



MASSACHUSETTS CAMERA NATURALISTS

NOTICE OF SPRING MEETING

MAY 21ST - 23RD

2010

DAMARISCOTTA, MAINE

We hope Spring will have come to stay and the alewives will be running on the weekend of May 21-23 in Damariscotta. Our meeting and showing of images will take place on Saturday from 6:30 - 10:30 pm at the Skidompha Public library in Damariscotta allowing us lots of time to photograph the many interesting sites in the area.

There will not be a planned meal so there is no need to send in any money. We will ask for a donation of \$5 per person to cover the hall rental when we meet. We would like to know who is going and where you are staying and whether one night or two. Please email Marilyn & Rick Cloran at: mrcloran@comcast.net with that info.

If the weather cooperates we could have a picnic on Saturday noon at the picnic area across from the Pioneer Motel on Rte 1. There are picnic tables and a great view of the water. You may purchase a lunch at one of the many food shops in the area. Anyway, this should be a day of photographing either at the fish ladder or one or two of the other wonderful places to visit like Pemaquid Point or the villages on the Pemaquid Peninsula. Shopping of course is in Boothbay Harbor, Damariscotta and the many craft shops along the roads.

The fish ladder is located in Damariscotta Mills two miles upriver.

Directions to Damariscotta

To get to Damariscotta take Rte 95 North from Massachusetts. Turn onto Rte 295 at Falmouth, follow 295 to Rte 1 in Brunswick and follow Rte 1 to Wiscasset. Across the bridge is the Sheepscot Harbour Village and Resort. Cross the bridge following Rte 1 and go by the turn for Rte 27 into Boothbay. The Cod Cove Inn is here on the right and you are in Edgecomb. Two miles beyond this on Rte 1 you will see the Pioneer Motel on the left. Five miles beyond the motel you will bear right onto Business Rte 1 downhill into the town of Damariscotta. The **Skidompha Library**, the location of our meeting, is at 184 Main St. Damariscotta at the intersection of Water St. and Main St. (Business Rte 1) in downtown section. There is an entrance and a small parking lot on Elm St. behind the library. It is recommended to use this entrance especially if you are attending an event at the Porter Meeting Hall (our meeting place.) Skidompha Library is handicap-accessible; there is easy access from the entrances and an elevator to the second floor. Website www.skidompha.org.

(Maps can be found at end of newsletter)

Directions to the Fish Ladder in Damariscotta Mills

Coming off Rte 1 into Damariscotta, at the end of the ramp bear left.

At 0.1 mile Business Rte 1 bears right at a curve (Main St.) at intersection with two other streets.

Go directly across the intersection onto Rte 215 (Mills Rd.).

Follow Mills Rd. for 1.9 miles to the inlet.

Landmarks along the 1.9 miles of Mills St. are as follows:

0.4 mile from the intersection you will pass under Rte 1

1.2 miles from Rte 1 underpass you will cross train tracks

0.2 mile from crossing the train tracks you will reach a fork in the road with Rte 215 branching left (Austin Rd.) and Mills Rd. bearing right. (Stay on Mills Rd.)

0.1 mile from fork is the inlet for the fish ladder.

Park along the road near the bridge and there are a limited number of parking spaces down below next to the entrance to the fish ladder.

The Agenda for the Meeting

Arrive at the Skidompha Library at 6:30pm. They will open the library for us at that time.

Business meeting: Skidompha Library and will begin shortly after 6:30pm.

Showing of Images: Immediately following the Business Meeting

Members may present images (Slides, Prints or Digital-see image preparation below).

In addition we will have the winners of the 2009 Glennie (Camnats came in 3rd).

Digital Image Preparation: Images should be prepared as follows:

In your favorite imaging software:

1. Crop your image for the best composition.
2. Choose IMAGE>IMAGE SIZE
 - A. Uncheck Resample Image and change your resolution to 100 ppi then recheck Resample Image
 - B. Make sure resample is checked
 - C. Make sure constrain proportions is checked
 - D. For horizontal composition photos, set width to 1024 pixels or smaller. The height will automatically adjust to the correct proportion (generally in the 680's). Other compositions will work as long as they fit into a 1024 x 768 window.
 - E. For Vertical compositions photos, set the height to 768 pixels or smaller. The width will adjust automatically to correct proportion.
3. Save as a JPEG file format, using JPEG quality of 9-10.

