

June 29th Summer Speaker and Potluck Dinner

“Haunting Houses and Resident Spirits,”



“Raconteur” is a good word to describe Phelps Bristol: he tells engaging stories, delivers punchlines with aplomb, and, since 2019, has composed thought-provoking poetry (Phelps also plays a wicked game of bridge, but that’s an aside). We’ve asked Phelps to speak at a potluck supper on Thursday, June 29, in the Community Room of the Owls Head Town Office at 5:00 p.m. To learn a little more about this interesting man before the upcoming event, I sat down with Phelps and his wife Sally.

Since Phelps has been asked to speak about memories of life on Ash Point, a presentation he is calling “Haunting Houses and Resident Spirits,” I asked him to share how he came to know Owls Head. Not native to Maine, Phelps was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, one month before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Together with his two older sisters and parents, Phelps moved to West Virginia, where his father found work building “Flying Boxcars,” World War II cargo-carrying planes.

When Phelps was about to start school, his family answered a call for assistance from Phelps’s great-aunt, who lived on Ash Point: Aunt Carroll needed a caretaker, and the family moved north to assist. Phelps attended a one-room schoolhouse, one of three then active in Owls Head. Life with Aunt Carroll was Phelps’s introduction to Maine, the beginning of a

lifelong love affair with the Pine Tree State, with time away experiencing other parts of the world, of course.

Permanently relocating to Owls Head in November 2003, Phelps and Sally have been active in Rockland’s Chamber of Commerce for 10 years. Phelps has also been a docent at the Owls Head Light since 2009, formerly at the Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse as well. Phelps and Sally still succumb to wanderlust every now and again and especially enjoy visiting their son, daughter-in-law, and two talented granddaughters in Grafton, Massachusetts.

Phelps has hinted that he plans to relate anecdotes, read a few poems, and may even sing a song. Mark your calendars. It promises to be an entertaining evening.

**June 29 - 5pm, Potluck followed by Phelps Bristol’s talk.
Place : Owls Head Community Building**



OWLS HEAD VILLAGE LIBRARY

IN THE VILLAGE, NEAR THE GENERAL STORE
31 S. SHORE DRIVE

OPEN SATURDAYS 10 AM – 2 PM; FIRST WED/MONTH 2- 4 PM
OR CALL – WE DELIVER! (207) 593-0302. * FREE MBSHP TO ALL

Maine filmed, set or authored books and DVD’s. Cozy Children’s room;
No wait for most recent bestsellers
Librarian, Pat Stephen; Assistant Librarians Pat Martin/Kirsten Choate

Gavin Elliott
Branch Manager I
NMLS# 2144748

Bangor
Savings Bank
You matter more.®

Bangor Savings Bank
73 Camden Street
Rockland ME 04841

Toll Free: 877.226.4671 ext. 6300
Cell: 207.975.0411
Fax: 207.593.0373
gavin.elliott@bangor.com