



Machias Bay Area Chamber

The Bay Today

January 2007

Happy New Year



" Contra Dance to Highlight Machias-Area History "

The Heritage Contra Dance Fundraiser

On Saturday, January 13th from 7:30 to 10:30pm, MBACC will present its 2nd Annual Winter Ball in the form of a Contra Dance to be held at the Kilburn Commons dining hall at UMM. The event is open to the public and is a fundraiser for the Margareta Days Festival to be held from June 7—10 in Machias. Those attending the dance are encouraged to dress from times past spanning from 1763 to 1963. Styles include, but are not limited to, colonial, (as at last years dance), victorian, roaring '20s, poodle skirts from the '50s, or hippie garb from the '60s. Use your imagination!

Entertainment will be provided by Lubec's Black Sox Band with caller Alan Furth giving instructions for dancers. One doesn't need a partner or experience, so no excuses will be accepted for not attending.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person and include a cash bar and deserts. For

tickets or information, contact Louise West at MBACC at 255-4402.



Upcoming Events:


- **1-1 Happy New Year**
Blood Drive Noon - 6pm
Helen's Restaurant
- **1-11 Eggs & Issues** 7:30-9
Helen's Restaurant.
Topic: Small Business Administration
- **1-13 Heritage Contra Dance** 7:30pm - 10:30pm sponsored by MBACC at Kilburn Commons at UMM
- **1-25 Business After Hours** - 5-7pm Wooly Barn
- **2-7 Sunrise Senior College** presents
- **2-8 Eggs & Issues** 7-9am
Helen's Restaurant
- **2-22 Business After Hours** - 5-7pm
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- **2-29 Black Fly Breeders Association Convention**
8am.\$10 includes breakfast.
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Have an upcoming event that would interest our membership? Please call, fax or email us ASAP.

January 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Noon-6pm Blood Drive - Helen's Rest.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 E & I 7:30- 9am Helen's Rest. - SBA	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 BAH 5- 7pm - Wooly Barn	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 5-7pm SSCs "cabin fever" get together	8 E & I 7:30-9am Helen's Rest.	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 BAH 5-7	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 MBBA Convent. 		

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Photo Highlights from December 2006 Events

Students from MMHS decorated the town with wooden holiday cutouts. Whitney's Originals decorated the bridge with balsam wreaths and garland. Pageants, Photos with Santa at the Ice Cream Social, the Bean Supper at Harwood Masonic Lodge #91 and the Chamber's Craft Fair and Shopping Spree drawing also highlighted the season. Many thanks to all.

E-Impact for
December 2006

EGGS AND ISSUES

Eggs & Issues

7:30 - 9am

Helen's
Restaurant

Topic:
Small Business
Administration

Eggs and Issues will present Herbert Thomas from the Small Business Administration on Thursday, January 11th at Helen's Restaurant.

Next E & I: Thursday, February 8th

Business After

Hours

5 - 7pm

Wooly Barn

Business After Hours on January 25

On Thursday, January 25th Business After Hours will present a new business in Machias called Wooly Barn. The Wooly Barn is a yarn shop run by Sarah Gabrielson at 15 Cooper Street in Machias.

Next BAH on Thursday Febuary 22nd

MBACC now has
copies of the
University of Maine
at Orono's

*'Ice Age Trail
Maps'*

Stop in and get your
copy



Visitor Information Center

Traffic Figures for November

	Current Month		Year-to-Date		Y-D Comparison	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006/2005	
Calais	505	609	13,048	19,060	+6,012	+46%
Hampden (N)	3,639	3,373	90,257	85,229	-5,028	-6%
Hampden (S)	3,720	6,521	77,829	87,950	+10,121	+13%
Houlton	727	861	21,242	22,029	+787	+4%
Kittery	19,299	17,675	525,201	489,193	-36,008	-7%
Yarmouth	7,854	7,076	181,629	181,513	-116	+/-0.0%
TOTALS	35,744	36,115	909,206	884,974	-24,232	-3%

Did You Know?

Portland, Maine has been chosen #12 of the top 12 world travel destinations by Frommer's, publisher of a series of highly acclaimed travel guides. Portland joins the ranks of Zurich, Switzerland and Tokyo, Japan.

Membership Has It's Privileges... 2006

Many enhanced or new benefits are coming your way in 2006

**Please join with us in building the best chamber in Washington County.
Supporting local businesses by buying local, keeps the green in Washington County.
MBACC is committed to our business community.**

Vision:

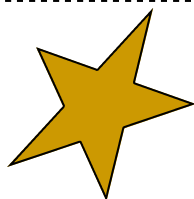
We are a highly involved and respected Chamber of Commerce dedicated to building strong relationships throughout our community.

Mission:

To provide quality services, representation, and educational information to our members and to promote community involvement through the Chamber's activities and events.

Welcome New Members:

Join today and you'll be the star in our next newsletter!



