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Season's Greetings - 2013

INNKEEPER'S MUSINGS: WRAPPINGS OF JOY...

Right about now we are "wrapping up" the 2013 season and giving ourselves the pats on our backs that we deserve for all the hard work we did to provide yet another fabulous vacation season for our friends, family and guests. I think you will agree. I hope so at any rate. It was wonderful to have had you here.

But, back to "wrapping up." While to some "wrapping up" means closure and completion; to me it means tidying up, restoring and making ready for the advent of spring, the friends who will come and the surprises and events we have planned in 2014. Raking leaves is ensuring that the emerald tones of moss along the path to Ledges Cottage are really green. Washing the curtains and quilts is making everything fresh again. It's exciting! That's the wonder of "wrapping up."

Nestled away, in a cold and gray landscape are the wrappings that will be joyously unfolded as spring bursts into bloom here on the shore of Eggmoggin Reach.

Sally Littlefield

MEMORIES: 2013 LIVES ON...

Remembering the amazing fun we had in 2013 rekindles in me the excitement of planning another season of welcoming guests to Oakland House.

Highlights of 2013:

1. BUSINESS AFTER HOURS/OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 12TH, 2013.

To kick off our 2013 season June 13th, 2013 we hosted a very successful collaborative event with the Blue Hill Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and Stonington Opera House Arts. Joining with Opera House Arts artist and Artistic Advisory Board member Mike Miolon, a full house (in the barn) cheered and clapped at Mike's antics. The "Barn to Cottages Woo-Woo-A Bridging Communities Event," was a perfect venue for Mike's comic



shenanigans in the "NEW" vaudeville tradition. OHA Executive Director Linda Nelson, and crew of interns chauffeured guests to and from Lone Pine and Oak Grove Cottages for homemade treats by my sister- and brother-in-law Nancy and Fred Stine. Past Employee Chris Ramsay welcomed guests to Lone Pine. Background music was volunteered by a talented pianist from the Opera House. How lucky were we! We witnessed it all and savored the food offered by Opera House interns costumed creatively for the event! Food was contributed graciously by Devon Gray of the De-Li of Blue Hill, Jules Tufts of Downeast Bartending, Jonathan Chase of Buck's Restaurant and Michelle Rosney of El El Frijoles., Oakland House and the Opera House. Thanks so much, you MADE the party!

2. OUR "OPEN MICROPHONE" EVENINGS IN THE BARN.

Sarah, Serge and I would sit and chat on the porch of the barn for a few nervous minutes as we waited



for participants to arrive. Then, somehow, out of nowhere would come guests, family members, neighbors and locals to play and sing and dance and make their own style of fun. There were poetry readers and writers, opera singers and those who were an enthusiastic audience who, like us, enjoyed the gathering and time to relax with each other.

3. A MID-AUGUST LOBSTER PICNIC ON THE BEACH....

We held a lobster picnic last summer that was very much like the old-fashioned beach lobster picnics we used to hold in 2008 and before. It was such a success that we proved to ourselves that not only



can we do a lobster picnic in the barn (which we did on a rainy day in 2012) but we can do an authentic lobster picnic on the beach. Our maximum number of guests



What a blast we had on the beach.

coincides with the number of guests our cottages (and barn) can accommodate, which is 45, in case of rain.

BOOK A SEPTEMBER 3-DAY WEEKEND OR 4-DAY MID-WEEK- & GET 10% OFF 2013 FALL RATES (BASED ON WEEKLY RATE/7) - SUPER DEAL!

This is a wonderful opportunity to stretch summer and enjoy the cooling evenings by a cozy fire. Good on 3-day Weekends (arrive Friday or Saturday; depart Sunday or Monday) and 4-day mid-week stays (arrive Monday or Tuesday; Depart Friday



or Saturday). Rate based on normal 7-day stay daily rate PLUS 2013 "Glorious Fall" RATES PLUS an additional 10% Discount. Cannot be combined with other discounts.

Valid for Arrivals Monday, Sept. 1 - Departures Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014.

NEW! RENOVATIONS AND ENHANCEMENTS COMPLETED IN 2013.

