

Gostoots CONFERENCE September 9&10, 2011 unity college centre for the performing arts

By Meaghan Lasala

This spring and summer I have by Maine's grassroots media makers, vou will help us spread the word! been blessed to watch the Maine Grassroots Media Conference blossom from an idea into a full-fledged. collaborative reality. WERU and Unity College joined forces because we see the need to strengthen the networks of grassroots media in Maine. Watching this little seed be nourished this unique event will offer. I hope

WERU Associate Development Director (AmeriCorpsVISTA)

artists, educators, and organizers affirms our conviction that we all stand to benefit hugely by coming together to share our media skills.

I'm happy to report that after months of conference organizing, we're ready to share a taste of what

The conference will take place Friday evening, September 9th, and all day Saturday, September 10th, at the Unity College Centre for the Performing Arts. The Centre is a gorgeous space converted from an old barn with 200-seat theatre, a great sound

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By Amy Browne, WERU News and Public Affairs Manager

Hill Library invite you to take part in "The WERU Story Forum: Blue Hill" and join us for an evening of story-telling on August 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the Blue Hill Library.

The event will be hosted by Rob McCall, producer of Awanadjo Almanack on WERU, author, and long time pastor of the Blue Hill Congregational Church. Rob states that the goal of all his work is, "feeling at home in Nature and break-

WERU-FM and the Blue ing down the wall of hostility between us and the rest of creation. I concur with Alexander Pope that 'the universe is one stupendous whole whose body Nature is, and God the soul' and with Walt Whitman that 'a mouse is miracle enough to stagger sextillions of infidels.' But don't take it from me, go out and see for yourself."

While story-telling has seen a resurgence in popularity in recent years, with radio shows and even "sto-

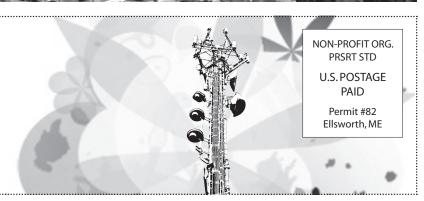
ry slams" devoted to the art, we plan to keep things grassroots and very local, in keeping with the WERU mission. The event in Blue Hill will be followed by similar events throughout our listening area, and each will have a WERU volunteer or staff member with a connection to that community as host.

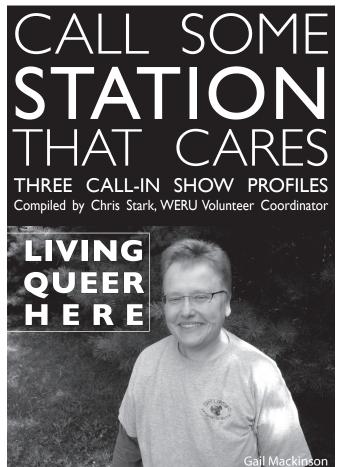
Please come and share your memories and stories about Blue Hill, past and present. What makes Blue Hill special? What is it like to live here? How has it changed over the years? What stories did your grandparents tell about the place? Stories will be recorded for broadcast on WERU, and for the library to keep for future generations.

Please note that while this event will be free and open to the public, donations will be welcomed. For more information, please contact Amy Browne at WERU-FM, amy@weru. org or 469-6600.



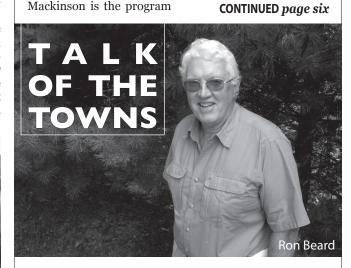
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The program, Living Queer Here, has returned to WERU and is now on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m.. Gail Mackinson is the program

host. Gail, who is now a retired attorney, got involved with WERU from September, 2002 to March 2005 as the host of a monthly



WERU's longest running interview and call in program results from a partnership between University of Maine Cooperative

Talk of the Towns, Extension and the station. The show commenced in the fall of 1993 with Ron Beard and Bar Harbor Town Council Chair Jill **CONTINUED** page six



Donna Loring is the host as interviews with Native Wabanaki perspectives, topics and opinions as well

of Wabanaki Windows, a artists, writers and people monthly (3rd Tuesday) 10 of interest like Maria Girto 11 a.m., show featuring ouard, Director of the Penobscot Nation Cultural **CONTINUED** page six

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WERU provides a community-based non-commercial radio service; WERU broadcasts programs designed to serve the needs of those not fully served by other broadcast media in the areas covered by the WERU signal; WERU is a "voice of many voices" offering a wide variety of people an opportunity to share their experiences, concerns, perspectives and information with their neighbors over the airwaves and Internet.

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By Matt Murphy, WERU General Manager

If you are a summer visitor and are reading this newsletter for the very first time I invite you to tune in WERU to hear a radio station that's quite possibly unlike anything you've ever heard before. Welcome to Maine and "WERU-

gible. Whether your vehicle will work for someone else or wind up being sold as scrap, it can still help your community radio station.