Images should be in the NATURE category and be limited to 20 per individual. Slides should be in a carousel and digital images on a CD or flash drive. There may not be wall space for display of prints though a table should be available for print display.

Places to Stay

The Pioneer Motel is very inexpensive and had 8 rooms available on that weekend. They have rooms with one double bed, two double beds and kings each having a microwave, refrigerator and coffeemaker. It is not fancy but adequate. It is pet friendly.

Pioneer Motel (5 miles south of Damariscotta) \$40. single \$50. double
400 Rte 1 Edgecomb, ME 04556 207-882-9281 www.pioneermotel.com

Sheepscot Harbour Village and Resort is on the north side of the river close to the bridge on Rte 1 at Wiscasset. It is new in the last few years and is a beautiful setting. A continental breakfast is included. Their restaurant does not open until Memorial Day (They said rate would be \$103. if we took 5 rooms)

Sheepscot Harbour Village and Resort (7 miles south of Damariscotta)
306 Eddy Rd. (off Rte 1) Edgecomb, ME 207-882-6343

Wiscasset Motor Lodge US Route 1 Wiscasset, Maine (Two miles south of Wiscasset)
(207)882-7137 www.wiscassetmotorlodge.com Rates \$62-\$89.

Mill Pond Inn (just above the fish ladder on water) comes recommended
50 Main St. Nobleboro, ME 207-563-8014
Rate \$140. including full breakfast

Brannon Bunker Inn - (bed & breakfast) approx. \$100 incl. breakfast
349 State Rte 129 (4 miles south of Damariscotta on the Pemaquid Peninsula) Walpole, ME 04573
207-563-5941 www.brannonbunkerinn.com

Flagship Inn - (1 mile from downtown Boothbay Harbor) \$80
200 Townsend Ave. Rte 27 Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538 207-633-5094 1-800-660-5094
www.Boothbaylodging.com

The Tippy Butler (in Newcastle just west of Damariscotta) \$130 incl. full breakfast
11 High St. Newcastle, ME 207-563-3394

Boothbay Harbor is 12 miles from Rte 1 on Rte 27. Some Inns open on Memorial Day. There are several motels in Boothbay Harbor but Flagship Inn seemed to be the least expensive.

Additional Accommodations

Seagate Motel 138 Townsend Ave Boothbay Harbor, ME (207)633-3900 www.seagemotel.com

Oak Gables Bed & Breakfast 36 Pleasant Street Damariscotta, ME 04543 (800)335-7748
www.oakgablesbb.com

Alewives and Ales Bed & Breakfast 22 High Street Damariscotta, ME 04543 (207)563-1651
www.alewivesandales.com

Newcastle Inn 60 River Road Newcastle, ME (207)563-5685 www.newcastleinn.com

The Bradley Inn 3063 Bristol Rd Pemaquid New Harbor, ME (207)677-2105 www.bradleyinn.com

Cod Cove Inn 22 Cross Rd, Junction Route 1 & 27 Edgecomb, ME (207)882-9586
www.codcoveinn.com

Gosnold Arms 146 State Route 32 New Harbor, ME (207)677-3727 www.gosnold.com

Restaurants (list given by Bob Gorrill who lives there)

Pizza and subs and other Italian foods.

