



## INNKEEPERS' NEWS

Our own vacation is usually in February just before we start preparing for our up-and-coming summer season. This year we went to one of our favorite inns, the Roycroft Inn in East Aurora, NY. I call it the big sister to our own Shore Oaks Seaside Inn.



It really is! The Roycroft Inn was one of the major centers of the Arts & Crafts movement so popularized in the early 1900's. Shore Oaks was inspired by and built by people who were obviously also enthralled by the philosophy and esthetics of the movement. The Roycroft Inn has detailing and furnishings that are very much in keeping with ours at Shore Oaks and truly blissful just like ours!

Sally M. Littlefield

## RELAXED, ELEGANT WEDDINGS BY THE SEA! WITH THE DETAILS BY US...

Oakland House Seaside Resort has been a wedding destination for generations. Located on a half-mile of oceanfront with acres of natural fields, beaches, woodlands and magnificent overlooks, our sweeping vistas extend for 25 miles beyond the islands of East Penobscot Bay.

Whatever your style, we can help you plan the wedding of your dreams. We specialize in receptions of every description: sumptuous rehearsal dinners, beach picnics, homey buffets and elegant sit-down dinners. Our dining room is recognized for its cosmopolitan flair, our staff for their welcoming Downeast hospitality.



Accommodations include the elegant rooms at our Shore Oaks Seaside Inn and fifteen spacious cottages nestled along the shore or secluded among the trees. These vary in size and amenities, and are perfect for family members of all ages.

The bride and groom have a large selection of private spaces in which to prepare for their day.

No detail is too complex. It is our pleasure to help you obtain your marriage license, local official, band, flowers, DJ, photographer, tent, dance floor, more....

"Oakland House may be out of the way, but that doesn't mean you have to settle for less than fabulous food, flowers or entertainment. [The] innkeepers...have extensive practice in the art of intimate weddings." *Boston Magazine's Elegant Wedding* Summer 2004.

"...One of our favorite hideaways is the Oakland House Seaside Resort located on Eggemoggin Reach on East Penobscot Bay." *Southern Bride* Summer/Fall 2004



Oakland House Seaside Resort weddings are usually scheduled with guests arriving Friday afternoon and evening. Frequently, there is a beach lobster picnic on Friday evening and a brunch Saturday morning. The ceremony on Saturday is followed by hors d'oeuvres around the garden and a reception dinner. Breakfast is served to



departing guests on Sunday morning.



We specialize in weddings of 80-150 guests, though arrangements can be made for larger and smaller parties. Please call us to discuss your own plans and to book your wedding for 2005, 2006, or 2007.



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## FAMILY VACATIONS BY THE SEA? YES!

Carefree, fun, full of adventures.

We've been welcoming families for more than a century. Never hurried and always welcoming, we're located on the ocean, and are also blessed to have a lake beach right on our premises. Oakland House provides the perfect setting for strengthening the bonds of family and friendship.



You won't be bored here. Our ocean and lake beaches invite lazy beach combing, swimming, and sifting through tide pools. Play croquet, badminton, and volleyball on the front lawn. During summer evenings, play ping-pong or watch a movie in our old wagon barn. Become a star gazer – the night sky here is studded with stars. Hike



our trails or linger in tide pools to search for crabs and starfish.

Locally, numerous nature preserves, little country stores, art galleries, and lunch bars welcome you to visit awhile.

Our family dining room allows children and their parents to meet other families in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Private dining rooms are available for large family groups, upon advance request. Plentiful buffet breakfasts and sumptuous 5-course dinners await families each day. Children may choose from the children's or the adult menu. Every Thursday evening throughout the summer there is a bountiful lobster

picnic with all the fixings on the beach. Fifteen family-sized cottages dot the shore or are nestled among the trees. They are comfortably, cozily rustic and vary in size



from one bedroom to five bedrooms. All have living rooms and fireplaces and most have kitchens or kitchenettes. A few have phones, still fewer televisions. They are perfect for family gatherings small and large. Grandparents often stay at Shore Oaks Seaside Inn.

**Don't take our word for it. Here's what others say:**

"[Oakland House is one of] Five More Great Maine Hotels." "Families return annually to the Penobscot Bay resort to canoe, splash in tide pools, and play house in a clapboard cottage or log cabin." **TRAVEL & LEISURE family**, Spring-Summer 2005.

## ROMANTIC GETAWAYS AT SHORE OAKS SEASIDE INN!

Blissfully Serene, Luxurious, and Relaxing, and in the Heart of the Adventurous Blue Hill Peninsula.



Our inn by the sea beckons you to stay just another day. If you think you are able to stay here for just one night, try it. We're sure you'll want to linger for another. Many do. Better yet, plan in advance and find a special deal that includes an extra day for



FREE. Whatever way you decide to stay we welcome you.

"Lodges We Love, our top 20"  
*Coastal Living*, September, 2004

## "HAVE FUN – DO GOOD" PROGRAM.

**Volunteer at Holbrook Island Sanctuary and Get 10% OFF Your Night's Stay at Shore Oaks Seaside Inn!**

I've always loved to go hiking in Holbrook Island Sanctuary. And it's just down the road. It's such a magical place!

We are offering a new vacation package for guests who want to combine an Eco/



Volunteer experience with the pleasure of relaxing afterwards and dining at our seaside resort. Working with Holbrook Sanctuary on Cape Rosier (in the heart of the Blue Hill Peninsula), you can volunteer to help the sanctuary maintain its rugged



beauty and get a 10% discount on your meals and accommodations for each day you volunteer. Call for details.