PROGRAMMING: We've got some new programs and volunteer programmers. For music Sister Moxie and Sam Spruce present Acadia Highway (Sundays 11 a.m.) featuring Acadian, Cajun and Zydeco, and Charlie Bickford and Dan Deluca bring back an old favorite, Woodstock Nation (Sundays 12 p.m.). WERU welcomes Quinn Mitchell of Blue Hil. Quinn has been finding his way into the schedule over the past weeks, first substituting on other people's shows and then getting his own (Quinntopia Thursday 12-1 a.m.). Wes Sterrs of Belfast is hosting Beastly Jams (Wednesday Midnight to 2 a.m.) featuring a And on August 2nd we teamed up with the New Surry Theatre in Blue Hill to present an uplifting concert of original contemporary folk music and traditional African-American Spiritual and Freedom Songs with Kim & Reggie Harris.

UPCOMING WERU EVENTS:

WERU will be hosting a story telling forum in Blue Hill August 25th (see page one). WERU will once again broadcast the American Folk Festival live from Bangor on August 27th and 28th (we'll be at the Penobscot Stage so please stop by and say hello). On September 10th we are very excited about hosting (with Unity College) the very first Maine **Grassroots Media Conference**

(see page one). And finally, we'll be at MOFGA's **Common Ground Country** Fair in Unity September 23rd - 25th. If you'd like to help with any of these events, or would perhaps be interested in joining our Development Committee to work on and even create new events, please contact our Office & Volunteer Coordinator, Chris Stark (chris@weru.org).

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB): WERU has a Community Advisory Board comprised of listeners from throughout our listening area. The job of the CAB is to provide feedback to the WERU Board of Directors about how effectively our programming and policies fulfill our mission

statement. Communication with the Board and General Manager generally occurs via email and pe-

riodic CAB meetings. If you would like to learn more about serving on the CAB, please email me (matt@weru.org) for details on the application process.



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for the Corporation for Public **Broadcasting.** If this were to happen WERU would lose at aproximately 20% (\$100,000) of our annual operating budget (\$500,000). Information on the campaign to save federal funding, including how you can join the effort, can be found at www.170millionamericans.

org. (170,000,000 Americans use public and community broadcasting each month.)

NATIONAL COMMUNITY RADIO CONFERENCE: At the beginning writing and Publications Manager)

attend this gathering of some onehundred other community radio stations from around the country. It's always great to connect with colleagues and share information, and to participate in workshops and plenary sessions (addressing program development, fundraising, new media, broadcast technology, etc.). This year I was one of four presenters in a workshop entitled "Building Better Boards" that was for stations trying to grow a stronger and more active board of directors, something that is particularly important for the new stations at the conference. Adam presented a workshop on fundraising through program underwriting. We came back to Maine with lots of good information, connections and enthusiasm for our work.

THANK YOU MEAGHAN: Last, but certainly not least, is Meaghan LaSala, our Digital Arts Service Corp worker (a project adminis-

members will take some time and effort and Meaghan certainly gave us a great start. Her one-year term with WERU ended on July 31st and we will miss her very much. In the past year she has coordinated several listener focus groups, our Short Distance Valentine Dance, Spring Fling Music & Gear Sale, a Bangor Green Drinks gathering and concerts at the Maine Discovery Museum. She attended many Bangor area community events and established and strengthened our connections with many other nonprofit community organizations and businesses. She created and hosted our new Bangor Area Commons public affairs program and produced a number of public affairs stories for the WERU News Report. She will also stay on as a volunteer coordinating the Maine **Grassroots Media Conference.** As you can see that Meaghan has done a tremendous amount of excellent work for the station and we thank



Four Shillings Short at the Maine Discovery Museum in Bangor

For old hands at this community radio business, you've probably noticed that all of our programmers on the air have the new station identification (89.9 Blue Hill and 99.9 Bangor) down quite well. It's been five months since our new signal for the Bangor area came online and word is spreading (please help out by telling people you know about it).

SUPPORT WERU COMMUNITY RADIO! Saturday, August 6 – Sunday, August 14 is our next on-air membership drive week, a critically important time for the fiscal health of WERU. New memberships, renewals and additional gifts all help the cause. If you recently received a pre-drive membership renewal letter please be sure to respond, either via mail or by calling 800-643-**6273** during pledge week. Please help WERU serve the community by making a donation!

Turn your junker into \$\$\$ for WERU. You and your old car can help keep WERU running through a new vehicle donation fundraising program. Call 877-411-DONATE and the Center for Car Donations will come and take your vehicle away and sell it to benefit WERU.

wild selection for the late night listeners. And for public affairs, Gail Mackinson returns after a few year hiatus with Living Queer Here (4th Tuesday 10 - 11 a.m.) an hour-long panel discussion and call-in show about a wide variety of GBLT topics (see page one).

