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## **POPHAM'S 400<sup>th</sup> – FEATURES ARTS, CRAFTS & GOOD FOOD**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2007, the little village of Popham Beach will open the 4 day celebration of the 400th anniversary of the landing and settlement of George Popham in 1607. While historical events will take center stage, let's not forget some other opportunities.

The Popham Library and Art Gallery is home to seven resident artists, all of whose work will be available to view throughout the four day "Popham 400<sup>th</sup>" celebration. Paintings by Bev Bevilacqua, Judie Freer, Diane Norris, Claudette Gamache and Tom Percy will be displayed beside the photographs of David Wade and Steve Norris.

Come early on Thursday, because nine local restaurants will showcase their specialties at the "Taste of Sagadahoc", starting at 11:30am. Anna's Water's Edge from Sebasco Wharf will feature crab dip and fish, moose or venison jerky. Edgewater Farm B & B, on the Phippsburg peninsular will offer fish chowder and nautical boxes filled with candy. The Kennebec Tavern from Bath will serve crab salad and lobster salad rolls,

while the Lobster House from Phippsburg will showcase their clam chowder followed by raspberry or strawberry shortcake. Mae's Café from Bath will be offering pies ...slices or whole and will be baking up nautical shortbread cookies and Mary Ellenz has cornered the market on cold soups ...gazpacho and strawberry rhubarb. The Taste of Europe, formerly the Old Munich Restaurant will put you in a German mood with potato salad, red cabbage and sausage with sauerkraut. Try a slice of blueberry pie from Bath's Starlite Café, but make sure you save room for a crab cake or lobster puff from Sebasco Harbor Resort's Pilot House.

You won't go hungry on Friday as the Popham Circle Café will be open for business, selling crab and ham salad rolls, vegetable wraps and drinks. They'll also be selling home baked pies and other goodies. The Phippsburg Center Church will be in Popham serving tasty Italian sausages; Percy's will be open for breakfast and lunchtime sandwiches and Spinney's will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Saturday August 25 is a bonanza of experiences. An invitational craft show with over forty vendors will tempt you to buy anything from bird feeders to beads, from pickles to pottery and don't forget soaps, lotions and creams. Popham 400th commemorative items will be available at the Popham Circle booth, and the "Circle Café" will be open for lunch and baked goods. Overwhelmed? Today the Phippsburg Center Church will be serving strawberry shortcake. Or, if you have lobster on your mind, visit Spinney's for a lobster bake dinner (any time between 1-7pm) but you need to buy your ticket in advance (see web site for details). That way you will be ready for the fireworks at dusk.

The weekend celebration closes with a Historic Church Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and an elegant reception. You'll taste the fruits of the season, miniature quiches, savory delights as well as baskets of fruit breads with unique cheese spreads. Don't forget the sweet surprises, coffee and orange punch.

For more information on Popham 400<sup>th</sup>, - directions, parking, event schedule and free shuttle buses, please go to <http://www.popham400.org>