



From the Fairest Garden Where
the Wild Butterflies Fly.



INNKEEPER'S WHIMSEY...

I love to work in our gardens and am always amazed at the continuing progression of blooms from early spring to late fall. A recent guest asked if I'd ever noticed fairy houses in our gardens. I must say that I never noticed anything other than what I suspected were birds or mice scrambling under the leaves and a huge array of butterflies flitting from flower to flower. Plenty of bees too. However, when I went to the garden to make my rounds as usual I decided to take a closer look.

What? There...under a canopy of Verbena Bonariensis and Zinnias was a beautiful little "house." Constructed of twigs, spruce boughs, and slabs of tree bark, it had within a tiny bed covered with a hand-dyed pink spread (from my "beads and trinkets" box; I'd made this fabric many years ago). The bed had a birch twig headboard and a fluff of lichen on top of my spread. Outside a clam shell appeared to be set up for a tiny outdoor shower and bath. There were glittery, sparkly places on the leaves and really sparkly spots here and there on the twigs inside this house. There was a harvest table set with acorn cap bowls. I'd never noticed this before. How did it get there?



One afternoon when I was away an artist spent the afternoon in the garden with her drawing pad. When I returned she presented me with a beautiful girlish portrait.



There are wings! The artist explained it's Monarda, Queen of Oakland House's Garden Fairies. This is enough for me to be convinced that there are fairies in my garden.

Sally M. Littlefield

COASTAL WEDDING DESTINATION. RELAXED! SOPHISTICATED FOOD, SERVICE, FLOWERS, MORE....

A timeless coastal setting! An unparalleled location in which to pledge your wedding vows! With rockbound beaches, expansive lawns, and stun-

ning gardens on premises we have exceptional sites for glorious oceanfront weddings, romantic garden receptions and beach lobster picnics.

This is a destination made for you and your guests! Oakland House Seaside Resort is a relaxed setting ideal for gatherings of old friends and family members of all ages. Yet there's cosmopolitan sophistication in food, service, and flowers, with entertainment possibilities galore.

Whether small or large a shorefront wedding blends everything: earth, water, sky, and love. You may choose to have your ceremony on site but some couples choose a place of worship nearby, a boat, or an island. Our garden reception will fulfill even your most romantic dreams as your guests celebrate your marriage. On site our Shore Oaks Seaside Inn (elegant turn-of-the-Century styling) plus 15 cottages (relaxed comfort with real woodburning fireplaces) accommodate guests.



Photo by
Michelle Stapleton

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SHORE OAKS SEASIDE INN TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

While some things have hardly changed since 1907, others certainly have. Shore Oaks has been marvelously improved



while retaining the Arts & Craft spirit and design that inspired its creation a century ago. Join us in making Shore Oaks Seaside Inn's 100th truly memorable. We're planning some great events and promotions this season.

COSTUME PARTY CENTENNIAL RECEPTION WEEKEND

This will take place the weekend starting Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, marvelous fall! To heighten the fun, period costumes are essential attire for our festive Shore Oaks Centennial Celebration Reception at 5:00 PM Saturday the 29th. All weekend guests of Shore Oaks Seaside Resort are invited. Included with Friday and Saturday reservations is a full breakfast each morning. Cottage guests may attend the reception with advance reservations for an additional fee and period dress.

Get in the spirit! Period music is typified by the rags of Scott Joplin and James Scott, the melodies of George Gershwin, and dramatic classical pieces like Igor Stravinsky's *The Firebird, Concert For Orchestra - Finale*. Ladies' dresses were elegant but comfortable. Gentlemen had a range of fashions nearly as wide as women. Browse for styles in old issues of *Ladies' Home Journal* or online museums of costume design or folkwear.com. This weekend event will be wonderful fun!

**CALLING ALL PAST
GUESTS OF SHORE OAKS:
COME FOR MID-WEEK OR
WEEKEND REUNION FUN FEST!**
Gather your friends for a centennial reunion of past Shore Oaks guests at Shore

Oaks Seaside Inn. We provide the place, you bring your friends. We'll have a relaxed Scavenger Hunt during your stay. You will search for objects easily gleaned from locations on site. Winners will receive a commemorative trophy. When you make your reservation make sure you ask for the full MAP meal plan.

Arrive **Fri. July 13** - Departure **Sun. July 15**
or

Arrive **Sun. July 15** - Departure **Fri. July 20**.

