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APRIL 2020 • CELEBRATING OLD HOME WEEK & MAINE'S BICENTENNIAL • ORRINGTON, MAINE 1788-2020

History Sets Sail on the Mighty Penobscot

Our Orrington, Penobscot County's first town, will celebrate Old Home Week 2020 and Maine's Bicentennial



in a very special way with exciting new events and the traditional activities that our residents and the many guests who will be visiting Maine this year will enjoy.

The week of festivities kicks off with the wild and crazy Wicked Muddy Mainer races at Thornton's Family Campground on July 10. The festivities conclude with the extremely popular Endless Yard Sale on July 17-19 (see back page for details).

And in between, there will be daily events all around Orrington (19th Century Curran Village, Public Library, OHS Grange Hall, Bob's Kozy Korner Store, etc.) celebrating Maine's 200th birthday and Orrington's 232rd birthday.

The most exciting news is the Penobscot will be alive with activity! The Old Home Week Committee is working with the newly formed Penobscot Maritime Heritage Association (PMHA) to bring schooners and tall ships back to the Penobscot River... the first time in 39 years!

The mission of the PMHA is "to provide a historical perspective of the Penobscot River Basin utilizing the collective energy of its members to create educational programs which expand awareness of tourism opportunities in Coastal Maine and draw attention to the contemporary enterprises that drive the economies

of our towns." The historical ports of the lower Penobscot River Basin represented by the PMHA include Bangor, Brewer, Bucksport, Castine, Frankfort, Hampden, Orland, Orrington, Penobscot, Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs, Verona Island and Winterport.

The PMHA's 4-Port Loop events, which are presented by Bangor Savings Bank, will begin right after Searsport celebrates their own 175th birthday that will run from late June and carry through the July 4th weekend. On July 8, tall ships and schooners will head upriver to Bucksport. Maine Maritime's tall ship *Bowdoin* and the schooner *Charm* and a 179' Naval patrol craft have committed. As the ships navigate upriver, they will pass by three public viewing areas in Orrington: the boat launch area on Mill Creek, the Picnic Area off Route 15, plus an extra special viewing site at Covidien's Southern Cove. There will even be pleasure boat parades!

Bangor and Brewer will jointly host various educational, entertainment, walking and driving tour activities at the twin cities waterfronts on July 9-10. There will be tours of the *Bowdoin* and *Charm* and the largest 3-D printed object in the world... the boat from the University of Maine Advanced Structural and Composites Center.

The fleet will then head downriver, with another public viewing and assemble in the host city of Bucksport from July 11-12.



Dick Campbell and Kathy Downes of the Penobscot Maritime Heritage Association check out the Rt. 15 Picnic area in Orrington as a viewing site for the tall ships and schooners that will ply the waters of the Penobscot River July 8-14. The vessels will make stops in Bangor, Bucksport and Castine. (Photo retouched with the "Bowdoin" added in.)



The annual Bucksport Bay Festival will also take place July 10-12 with a slew of activities at Fort Knox, the Alamo theater, the Maine Maritime Training Center and the waterfront. There will also be U.S. Navy ship tours, and activities galore!

Visitors can travel to each of the historic towns along the 4-Port Loop and learn about the people who built and launched ships over the many hundreds of years of Maine's history. The Orrington Historical Society is spearheading an effort with neighboring historical societies to develop a handy cell phone app that will provide guided historical tours of each riverfront town. Travelers can

download this summer, for exploring by car, bike, boat or on foot!

On July 13, Searsport will host the tall and small vessel gathering "Gam," complete with a town picnic, live music and fireworks.

On July 13, many of the various small and tall vessels, including the State of Rhode Island's tall ship, the *Oliver Hazard Perry*, will head to Castine to wrap up the 4-Port Loop celebrations with various maritime and historical society events and conclude on July 14, with their unique Bastille Day events, in recognition of the French period of occupation of the territory.



Enter the Vintage Photo Contest

Take a look back at Orrington's history and present-day beauty. To celebrate Maine's Bicentennial and Old Home Week, the Orrington Public Library is hosting a special Vintage Photography Contest.

