

WERU Issues & Programs Q3 2019

Program Name: Power for the People: Recap of the 2019 legislative energy bills

Broadcast Date: 07-02-19

Broadcast Time: 10:00

Host: Steve Kahl

Engineer: Amy Browne

Key Discussion Points

a) solar power net metering

b) electric vehicle rebates

c) Maine Renewable Portfolio Standard

Guests by name and affiliation:

Sophie Janeway, Natural Resources Council of Maine

Nicole Grohoski, Maine House representative

Program Name: Talk of the Towns: Conversation with Roxana Robinson about her novel, Dawson's Fall

Broadcast Date: Friday, July 12, 2019

Broadcast Time: 10- 11 AM

Host: Ron Beard

Engineer: Amy Browne

Key Discussion Points:

The backdrop for the action of the novel is the period in Charleston, following defeat of the Confederate army by the Union. Referred to as "redemption" by the those who supported "the Lost Cause", you write of this time as a reassertion of the violence that kept slavery in place. What are the key elements of that period?

You link violence against former slaves to violence by which some men hold women in place... both patterns continue to thrive today. Drawing from real life, you use one of Dawson's neighbors to illustrate the misogyny of that time, a Dr. McDow. In what ways does your story allow him to represent underlying attitudes about women?

As a New Englanders, I suppose you and I absorbed the notion that our nation was founded on principles of justice... all being equal and encouraged to pursue life, liberty and happiness.... that there was an honest and virtuous basis for the rule of law. Is Dawson's Fall an admission of how far we have all fallen from the ideals and values that we aspire to in our nation's story?

Guest: Roxana Robinson, is author of Dawson's Fall, published by Sarah Crichton Books / FSG in 2019. Roxana is the author of five previous novels, including Sparta and Cost; three collections of short stories; and the biography Georgia O'Keeffe: A Life. . She was president of the Authors Guild from 2014 to 2017. She teaches in the Hunter MFA program and divides her time among New York, Connecticut, and Maine.

Program Name: Healthy Options: The health hazards and environmental destruction being caused by Browntail Moths in Maine

Broadcast Date: July 3rd, 2019

Broadcast Time: 10AM-11AM

Host/Producer: Rhonda Feiman Co-Producer: Petra Hall

Engineer: John Greenman

Key Discussion Points:

- a) What are the health hazards of browntail moths?
- b) How can we try to protect ourselves from exposure to the caterpillar's toxic hairs, which can cause severe skin rashes and respiratory problems? Are there times when exposure to the hairs are more/less of a threat?
- c) How are browntail moths causing environmental damage? What trees are specifically being destroyed by the brown tail moth caterpillars, and are there ways to protect them?
- d) Are these outbreaks just occurring in Maine? What kind of attention is being focused on health problems and environmental destruction, and what is the situation currently, on the funding for research, and for pest management?

Guests:

Dr. Eleanor Groden, Professor of Entomology in the School of Biology and Ecology at the University of Maine, Orono, and head of the University of Maine Browntail Moth Project, which is investigating the factors contributing to the severity of the browntail moth outbreak in Maine, while evaluating methods which might manage its spread.

Arlene Jurewicz-Leighton of Lincolnville, science instructor for Cambridge College in Boston, who has been researching the environmental devastation and serious health problems resulting from the browntail moth infestation in Midcoast Maine

WERU Special 7/18/19: "Chemicals Hacking Hormones and Fueling Epidemics" -a talk by Dr. Leonardo Trasande

Producer/Host: Amy Browne
Audio recorded by: Matt Murphy

"Chemicals Hacking Hormones and Fueling Epidemics", a talk by Dr. Leonardo Trasande at the Shaw Institute in Blue Hill on July 3, 2019. Dr. Trasande is an internationally recognized expert on endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) and the author of the book Sicker, Fatter, Poorer: The urgent threat of hormone- disrupting chemicals to our health and future, and what we can do about it

Program Name: Democracy Forum 7/19/19: Town Government: Take 2

Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine

Engineer: Amy Browne

This month, back by popular demand, we'll talk more about practicing politics and democracy at the most personal level, in local government.

What are the characteristics of the towns that have the most civic participation?

How can community members help create a culture of inclusion and civic engagement in their own towns?

What can go right; and what can go wrong?

Guests:

Susan Clark, is coauthor of Slow Democracy: Rediscovering Community, Bringing Decision Making Back Home. She serves as Town Moderator of Middlesex, Vermont.

Dick Thompson, an experienced moderator for the Towns of Palermo, China, Vassalboro, and others, Dick conducts moderator training for the Maine Municipal Association.

Program Name: Maine Currents 8/1/19: Patrisha McLean's "Finding Our Voices"

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

According to the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, here in Maine a domestic violence assault is reported to law enforcement roughly every 2 hours. And according to a 2018 report by the Maine Domestic Abuse Homicide Review Panel, for more than 10 years, almost half of the homicides in Maine were caused by domestic violence. 16 of the 37 people who were murdered in Maine from 2016 to 2017, were killed by a family member or intimate partner.

