busy over the past few months with the interview and selection process for a new Executive Director. Starting with a field of over 20 highly qualified candidates, the board is happy to announce the appointment of Jennifer Hicks to the position.

Jennifer Hicks brings to Pemaquid Watershed Association over 20 years of experience working with nonprofit environmental and community organizations both in New England and in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Raised in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Jenn has a Bachelor of Science degree from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania in Education and a Master of Science degree from Antioch University New England Graduate School in Environmental Studies, with a focus in organizational and community sustainability.

Jenn started her career as an educator for Chesapeake Bay Foundation on island communities on the Bay where she led multi-day field trips for students from all parts of the watershed. Later she served as CBF's Maryland Habitat Restoration Trainer where she developed and conducted volunteer restoration activities such as tree plantings and wetland enhancement. After graduating from Antioch, Jenn lead the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League and Clean Water Action in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where she conducted public forums and media outreach, designed and ran public education workshops, and investigated the health and safety impacts of fossil fuel and nuclear-based energy generation along the New Hampshire seacoast.

After re-locating to the Washington, D.C. area in 2002, Jenn started working with Chesapeake Climate Action Network to help develop the structure of this newly formed clean-energy advocacy group. During her time with CCAN Jenn built their first website, established a protocol for the organization's financial operations, organized outreach campaigns, and addressed the loopholes in Maryland's tax code that exclusively benefited fossil fuel companies.

In 2004 Jenn and her husband, Tom, moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland and, soon after, welcomed their first son, Tyler. This provided the opportunity to do what she had wanted to do for a while: start her own business and become a consultant for small nonprofit organizations. As Principal of her firm Positive Force Consulting she has worked to expand the impact of organizations that support the well-being of communities. Many of her clients have been watershed organizations seeking ways to better serve their constituents. With each job she developed partnerships with the Executive Director and members of the board of directors to design and implement projects, write grants, facilitate meetings, train staff and volunteers, build alliances, as well as lead strategic planning. Through her efforts Jenn has helped raise over \$500,000 in grants and donations and has developed multiple programs that have measurably increased overall quality of life throughout the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia and parts of Delaware.

In 2010 Jenn launched Sustainable Delmarva, a vision-to-action initiative for communities throughout the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia and the southern portion of Delaware. Through Sustainable Delmarva, Jenn facilitated seven community programs that helped local leaders develop a process that meaningfully engaged a broad spectrum of stakeholders in what was described as a "community conversation." These events, attended by groups of 50 to 200 people, use small group conversations to identify areas of common ground that result in the development of a vision regarding the future of their community and the actions necessary to realize them.

Although Jenn has spent much of her life in the Mid-Atlantic region, she has a personal connection to Maine and the Midcoast region through family roots going back as far as the 1700s. Her grandmother and some cousins live in the Rockport area, and many extended relatives reside throughout the state. Jenn looks forward to establishing herself here with Tom, Tyler, and their younger son, Wyatt. The move provides her with a way to experience the specialness of living among the stories of the generations of people who made her who she is today.

Jenn will be starting on June 21, 2016, if you happen to be in Damariscotta, please stop by to introduce yourself and say hello!

## Congratulations!

### PWA's KPPB Earns Award Recognition

Pemaquid Watershed Association's Keep Pemaquid Peninsula Beautiful initiative received a President Circle Award from Keep America Beautiful (KAB). The award recognizes exemplary performance made by certified KAB affiliates in building and sustaining vibrant communities. Specifically, Keep Pemaquid Peninsula Beautiful has met KAB's standards of merit by conducting an annual Community Appearance Index to visually assess overall appearance of communities through indicators such as litter; calculating the affiliate's cost/benefit ratio demonstrating their ability to leverage community resources by determining the dollar value returned to the community for every dollar invested by government; and administering activities in the areas of litter prevention, recycling and waste reduction, and beautification and community greening.



*Four of PWA's six trash chicks:  
From the left, Lynne Gilbert, Linda Shaffer, Louise Riley, and Joanna Holland. Missing are Joan Panek and Kathryn Armstrong.*

"The success of PWA's Keep Pemaquid Peninsula Beautiful initiative is a direct result of the dedication of its Steering Committee volunteers, Kathryn Armstrong, Lynne Gilbert, Joanna Holland, Joan Panek, Louise Riley, and Linda Shaffer — they each deserve a gold star. Ultimately, our work is about taking care of the communities of the Pemaquid Peninsula by keeping the area clean and beautiful, and we are proud to be of service in this way," said Donna Minnis, PWA's past Executive Director.