WERU's Adam Lacher speaking at the NFCB Conference in San Francisco

RECENT WERU EVENTS: We've had a number of successful events to raise funds and the visibility of the station in the community, as well as to have fun with our listeners and the wider public. Our popular BoatTalk Cruise on the Sea Princess out of Northeast Harbor took place on June 24th (thanks to Bar Harbor Cruises and WERU volunteers Alan Sprague and Mike Joyce). The next night we presented, in partnership with The Grand Auditorium in Ellsworth, an evening of Maine humor and storytelling with the great Tim Sam**ple** (thanks to the work of WERU volunteer John Greenman). On July 21st the Celtic/folk duo Four Shillings Short (Christy Martin and Aodh Óg Ó Tuama) performed their children's program entitled "Around the World in Thirty Instruments" at the Maine of June Adam Lacher (our Under-Discovery Museum in Bangor and Cars, trucks and boats are all eli-several libraries along the coast. and I travelled to San Francisco to signal as listeners, volunteers and



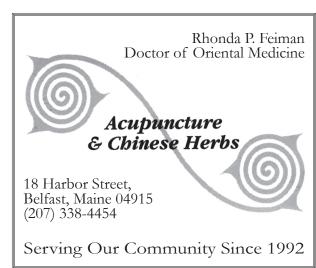
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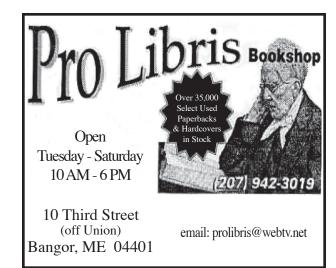
CONCLUSION: So there you go, all kinds of good things going on past year, where she worked at at WERU (including progress on increasing WERU's visibility and getting a new FM transmitter to community engagement. Getting replace the very old one) thanks to



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WERU's New Summer Featured Artists

By Denis Howard, WERU Music Director

WERU's Music Department consists of myself and a dedicated team of volunteers. These individuals listen to all of the compact discs that arrive at WERU each week and determine where each submission will be filed. Since WERU began in 1988 there has been a debate over what exactly constitutes "Rock" or what "Folk" means to our listeners and volunteer disc jockeys. As you can probably guess it gets even more tricky to determine sub-genres. Is a performer making an "Americana" recording or should it be deemed "Contemporary Folk"? Is a new release considered "Rock"" because of the guest artists on duets or is it a "Folk" album because of the song selections? Once our squad has made a decision each CD is added to an information database so WERU has a record of all music placed in our On-Air Studio. Stickers are added to the CD and jewel case to indicate the processing date, filing information, and overall genre. Thanks to Chris, Pat, Gavin, Lonya, Tessa, and all others who help out weekly!



Matraca Berg's The Dreaming Fields album (as of this writing) is # 1 on WERU's Americana airplay chart. You might not recognize her name or even know how to pronounce it ("Mah-Trace-Uh" is the correct way) but you undoubtedly have heard many of the songs this two-time Grammy-nominated singer / songwriter has written over the years. She received the Country Music Association's Song of the Year award for her composition "Strawberry Wine". Her new album is about what each of us can lose in this lifetime. The songs cover the topics of utter loneliness, lust, persistence, and the desire to succeed. The lyrics seem to concern the theme of life's inevitable disappointments and how we ignore them until they actually occur. This is not country music for teenagers but an album for us adults who have weathered a few storms.

An album receiving almost as much airplay as Matraca is the various artists compilation album called *Rave On Buddy Holly*. At first thought there is not much that Paul McCartney, Cee-Lo Green (of Gnarls Barkley fame), and Steve Earle's son (Justin Townes) would have in common. They all perform reinterpretations of the late Buddy Holly's songs on this album (released to your local record stores in late June). Two additional female Americana voices complete the Top

RAVE ON
BUDDY HOLLY
THE BLACK KEYS SHE & HIM
MODEST MOUSE
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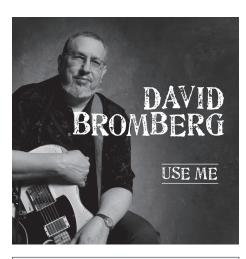


Four most-played artists on WERU this week -- folkie **Gillian Welch** (with her new album **The Harrow & The Harvest**) and singer / songwriter / mandolin player **Sierra Hull** with **Daybreak**. Gillian has been one of the most-played musicians in WERU's history and Sierra has been garnering much airplay (perhaps related to her late July appearance at the Alamo in Bucksport).

A trio of brand-new albums also commanding the attention of WERU's DJ corps are names recognizable to different generations of listeners. **David Bromberg** asked many different Americana artists to perform one song each with him as the lead singer and the result is an album appropriately titled **Use Me**. The **Arctic Monkeys** are headed to North America this September and October but their new album **Suck It And See** beats them to our shores. The band who rose from obscurity to popularity (somewhat linked to their mention and subsequent performance on the television program The O. C.), **Death Cab For Cutie**, have already been nominated

for a 2011 MTV Music Video Award for "You Are A Tourist". Tune in all summer long to hear that song and the other cuts from **Codes And Keys** on WERU's airwaves.

