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Paul Bunyan Road Association

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This issue of the PBRA newsletter is a little(!) late this year. Despite the continuing threat that COVID presents, many people have resumed something resembling “normal” lives. Association members who usually contribute to the newsletter are no exception. But the presses can only wait so long. So with that sort-of-apology, here is the “Winter’s a-Coming” newsletter.

RADean, Editor

2022 Annual Meeting & Summer Social... Another Success!

August saw the Association hold its Annual Meeting and Summer Social. As we did last year, Association members gathered at the Schoodic Education and Research Center to hear about Association business in the past year, meet new Association Board members, listen to several interesting speakers, and enjoy the camaraderie of neighbors. Oh, and some pretty good picnic food! The weather was a bit cool and cloudy but that didn’t prevent 45 Association members and two guest speakers—Nick Fisichelli, Schoodic Institute President and CEO, and new Gouldsboro Select Board member Jackie Weaver—from enjoying the afternoon.

Association President Frank Chudnow opened the meeting and spoke about the deed restrictions and covenants in our subdivision and thanked outgoing Board members John Finn and Jeff Young for their contributions over the years. Nick Fisichelli spoke of the role of the Schoodic Institute as Acadia National Park’s partner in science and education: they have had over 100 groups attend with over 3000 participants. He also talked about the various disciplines studied at the Institute and how they acquired funding, answering questions on birds, fire, and trees (his specialty as a forester). Jackie Weaver spoke about the planned paving on Paul Bunyan Road (see page 5) and the problems that delayed the opening of Sumner Middle/High School.

In addition to discussing Association business, we also collected donations for the Lifeline Food Pantry in Gouldsboro. Again, Association members rose to the occasion, and we donated \$245 and some food items.

Many thanks to Mary Vauthy, Barbara Stewart, Wendy Bukowski, and Susan Haight for helping make this annual event successful! We all appreciate it. Next year’s meeting will again be held at the SERC pavilion, Wednesday, August 9th.

A Perfect Venue!



And a Good Time Was Had by All





Meet Your New PBRA Board Members

This year at the annual meeting we welcomed three new PBRA Board members to our leadership team. If you've visited our website you have already "met" these folks. If not, here are the three new members who join Frank Chudnow, Boyd and Susan Haight, Paul Stewart, Pat Weaver, and Mary Vauthy in leading your Association.



Member at Large: **Liz Rosenfeld** is from Laconia, NH and is a retired children's librarian. She is married to Alan, a retired cardiologist and they now call Corea their permanent home. Liz's parents, Jan and Bob Lawson, bought two lots on Paul Bunyan Road in 1978. Liz and Alan feel very fortunate to be able to share Downeast Maine with their children and grandchildren. Liz is a notary and is happy to assist any PBRA residents with documents or weddings.

Member at Large: **Wendy Bukowski** is from Union, New Jersey but lived most of her life in Southern New Jersey and in Philadelphia. She is a retired therapist and special educator and worked for over 40 years with a myriad of autistic, behaviorally and emotionally challenged children. Wendy attended Stockton University and completed her graduate work at Hahnemann Medical University in Philadelphia. She has had a special affection for Maine from an early age, traveling here first as a child with her parents and sister, and then yearly each summer since 2006. She bought her home on Paul Bunyan Road in 2019. She now calls Corea her home, moving here full time at the end of 2021. Wendy loves the peace and serenity of Maine's magnificent environment and has begun to cherish the authentic, warm and caring personalities of the neighbors who are blessed to make Corea their home.



Member at Large: **Kathy Coffey** Kathy and her husband Steve still can't believe how fortunate they are to be spending half of the year on Paul Bunyan Road with such great neighbors! The rest of the year they live in Kennebunk where they enjoyed raising three children. Kathy worked in a variety of health care settings as a registered dietitian/nutritionist and lastly at Bath Iron Works as a Disease Management and Wellness Coach. She is also proud to have served as a United States Air Force officer and presently the grandmother of five.