The Mediterranean Kitchen, 189 Main St., Damariscotta

Romeo's Pizza & Sports Bar, 436 Main St., Damariscotta

New Italian restaurant opposite the **Mediterranean**

American

Damariscotta Grill, 155 Main St. Damariscotta 207-563-2992

King Eider's Pub 2 Elm Street Damariscotta (207)563-6008

Salt Bay Café, Main Street Damariscotta (207) 563-3302

Blue Marble Lunch and Breakfast Café, 95 Main Street Damariscotta (207)563-5434

The Breakfast Place (home of the now famous crème brulee French toast

Newcastle Public House (in Newcastle)

Anchor Inn (in Round Pound)

Sandwiches-all in Damariscotta

Wylies Sandwiches, 60 School St. (off Business Rte 1) Damariscotta

Larson's Lunch Box, 430 Main St. Damariscotta

McDonalds, Main St. Damariscotta

Subway, 521 Main St., #4 Damariscotta

Dunkin Doughnuts, 434 Main St. #1 Damariscotta

Ice Cream

Round Top Ice Cream (opposite Subway) Damariscotta

Near Pemaquid

Cupboard Café for breakfast and lunch-all made there - known for sticky buns

137 Huddle Rd. New Harbor, ME 207-677-3911 (near Pemaquid beach)

Restaurant at Pemaquid good but may not be open.

Wiscasset Area Restaurants

Le Garage (very good) 15 Water St. Wiscasset, ME www.legaragerestaurant.com

Sarah's Cafe & Twin Schooner Pub Rte 1 Main St. Wiscasset, ME 04578 (207)882-7504

<http://www.sarahscafe.com>

(The above two face the water where the two schooner wrecks used to be.)

(Other restaurants found on Inter-net search-some may have changed names and be in Gorrill's list above)

Schooner Landing 40 Main St. Damariscotta (207)563-7447

Oriental Restaurant of Brunswick 11 Coastal Market Dr. Damariscotta (207)725-1142

King Wok Chinese Restaurant 11 Coastal Market Dr. Damariscotta (207) 563-7003

www.orientalrestaurantinc.com

Augustine's Backstreet Restaurant 17 Backstreet Lndg, Damariscotta (207)563-5666

Grill Zilla Main St Damariscotta (207)563-2552

Reunion Station Rte 1 Damariscotta (207) 563-5557

Uptown Café 212 Main St. Damariscotta (207) 563-7000

Zecchino's Submarine Sandwiches 49 Main St. Damariscotta (207)563-7827

Places of Interest

Fish Ladder, Damariscotta Mills - Osprey feeding on Alewives

Top of Fish ladder and Damariscotta Lake-Young loon was spotted here last year.

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Boothbay Harbor - \$10 admission, \$8 Senior price

Marsh River Bog on left before the turnoff for Damariscotta

Pemaquid Point - Lighthouse in Park. (Fee) Good for sunrise & morning shooting and just a beautiful place all day. Lighthouse may be open.

New Harbor and Round Pond - nice fishing harbors for photographing

Towns of Wiscasset, Boothbay Harbor and Damariscotta are fun to explore.

More information will be forthcoming.

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Should you need to contact us while there, Rick's cell phone is 617-967-3955.

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Marilyn & Rick Cloran

Future Meetings:

MassCamNats is in need a volunteer or two to host the Fall meeting.

New Web-Site: Check out the new web-site at <http://www.camnats.org>

A Note about Badges: All members should wear their name badge at the meetings. We have had several new members in recent years and the badges are a great help for everyone to get to know other members.

General Membership News:

Bill Korkoz, of Glastonbury, CT and long time MassCamNats member passed away on November 24, 2009 at the age of 77. Bill was a former vice president of the New England Camera Club Council, a member of the Springfield Photographic Society, New England Camera Club, Mass Camera Naturalists and the Charter Oak Photographic Society. He received the Fellow of the Photographic Society of America Award.

CamNats placed 10th over all and 3rd place in Diversity Award (out of 184 clubs) in the Annual Glennie Nature Competition hosted by the Merrimack Valley C.C.

MassCamNats member Fran MacDonald won Best Botany Images with "Hepatica", Dan Charbonnett won a merit award for Reptiles and Marilyn Cloran won a merit award for Waterscapes.

Judges for this event were: Mike Di Stefano MNEC, Joy Marzols & Wendy McIntosh.

Both Mike & Wendy are MassCamNats members.

Notes from Afield Editor:

If any CamNats member has news, which they would like to share with the membership, please forward it to me Mike Di Stefano 22 Orchard Street North Providence, RI 02911-2535 (401) 353-1236

Or preferably by e-mail at: madmanmiked@hotmail.com

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