Since May WERU's electronica programs have been playing **Austra's Feel It Break** album (available on Domino). Our world music disc jockeys have actually been playing a New York-based act named **Hazmat Modine** (from the record *Cicada* on the Barbes label). This band qualifies for the classification of "world music" because they blend Gypsy music with country, klezmer, reggae, and blues! WERU's jazz hosts are featuring the music of guitarist **Al DiMeola** quite heavily as of late. Al's new album **Pursuit Of The Radical Rhapsody** (on Telarc) currently sits at the top of WERU's jazz charts.



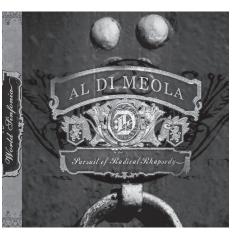


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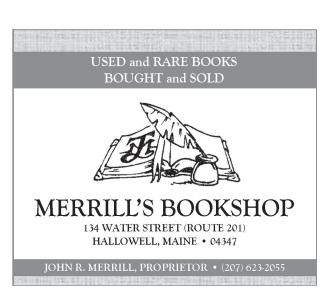








A couple of weeks back I was speaking with someone who works for a local municipality's road crew. He shared with me an anecdote about his coworkers leaving the city trucks' tuners set to WERU to infuriate the next driver. In his case he decided to not change the frequency and instead listen to this mysterious punishment of a radio station for a couple of hours. In those 120 minutes WERU won over this previous lover of just classic rock and commercial country-pop. He now listens to WERU all day at work and loves that he does not hear the same singles in constant rotation as on most commercial radio stations. If you have not yet tuned in to WERU regularly I invite you to listen to the radio station that plays all of the performers listed above as well as a wealth of others. Leave it to my volunteer Music Department to determine where a CD should be filed in our library -- just listen and enjoy the diverse and eclectic music, new and old.







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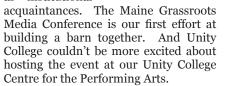
UNITY COLLEGE COMMITTED TO MEDIA ACCESSIBILITY

By John Zavodny, Professor of Philosophy and Humanities

Partnership with WERU Community nomena like climate change and loss of Radio on the Maine Grassroots Media Conference is important for Unity College for at least three reasons.

Working closely together on a project of this scale really helps the institutions get to know each other as work partners. It's just like neighbors. You can wave to each other across the street and say "good morning," but it's not until you build something together that you really

get to know each other. WERU Community Radio and Unity College have done little projects for years and gotten to know each other as institutional



As an environmental college, Unity is committed to supporting WERU and events like the Maine Grassroots Media Conference because we understand the importance of independent and local media for addressing the world's most pressing environmental problems. It's one thing for researchers to understand the impact of human activity on phe-

bio-diversity. It's another thing for our policy-makers and citizens to know and care enough to initiate change. In the Center for Environmental Arts and Humanities, faculty, staff and students are working to better leverage the power of the media to communicate science and support environmental progress. As the Director for the Center for Environmental Arts and Humanities, I am thrilled to

be working with Meaghan ĽaSala and WERU to bring the MGMC to Unity.

21st century scientists, inand novators, educators simply must have media

skills that are up to the task of communicating in a media-saturated world. The Maine Grassroots Media Conference will bring the richest set of independent media resources right to our campus. Students in classes like Documentary Film Making and Environmental Communication will get direct access to individuals and organizations that are interpreting Maine's environmental news. Unity College is committed to providing our students with authentic learning experiences like the Maine Grassroots Media Conference and we couldn't find a better partner than WERU Community Radio.



By Emily Simmons, Worker Bee

The Beehive Collective is a wildly motivated, all-volunteer, art-activist collective based in Eastern Maine. Since 2000, in collaboration with local allies. we have been restoring and reviving the once-endangered Machias Valley Grange Hall. This 105 year-old farmers' meeting hall now hosts a variety of free cultural events for all ages... including the annual Blackfly Ball (this year on August 20th), a dress-up dance par-

ty for all!

We're best known for our detailed, overthe-top intricate, black & white, collaboratively drawn storytelling graphics that use metaphors and cartoons of plants & animals to amplify stories told to us by communities on the frontlines of resource extraction, globalization, and climate change. Self-published and distributed by hand for a sliding scale donation, all our graphics are anti-copyright, cross-culturally accessible, and intended for use

as educational and organizing tools. We swarm across the continent to "cross-pollinate the grassroots," offering educational tours and forging connections among communities struggling in wildly different ways with many of the same patterns and systems of ex-

ploitation depicted in our graphics. Our graphics-based presentations bring folks together around their common experiences and combine clearheaded analysis with the heartfelt imperative to organize, support, and engage these often overwhelming issues together.

In addition to our multi-issue graphics campaigns, we have donated custom graphic designs to the Maine Social Forum, the Highlander Center, the 2011 Water Walk, The Etc. Group,

the EarthFirst! Journal, Rising Tide North America, more.