Guest: Patrisha McLean, photojournalist, and you may also know parts of her personal story as a survivor of domestic violence, as they have played out in the media. Her abuser is a celebrity, so her story was shared far and wide. While that spotlight may have caused some of us to withdraw, Patrisha instead picked up her camera and a recorder and went out to help other women tell their stories on a website and traveling multimedia exhibition, called findingourvoices.net/

Program Name: WERU Special 7/30/19: Martha White on "On Democracy", A New E.B. White Collection

Producer/Host: Matt Murphy

Production Assistance: Amy Browne

Today's special features Martha White speaking about a new collection of her grandfather, E.B. White's writings. "On Democracy" is a collection of essays, letters and poems intended to "shed historical context on the state of the nation and offer of hope for the future of our society".

Program Name: Maine Arts Alive: Belfast Creative Coalition

Broadcast Date: July 23, 2019

Broadcast Time: 10 AM to 11 AM

Host: Michael Donahue

Engineer: Amy Browne

Key Discussion Points: Opened in 2012 the non-profit, fully volunteer-based, Creative Coalition has deftly become a leading resource for the Arts in Waldo County, Maine. The Coalition provides learning and production opportunities in arts education, Fine Arts, Crafts, Food preparation, Art Walks, and as-needed creative services.

Guests:

Lorraine Brown, Director

Norman Kehling, Producer

Program Name: Coastal Conversations: Maine Authors of the Coast

Broadcast Date: July 26, 2019

Broadcast Time: 10 - 11 AM

Key Discussion Points:

What are your books about?

Between you, you have very different genres (fiction, science writing, guidebooks...), how did you come to this genre and how do you think your work is related to each other?

How does Maine figure in your books? Why?

What is your research process?

What are the ethics of getting the facts right and representing your characters or your places truthfully?

Guests:

Barbara Lawrence first visited Mount Desert in 1948, and in 1979 became “a year-round summer person.” That perspective grounds her novels, which grew out of her dissertation about the influence of culture on aspirations on Mount Desert Island. She has written seven other books and many articles on a wide range of topics.

Catherine Schmitt writes nonfiction, primarily about science, nature, and the environment, and works as a science communication specialist with Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park.

Hope Rowan. In addition to a writer of guide books and stories of the outdoors, Hope Rowan is a freelance cartographer and works as a GIS Specialist at the Center for Community GIS.

Program Name: Lets Talk Animals: Maine Horse Doctor, On The Road With Dr J

Broadcast Date: July 25, 2019

Broadcast Time: 10 am

Host: Dr. John Hunt

Engineer: John Greenman

Key Discussion Points

a) How Dr Jefferson became an equine vet

b) Discussed common ailments like Grave, Heaves, Lyme, etc.

c) Veterinary tips for horse owners

Guest: Dr David Jefferson- author, equine Vet

Program Name: Talk of the Towns: Exploring the Roles of Small Town Newspapers

Producer/Host: Ron Beard

Studio Engineer: Amy Browne

Time and Date : 10-11 AM Friday, August 9 2019

Guests each provides a thumbnail sketch of their inspiration for journalism and path to current position

Overview of each of your publications: History, profile of communities served, circulation, staffing, business model... what readers “see” when they pick up a copy of your paper

Describe a headline story from most recent edition and why this is important to the communities you serve? Perhaps use this story to illustrate what defines it as “news”?

How do you answer the question about the role of a newspaper serving Maine towns?

Guests:

Tom Groening, Editor, Working Waterfront News

Liz Graves, Editor, Mount Desert Islander

Becky Pritchard, Reporter, Mount Desert Islander

Lora Whelan, Assistant Publisher, Editor, Reporter, The Quoddy Tides

Program Name: Wabanaki Windows: Native American Waiver program/ Maine Indian History Committee

Broadcast Date: 8/20/2019

Broadcast Time: 10:00AM

Host: Donna Loring

Engineer: John Greenman

Key Discussion Points :

Who is eligible for the Waiver?

What is the process

What is the Department of Education doing to reach the Maine Public Schools?

Guests:

Dr. Darren Ranco, University of Maine Chair of Native American Programs

John Bear Mitchell, Outreach & Coordinator of Maine Native Scholarship Program, Native Student Development

Dr. Pender Makin, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education

Program Name: Coastal Conversations: Rockweed economy and ecology

Broadcast Date: 08/23/19

Broadcast Time: 10 – 11 AM

Host: Natalie Springuel

Engineer: Amy Browne

Key Discussion Points:

What is rockweed and what role does it play in a healthy intertidal ecosystem?

What is the history of the rockweed harvesting in Maine and how is it harvested?

What was the recent court ruling about?