Membership Report

Membership in our Association has varied over the years. Prior to 2017, membership steadily grew and then leveled off at about 100 member families out of about 200 property owners. Then for reasons we don't understand and the COVID pandemic, membership started to decline. We have decreased from 94 families in 2016/17 to our current membership of 77 families. We'd love to have you back!!

We have established a new Membership Committee comprising Kathy Coffey, Wendy Bukowski, Liz Rosenfeld, and Mary Vauthy. They are brainstorming new ideas and great activities to entice more neighbors to join/rejoin the Association. In the meantime, if you would like to join us as a member, please go to the Association website, <https://coreabythesea.org/>, and print a copy of the Membership Form. Please mail it to PBRA, P.O. Box 119, Corea, ME 04624. We'd love to hear from you.

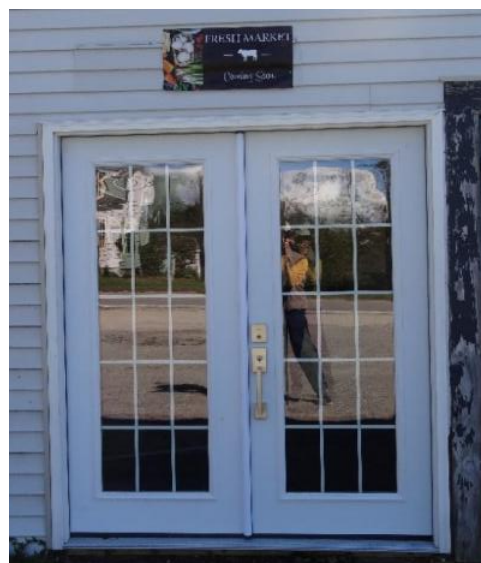
FINALLY!!! Paul Bunyan Road is Paved!

For those of you who either never got to the peninsula this year or left very early, there's good news! The week of September 21st saw Rings Paving trucks prepping Paul Bunyan Road, then laying down and rolling smooth truckloads of fresh asphalt on all of the remaining stretch of PBR, from just below Peninsula Road all the way to Corea Road.



A New Place in Town

The word about town is that PBR residents Scott Holtz & Bobby Cheshire are in the process of modifying the space next to the Prospect Harbor Post Office as a café and market. No word yet as to a possible completion and opening date, but this is certainly something that will be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.



A Not-So-New Place in the Next Town

If you've been to the Winter Harbor Grocery Store (aka, the IGA) or been on Facebook lately, you already know that the store has been sold. The new owners are Grindstone residents Vicki & Alan Goldstein, and they have renamed the establishment "Winter Harbor Provisions." Bobby Cheshire & Scott Holtz are overseeing the refurbishment of the store in addition to getting their own Harborside Café up and running. A letter posted in the store window names Scott as the new Manager and that "The goal of the store is provide more produce, variety of goods sold, and an expanded deli section." The letter goes on to say, "If you have ideas and suggestions and requests, please give them to Scott or Bobby and we will try to address them." The store is closed Sundays in November to revamp the building and new hours are 8AM–6PM Monday–Saturday. Visit them on Facebook; the URL is <https://www.facebook.com/people/Winter-Harbor-Provisions/100086959404695/>.



“Drive by” Trees (by Tom McKeag)

(Editor’s Note: Yes, it’s a little late to run this article. But it is an interesting and informative read that might just motivate some of us to pay more attention next year to the bounty around us.)



The fall season in the northeast means apples—lots of them. And, if you own trees, now is the time that you are picking the fruit of a long, expectant season. Local [commercial orchards](#) and cideries are also open where you can pick and taste the harvest. If you aren’t lucky enough to have an orchard of your own, however, there are still ways to enjoy nature’s bounty right here in Gouldsboro. Call them “drive-by” trees or roadside relics; there are dozens of beautiful old apple trees edging the public right of way of the town.

They may be familiar varieties like McIntosh or Golden Delicious, or they may be some mysterious type yet to be rediscovered. Whether the fruit is photogenic or not, they all have served some purpose

for the planter. Indeed, fruit that you would spit out upon tasting might have been highly valued for pies or cider making. Cider makers, for example, typically blend apples from four different characteristics: tannic, bitter, sweet and acid; many of these types are completely inedible.