We have been delighted to contribute poster & logo design work to the Maine Grassroots Media Conference! In these times of dwindling public resources

and regressive government, we believe it is especially important to strengthen networks of independent media makers in the region. We know that innovative, self-made media and compelling stories draw our communities together for change. We have seen firsthand the national impact of gatherings like Detroit's Allied Media Conference, which we participate in annually, and are ecstatic to see a grassroots media space emerging to meet the needs of (especially young) media-makers here in Maine.

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system and conference space. Sandwiched between evenings of local film screenings and celebrated Maine performers, Saturday will offer roughly 20 sessions of workshops, discussions, art collaborations and networking opportunities. We've been working to ensure that these sessions will appeal to a broad spectrum of experience levels and interests.

There will be many how-to workshops with critical information for veteran and aspiring media makers. Just to give a slice: Judy Meyer, Vice President of Maine Freedom of Info Coalition will explain Maine's Freedom to Access of Information laws. WERU's own media guru Jim Campbell (host of *Notes from the* Electronic Cottage Thursday at 7:30 a.m.) will share "Copyrights and Copywrongs," in the digital age. Ron Huber of

Rockland's WRFR and Maggie Avener of the Prometheus Radio Project will offer information for those interested in starting a Low Power radio

There will also be many opportunities to learn from other grassroots media experiences, with panels like "Representing Maine Communities and Identities in the Media." Panelists Mohammed Dini, Alyce Ornella and Andrew Jawitz are currently working on a film about identity and self-determination within the Maine's growing African immigrant population. Natalie Conn runs a video production program for Creative Trails, an innovative community support program for adults with intellectual disabilities.

In another panel, Spruce Run, Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center and the Feminist Oral History Project will share their experiences of collecting oral histories through their organizations.

Keynote speakers will cap our Saturday morning and evening. Artist Rob Shetterly has painted the renowned portrait series "Americans Who Tell the Truth." Rob will share his work and discuss the role of art in keeping alive "a great tradition, a united effort in respect for the truth." Shenna Bellows, Executive Director of the Maine Civil Liberties Union will discuss the importance of a free press in a healthy democracy.

On top of all this, opportunities to network and build alliances will abound! WERU's News and Public Affairs Manager Amy Browne will lead a discussion for grassroots journalists and outlets on how we can better work together

to share material. We'll have a long leisurely lunch break to allow for plenty of time to build on relationships, new and old.

Speaking of lunch, conference attendees can look forward to a by-donation catered meal of local, organic food, provided by local caterers Fields to Feasts. There will be local food snacks Saturday morning and coffee, tea and refreshments all day! If you are interested in donating food to the conference, drop me a line! meaghan@weru. org or 469-6600.

To register and stay updated on the full program, menus, places to stay, and how to get involved, check out the MGMC website, http:// mainegrassrootsmedia.org/ or call **469-6600**. Have a beautiful rest of the summer and we'll see you in Septem-

CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

In keeping with the values of making media tools accessible to ALL, this conference is free and open to the public. BUT the conference however is not free to organize, and we will be relying on your donations to make this important event a success.

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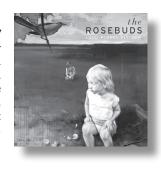


The Waifs --- Temptation

The Waifs, made up of Josh Cunningham and sisters Donna Simpson and Vikki Thorn, began 19 years ago in Western Australia. Temptation is the band's sixth album and best to date. Featuring smoky vocals and rootsy combinations of slide and acoustic guitar, the eleven songs show a band that has grown spiritually, artistically and personally. The Music Network says "The songs are strong, the vocals are personable and charming ... and the warm instrumentation sounds brilliant."

The Rosebuds --- Loud Planes Fly Low

This is the Rosebuds fifth album, but the first since founding members Ivan Howard and Kelly Crisp divorced. Glide magazine says that they "have taken their unfortunate circumstances and turned them into a work of great art, emotion and perhaps even catharsis." They create a focused mood with extraordinary vocals that compliment the ambient guitars and piano swooning in the background. The result is what Spin calls "a wistful blend of strummy acoustic ballads and bright, guitar-powered rockers, and what Kelly Crisp says is their "most honest record yet" - one that acknowledges, critiques and examines the emotions that result from a relationship in crisis.



Bottle Shock --- Edge of the Crowd

Bottle Shock began in 2004 as a Monday night music club and has since grown to become one of the most original sounds coming out of Northern California. CD Baby says that the "combination of unique, strong songwriting, and musical interplay between the two guitars and mandolin has created an accessible yet distinct music style". Definitely coming under the Americana umbrella, Edge of the Crowd gives the listener catchy songs, fine musicianship and a sense of good times.

Tara Nevins --- Wood and Stone

Wood and Stone is the second solo project of Tara Nevins, one of the founding members of Donna the Buffalo. She recorded this album at Levon Helm's studio, and is backed by musicians who are regulars at Helm's Midnight Ramble Concerts, including Levon, Jim Lauderdale, Larry Campbell and Allison Moorer. Jambands.com says the disc is from a "... frighteningly-talented multi-instrumentalist singer/songwriter doing it with different folks". Ten of the thirteen songs are originals and showcase Nevins' exceptional musical and songwriting skills.