Guests:

Hannah Mittelstaedt, graduate student, invertebrate ecology, University of Maine

Greg Tobey, General Manager, Source Micronutrients

Bonnie Tobey, Operations Manager, Source Micronutrients

Jaclyn Robidoux, Marine Extension Associate, Maine Sea Grant

George Seaver, VP of Ocean Organics

Program Name: Maine Arts Alive: Penobscot Theatre Company 46th Season Opener

Broadcast Date: August 27, 2019

Broadcast Time: 10 AM to 11 AM

Host: Michael Donahue

Engineer: Amy Browne

Key Discussion Points: Penobscot Theatre Company Season Opener “Woody Guthrie’s American Song,” history of America brought large through song and storytelling, the many talents actors need in today’s theatre market place

Guests:

Bari Newport, Producing Artistic Director

Tova Volcheck, Actress

Jeremy Sevelovitz, Actor

Program Name: Maine Currents: Voices from Still Mill

Broadcast Date: 9/5/19

Broadcast Time: 10-11 a.m.

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Audio recorded by: John Greenman

Some of the “Voices from Still Mill”, recorded on July 21st at the Alamo Theatre in Bucksport, by John Greenman.

The event was based on the book, “STILL MILL, Poems, Stories & Songs of Making Paper in Bucksport, Maine 1930-2014, edited by Patricia Smith Ranzoni, Bucksport’s Poet Laureate and published by North Country Press

Mel Allen, Editor of Yankee magazine and author of the 2018 article “Bucksport, Maine | The Town That Refused to Die” was the facilitator

Program Name: Common Ground Radio: Accessing Local Foods and Eating Seasonally

Broadcast Date: August 2, 2019

Broadcast Time: 10:00 AM

Host: C.J. Walke

Engineer: Joel Mann

Key Discussion Points:

- a) Definitions of “local” and eating seasonally
- b) Resources on the availability of local foods in Maine
- c) Resources to access local foods in Maine

Guests:

Katy Green, Communications and Outreach Director, MOFGA

Katie Freedman, Food Programs Director, Healthy Acadia

Kourtney Collum, Partridge Chair in Food and Sustainable Agriculture Systems, College of the Atlantic

Program Name: Talk of the Towns: Acadia National Park: It’s Mission, Programs and Challenges

Broadcast Date: 9/13/19

Broadcast Time: 10-11 a.m.

Producer/Host: Ron Beard

Studio Engineer: Amy Browne

What is the long-observed inherent tension in the park service mission and how does that play out in Acadia? What is this summer’s experience?

What is the role of interpretation for the park service and how does that take form in Acadia? What is the role of Friends of Acadia?

Guests:

Kevin Schneider, Superintendent, Acadia National Park

Laura Cohen, Chief of Interpretation, Acadia National Park

David MacDonald, President, Friends of Acadia

All About Aging: Health Benefits of Music & Ellsworth Library Senior Services

Broadcast Date: 9/18/19

Broadcast Time: 10-11 a.m.

Producer/Host: Peg Cruikshank

Studio Engineer: Amy Browne

Ellsworth senior services are extensive

Anyone can sing and enjoy music

People with dementia remember songs from their past
Guests: Amy Weishart, Director, Ellsworth Public Library
Allison Smith & Hunt Smith, Professional Musicians, Steuben, Maine

Program Name: The Democracy Forum: Black, White, and Blue Lies: Lies that divide, lies that unite

Broadcast Date: 9/20/2019

Broadcast Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine, www.lwvme.org

Engineer: Amy Browne

Key Discussion Points:

We talk about the lies in politics and the politics of lying, Historical examples, and current practice.

How is the present moment in American politics different from others in our history? Or is it?

What are the consequences for democracy?

Guests:

Dallas G. Denery II, Professor of History at Bowdoin College.

Nancy L. Rosenblum, the Harvard University Senator Joseph Clark Professor of Ethics in Politics and Government emerita

Program Name: Maine Arts Alive: Performing Arts Venue Management

Broadcast Date: 9/24/19

Broadcast Time: 10-11 am

Host: Matt Murphy

Engineer: Amy Browne

Key Discussion Points:

What is managing a theater like, particularly with regards to the size of the venue?

What is the mission of a community-based theater?

Why are the performing arts so important to the life of a community?

Guests:

Jeri Mislner, Managing Director of Gracie Theatre at Husson University in Bangor

Lori Sitzabee, Artistic Director of New Surry Theatre in Blue Hill.

Program Name: Let's Talk Animals: Dart Frogs

Broadcast Date: 9/26/19

Broadcast Time: 10-11 a.m.

Producer/Host: Dr. John Hunt

Studio Engineer: Amy Browne

Key Discussion Points:

Life cycle, biology facts

Setting up habitat at home

Rules and Regulations, where to get them, etc

Guest: Tom Goodman- Dart Frog Hobbist