As each season draws to a close we are tempted to sit back and think "we did it all." Welllllll, not exactly. Times change and our guests' needs change. What was new in



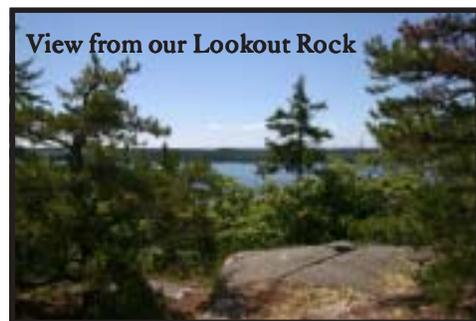
1969 must be restored. While in 2012 we replaced much of Westerly's oceanside siding, in 2013 we performed much restoration and replacement work on the parking side of the building as well as a new screen door.

Flagstaff Cottage got a new roof, siding, living room insulation and drywall



ART...WITHOUT IT, LIFE LACKS SPARK, TOOTS, WAZZLES, MORE...

I'm an artist myself (BA, Design, Industrial, 1984) and can say "I live it/breathe it." A Century ago Carl Gordon Cutler, an



View from our Lookout Rock

American Modernist, painted from the cliffs and rocky outcroppings of our property. His work is just as wonderful

restoration, and the chimney was totally rebuilt, inside and out. In 2013 Lone Pine had a new hotwater baseboard and domestic hot water system installed as did Homestead East/West. The integrated smoke detectors at Homestead East/West were replaced too. Acorn Cottage actually got a new full kitchen and real shower on the first floor (unheard of, eh?). We rebuilt the porch.

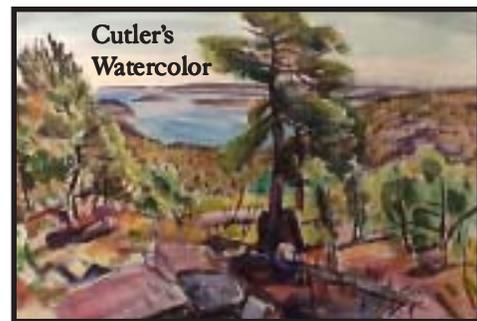
Everyone knows what a tremendous balancing act it is keeping up. Mother Nature is merciless. And, so is the town of Brooksville. With this stunning and inviting location comes a very substantial ocean-front realstate tax burden. Never-the-less we are making every effort to improve what we provide for you.

I recently discovered an old (about 1952) slide with a glimpse of days gone by. It will give you an idea of what we are trying to accomplish. The regrowth of the forest has slowly obliterated what was our once our view of Pumpkin Island Lighthouse and Eggemoggin Reach.

Below, is the result of this fall's effort at restoration: "Before" on the left. "After" on the right. The final oak tree is still standing on the shore of the bathing beach.



today as it was innovative when he showed his work so successfully at the Armory Show in New York in 1913. His inspiration was to be found almost exclusively in the dramatic landscapes of the Penobscot Bay region here. Serge Liros of the Blue Hill Liros Gallery brought examples of Cutler's work to one of our Open Mic. Nights in the barn. Cutler's amazing work is still available to serious collectors/lovers of Maine art.



Cutler's Watercolor

www.lirosgallery.com/amercutler147.html

OAKLAND HOUSE "WISH JAR" & GIFT CERTIFICATES...

By now everybody is familiar with the concept of "the bucket list." You know the list of all the things you want to do before you kick the bucket. I have a list sort of like that too. I know I work hard and I know I deserve to do some of the things that give me joy and pleasure.

That's why I have received Jim's well-used method of taking advanced reservation wishes from our long-time Oakland House Family and guests for the up-and-coming season. In deference to guests who have been vacationing here for many years he would not take deposits for the coming season until he could fit everyone into their "near perfect" wished for cottage and time. I am doing the same. We collect people's wishes in our "Wish Jar" and after the first of the year we sort through everyone's wishes and start the reservation process in the best way we can to ensure that you to get the accommodation you want,



hopefully when you want it. Last year we contacted as many people as we had heard from as to their wishes and got them settled in early but some people couldn't decide until later

(which is understandable of course...like me, I can't plan ahead too far in advance

due to my responsibilities and commitments).