The Gaddabouts --- The Gaddabouts

Steve Gadd, Edie Brickell, Andy Fairweather Low and Pino Pallidino are the Gaddabouts. Quiet and unassuming, this folk-pop album is an unexpected joy. The album had its beginning in 2002and the combination of musicians seems so natural. Brickell's vocals are perhaps her best ever. Allmusic.com says "The songs are sturdy enough, but the appeal of the Gaddabouts is that relaxed, seasoned professionalism; the band has considerable chops but they never flaunt their skills, they lay back into the groove and its hard not to find their easy sway ingratiating."

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Goldthwait producing and hosting a monthly program. Ron brought his Extension work in "public issue education" and Jill used her background in town government, inviting local officials, community leaders and citizens to share background on current community concerns and opportunities. When Jill decided to enter a campaign for state senate, she stepped back from regular duties but served as guest host for several years.

True to WERU's mission to be a voice of many voices, Talk of the Towns has featured interviews with nearly a thousand guests and taken a similar number of phone calls from listeners. "In a democracy, we count on people to understand the various choices they face both as voters and as private citizens. We try to look at current ran monthly, parallel to Talk of es of local people. There is an in- to continue and there is no short-

topics, from how people may be affected by local, state or local policy, to how to make life better through voluntary action. We try to take the mystery out of policy

choices, and we like to feature the everyday voices of neighbors and friends," says Beard. As in his work for Cooperative Extension, Beard views his purpose with Talk

of the Towns as "creating a safe space for important community conversations."

 $Beard's\,connection\,with\,WERU$ began in 1992, when his colleague Don Bruce asked him to take over as producer and host for Family Radio Forum That show also

issues and serve up a variety of the Towns, until early 2008. He recalls that Cathy Jacobs was an early guest on Family Radio Forum, who took that experience and has crafted the long-running Baby Talk for WERU.

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> > also produced and hosted Common Health now hosted by Jim Fisher of the Hancock County Planning Commission (see page

"Community Radio is such an important medium in our lives, bringing stories alive in the voictimacy that creeps into conversation, and from that intimacy, we hope there is inspiration to make your community, your family, your planet a better place," says

> Beard and support staff at the Hancock County office of Cooperative Extension recently worked with long time volunteer and technology

Jim Campbell to digitize all the early *Talk of the Towns* and *Fam*ily Radio Forum programs for WERU archives. A data base lists dates, topics, and guests for 367 shows. "That is a great legacy... all those passionate, articulate local voices. It keeps me inspired

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show on AIDS education. From July 2005 to February 2008, Gail hosted Living Queer Here, with cohost Carolyn Hardman, and later, Cynthia Montgomery.

The new Living Queer Here, made its debut on June 28th, and coincidentally returned right after the New York legislature and Governor Cuomo legalized same-sex marriage in New York. Gail's program will cover the issues and activities of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) community. The program will include gay events, the arts, political activity for gay rights, and will have special guests, co-hosts, panel discussions and call-ins from listeners. Some of the topics Gail is considering for future shows are growing up queer in Maine, teens of gay parents, gay marriage, gays in the military, and religion and sexuality.

Gail hopes to provoke some discussion among the listeners about the gay community, to increase the number of allies in the straight community, and to let the GLBT community know that they are not alone. She also hopes it will provide support and give a voice to youth who are questioning or are coming out about their sexuality. Gail says that life advocacy and participating in community radio is a wonderful experience.

WABANAKI WINDOWS from page one

Center, and James Francis, Penobscot Nation Tribal Historian. Wabanaki means "People of the Dawn" – and refers to the Indian tribes located in Maine and the Maritimes --- Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, MicMac. and Maliseet tribes.

How Donna got involved: Donna was a legislator for about 12 years and it made her realize that the public needed to be educated on native issues. She encountered people in the legislature that didn't even know there were tribes here. Looking for a way to share history and current issues of native peoples. Donna wrote and sponsored the Maine Indian Education bill (LD 291) that requires Maine Indian History to be taught in all public schools.

Her predecessor, Rhonda Frey, from Indian Island,

hosted Indigenous Voices for a number of years with the same desire to, in her words, "give voice to the native people of Maine and to help provide a better understanding of native issues to the non-native population."

Donna said, regarding future shows, "We'll continue to talk about tribal economics and social issues as well as the talent that is within the tribes. Maine Indian people get dehumanized and marginalized by lack of education and communication about who we are: Communication and education equals understanding. Wabanaki Windows on WERU is the only show in Maine that has an Indian voice. The show is designed both for non-natives and natives - giving natives an unspun voice.'