Last week (*this would have been at the end of September*), we took a quick roadside survey of these local apple trees and within two hours had spotted a couple dozen trees. Here are photographs of the diverse fruit that we had picked from the ground and one of these beautiful trees. We did not go onto any private property for these fruit. And because we merely wanted to enjoy the beauty of the trees and fruit, we were not concerned with any harmful bacteria that might be on fallen fruit. You should always ask permission from any owner to pick from a tree and be wary of picking fruit from the ground.



Apple tree spotting is a delightful way to spend time appreciating the season, and can be a little addictive, if you have a mind to rediscover some lost variety, like Beech Hill Bittersweet. You can learn more about some of these old varieties at the Fedco [website](#), and if you ~~are~~ (*were*) looking for an outing on October 16, there ~~will be~~ (*was*) a noon-to-four [apple celebration](#) at the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) growing grounds as part of Maine’s Great Apple Day. They offer workshops on growing, cider making, lots of tasting, and, if you bring some strange apple to them, they will identify it for you. (*Editor’s note: While this year’s MOFGA event is long over, there’ll probably be another opportunity next year to learn more about our local apple varieties.*)

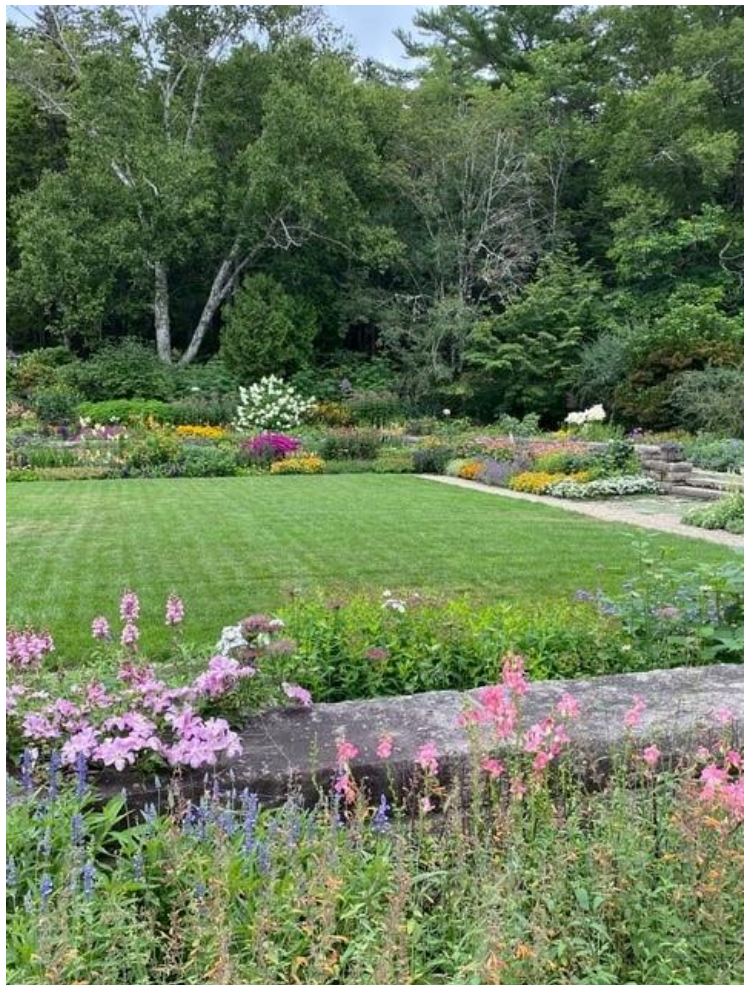
Things We Did this Summer

Tom McKeag's article talks about appreciating the amazing things we have right here on our figurative doorstep. Venture a little beyond "right here" and there are even more things. We all know about the wonders of Acadia National Park, but how many know of, never mind visited, the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden in Northeast Harbor? My wife, daughter, and I stumbled upon the garden quite by accident in the summer of 1983 when getting lost taking a path (of sorts) off Stanley Brook Road in the Park. We were surprised to find such a wonderful garden in what we thought was the middle of nowhere. But not as surprised as the caretaker was to find us there! Fortunately, he appreciated our story and let us wander around the garden. Here's a more recent account of visiting the garden. RAdean, editor.