Established in 1953, KAB consists of a national network of more than 600 community-based affiliates whose programs, initiatives and efforts aim to transform public spaces into beautiful places. "One of Keep America Beautiful's most effective tools is the work of our grassroots network of affiliate organizations, which has an impact on millions of Americans each year," said Keep America Beautiful President and CEO Jennifer Jehn. "Our affiliates, such as Keep Pemaquid Peninsula Beautiful, are providing real solutions that help create communities that are socially connected, environmentally healthy, and economically sound."

PWA became the first Maine affiliate of Keep America Beautiful in May 2014. Keep America Beautiful is the nation's leading nonprofit that brings people together to build and sustain vibrant communities.

For more information, visit [kab.org](http://kab.org). PWA's mission is to conserve the natural resources of the Pemaquid Peninsula through land and water stewardship and education. To learn more about PWA and the Keep Pemaquid Peninsula Beautiful initiative, visit [www.pemaquidwatershed.org](http://www.pemaquidwatershed.org).

### Just what is a watershed?

That area of land, a bounded hydrologic system, within which all living things are inextricably linked by their common watercourse and where, as humans settled, simple logic demanded that they become part of a community.

—John Wesley Powell



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# Happy 50th Anniversary!

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The membership, staff, and friends of Pemaquid Watershed Association are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year of conserving the natural resources of the Pemaquid Peninsula. Like anyone turning fifty, PWA is pausing to remember and savor the past, but looking ahead to a future filled with even more opportunities to educate the public about the importance of protecting the land and water bodies that make up the Peninsula.

PWA began its existence as the Biscay Pond Association in 1966, when a group of residents became concerned that a large development proposed for the area around Biscay Pond would be detrimental to the pond's water quality and the beauty of the area. They were successful in protecting the pond from intense development.

In the mid-1970s, the name of the organization was changed to Pemaquid Watershed Association, as it drew members from the towns occupying the whole Peninsula: Bristol, South Bristol, Bremen, and parts of Damariscotta, Nobleboro, and Waldoboro. This enlarged area of responsibility grew to encompass the entire 19-mile Pemaquid River watershed, including eleven ponds, as landowners around other water bodies ponds became concerned about development and potential loss of wildlife habitat.



*Above: Trail building with Tom & Andy Abello, Ken Heath & Joshua Russell, Mark (last name unknown), and Peter Abello*

*Above right: Winter walk with Pete Hannah, Ken Heath, Eleanor Kinney, Mary Berger, Kay Hannah, Dede Heath, Jean & Bernie McAlice*



PWA became a Land Trust in 1988, and through the mechanism of its 14 conservation easements and 11 preserves has successfully protected lands that would otherwise have faced subdivision and development. These valued lands are thus available for the public to enjoy.

In addition to its preserves, PWA has several other unique areas for residents and visitors to enjoy. The Beachcombers' Rest Nature Center, located at Pemaquid Beach Park is open in July and August and was established in collaboration with the Town of Bristol. Also at Pemaquid Beach Park, PWA and the Bristol Parks Commission have created the Butterfly Garden where visitors can learn of the important role butterflies play in our world. The Bristol Recreational Trail, created



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in 2006 by PWA and the Town of Bristol, is a beautiful walking trail that crosses town-owned property and private property.

Pemaquid Watershed Association added the only Maine affiliate of the national Keep America Beautiful program with the creation of Keep Pemaquid Peninsula Beautiful. This group sponsors events and activities that inspire the communities to behave in ways that protect and preserve the unique environment that is mid-coast Maine.

Resting on a secure base of supportive volunteers and members, PWA looks forward to expanding its role in land and water stewardship. Increasing its ability to provide educational workshops and a greater variety of outdoor experiences will give Pemaquid watershed residents more opportunities to become active in enjoying and protecting their beautiful local environment.



