

Island Musings

All God's Creatures By Pat Smith

I was sitting at the counter crunching on my breakfast cereal when I heard an odd splash. I swallowed another spoonful and heard a second KERSPLASH. This time I jumped off the stool and scurried down the steps to find circular waves fanning out from a center point. We are lucky to have a panoramic view of the Sheepscot River, where we often spy seals if waters are calm. But this display seemed different. Suddenly a whirlpool of motion circled center stage. A shiny fellow raised his chest high above water, forming a perfect upside down U before diving. A fish burst diagonally up out of the river, and a second one followed shortly after. Obviously I was not the only one eating breakfast. Oval waves rippled from a midpoint, lapping and washing outward until crashing on the nearby rocky shore. Another curious ebony head appeared from nowhere, and then a third and fourth one too. The seals had surrounded the fish! I counted five and finally six of the sleek torpedo creatures teaming up to raid the school of undulating fish. Water rings burbled up, circling and then floating off into oblivion. I had not known seals worked in teams. The aquatic show continued traveling north up the river. By now Dick had joined me to check out the raucous. We followed a sketchy shoreline path, scurrying through blueberries and around bayberry shrubs to keep the feeding frenzy in sight. "Look overhead!" Dick called. The prominent white crown of a bald eagle appeared, soaring on the updrafts, drifting in to get a closer look. He flapped his magnificent wings before perching high on the branch of a white pine. We weren't the only ones watching the show. All of God's creatures were primed for a morning repast.

Newsletter Submissions

Anyone in town wishing to publish articles and meeting dates should contact Rose Bodmer at lulusbarnshop@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month. Submission guidelines are located at westportcommunityassociation.org



THE WESTPORT ISLAND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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*The Westport Island History Committee
invites you to a
Celebration and Preview
of the new
Westport Island History Center*

Sunday, Sept. 13 at 3 pm

On the lawn beside the
Wright Landing house, Ferry Road

- 🦉 Get the scoop on the new History Center and plans for its use
- 🦉 Learn about the Westport Island History Trail, opening soon
- 🦉 Hear about the Friends of Westport Island History and how to join

- Music by Barbara Cray ▪ Crafters ▪ Walk-Thru of the Center (distanced, of course)
- Refreshments provided by the Westport Island Community Association ▪

This is a Covid-aware event. Masks and 6-foot social distancing required. Bring chairs or blankets.

Let's have fun and be safe!

Bob & Gloria 75 years!

Bob & Gloria Meixell, married in 1950, will be celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary on September 26th.



Westport Community Association

All of us on the WCA Board of Directors hope this has been a pleasant summer for everyone in this beautiful place we call home. We have done a few things behind the scenes for our Islanders during these trying times. We donated a \$1,000 to the Wrights Landing House for new windows, Shaw’s Gift Certificates were purchased and given out, Ames True Value donated \$100.00 for animal food through WCA, and WCA purchased a CSA Share from Tarbox Farm for anyone to go and get fresh veggies! All of this would not have been possible without the financial help of our supporters. I want to thank our Season Sponsors at this time: Louana & Ted Frois, Davies Allan, Dick & Pat Smith, Barry & Marge Evans, Sharon Drake Real Estate, Cora Tarbox, Cromwell Coastal Properties, Sheepscot River Marine, Bill & Christy Hopkins. Next month we are looking forward to our involvement with the Westport Island History Committee when we sponsor refreshments for the Celebration and Preview of the W.I. History Center. Stop by to say Hi, view the house, and while you are visiting, take a look at the beautiful gardens that are attended to by the Wright’s Landing Horticulture Committee. Contact Debbie Lorensen, Co-Chair, at dclorenson@aol.com if you have any questions, want to help, or want to join.

Westport Community Association Student Awards

The Westport Island Community Association will be offering student awards of \$350 to qualified students who meet eligibility requirements. Please see Dedee at the Town Office for applications with requirements. Applications have to be received by August 15, 2020. Funds will be awarded through the end of September. For more information, please contact Dick Barker at 882-4211.

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Absentee Ballot Request

Absentee ballots can be requested online at Maine.gov by searching for Absentee Ballot Request or, filled out in person at the town office during its regular business hours or, requested from the town office by mail (not email) 6 Fowles Point Rd, Westport Island, ME 04578 or, requested by calling the town office and speaking to one of the town clerks (not just leave a message).

Halloween Trunk or Treat



The WCA will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event at the Wrights Landing Parking Lot in October. Look for more details in October’s newsletter. If you have an interest in helping out contact WCA Co-Chair, Rose Bodmer at lulusbarnshop@gmail.com

Keeping Maine Healthy / COVID-19 Awareness Grant

To help keep our island healthy, the Town has touchless hand sanitizer dispensers and public health posters available for island businesses who have walk-up customers. The dispensers come with a “first fill” of hand sanitizer by local producer Split Rock Distilling and are funded by a Keeping Maine Healthy/COVID-19 Awareness grant. Dispensers are already in operation at the Town Hall and Crossroads Coffee Beans. Contact Deputy EMA Director Gaye Wagner @gdwagner1@gmail.com for more information.



Farewell,
Newt & Cindy Lewis
who have moved to
Bozeman, MT.

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