A Visit to the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden in Northeast Harbor (by Susan & Boyd Haight)

The Land and Garden Preserve manages and cares for 1400 acres of public lands and gardens on Mount Desert Island, Maine. The three gardens in Northeast Harbor include Asticou Azalea Garden, Thuya Garden, both open free to the public, and the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden which requires a reservation. Tickets are \$15 adult, \$10 seniors and the garden is open from July 12 through September 11, 2022.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and his wife Abby bought a summer home, The Eyrie, and fifteen acres on this site in 1910. Following a trip to Beijing, China, they asked Beatrix Farrand to design a garden for them. The spectacular garden includes three acres of a formal garden of perennials and annuals bursting with color in August, surrounded by a wall modeled on the walls of the Forbidden



City. Around the outside is a Spirit Path lined with statuary and gates from Korea, Japan and China dating from the 8th to the 18th centuries.

The Eyrie cottage was dismantled in 1963 but the granite terraces still provide extensive views from Barr Hill over the ocean. In 2017, David Rockefeller, youngest son of John and Abby, bequeathed the land to the Land and Garden Preserve.

Our visit to the beautiful and impressive Rockefeller Garden this August was a real highlight of the summer! Plan your visit for next August!



Some Local Excitement in October

October 20th saw some excitement on the peninsula: A large tractor trailer delivering the log home you probably watched being constructed next to the old Chester Pike's Restaurant ran into a bit of trouble. The driver was attempting to back up Peninsula Shores Road so that the truck would be in the right position to offload the logs when things went awry. The rear of the trailer went off one side of the road, the tractor front wheels off the other side. Paul Bunyan Road between Peninsula Road and the end at Grand Marsh Bay Road was closed for the better part of the day while they extricated the truck. It was quite the undertaking!



The Orphan Road (aka, the gravel part of GMBR)

Anyone who drives on and off the peninsula via Grand Marsh Bay Road has noticed the steady decline in the condition of the gravel portion. In mid-summer, after being unable to reach the contractor who did such a nice job last summer, your volunteer road committee contacted another contractor to dress up the road a bit. While there was some improvement, the job still wasn't what was needed. So early this month, after still having no luck contacting the original contractor, the committee contacted RF Jordan about regrading the road—with a full-sized grader—before the winter freeze, then continuing with a twice per year maintenance schedule. The good news is that there is enough money remaining from last year's collections to cover this latest bit of maintenance. But a rough guess at the cost per grading is "a couple of thousand dollars" (we are waiting on a quote), so if we want to stick with what is really needed, a twice/year schedule, there will continue to be yearly pleas for contributions. Please consider how important the gravel road is to you when you decide how much to donate. Everyone who uses the road will thank you.

A View from the Porch (Editor's musings)



The view from the porch is, well, weird. Why? Because it is early November and we're still sitting on the porch—without being all bundled up—watching the tides and the birds. Yes, the large thermal capacitor that is the bay is expected to help moderate the temperature, but a forecast of perhaps 70° on November 5th sure seems way out of



the ordinary, even in recent years. (How many of us know that *Jingle Bells* ("Dashing through the snow...") was originally written in 1857 as a Thanksgiving song in Medford, MA?) Usually by now I've had the woodstove in the basement fired up to take the chill off the workshop and we've had at least a few "social" fires in the fireplace, but not so far this year. But given the prices of heating fuels these days, there is good news in these unexpected mild temperatures: While our heat has been "on" for a month or so, I'm sure our boiler feels it is still on vacation. And we are well past the date when I expected to get the first-of-the-season refill of the propane tank. So with all that said, our seasonal residents who went "home" early this year surely missed one of the nicer late autumns in a while.

And one "thank you" I've neglected to mention for far too long goes to PBRA Secretary Susan Haight. She has been "the editor's editor," helping me correct the sorts of grammatical and other errors that few are capable of finding in their own writing.