It's time to go through your grandparent's attic and photo albums, add a sepia tint or turn photos black and white. No decade is off limits. All photos must be owned by the entrant and taken in Orrington.

Original photos may be of any subject matter: historical buildings that were once in Orrington, boats on the river, train stations from the past, landscapes, seasons, wildlife, people, structures, etc... as long as the photo is taken in and of Orrington. Some ideas would be group photos from school-days, or a group photo down by the river from the '70s or '80s, or you could put the group photos in one 8" x 10" photo and submit it as one entry.

Judges will look at composition, color, and representation of theme. The contest is open to all ages and all skill levels. Entries are limited to 3 per person. The best 13 photos will be published in a commemorative, collectible 2021 calendar. New this year, the

calendars will be for sale at the Orrington Public Library during Old Home Week.

All entries must have a title. All prints must be 8" x 10" and be matted (1.5-3" width) with a backing. An entry form must be affixed to the center back of each entry and be accompanied by a duplicate entry form. Forms are available at the Town Hall and the Public Library. All entries will be the property of the Orrington Public Library. Please make a copy of your photo. We do try to return all photos, but cannot be responsible if they are not picked up or returned. The Old Home Week Committee and library assume no risk.

All entries will be accepted at the Public Library May 1-June 1. We will not announce the winners until Old Home Week. The official judging will take place on Thursday, June 4, 2020. Winners will be contacted by telephone. Cash prizes will be awarded for first (\$100), second (\$75) and third place (\$50). All 13 winners will receive a calendar.

For more information, please contact Kelly Bay at 207-825-4938 or email orringtonlibrary@orrington.lib.me.us.

We Need You!

Without community support, Old Home Week could not happen. All donations are immensely appreciated and will be recognized in some or all of the marketing campaign, including the OHW website and facebook page.

If you would like to contribute to this year's special celebration, you can send a check made out to "Orrington Old Home Week Association" and mailed to: Keith Bowden, Treasurer, 982 Center Drive, Orrington, ME 04474. Thank you so much!

Get Ready for the Endless Yard Sale

This year's Endless Yard Sale is the weekend of July 17-19. So, start cleaning, sorting and tagging!

To be a part of this amazing bargain hunter's paradise, simply mail in the form below. There is no permit or fee required. Free 11" x 17" Yard Sale signs (limit 2 per home) and 8 1/2" x 11" No Parking signs will be available at the Public Library and Town Hall in July.

The coveted Endless Yard sale maps will be distributed locally and posted online starting July 16 on the OHW website and Facebook page. We encourage yard sales to post their sales on our facebook page!

To register, please fill out the form below and mail it to Sue Pate, 72 Hatfield Road, Orrington, ME 04474 or email your name, street address, contact info and your yard sale dates *and times* to endlessyardsale@orringtonoldhomeweek.com.

Time to Register Your Special Event

If you are looking to have an event or fundraiser, OHW is the perfect vehicle to raise awareness of your organization's cause and/or fundraise at the same time! The OHW Committee will advertise and promote the events as part of the whole OHW package. This will create a greater impact not only for the individual organization's event but also for the entire celebration. The sooner you register your event, the more we can promote it!

2020 OLD HOME WEEK EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Event: _____ Produced By: _____

Event Description: _____

Days/Dates/Time: _____

Event Venue: _____ Event Address: _____

Cost: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Telephone: _____

YES, I will email the following promotional items: Press Release Flyer Photos Logo Artwork (300 dpi)

Please fill out form and return to: Sue Pate, 72 Hatfield Road, Orrington, Maine 04474 or email suepate@roadrunner.com

ENDLESS YARD SALE REGISTRATION

Name _____

Street Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I will participate on these days *and times*:

Friday, July 17 _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.

Saturday, July 18 _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.

Sunday, July 19 _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.

Yes, this is a multi-family yard sale

Mail to: Sue Pate, 72 Hatfield Road, Orrington, ME 04474
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 14