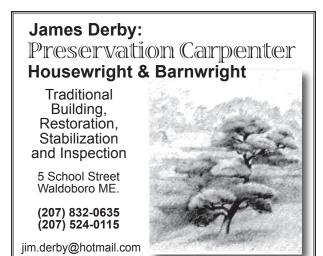
age of topics, which come from reading our great community newspapers, from my connection to the active non-profit community, and from conversations with friends and colleagues," says Beard.

Talk of the Towns airs on the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 10 to 11 a.m..

Ron Beard has more than 30 years experience as a community development educator with University of Maine Cooperative Extension. He and his wife Sandi Read live in Bar Harbor, where she operates Wild Iris Horse Farm and Boarding Stables. Beard served on the Bar Harbor Town Council and Planning Boards and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees for College of the Atlantic







THREE MORE CALL-IN SHOWS!

Compiled by Chris Stark, WERU Volunteer Coordinator

BOAT TALK: *BoatTalk* is a monthly radio call-in show on WERU FM contemplating all things naval. It can be heard at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month or on WERU's audio archives on http://weru.org

The coast of Maine has been a center of boatbuilding and fine boating for hundreds of years and the hosts of Boat-Talk, Mike Joyce and Alan Sprague, are both long time boat carpenters besides being volunteer programmers at WERU. They have been hosting Boat-*Talk* since 1999. Prior to '99, there were a couple call-in shows about boats on WERU with host, Joel White, a famous boat builder and son of EB White. It originally was designed to be a summer show but listeners wanted to keep it going year round. Alan approached Mike about doing BoatTalk together recognizing that WERU broadcasts in a high boating area and that it was important for WERU to promote local interest.

Another shipmate on Boattalk is Giffy Full. Giffy came aboard about 8 years ago and is a frequent guest on the show to draw from his expertise as a boat surveyor. Giffy designed the ferry, the Sea Princess, that is used for the WERU BoatTalk (3-hour) Cruise into Somes Sound. The BoatTalk Cruise became so popular that it is now held twice a year - Spring and Fall.

One never knows where the discussion will go on *BoatTalk*. For example, once a woman called up for tips on how to housebreak a dog on a boat. Alan suggested that the dog should be put in a poop deck. Mike, however, gave practical advice involving newspapers.

Starting in 2005, WERU began archiving BoatTalk for podcasting and you can visit WERU's audio archives website to either download or listen to shows on the web. Ideas for future shows include promoting programs that get kids on the water and boat building and conversations with fishermen about business or maritime history. For more information about BoatTalk, you can go to **boattalk.org**.

ISM PRISM: Val King covers a wide range of topics on Conversations thru the Ism Prism, an interview show examining the cultural and societal "isms" that are affecting the country. Topics are explored through a grassroots perspective, such as women rights, class, race, gender, and poverty. Ism Prism airs on the first Tuesday of the month from 10 to 11 a.m..

Val discovered WERU as a summer guest from Philadelphia. He felt WERU was and is one of the best radio stations in the country. Moving here a little over three years ago he picked up the Ism Prism torch created and hosted by Anita Arnold. Val started as a co-host with Anita. Anita moved out of the area, leaving Val as the host.

Val. has been involved in many different causes such as women issues, queer rights, race and







gender politics, and in defense of the National Endowment of the Arts. Ism Prism for Val is a means to explore ways that our society and cultures can actively/consciously morph into a more just, ethical place. Ubuntu!

COMMON HEALTH: "I'm Jim Fisher, host of Common Health that airs every third Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. on

"My interest in environmental and behavioral impacts on health go back many decades, including work in the United States, South America, South Asia and West Africa on issues as diverse as safe drinking water to social marketing of contraceptives. When I moved to downeast Maine in 1999 I continued working on ways to improve the human condition with the Healthy Maine Partnerships, Active Communities programs, Substance Abuse Prevention programs and more."

"In 2004 WERU received grants from Sound Partners for Community Health and the Maine Health Access Foundation to promote a dialogue about health care reform in Maine. Grant support lasted for two year, after which I took over Common Health as a volunteer

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grammer and have continued presenting the one hour format with guests and discussions about a wide range of public health issues."

"My guests cover a wide range of topics on Common Health, recently including domestic violence, media images and eating disorders, lyme disease, family planning and homelessness. My goal is to foster a very broad community dialogue about environmental and behavioral health issues, healthy living and social justice. Every program includes numerous calls from listeners who share their ideas and questions live with our guests. I maintain a website www.commonhealth.org to share audio archives, health resources and guest contact information. I hope that Common Health plays a small part in expanding awareness and discussion about what we can do to foster

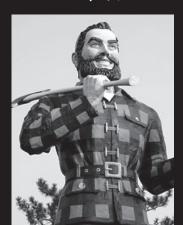
public health in Maine."

NEXT ISSUE: Chris Stark will profile monthly 10-11 am programs: Healthy Options, Baby Talk, Writer's Forum, the WERÚ Review and Soapbox.