*Above: Joan Lyford and Diane Perry at the Beachcombers' Rest.*

Check the PWA website and Facebook page often during the coming months to find out about the events and activities planned for this year. Better yet, join PWA and become an active participant in the adventure. PWA's office is at 15 Courtyard Street, behind Salt Bay Café. For more information, call 563-2196 or visit [www.pemaquidwatershed.org](http://www.pemaquidwatershed.org).

## And the beat goes on: Group effort at Hatchtown

Trail building went quickly at Hatchtown Preserve off Sproul Hill Road in Bristol, thanks to Lincoln Academy (LA) student volunteers who cleared the trail behind PWA Land Stewardship Committee members Phil Averill and Steve Laurich and their chainsaws. Creating habitat for wildlife along the way, the students employed loppers, hand saws, and muscle power to clear the trail. The students also had an opportunity to learn about what a watershed is, how the river system and ponds are connected, more about what PWA is and does, and the habitat they were creating by using the branches and brush cleared for the trail.

Working alongside the strong students was Charlie Mitchell of Lincoln Academy. Andrea Keushguerian of LA was there to supervise. In the future PWA hopes to utilize the great student work team at other preserves to create or maintain trails.

Hatchtown is one of PWA's newest properties, and the preserve will soon be open for public recreation. Trail markers are up to show the way and the kiosk needs to be built and placed at the trail head. After the hard trail work, the students took a hike with the PWA volunteers along the existing trails on this beautiful Boyd property.

*Right: Group photo of PWA volunteers and LA students ready for trail blazing at PWA's Hatchtown Preserve. Photo by Jean Smith*



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# PWA EVENTS / April - July 2016

PWA events are open to everyone. For updates and more information, check the Lincoln County News and the PWA website, [pemaquidwatershed.org](http://pemaquidwatershed.org). Or call us at 207-563-2196.

**April 4 to May 14:** Lee Cheever art exhibition "...of Wood and Waters, " PWA office gallery.

**April 15, 4:30 to 5:30:** Meet the artist (Lee Cheever) reception, PWA office gallery.

**April 23:** Maine Coast Heritage Trust Land Conservation Conference 2016.

**May 1, 2 pm:** Nature Explorations hike at La Verna Preserve: Salamanders, Wood Frogs and Vernal Pools with Bonnie Potter.

**May 4, 9 am:** Wednesday Walkers hike with PWA at La Verna Preserve with Bill Claflin.

**May 7, 10 am:** Nature Explorations hike at Bristol Recreational Trail: Trout Lilies & Skunk Cabbage with George Keyes.

**May 14, 9:00 am to 1 pm:** PWA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Watershed Bus Tour, lunch included. Tickets required.

**May 17, 10 am:** Healthy Beaches water quality monitor training at Pemaquid Beach. Limit of 10 trainees. Please RSVP.

**May 24:** Courtesy Boat Inspection training.

**June 14 through June 22:** Silent Auction for Party on the Pier at Skidompha Library, Damariscotta. Bid high, bid often!

**June 21:** Courtesy Boat Inspection training.

**June 23, 5 to 8 pm:** 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Party on the Pier at the Contented Sole Restaurant, Pemaquid Harbor. Tickets required.

**July 4:** Round Pond Parade participation.

**July 5:** Rubber Ducky River Race. Tide dependent, 3 p.m. +/- 15 minutes.

**July 5:** Official opening of Beachcombers' Rest Nature Center at Pemaquid Beach Park. Touch Tank Tuesdays and Friday workshops begin.

**July 20:** PWA Annual Meeting at Lakehurst Lodge, Damariscotta. Potluck supper, business meeting, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibit, and guest speaker Maggie Shannon of Maine Lakes Society.

**July 24:** Courtesy Boat Inspection training.





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# PADDLERS SCHEDULE: 12TH SEASON

## Fresh and saltwater paddles through July

The Pemaquid Watershed Association offers group paddles throughout the summer: Fresh water paddles are on Wednesdays and salt water are on Saturdays. Paddles last from two to three hours and are free and all are welcome.

