

# Chamber News

September 2013

## SEPTEMBER CHAMBER EVENTS INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & ANNUAL MEETING

### Flood and Hickman to Speak at SEPT. BREAKFAST MEETING

The Chamber breakfast meeting on Thursday, September 5, will feature State Senator Patrick Flood (Senate District 21) and State Representative Craig Hickman (House District 82). They will provide a legislative update and discuss changes to Maine laws that affect the businesses and communities of the Winthrop Lakes Region.

State Senator Patrick Flood (Senate District 21), a retired forest products industry representative who resides in Winthrop, is serving his first term representing Senate District 21 in the Maine Legislature. He previously served four terms representing House District 82. State Representative Craig Hickman, an organic farmer and owner of Annabessacook Farm B&B who resides in Winthrop, is serving his first term representing House District 82.

**Please note the new location, which is the Community Room on the main floor of the Winthrop Commerce Center, located at 149 Main Street in Winthrop. Enter at the rear of the building.**

The cost is \$5 per person, to be paid at the door. A light breakfast will be provided beginning at 7:15 am. The meeting will start at 7:30 am and end promptly at 8:30 am. The meeting, which is generously sponsored by **Brian S. Berry & Associates, CPAs**, is open to the public. No reservations are required.

For more detailed information about this event, please go to [www.winthropchamber.org](http://www.winthropchamber.org), call 207-377-8020, or send an email to [info@winthropchamber.org](mailto:info@winthropchamber.org).



### Chamber Annual Meeting SET FOR SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

The Chamber's Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, from 5 to 7 pm, at TJ's (965 US Route 202) in North Monmouth.

### Many Thanks to Art Festival SUPPORTERS & VOLUNTEERS

By all accounts, the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Sidewalk Art Festival in Winthrop was a major success, which would not have been possible without these sponsors and volunteers:

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**Volunteers:** Victoria Christopher \* Shari Falcone  
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## **October Breakfast Meeting: SAVE THE DATE!**

**O**n Thursday, October 3, the Chamber breakfast meeting will feature Bill Stone of Promising Futures. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!!**

### **Manchester Osteopathic Healthcare**

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## **Kennebec Performing Arts Co.: CALL FOR MUSICIANS**

**T**he Kennebec Performing Arts Company is welcoming new musicians for its 2013-2014 season. This is an exciting opportunity to join an organization with a long history of making music in the greater Augusta area. Under the direction of Charles T. Milazzo, three ensembles—an auditioned four-part chorus, a large wind ensemble, and a jazz band—perform in at least two concert series each year. The musicians are incredibly talented neighbors and fellow community members—from students to music teachers, and from working professionals to the retired young-at-heart.

Both vocalists and instrumentalists are sought. The ability to read music is required. Please contact Chuck Milazzo at 207-685-9653 to learn more about the rehearsal schedule and how to join the Kennebec Performing Arts Company. Also check out the website [www.kennebecperformingartscompany.org](http://www.kennebecperformingartscompany.org) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/kennebecperformingartscomp](http://www.facebook.com/kennebecperformingartscomp) any for more details!





## State launches new Web portal “MAINE BUSINESS ANSWERS”

The Maine Department of Economic and Community Development has launched a new Web portal “Maine Business Answers” designed to make it easier to start and conduct business in the State of Maine. The portal allows users to select one of 104 different business types and answer a series of related questions to produce a list of the relevant tasks, forms and information in a checklist. Users can set up accounts on the site to keep track of those forms and tasks as they are completed. The portal aims to create a central repository of information for starting a new business in the state.

If you need answers to your business questions, be sure to check out “Maine Business Answers” at <https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/businessanswers/index.pl>. You can also email [business.answers@maine.gov](mailto:business.answers@maine.gov) or call 1-800-872-3838 in Maine or 1-800-541-5872 from outside of Maine between 8 am and 5 pm (EST) on weekdays.

## Member News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) is hosting a Mushroom Foraging and Identification and Potluck event on Sunday, September 29, at 2 pm. Participants are invited to join Justin Schlawin, Dusty Small, and Teague Morris for a discussion and mushroom identification walk at Small-Burnham Conservation Area in Litchfield, followed by a local foods potluck in celebration of Maine’s fall harvest.

There will be a discussion of the value of mushrooms for human health as well as the techniques for responsible foraging and harvesting. After a short presentation, Justin, Dusty, and Teague will lead a foraging walk around the 250-acre Small Burnham Conservation Area. The group will then return for the local foods potluck.

Preregister by calling 207-377-2848 or emailing [glamarche@tklt.org](mailto:glamarche@tklt.org).



Group at Small-Burnham Conservation Area in Litchfield. Photo: Theresa Kerchner.