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10-11 a.m. Call-In: Bangor Area Commons





Bangor Area Commons was a monthly live guest and local call in show that focused on civic issues, arts, organizations, events, people and history of Greater Bangor. The show is part of WERU's effort to offer localized coverage to our different listening areas, alongside other shows like *Talk of the Towns*, and *Midcoast Currents*. These shows provide space for local voices and connect our communities. WERU would like to continue to provide coverage to the Bangor region. Please drop us a line if you would be interested in hosting something similar! Highlight shows: "Spruce Run: Community Organizing, Past, Present and Future", "The Bangor Media Collective and the INK Youth Zine Project", "Story Slam Bangor", "Mother Earth Water Walk and EMMC Nurse Contracts", "Attracting Young People to Maine and Greater Bangor"

Download, Listen and Share FREE OF CHARGE on our website at: http://archives.weru.org/?s=Bangor+Area+Commons



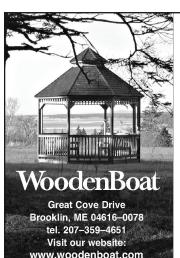
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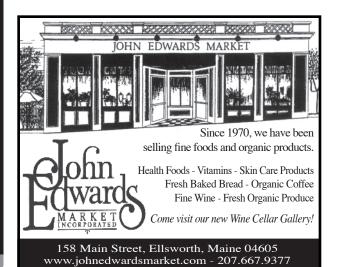


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6:30 - 6:35 Short Spoken Word Features

Mon: Media Minutes NEW

Tues: Esoterica*
Wed: Ask W.A.M.*

Thurs: Natural Remedies*

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Tues: Outside the Box*

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8:00 - 8:15 Democracy Now! Headlines (M-F)

8:30 - 8:35 *Hightower Radio (M-F)*

Afternoon PM

2:30 - 2:35 Mon: *Peace Time**

4:00 - 4:28 Grassroots News/Features

Mon: WINGS /This Way Out (Rotation)

Tues: WERU News Report*

Wed: WERU News Report*

Thurs: RadioActive*
Fri: CounterSpin

4:28 - 4:30 Hightower Radio (Mon-Fri)

4:30 - 5:00 Free Speech Radio News (Mon-Fri)

5:00 - 6:00 Democracy Now! (Mon-Fri)

MONTHLY 10-11 AM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Monday All: Alternative Radio or local specials

Tuesday 1st: Conversations thru the Ism Prism*

2nd: BoatTalk* 3rd: Wabanaki Windows* 4th: Living Queer Here **NEW!***

5th: Making Contact & WINGS

Wednesday 1st: Healthy Options*

2nd & 5th: Natural Living/Your Own Health & Fitness (alternating) 3rd: Common Health* 4th Baby Talk*

Thursday 1st: The Bangor Area Commons*

2nd: Writers' Forum*
3rd: WERU Soap Box*
4th & 5th: Local & National Specials

Friday 1st: Common Ground* 2nd: Talk of the Towns*

3rd: Midcoast Currents* 4th: Talk of the Towns* 5th: WERU Review*

WEEKEND AM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

6:30 - 6:35 Isla Earth (Sat. & Sun.)

7:30 - 7:35 Short Spoken Word Features

Sat: Mindful Parenting*
Sun: Pet Sounds*

8:30 - 8:35 Short Spoken Word Features

Sat: Cafe des Artists*
Sun: Awanadjo Almanack*

10:00 - 11:00 Grassroots News/Features

Sat: Imagination Station

Sun: New Dimensions

11:30 - 11:35 U.S.- El Salvador Report* (Sat) **12:00 - 12:05 PM** Radio Bilingue News (Sat)

*LOCALLY PRODUCED PROGRAMMING:

All of which are archived online for you to listen to, download and forward completely free of charge at: http://archives.weru.org/

C U R R E N T **| V O L U N T E E R |** O P P O R T U N I T I E S

WERU is anything but bland. It is the place where volunteer programmers do their best to present music that is expressive, vibrant, rhythmic, and alternative. And you could be one of them! At WERU there are no Pied Mainstream Pipers leading listeners into the musical cave of the same ol' same ol' mediocrity. We are unique

because WERU's diverse community has kept the station on course for 22 years to "serve the needs of those not fully served by other broadcast media" meaning that we respect individuality and diversity. We celebrate you!

Currently, we are short in our DJ rotation for folk, jazz and reggae

shows. We also need DJs for the midnight to 2 am spots and as substitutes for a variety of daytime and evening shows. Do you want to be part of a community radio station that is all about diversity and discovery?

As a volunteer powered community radio station our needs are varied. We depend on a large number of

listeners also actively participating as volunteers to keep going forward (¡Adelante!). Volunteers act as public affairs producers, committee members, pledge drive phone volunteers, CD library cataloguers, audio archive digitizers, and the list goes on.

And now, (drumroll please), you can find out about a wide spectrum

of volunteer opportunities by signing up for a Volunteer Orientation on **the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 pm** right here at the station in East Orland!

If Interested, please CONTACT: Chris at 469-6600 or send an e-mail to info@weru.org.