**Saturday, May 2:** Pemaquid River from Bristol Mills to Biscay Pond.

**Saturday, May 28:** Woolwich Marsh (Robert E. DeWick Recreation Area).

**Wednesday, June 1:** Pemaquid River to Biscay Pond from Bristol Mills.

**Saturday, June 4:** Hermit Island, Phippsburg /Ocean paddling advisory.

**Wednesday, June 8:** Boyd Pond & Pemaquid River, Bristol.

**Saturday, June 11:** Witch Island from Pemaquid Harbor and paddle through the Gut / Ocean paddling advisory.

**Wednesday, June 15:** Sheepscot River from Sheepscot Village.

**Saturday, June 18:** Burnt & Squirrel Islands /Ocean paddling advisory.

**Wednesday, June 22:** Dyer Long Pond, Jefferson.

**Saturday, June 25:** Androscoggin River to Pejepscot Dam (Brunswick).

**Wednesday, June 29:** Damariscotta Lake from Newcastle.

**Saturday, July 2:** Little (Outer) Thrumcap Island, South Bristol / Ocean paddling advisory.

**Wednesday, July 6:** Duckpuddle Pond, Nobleboro.

**Saturday, July 9, 9:30 am:** Meet at Richmond boat landing, Swan Island, Richmond.

**Wednesday, July 13:** Nequasset Brook & Lake, Woolwich.

**Saturday, July 16:** Muscongus Sound, Bremen to Hog and Oar Islands / Ocean paddling advisory.

**Wednesday, July 20:** Damariscotta River from Damariscotta Town Launch.

**Saturday, July 23:** Robinhood, Westport Island, down Robinhood Cove on the Sasanoa / Ocean paddling advisory.

**Wednesday, July 27:** Seven Tree Pond to Round Pond & Fairgrounds Stream, Union.

**Saturday, July 30:** New Harbor to Chamberlain - Ocean paddling advisory.

Paddlers should arrive 30 minutes prior to launch time and must provide their own kayak or canoe, wear a personal flotation device (life jacket), and provide appropriate should safety gear including drinking water. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All paddlers participating in PWA trips are responsible for their own safety and each participant should determine in advance if conditions are suitable for their skill level. All paddlers must have a written release on file with PWA or complete one at the time of the paddle. The releases may be obtained at the PWA Paddlers web site or from the paddle leader. All paddles and directions will be listed at the PWA website: [www.pemaquidwatershed.org](http://www.pemaquidwatershed.org)

Peter Lawrence and Diane Gilman ([dgilman@bbrlt.org](mailto:dgilman@bbrlt.org)) lead salt-water trips; Jean Smith ([jeansmith500@gmail.com](mailto:jeansmith500@gmail.com)) leads fresh-water. For salt-water weather cancellation information, contact Peter Lawrence at 563-7663 and 563-3104 or [paddlers@pemaquidwatershed.org](mailto:paddlers@pemaquidwatershed.org). For fresh-water paddles, contact Jean Smith at 563-3948.



## WE'RE SMART ON LAKESMART

Preserving clean water in ponds and lakes in our watershed is an important part of PWA's mission. Partnering with the state program LakeSmart is one of the ways we do that. If you don't already know about Maine's LakeSmart program, here's the story.

### Unintended consequences

LakeSmart is an education and reward program for lakefront property owners who maintain their homes in ways that protect lake water quality and property values. Few of us grew up knowing what harms or helps a lake or pond. We see them as big enough to be beyond any impact we could make, but the truth is very different. A number of Maine lakes and ponds are in trouble, or heading for it, because many minor insults from our own seemingly innocent activities have polluted them. A small muddy rivulet trickling down a camp road is unremarkable until you stop, add up all the camp roads in a lake watershed, add in all the year's rain storms, and then multiply that number by a decade or two. The sum equals a lot of rain-water runoff entering lake waters, carrying pollutants and causing trouble for lake lovers and wildlife.

### The Good News

Nature is resilient, and now that we understand the cause, we can supply a cure. The LakeSmart Program is unique because it tells you what you can do around a lake or pond to keep it clear and sparkling. LakeSmart provides an easy blueprint for living in ways that protect the lake and help it maintain a healthy equilibrium. The program is completely voluntary, non-regulatory, and actually very interesting; you'll learn recommendations and suggestions "to live lightly on the lake". What you do after that is up to you.

### When You're Buff Enough ...

Buffers, strips of mixed vegetation along the lakeshore, are the best lake protectors, but there are other important things to know about pondside living, too. If a property meets all LakeSmart standards, the owners are recognized with the distinctive LakeSmart Award, 2 signs for posting beside the lake and the road, which recognize their outstanding pond stewardship. Neighbors notice these signs and begin to adopt LakeSmart practices themselves. When enough of a lake or pond community becomes LakeSmart, protecting the water becomes "the thing to do," and the pond is assured of a good future.

