

SCHOONER TIDINGS



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What's happening at Schooner Cove?

Spring is finally here in Damariscotta! The birds are chirping, the sun is shining, and before you know it, fresh lobster rolls will be enjoyed with ocean views, golf games will be played, and schooners will be sailing along Maine's coastline.

We celebrated the first day of spring with a Ladies Spring Tea, complete with homemade blueberry scones, cucumber sandwiches, chocolate dipped strawberries, and more. We are looking forward to the rest of our spring and summer events, including our Kentucky Derby Party, Mother's Day lunch, Father's Day cookout, Antique Car Show, and more.



King and Queen of Schooner Cove: Gail Clark & Bill Halbert.

This February we had the most exciting Super Bowl party yet as the Patriots made a major comeback, and a Mardis Gras dinner where we named a King and Queen of Schooner Cove. We are looking forward to another beautiful spring and summer here in coastal Maine.

Alice McAdams: A Resident of 25 Years

Schooner's longest-term resident, Alice McAdams, moved into Schooner Cove in September of 1991. The friends she has made over the past 25 years continue to be her favorite part of living here.

"It's a wonderful place for companionship when wanted, but also a feeling of independence" she explained. The Friday night B.Y.O.B. gatherings in the library before a home cooked meal in the dining room with fellow residents are a weekly highlight for her.

Before moving into Schooner Cove, she lived on Rackliff Island in St. George, Maine, with her husband, George. When George was diagnosed with dementia, they thought it would be best to move off of the island. After he passed, Alice was glad that her children did not need to worry about her living alone on an island.

"When I first moved in with my husband, we wanted to be on the fourth floor, but they were all occupied," stated Alice. A year later, a fourth-floor apartment became available, but Alice decided she wanted to stay on the first floor. "When my grandchildren were younger, they would come in one door and then immediately run outside to play on the front lawn. They really enjoyed it."

Each spring for the past 25 years a relative of a former maintenance man has visited Alice to help clean up winter debris and plant new flowers in her patio area... another reason she enjoys her river view, first floor apartment.

After 25 years of living at Schooner Cove, the advice she would give to a potential resident is that you decide how social you want your life to be. You can have a lot of alone time, spend time with others, or a combination of both.



Gail, Nancy, and Alice celebrating the first day of spring at the Ladies Spring Tea.

Harry is turning 100!

On June 9th, Harry Emmons will celebrate his 100th birthday. His nearly 100 years of life so far have been full of traveling around the world and time spent with friends and family.

"I have enjoyed my life the most since I retired," he joked. "Traveling with my wife has been the most enjoyable part of my life. Traveling was her obsession," he explained. Together, they journeyed to Europe six times, the Caribbean three times, Florida yearly, Hawaii, Alaska, and more.

Harry really enjoyed Hawaii for the pure beauty of the water and mountains, as well as England as he found the country exceptionally interesting.

"Friends have always been a very important part of my life," Harry stated, and they continue to be—some come to Schooner Cove to visit, and one will also



be turning 100, just before Harry's birthday. "He will beat me" Harry added.

Harry was born and raised in New Jersey, where he attended college at Rutgers University. Upon graduation, he worked as an electrical engineer for General Electric until retiring in 1982.

We look forward to celebrating Harry's 100 years of adventures and wisdom with him and his family in June. Happy early birthday, Harry!







Ladies at the Spring Tea



Mark Your Calendars!

1920's-1960's Music Performance by Heather & Dave Wednesday, April 19th – 3:00 pm

Lunch & Learn: "Consumer Matters: Scams & More" Monday, April 24th – 12:00 pm (please RSVP)

Easter Luncheon* Sunday, April 16 – 12:30 pm

Kentucky Derby* Saturday, May 6 – 5:00 pm

Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Presentation Monday, May 8 – 1:30 pm

Mother's Day Lunch* Sunday, May 14 – 12:30pm

Piano Concert by Sean Fleming Monday, May 15 – 3:00 pm

Father's Day Cookout* Sunday, June 18 – 12:30 pm

String Quartet Concert by the Davis Sisters Thursday, June 22 – 2:00 pm

Antique Car Show with "Elvis"

Tuesday, July 18 - 5:00 pm

*Events with an asterisk are for residents and their families only at this time.