



INNKEEPERS' NEWS

From Jim's and my favorite poem by Sabrina Rene Fair:
"We have passed all the tests of distance and time,



Photo by Bert LaPrade

thank you my friend, for being my friend!" With these words we celebrated our 10th anniversary on the gloriously beautiful weekend of September 10th, 2004. We closed Oakland House Seaside Resort to all but our

lifelong friends and invitees. Having been married at a very small ceremony in Cincinnati, Ohio, this was the dream party we have been waiting to have. It was a blast! We welcomed overnight guests who travelled for some distance to a Friday night dinner and kept on celebrating through the weekend. It was extraordinarily special.

Sally M. Littlefield

WEDDINGS BY THE SEA... DOWNEAST HOSPITALITY IN AN ELEGANT YET RELAXED SETTING!

Oakland House Seaside Resort has been a wedding destination for generations. We're 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 ten elegant rooms at our Shore Oaks Seaside Inn and fifteen spacious cottages nestled along the shore or secluded in 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 or 2006.

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FAMILY VACATIONS BY THE SEA!

Carefree, fun, full of adventures.

Renowned for its homespun hospitality, Oakland House Seaside Resort has been welcoming families for more than a century. Located on the ocean, 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 the trails on our property or nearby. Devotees of local author Robert McCloskey (*One Morning in Maine* and *Blueberries for Sal*) can hunt for wild blueberries on site, or for Condon's Garage in nearby Buck's Harbor.

Love the sea? Take a windjammer cruise to explore local islands, or go lobstering with a genuine Maine lobsterman. Local libraries offer story hours for children, and the Marine Environmental Research Institute holds education programs and field trips for children. Numerous nature preserves welcome you to their hiking trails and public beaches.

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 menu 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 in the trees. They are elegantly rustic, varying 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 may decide to stay in a private room at Shore Oaks Seaside Inn while their children and grandchildren share a cottage.

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

"The area is surprisingly isolated, strikingly beautiful, and rich in the sorts of charms and thrills that aren't pre-chewed and delivered to your doorstep each morning. Finer accommodations we couldn't recommend." **Metroland, The Maine Less Traveled**, by J. Eric Smith, August 2002.

"...a paddler's paradise just begging to be experienced..." **Maine Sunday Telegram**, October, 2001

ROMANTIC GETAWAYS BY THE SEA!

Creating memories forever.

The gardens, natural fields and woodlands of historic Oakland House Seaside Resort surround the century-old property. This

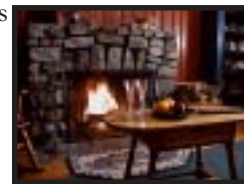


gently rambling resort stretches along a half-mile of glorious oceanfront incorporating a sandy lake beach and hiking trails that beckon you to great vistas overlooking East Penobscot Bay.

The food is exceptional. It's fine dining in a casual country setting, yet with the sophistication of a cosmopolitan address. We are also known for our gracious, welcoming hospitality and cheerful, attentive staff. We

have been in the business of pampering our guests for over five generations.

This is just the setting for people seeking a quiet, natural setting in which to unwind, strengthen the bonds of friendship, or rekindle romance with a loved one. Escape and create your special memories that will last a lifetime!



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

"One of the 12 BEST SPOTS to dine on the coast of New England." **Yankee Magazine**, April 2002

MEETINGS BY THE SEA!

Successful business meetings in a comfortably elegant setting.

Oakland House Seaside Resort, family-owned for over 100 years, is the perfect destination for small off-site meetings and company retreats. Located on the ocean in Brooksville, Maine, Oakland House



provides an exceptional setting, combining quiet meeting facilities with picture-perfect scenery and easy access to outdoor activities.

Meeting spaces are comfortable and relaxed. We can accommodate groups of up to 41 people. Our staff is attentive: No effort is too large, no detail too trivial.

Oakland House Seaside Resort is 15 minutes from the coastal village of Blue Hill and just 50 miles from Bangor International Airport. Deer Isle Country Club's golf course is nearby.

Our facilities can be reserved during off-season months (May, June, September and October.) Meeting planners can reserve one meeting room or rent the entire compound, an arrangement that has proven to be very successful for our business clients.



OUR "SHORT STAY" GETAWAYS & "VALUE" PACKAGES!

You deserve an indulgent, luxurious getaway without having to drive for miles searching for a great dinner! Can you only sneak away for a few days or are you itching to take a high seas adventure to see a few of the historic lighthouses in East Penobscot Bay AND spend the night in comfort on shore?



SHORE OAKS SEASIDE INN SHORT STAY DEALS

Shore Oaks Seaside Inn with its 10 bedrooms is a wonderfully authentic "Maine coast" inn. Guests are served either a full breakfast at Shore Oaks or Sunday brunch at the Oakland House restaurant. We've packaged boat trips and 5-course dinners, with enchanting accommodations at Shore Oaks Seaside Inn for great mid-week and weekend getaway values.