PWA partners with Maine Lakes Society by running the LakeSmart Program on our watershed ponds, and we urge you to participate. The program is free, signing up is simple and the payoff is gigantic. For more information or to book a LakeSmart date, please contact Carolyn at PWA.

Sign up for a free property visit  
to protect

Clear, Clean Lake Water

Abundant Wildlife

High Property Values

Call: 563-2196



GET SMART...GET  
**LakeSmart!**

[www.minelakesociety.org](http://www.minelakesociety.org)

## HOP ABOARD TO TOUR THE WATERSHED!

On May 14, we're heading out to see the sights and learn the history and ecology of our peninsula watershed. We'll start at the head waters of the Pemaquid River and follow it down to the ocean. Long-time PWA member and recipient of Lifetime Preserver Award Phil Averill will be our tour guide showing us the marvels, pointing out how the waterways come together in our unique area. Bring your questions. This is your chance to ask all your burning watershed questions.

Tour is followed by a bag lunch and a PWA 50th anniversary toast. Come one, come all!

Tickets \$40 (includes lunch and champagne)

May 14, 9 am to 1 pm

Meet at: Country Coach Charters, East Pond Road, Nobleboro



# PARTY ON THE PIER!

Thursday, June 23

5 to 8 pm

at Pemaquid Harbor's Contented Sole

*First, the auction --*

Bidding begins at Skidompha Library and online at the PWA website on Tuesday, June 14. Bid high, bid often to support PWA's mission at this silent auction.

*Next, good eats and music--*

Enjoy signature hors d'oeuvres, the Contented Sole light buffet, delicious dessert, and a cash bar. Listen to the music of the Kennebec Song Works and watch the sun go down from the beautiful pier on Pemaquid Harbor.

*Then, get ready --*

Place the winning bid on your favorite auction items to support PWA!

Come! Join us for our 12th annual Party on the Pier.

Tickets are \$25 per person for PWA members and \$35 for non-members.

Save the date and bring a friend!

*Right: Donor and PWA member JB Smith in his 1958 Lyman m/v Juliet with Lucie Shubert and Susan Shubert Milanek on Damariscotta Lake. Lucie's was the high bid for the Lyman boat ride--nice way to spend a pleasant evening.*



## PWA Wishlist

Support PWA by helping us acquire an item from our wishlist. Buy it or donate its value or part of its value. And we'll *gladly* accept gently used items.

Wireless Multi-Media Projector \$683

Heavy Duty Staple Gun with Case & Staples \$38

Two 36" x 36" Litter Patrol Ahead Roadside signs \$65 each

Two collapsible tripod stands for Litter Patrol Ahead signs \$60 each

Heavy duty Indoor/Outdoor 100' extension cord \$38

New PA system with mic and stand. \$300

Checks or items can be sent to our mailing address, PWA at P.O. Box 552, Damariscotta, ME 04543 or dropped off at our office on Main Street. For checks, please note in the memo portion the gift you are buying.

Renew!

# PWA needs YOU, and YOU need PWA

Interesting isn't it . . . how balanced we are.  
PWA does need YOU . . .

your commitment to preserving and protecting  
the lands of the peninsula,  
to keeping the waters clean,  
your involvement in our efforts,  
and, yes, your monetary support.

Together we can keep the Pemaquid area the  
treasure it is for generations to come. Your  
membership means a great deal to PWA and we  
work hard at making PWA mean a great deal to  
you.

You need PWA to continue conserving the land  
and water resources on the Pemaquid Peninsula  
for present and future generations. So please join  
your friends and neighbors by joining PWA.



If your membership has lapsed, please, please renew that very important relationship with us. Not a member? Please join us . . . we'd be honored to have you be part of our growing membership.

AND...

please consider signing up for our **LOON LOVERS** program, our ongoing, monthly membership and you'll receive a *gift*...a benefit book with over \$200 of coupons provided by our supporting merchants around the Pemaquid peninsula.

For as little as \$5 per month you can show your ongoing support for our program with this convenient membership option. and enjoy discounts from local merchants. Great for everyone!

Join!