PHOTOGRAPHERS! FABU- LOUS PHOTO WORKSHOP JULY 8-13TH

Again we're sponsoring photographer Jerry Monkman's 5-day *Downeast Photo*



Tour and Workshop. Attendees will photograph the hidden coves and harbors of Down East Maine, including Stonington and Castine. Jerry knows this area well. He'll guide an exploratory to shoot rocky coastal landscapes and Maine fog-forest scenes in local wilderness preserves. Instruction will include both digital and non-digital topics, ranging from lighting and composition to basic Photoshop skills. This trip also includes a boat tour to an uninhabited island in the Acadian Archipelago.

This workshop promises to be a blast! Jerry is an expert in his field. He has been teaching select groups for more than 10 years. His instructional articles appear on a frequent basis in "Outdoor Photographer" and his photographs are used by environmental and conservation groups nationwide.

Arrive **Sun., July 8th**; Depart **Fri., July 13th**
Jerry's site:
www.ecophotography.com

Rates include instruction fees, all meals, boat trip, and accommodations in Shore Oaks Seaside Inn, Acorn Cottage, or Cottages for two or more people are available ranging from \$955 to \$1738.

This includes a lobster picnic on the beach Thursday evening.

FAMILIES, LOVERS, FRIENDS: INDULGE IN A COTTAGE VACATION! MINIMUM STAY 3 DAYS.

Take a break on your terms! Come here and get away from the RAT RACE (HAMSTER RACE, or what ever). Even if you don't have a whole week you can still get relaxation, fun, and adventure in a shorter time. You deserve it! This is a real cottage



vacation opportunity. In July and August we've opened our reservation board to include arrivals and departures on Wednesdays as well as our traditional Saturdays and Sundays. You can take a shorter vacation...or, come back more often. Book 3 days, 4 days, 6 days, 7 days, 8 days, 10 days, etc. Minimum stay 3 days. Included are all services, full buffet breakfasts, and gourmet dinners each evening. Join in the beach lobster picnic served every Thursday evening throughout the season. Use all the recreational facilities on site too!

Excellent for family reunions, romantic escapes and reuniting girlfriend networks. Wonderful for guys who want to "rough it" but not really.

**Valid for arrivals Sunday, July 1st through
departures Saturday, August 25th, 2007.**

SEARCH FOR SIGNS OF FAIRIES NEAR YOU!

Just as surely as there are fairies in our garden I suspect there are fairies where you live, too. If you really look, I'm sure you'll discover signs of them just like I did. Fairies like to move from place to place, so there is a good chance you'll be able to borrow a tiny fairy-sized piece of furniture to bring to Oakland House when you come with your family. Each week throughout the summer we will show off your fairy

2007 CALENDAR

Arrive/Begin	Depart/End	Details	Event
Tue. Jan. 2	Sun. April 29	Lone Pine/Boathouse	2-day weekends/3-day mid-weeks (excludes Feb. 16- Feb. 25)
Tue. May 1 Fri. May 25 Fri. May 25	Fri. May 18 Mon. May 28	Half-OFF, Donate \$25/day Shore Oaks Seaside Inn/ Stay 2, get 3rd FREE Shore Oaks & Cottages	Habitat for Humanity Cottage Offer Shore Oaks opens for season/B&B style Memorial Day Weekend
Fri. June 1	Sun. June 3	Day Tour of the Bay & B&B at Shore Oaks Pkg.	Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown
Sun. June 3 Tue. June 5	Fri. June 8 Fri. June 8	5-Day Cottage Getaway Day Tour of the Bay & B&B at Shore Oaks Pkg.	(Self-serve housekeeping, pre-season) Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown
Fri. June 8	Sun. June 10	Day Tour of the Bay & B&B at Shore Oaks Pkg.	Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown
Sun. June 10 Mon. June 18 to....	Sat. June 16 Sat. Sept. 8	6-Day Cottage Getaway Full service dining opens for the season	(Self-serve housekeeping, pre-season) Breakfast & Dinner in our century-old Rusticator Restaurant
Mon. June 18 to....	Mon. Sept. 3	Monday Fairy Furniture Display. Awards on Fridays	For children, parents, and grandparents
Mon. June 18 Sun. June 24 Mon. June 25	Fri. June 22 Fri. June 29 Thurs. June 28	4-Day Cottage Getaway 5-Day Cottage Getaway 3-Day Lighthouse Tour Pkg. Sightseeing by land and sea.	MAP, 25% OFF MAP, 25% OFF Shore Oaks Seaside Inn/B&B style Boat cruise Tues. at 10 AM
Sat. June 30 Sat. June 30 Sat. June 30	Sat. Aug. 25 Sat. July 28 Sun. Sept. 9	Large Family Discount 3-Day Min. Kids Stay FREE! Short Stays in Cottages, full Service, MAP	Hideaway & Bluff Cottages All cottages, full service, MAP Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday arrivals and departures
Mon. July 2nd Sun. July 8 Fri. July 13	Mid-summer Open House Jerry Monkman Photography Workshop	Mid-afternoon/Fairy Houses event Full package includes lodging, food, fee, and island boat trip one day.
Fri. July 13 Sun. July 15 Sat. Aug. 25	Sun. July 15 Fri. July 20 Fri. Aug. 31	Shore Oaks Reunion Wkend. Shore Oaks Reunion Mid-wk. 6-Day 20% OFF Late Summer Getaway	Meet old friends in your favorite place Meet old friends in your favorite place Stays in cottages, Full Service, MAP
Sun. Sept. 2	Fri. Sept. 7	5 Days, for price of 3	B&B/MAP Cottages only. (Dinner 3 nights only)
Tues. Sept. 25	Fri. Sept. 28	Day Tour of the Bay & B&B at Shore Oaks Pkg.	Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown
Fri. Sept. 28	Sun. Sept. 30	Costume Party Centennial Reception Wkend.	Shore Oaks period attire at Saturday Reception, B&B style.
Tues. Oct. 2	Fri. Oct. 5	Day Tour of the Bay & B&B at Shore Oaks Pkg.	Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown

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furniture. We've got just the place: the glass front bookcase in the restaurant. You will return them to your fairies back home when you leave. We'll award prizes weekly on Friday evenings.

If you decide to make fairy furniture or fairy houses here are some important guidelines:

Fairy furniture:

Made of natural materials or handmade techniques from natural materials. No cutting of live trees, shrubs, any flowers (especially wild flowers), mushrooms, moss, or lichen. The joints may be made lashed with string, glue, or tiny nails.



Building Fairy Houses:

Made of all natural materials, low to the ground, in quiet out-of-the-way places, they can be built along rock walls, against trees, or along the hiking trails. Fairies don't like to be out in the open so lawns

should be avoided. The Oakland House gardens are reserved for Fairy Queen Monarda only so we should not disturb.

Fairy Houses have a long tradition here. I was recently told there used to be many along the Blue Dot Trail. They may still be there. I'm going to go see.

SCHOONER DAY TRIP- SHORE OAKS SEASIDE INN PACKAGES.

There is Nothing Like East Penobscot Bay! A Schooner Day Trip and luxurious overnight accommodations at Shore Oaks Seaside Inn is the best ways to see the islands and environs. Captain Bill Brown, a licensed sea captain, supervised the construction of his pinky schooner, **Summertime**. He selected the tree from which the keel was built, thus dictating the size of the boat just like in the days of early coastal ship building. Captain Bill is extremely knowledgeable, both about

wooden sailing vessels and the environs of East Penobscot Bay. Guests speak highly of Bill. His ship's mate fixes a warm lunch in the galley. Guests may munch and sip above decks or below. See calendar for choice of spring or fall dates.

**Your Choice of 3-Day Mid-week or
2-Day Weekend - Same Price.**

LARGE COTTAGE VACATION DEAL FOR FAMILY REUNIONS, GROUPS, OR GIRL- FRIEND PARTIES-FULL SERVICE, MAP.

Here's a great opportunity! We're running a High Season, full service special in our two largest cottages: Hideaway Cottage (sleeps 8) and Bluff Cottage (sleeps 9). The more family members or friends you gather, the more you save. You'll get full service, buffet breakfast and gourmet dinner each evening. Includes use of all recreational facilities on the property.

Pay the regular per person rate for the first 5 people age 12 and over, get 50% OFF for each additional person. Cannot be combined with other discounts. 50% deposit required to secure your reservation. Minimum stay 3 days. Cancellation policy is 60 days instead of our usual 45 days.

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"FLOWER POWER" TIPS FROM THE HEAD GARDENER.

Victorian Homes Magazine's October 2006 issue published a story about our recent garden renovation entitled "Planting Roots...From humble beginnings 240 years ago as a farm, the Oakland House landscaping gets a facelift to match its successful life as a seaside resort." I was quoted extensively. Many of my own photos appeared in the 7-pages devoted to our gardens. An entire page "Flower Power" was devoted to my own gardening tips. I'll share my most important:

1. Dry flower heads can look attractive in a winter garden, but know your plants. Those dry flower heads can spread seeds during the winter and make a tedious weeding job the following season.

Sally Littlefield



Oakland House guests aboard the pinky schooner "Summertime."

NEWS AND GREAT DEALS INSIDE...



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