# WE'VE REDESIGNED OUR PICKING GARDENS....

A new bed or two or three...and, a new garden design.

Innkeeper Jim Littlefield's ancestors built their homestead at the foot (in a swale) of two hills: Lookout Rock and Sunset Rock. The soil was deep and rich and made good pasturing for their animals. The rain brought more good soil right to their doorstep (and



basement) for more than 250 years. Obtaining proper drainage has been our objective in working with Mother Nature's gifts. With the help of landscape architect Dorothy Wurman, the result is a wonderful new garden plot on the uphill side of the new creek bed. Wurman helped us with a plan and during the winter I worked on the details. Sean dug the new beds with his excavator. Lutz, Andy, Sean, and Bryan built a beautiful granite retaining wall. Charlene moved existing perennials from the old beds and also planted new plants.



## "SHORT STAY" GETAWAYS AND "VALUE" PACKAGES!



You deserve an indulgent, luxurious getaway without having to drive for miles searching for a relaxing, delicious gourmet dinner! If you can only sneak away for a few days or are in search of some great seasonal values lookeee here!

## EVENTS, SHORT STAY & PACKAGE DEALS 2005 CALENDAR

✓ **BEST DEALS of the season!**

Days	Arrive/Begin	Depart/End	Details	Event or Instructor
4	Wed. June 15	Sun. Oct. 16	"Have Fun, Do Good Program, Volunteer at Holbrook Isl.	10% OFF your night at Shore Oaks MAP (with breakfasts & dinner).
3	Tues. July 5	Fri. July 8	Shore Oaks, 5-course dinners Lighthouse Sightseeing by land & sea. Ayuh!	3 day Shore Oaks stay incl.s breakfasts 5-course dinners, boat trip, lighthouse viewing & lighthouse book.
✓ 5/6	Mon. July 4	Sat. July 9 or Sun. July 10	5 or 6-Day Post-Holiday Cottage MAP Discount	Cottage MAP plan, full service <b>Discounted 25% OFF July Rates</b>
	April through	October	Lobsterboat and Puffin sighting cruises, "Boat 'N' Bike" Daytrips, kayaking, and guide service by Registered Maine Guide as available (cost of these tours not included in regular Oakland House rates)	
✓ 5	Sun. Sept. 4	Fri. Sept 9	5-Day Cottage Special, Savor Summer MAP Labor Day Mid-Week Getaway	Cottage MAP plan (except Sun. dinner) <b>Stay 3 days, Get 2 Days FREE GREAT VALUE! Reserve early!</b>
4 1/2	Sun. Sept. 4th	Fri. Sept. 9	Eco-Photography Includes Boat trip to island.	Jerry Monkman, film and digital. Knowledgeable, well published <b>Special rate for singles taking wrkshp.</b> (except Oct. 3 & 10 - chef's night off)
	Mon. Sept. 12	Sat. Oct. 15	Fall Dinners at Shore Oaks	
3	Tue. Sept. 20	Fri. Sept. 23	5-Course dinner/Bay Tour	Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown
3	Tue. Sept. 27	Fri. Sept. 30	5-Course dinner/Bay Tour	Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown
2	Fri. Sept. 30	Sun. Oct. 2	5-Course dinner/Bay Tour	Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown
✓ 3	Sun. Oct. 2	Fri. Oct. 7	Shore Oaks "Three-Fer" The BEST time of the year.	<b>Stay 2 nights, get 3rd night (Chef's night off) FREE.</b>
3	Fri. Oct. 7	Mon. Oct. 10	Columbus Day Long 3-day Weekend at Shore Oaks	Fall in its glory (which goes and goes) All Breakfasts & 5-course dinners incl.
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2/3	Late Fall, 2005	Spring, 2006	Lone Pine/Boathouse Cottage Getaways	Weekend/Mid-Week Cottage Packages

Call 1-800-359-RELAX for reservations, details, and availability.

# WORKSHOPS

ON EAST PENOBSCOT BAY

We're sponsoring "Workshops on East Penobscot Bay" for the 4th season. Photographer Jerry Monkman will conduct a 4 1/2-day workshop at Oakland House Seaside Resort in September.



Landscape photographer Jerry Monkman and his wife Marcy are well known throughout New England for their striking color photography of the natural environment. They are well published. Their most recent book was published in March, 2005. Last September, Jerry took his class by boat to McGlathery Island one day. A similar trip is planned again.

## JERRY'S PHOTO WORKSHOP IN FILM & DIGITAL TECHNIQUES:

Arrive Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005

Depart Friday, September 9, 2005

[workshopsoneastpenbay.com](http://workshopsoneastpenbay.com)

## BRYAN S. WHITEHEAD, ARTIST IN RESIDENCE...



Occasionally a designer parent's genes filter down to their offspring. My son Bryan has MORE talent than I. This will be his second season on premises. Besides washing dishes, building rock walls, and taking the staff on days-off



Beach picnic field. Bryan S. Whitehead

outings, he paints in oil. That's his profession.

[www.whiteheadgallery.com/maine.html](http://www.whiteheadgallery.com/maine.html)



**NEWS AND GREAT DEALS INSIDE:**

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A lazy afternoon under the apple tree!

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**See us in "Southern Bride" June, 2004.**