*Thank you!*

## REMINDERS:

- *Write to family and friends--and remind them of all the fun times they've had on their visits to Maine, hiking at LaVerna, Bearce-Allen, and other Preserves.*
- *Suggest they join PWA to help with the work of preserving the Peninsula.*
- *Don't forget to enclose a membership envelope. Better yet- ask them to go to the PWA website and become members of the Lover Lovers. That's a better deal for them, and for PWA!*
- *Suggest that they sign up to be a LOON LOVER to ensure that the Pemaquid Peninsula is as beautiful on their next visit as it was on their last.*



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# Volunteer Spotlight

**Name:** Jim Hatch, age 67.

**Occupation:** Housing Development Consultant mostly working with non-profit groups to create low-income, senior, and special needs rental housing.

**How long have you volunteered with PWA?** Three years

**Programs you volunteer for:** Steward of Crooked Farm Preserve, active member of Land Stewardship Committee and recently appointed Chair.

**First PWA program you volunteered at & memories of that experience:** I attended a Lands Committee meeting and ended up volunteering to be Crooked Farm Steward. The section of the Crook Trail that runs close to the river is special. I have seen a family of otters there. I hate to mention LaVerna since it is on the verge of being loved to death, but it is hard to beat a nice walk through the woods that ends up on the ocean. The shore here can also be a great birding spot in the winter.

**How long have you lived in Bristol?** Four years (Whitefield for 26 years prior)

**Favorite food:** That is a hard one since I'm a gardener and a total foodie. I grow most common home garden crops. Favorites are tomatoes, I usually grow at least 7-8 varieties. I also love to grow different varieties of potatoes, with new potatoes always a real treat. Then we mustn't forget the peas. It doesn't get any better than cooking fresh produce that I've grown myself. For my birthday, I usually have wild game like venison or moose.

**Where did you grow up?:** Mostly in Western Maryland.

**Hobbies/interests:** x-country skiing, sailing, gardening

**Dream vacation:** Sailing in remote places

**Favorite PWA memory:** Party On the Pier!

**What keeps you coming back each year to PWA as a member and volunteer?** The opportunity to do important conservation work with a committed group of professionals and volunteers. My college degree is in Environmental Studies and many years ago I worked at nature centers and environmental education programs, so working with PWA helps me get back to those roots.



**Name:** Patricia A. Jennings, age 62.

**Occupation:** Professional Mediator, Regional and Local Town Land Use Planner

**Volunteer for how long?** Three-ish years.

**Programs you volunteer for:** Fundraising, Loon Lovers, Party on the Pier.

**First PWA program you volunteered for:** I volunteered for the Party on the Pier Fundraiser and now I do it every year. It really is a treat to join with people who donate their good work to the auction. And PWA needs their very generous donations!

**How long have you lived in Bristol?**

We've lived in Bristol for four years, though I visited Round Pond Harbor, in Bristol, for fifty years. We were married on an island in Muscongus Bay.

**Favorite Food(s) :** I'm married to a "foodie" and a great gardener. Almost anything that Jim crafts from our kitchen is my favorite food. When he's not home for a meal – good pizza.

**Where did you grow up?** I spent most of my childhood in Sudbury, Massachusetts, Boston area, but my family summered on Pratt's Island off Southport Island. I basically counted the hours remaining each year for us to dash back up to Maine for the summer. The day of college graduation, it was clear where I was headed: Mid-Coast Maine.

**Hobbies/interests:** SAILING!! I enjoy people and the Midcoast, its nature, coast, communities. I love seeing residents and visitors be great stewards of the area and realize the benefits of that love and care of the Midcoast waters and lands.

**Dream vacation:** Sailing with Jim. Fly back off to Scandanavia again.

**Favorite PWA memory** – Party on The Pier, a fundraiser with wonderful people. All the very generous businesses and public who donate their precious resources to PWA.

**What keeps you coming back each year to PWA as a member and volunteer?** The FANTASTIC, hard working staff that prioritize the needs of the Pemaquid Watershed.

## Cosima's Preserve

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When it became clear that he would not retire to Maine, he decided to donate the land for its protection and for the enjoyment of others in Lincoln County and elsewhere.