Captain Bill Brown's enthusiasm and knowledge of the Bay delights guests who

join him on his Pinky Schooner cruises. Captain Bill Baker is a Registered Maine Guide. He loves the Bay and takes nature lovers and adventurers on his lobster boat to see the historic and lovely lighthouses of East Penobscot Bay.

COTTAGE SHORT STAY VALUES

Normally, we rent cottages by the week. But this season there are some prime vacation times during our High Season (including breakfasts and dinners at the Oakland House Restaurant) and the Pre- and Post season (housekeeping style only)

when we plan to rent short stays only. Our Short Stay Getaways are **GREAT VALUES**.

Cottages make a wonderful retreat for singles, a romantic escape for couples, and a great, fun vacation home for an entire family or reunion group. Most cottages have wood burning fireplaces, differ greatly in style, and are relaxed and comfortable. Rates vary considerably so check our calendar and call our office to book your deal.

WORKSHOPS ON EAST PENOBSCOT BAY

We're sponsoring "Workshops on East Penobscot Bay" for the 4th season. Again, Plein Air Oil painter Ron Johnson and Eco-Photographer Jerry Monkman will conduct 4 1/2-day workshops at Oakland House Seaside Resort.



Ron shows his work in discerning galleries in Cincinnati, Bar Harbor, Winter Park and others throughout the country. We are lucky to have him. His only Maine workshop will be at the Oakland House.

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 and have yet another book due to come out March 2005.

WORKSHOP 2005 SCHEDULE:

RON JOHNSON:

Arrive Sunday, June 19, 2005

Depart Friday, June 24, 2005

JERRY MONKMAN:

Arrive Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005

Depart Friday, September 9, 2005

EVENTS, SHORT STAY & PACKAGE DEALS 2005 CALENDAR

✓ BEST DEALS of the season!

Days	Arrive/Begin	Depart/End	Details	Event or Instructor
✓ 1	Fri. May 22	Sat. May 21	Benefit overnight	Thanks to Maine Island Trail Volunteers
✓ 1-5	Sat. May 21 to...	Fri. May 27	Shore Oaks Seaside Inn	B&B only GREAT RATES/ROOM
	Fri. May 27 to...	Fri. June 17	Dinners served at Shore Oaks Seaside Inn	Fine Dining incl'd w/Shore Oaks stays (except June 5 & 12 - chef's night off)
✓ 3	Fri. May 27	Mon. May 30	Memorial Day/Shore Oaks Seaside Inn/3-Day Weekend	Stay 2 days, get 3rd FREE. Full breakfasts and 5-course dinners included.
✓ 3	Fri. May 27	Mon. May 30	Memorial Day Cottage Getaway 3-Day Week-end	Stay 2 days, get 3rd FREE. Housekeeping style, meals not included.
3	Tue. May 31	Fri. June 3	5-Course dinner/Bay Tour	Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown
2	Fri. June 3	Sun. June 5	5-Course dinner/Bay Tour	Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown
3	Tue. June 7	Fri. June 10	5-Course dinner/Bay Tour	Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown
2	Fri. June 10	Sun. June 12	5-Course dinner/Bay Tour	Pinky Schooner/Capt. Brown
2	Fri. June 3	Sun. June 5	Two-day Cottage Getaway	Housekeeping style, no meals
5	Sun. June 5	Fri. June 10	Five-day Cottage Getaway	Housekeeping style, no meals
2	Fri. June 10	Sun. June 12	Two-day Cottage Getaway	Housekeeping style, no meals
5	Sun. June 12	Fri. June 17	Five-day Cottage Getaway	Housekeeping style, no meals
	Sat. June 18 to....	Thurs. Sept. 8	5-Course Dinners Served at Oakland House	Fine Dining in our century-old Oakland House Hotel Restaurant
✓ 14	Sat. June 18	Sat. July 2	Seven-day Cottage Getaway Full service MAP	GREAT DEAL. 25% Discount incl.s buffet breakfasts + dinners
✓ 4 1/2	Sun. June 19	Fri. June 24	Plein Air Oil Painting	Ron Johnson. Special rate for singles taking Ron's workshop
✓ 4	Mon. June 27	Fri. July 1	4-day Shore Oaks Spree	Early summer spree, Stay 3, get 4th FREE. 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 Discounted 25% OFF July Rates
	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) Stay 3 days, Get 2 Days FREE GREAT VALUE! Reserve early!
✓ 4 1/2	Sun. Sept. 4th	Fri. Sept. 9	Eco-Photography Includes Boat trip to island.	Jerry Monkman, film and digital. Knowledgeable, well published Special rate for singles taking wrkshp. (except Oct. 3 & 10 - chef's night off)
3	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.	Stay 2 nights, get 3rd night (Chef's night off) FREE.
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.
✓ 3	Mon. Oct. 10	Sun. Oct. 16	Shore Oaks "Three-Fer" The BEST time of the year.	Stay 2 nights, get 3rd night (Chef's night off) FREE.
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.

www.workshopsoneastpenbay.com



NEWS AND GREAT DEALS INSIDE:

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Oakland House Weddings by the Sea!

Top of the Line Service in a Rural Coastal Setting.

See us in "Southern Bride" June, 2004.