If you would like a specific cottage and time let us know with an email and we will pencil you into our Reservation Board. Once we are back from our winter R&R

getaway (most of December) we will be eager to talk with you about your vacation "wishes" for 2014.

Holiday Gift Certificates are available for redemption in 2014:

http://www.oaklandhouse.com/special_packages_discounts.html

Kindly email us to inquire.

OAKLAND HOUSE GUESTS GET 15% OFF AT THE STONINGTON OPERA HOUSE...

Opera House Arts will present two original productions during its 15th anniversary summer in 2014: 1. a new, original drama that takes off from Act V of Shakespeare's classic Romeo and Juliet called "Romeo and Juliet and Zombies" (July 10-20th). One of OHA's professional acting associates, Melody Bates (who is currently working at the Metropolitan Opera) has been written in residence at the Opera House and in workshops with local high school students.



Join us in July in the Oakland House barn for a reception to meet members of the cast and talk directly with playwright and actress Melody Bates.

2. a "Bridging Communities" event. Applauding the 75th Anniversary of the Construction of the Deer Isle Bridge OHA is planning an on site celebration Saturday, June 21st and has commissioned a "poppera," "The Last Ferryman," to commemorate it (August 14-24). Book now for the show dates — and receive 15% off tickets to each of these wonderful & creative productions, for Oakland House guests only! www.operahousearts.org

COTTAGE COLONY-FOR A HONEYMOON, A FAMILY REUNION, OR A BUSINESS GROUP.

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"LIVELY" - 2014 CALENDAR- "PEEK-AT"*

Arrive/Begin	Depart/End	Details	Event
Free Form, Mid-April	As it goes.. Lone Pine	Way Off-Season, Lone Pine Rental. Call for a special date.	Sneaky Getaways. No one knows, not even Us. Self-serve housekeeping & firewood.
Early May 1	Mid-May 18	Half-OFF, Donate \$25/day	Habitat for Humanity Cottage Offer, as available, Self-serve hskpg. & firewood.
Fri. May 23	Mon. May 26	Stay 2 days, get 3rd FREE Cottages as available	Memorial Day Weekend
Fri. June 13	Tues. Oct. 14	OFFICIAL SEASON	Full service: hskpg. & firewood delivery
Thurs. June 19	-----	Opera House/Oakland House Open House in the barn.	Join the artists involved in "The Last Ferryman*" musical, hear bridge stories.
Sat. June 21	-----	75th Anniversary-Celebration of the Opening of the Deer Isle Bridge.	Spearheaded by the Stonington Opera House's Enthusiastic Crew-another "Bridging Communities" Event.
Fri. July 4th	--NEVER--	---CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF WELCOMING GUESTS----	
Thurs. July 8	Thurs. Aug. 28	Every Thursday in the Barn	Open Microphone. Everyone invited-FREE
Thurs. July 10	Sun. July 20	Romeo & Juliet & Zombies	Opera House, Stonington, Maine
Mon. July 14	-----	Stonington Lobster Boat Races	Stonington, Maine
July date TBD	An Evening	Oakland House Barn Reception for the Stonington Opera House Romeo & Juliet & Zombies Cast	Talk with playwright/actress Melody Bates who is currently working at the Metropolitan Opera.
Thurs. Aug. 14	Sun. Aug. 24	*"The Last Ferryman" Popera! Why & How the Deer Isle Bridge was Built	Original score by Paul Sullivan/OHA at the Stonington Opera House
Mon. Sept. 1	Sat. Sept. 20	3-Day Weekend or 4-Day Mid-Week	Fall SUPER DEAL , Cottage Getaway Incl.s daily hskpg. & firewood delivery
Mon. Sept. 1st	Tues. Oct. 14th	Glorious Fall Rate Period	Early Sept. is summer-like. Later the leaves start to turn, Even later the harvest ripens & the landscape mellows to an irresistible glow against a sparkling sea.
Fri. Oct. 19	Sun. Oct. 21	Common Ground Fair	Amazing MOFGA Event in Unity
-----	Tues. Oct. 14	Last Day of Departures.	Thank you for a great season!

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