"This property and the region overall have had a strong hold on me. When we arrived, you could drive for 5 miles in one direction and two in the other before encountering an inhabited house. More than that, you could sleep in the side yard and wake up to see the Milky Way shifting over your head without any interference from man-made light. So, among reasons to donate the land are its preservation in my memory and imagination, its stewardship through the PWA, and its increased access to others."

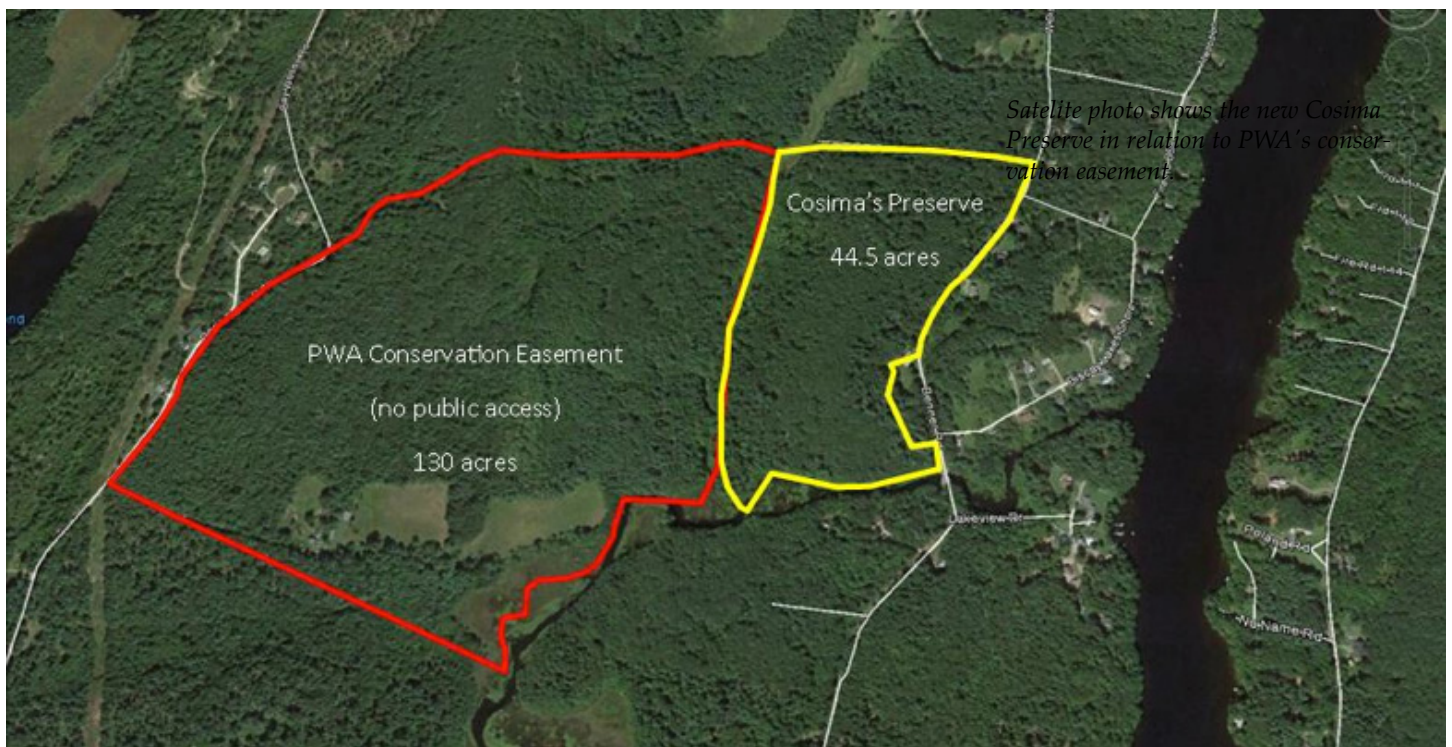
The preserve is named for his former wife who shares with him the desire to open the land to others, and the ongoing memory of life lived there. Cosima's Preserve offers unique opportunities to protect the Pemaquid River shoreline as well as a portion

of the watershed. PWA will seek to balance the property's protection strategies along with the opportunity for public use of the preserve by developing a management plan that will give PWA guidance on the best ways to accomplish these goals.