The Wooly Barn - Sarah Gabrielson, owner. 15 Cooper St, Machias.
255-1001

Garcia Tile & Stone - Joe Garcia, owner. P O Box 314, Machiasport.
263-4789

Unique Possibilities - Nancy Grant, Mgr. Dunkin Donuts Building,
Machias. 255-3337

**Please
stop by
or call
and
meet our
Newest
Members**

The Wooly Barn

Sarah Gabrielson of Machias has announced the opening of her new yarn store called "The Wooly Barn".

Save the Date

Annual Meeting March 2007

Kilburn Commons - UMM

5:00 -10:00 pm

Cocktails, dinner, presentations, & auction. Please plan to join us. All employees welcome. Please call the chamber if you would like an application to run for one of our board of directors positions.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support.

Plan Ahead

Black Fly Breeders Annual Convention

Feb. 29th (for those with a non-black-fly-calendar it is really March 1)

Location to be Announced

Call Holly at Woodwind Gallery (255-3727) for more information

The only place in Machias Bay where 125 people will gather, some in funny clothes, some with silly songs or limericks, and pay \$10 for a buffet breakfast even if they only want a cup of coffee. But alas, it is for a good cause. This charitable, giving organization goes the extra mile to put a smile on everyone's face. Don't wait to read all about it, come and support these fun loving chamber members and buy yourself some goodies: T & Sweat Shirts, Black Fly Houses, Bookmarks, Etc. Join the MBBA for only \$1.00.



Governor's Conference on Tourism

February 13, 2007

The Governor's Conference on Tourism will be held February 13, 2007 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. This year's theme is Maine Tourism in the Modern World.

This is a professional development conference not to be missed. For registration and more information, visit: www.maintourismconference.com.

International Food Festival & Auction

Sponsored by the Downeast Community Hospital Auxiliary
to benefit the \$80,000 Chapel Construction Project

Both International Students at UMM and International Hospital Staff will prepare wonderful fare from around the world. Come tempt your palate and enliven your senses. Another great place to spend \$10 to benefit a great cause. Area clergy are helping to coordinate the effort and if you would like to donate a special dish contact Gail Peters at 255-3768. If you would like to donate to the auction, call Ruth Luebecker at 255-0915. Tickets at DECH or the Party Palace 255-6116.

Saturday February 25th Starting at 5:00 pm UMM's Kilburn Commons \$10 adults, \$5 Children

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The Office

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Plan Ahead

WWW.WCBCM.COM

25 Business
Seminars

Washington County Business Conference & Marketplace

One of the Governor's Conferences on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Friday April 20 12:00—5:00 Saturday April 21 8:00—4:30

Washington County Community College in Calais.

50 +
Vendors

This is your opportunity to exhibit in the Marketplace and show all of Washington County the entrepreneurial spirit and diversity of the businesses here. Applications now being accepted. Pick one up at the Chamber or we can email them or call Fred Hartman at 733-0988. Booth space is limited 10x10 \$75.00 & 8x4 \$50. Electricity is \$15. Apply now so you can be listed on the web site which includes a link to your website. Register online for seminars and to download a Marketplace application.

3rd Annual Margareta Days Festival

June 7—10, 2007

www.margarettadays.com for listing of events

Time to be making your period clothing for the June festival. Call the chamber for a list of web sites to purchase period clothing. We are accepting applications for period vendors, blacksmithing, candle making, soap making, coopers, tin making, and anything related to this year's theme of _____ There will be children's crafts too. Call 255-4402 for more information.

32nd Annual Wild Blueberry Festival

August 17-19, 2007

Now accepting applications for vendor space. \$100 for both days. 10x10 space.

Please let us know ASAP if any of you are planning a special event around or during the festival time frame. **The planning committee at Centre Street Congregational Church is preparing the 2007 brochure to go to print NOW.** Last year it was noted that a number of events took place that the planning committee was not aware of and unfortunately it would have been great to have the event listed in the brochure. We could have at least had your event listed on the "Things to do" list that is given out at the information booths. This is a community festival and it will be a wonderful 32nd season if we all pitch in and pool our resources and talent and work to make this the [best family festival in Maine](#). (and the world).

ESPN gave us the world two years. Many exciting things are being planned again for this year. Thank you to all who generously sponsor events and for the volunteers who give of themselves to make this happen. It is a great economic boom to our area. Call 255-4402 for an application for booth space or for information.

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Louise West, Executive Director

We are on the Web
www.machiaschamber.org

TO:

Members in the News:

Helen's Restaurant is sponsoring a Happy New Year Blood Drive on New Years Day from noon to 6pm at the restaurant. A sliver of Helen's famous pie and a t-shirt will be given to all donors. Get an update on Damon Barker.

VALID ID REQUIRED

**Please let us know if your company or an employee is in the news: awards, promotions, new hires, community involvement, or any event you want to promote and we will put it in our newsletter.

Deadline is Jan 15th.

Email, call or mail to the chamber. Photos in jpg.



January 2007

10% Discount
for MBACC members on
bookkeeping, W-2's, 1099s, and
tax preparation at our
Machias Office.

H & R Block

1 Water Street

Machias, ME 04654

255-8637

Call for appointment or information on our services

Many Thanks to you our members. Please let us highlight your activities in our newsletter and email alerts. Call us with your information. February Newsletter Deadline is Jan. 15th.