*Below: Cosima Long in 1980 within sight of Biscay Pond. "What a joyful communal achievement to know that the land will be preserved for all the different creatures that inhabit it and all those who choose to visit. I'm deeply touched to be a part of this project and grateful to Scott for adding me in – he knows that a good piece of my heart remains in Lincoln County!"*



*Above: Scott Long in 2013 on the farm of a Benedictine community in Connecticut.*



*Satellite photo shows the new Cosima Preserve in relation to PWA's conservation easement.*



# Calling all Volunteers!

We've got lots going on this season and we'd love if if you could lend us a hand. Give us a call at 207-563-2196 or send us an email: [coordinator@pemaquidwatershed.org](mailto:coordinator@pemaquidwatershed.org).

We need volunteers to:

- Work with the Keep Pemaquid Peninsula Beautiful Trash Chicks to pick up roadside trash during the month of April:  
Damariscotta---throughout April  
Bristol--April 16  
Bremen--April 23
- Record Party on the Pier silent auction bids, June 14 to 22. Daily recorders needed.
- Sell tickets to our Annual Ducky Race: Various venues from June 18 through July 5.
- Help with our biggest event and fundraiser of the year, the 12th annual Party on the Pier in June
- Participate in the Round Pond parade on July 4th and sell Ducky tickets along the parade route.
- Set up and clean up for our PWA annual meeting and 50th Anniversary celebration, July 20
- Staff our table at Olde Bristol Days in August.
- Staff our table at Pemquid Oyster Festival, Sept 25
- Help with the planning and creation of our 50th Anniversary Dance at the 1812 Farm in October.
- Spring trail-work parties at PWA Preserves. Dig in and help with trail work on all preserves.
- Provide courtesy boat inspections (CBI) on Biscay and Pemaquid Ponds to help keep invasive aquatic plants out of our ponds and watershed. Training provided.
- Join us on our committees: 50th Anniversary, Watershed Kayak Challenge, Party on the Pier, Education, and Land Stewardship Committees.
- Help us move and settle into our new home at 584 Main Street!

## *Memorial & Tribute Gifts*

*November through February 2015-16*

In memory of  
Webster and Elise Van Winkle,  
from their four children,  
Webb, Davis, Keith, and Barb Van Winkle

In memory of Karl Berger from Mary Berger

In memory of Jean Vernet from Steve Ferguson

In memory of Bob Huson Sr,  
from Lynn and Bob Huson

Donation on behalf of  
Anne DeBeviore and Philip Gibney  
from Karen Farnsworth

Donation on behalf of  
Hank Newhouse and Elsan Zimmerly  
from Karen Farnsworth

### *Betty Zisk Bequest*

In 2015 PWA received a generous bequest from the estate of Betty Zisk. Dr. Zisk lived a full and wonderful life and divided her time between Massachusetts and Pemaquid Harbor. At the Maine family cottage she enjoyed sailing and reading mysteries. She was a Quaker and founding member of the Massachusetts Green Party who brought her passion for social issues and the environment into the classroom while teaching at Boston University for nearly 50 years. She is survived by her three sons and their families. PWA is honored and very grateful for her gift.

## **PWA Kayak Challenge**

This year, as part of the 50th Anniversary celebration activities, we're reviving the Pemaquid Watershed Kayak Challenge, last held about 10 years ago. It will run from June to August, climaxing on September 24 with a paddle and picnic at Mary Berger's home on Biscay Pond.

The Challenge consists of collecting letters spelling PEMAQUID from 8 locations: Duck Puddle Pond, Upper Pemaquid Pond, Lower Pemaquid Pond, McCurdy Pond, Biscay Pond, Pemaquid Stream, Boyd's Pond and Pemaquid Harbor. Prizes will be awarded to those who collect all 8 letters. So start planning!



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## APRIL IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH!

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to renew your PWA membership...our members are important to us and to make it easier for you, we would love for you to consider becoming a LOON LOVER!

Being a LOON LOVER! for as little as \$5/month, will provide us with a predictable income stream and allow us more time and resources for the important work you want us to do: Protect the lands and waters of our lovely peninsula for the pleasure of all.

Plus, as a LOON LOVER! You'll receive an incredible coupon book worth \$200 from your local merchants. How great is that?

Simply fill out the form on the enclosed envelope or sign up online at [pemaquidwatershed.org](http://pemaquidwatershed.org). And stay in touch!