

WERU Issues & Programs Q1 2019

Common Ground Radio Jan 4, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: C.J. Walke

Organic Food and Farming in Maine: Keynote Address - MOFGA Farmer to Farmer Conference 2018

Key Discussion Points:

- a) Keynote address recorded on November 5, 2018, Point Lookout, Northport, ME
- b) Development and evolution of Pleasant Valley Farm over 30 years
- c) Farming with the extended family

Guests:

Paul Arnold, Pleasant Valley Farm, Argyle, NY

Sandy Arnold, Pleasant Valley Farm, Argyle, NY

Book Worm Jan 10, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: Brook Minner

Program Topic: books, writing, aging, women's issues

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

- a. aging
- b. feminism
- c. writing and publishing

Guests by name and affiliation:

Peg Cruikshank, author

RadioActive Jan 10, 2019, 430-5pm

Producer/Host: Meredith DeFrancesco

Issue: Environmental and Social Justice

Program Topic: Penobscot Tribe Response to Department of Environmental Protection Appointment

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

- a) Today we hear from the Penobscot Nation Chief, Ambassador and other community leaders on Governor Mills' recent nomination of Assistant Attorney General Jerry Reid to head the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.
- b) In his position in the Attorney General's Office, he was lead counsel in the still ongoing cases Penobscot Nation v. Attorney General Janet Mills and the State's lawsuit against the federal Environmental Protection Agency's order to increase water quality standards in tribal sustenance fishing waters.
- c) The Legislative Environmental and Natural Resources Committee is expected to hold a public hearing on Reid's nomination sometime this month.

Guests by name and affiliation:

a) Maria Girouard, Penobscot, historian, activist, co-founder of Dawnland Environmental Defense

<https://www.facebook.com/dawnlanddefense>

b) Chief Kirk Francis, Penobscot Nation

c) Maulian Dana, Penobscot Nation Ambassador

<https://www.facebook.com/AmbassadorDana>

d) Sherri Mitchell, attorney, author, activist <https://www.facebook.com/sacredinstructions>

Talk of the Towns Jan 11 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: Ron Beard

Issue: Community concerns and opportunities

Program Topic: Looking back and looking forward—the view from Deer Isle, Stockton Springs and Mount Desert

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

- Thumbnail sketches of geography, population and demographics
- economic base, history of Deer Isle, Stockton Springs, Mount Desert
- Brief overviews of town Governance structures

Guests by name and affiliation:

Jim Fisher, Town Manager, Deer Isle

Courtney O'Donnell, Town Manager, Stockton Springs

Durlin Lunt, Town Manager, Mount Desert

Wabanaki Windows Jan 15, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: Donna Loring

On going Mascot issue at Skowhegan: Mascots and the community that refuses to change them

Key Discussion Points:

a) Why are Mascots not honoring Native People?

b) The history of educating the schools in Maine

c) What will happen next to address the use of the mascot in Skowhegan?

Guests by name and affiliation:

(A) Dr. Darren Ranco is a faculty member with the University of Maine's Department of Anthropology,

as well as the Chair of Native American Programs and Coordinator of Native American Research.

(B) Mulian Dana, Penobscot Nation Ambassador

RadioActive Jan 17, 2019, 430-5pm

Producer/Host: Meredith DeFrancesco

Issue: Environmental and Social Justice

Program Topic: Land Use Planning Commission Poised to Open 1.3 million Acres of Maine Woods to Development

a) The Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) is poised to make the biggest proposed policy change in Commission history. Their plan to change adjacency criteria, eliminating the so-called "one mile rule", would open up over 1.3 million acres of the Maine woods to residential subdivisions. 800,000 of those acres would also be opened to commercial development. This would open an unspecified number of class 3 lakes to development.

b) Opponents say, the policy change would also reverse a 2001 legislative ban on large residential subdivisions of 25 acres (so called, kingdom lots), and would allow subdivisions of up to 14 lots and 30 acres to meet only limited environmental review on approximately 400,000 acres.

c) The LUPC is accepting written comments on their proposed development changes until January 22. Email comments to Benjamin.Godsoe@maine.gov

Guests by name and affiliation:

a) Cathy Johnson, Senior Staff Attorney, Forest and Wildlife Director, Natural Resources Council of Maine

Democracy Forum Jan 18, 2019, 10-11 a.m.

Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine

Cyber Attacks on Democracy: Social Media, Fake News, and Voter Responsibility

Key Discussion Points:

We'll talk about cyber attacks on elections, weaponizing misinformation, social media, and disinformation.

Is this the new normal?

Can democracy survive?

Guests:

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center and author of the new book, *Cyber War: How Russian Hackers and Trolls Helped Elect a President – What We Don't, Can't, and Do Know* www.asc.upenn.edu/people/faculty/kathleen-hall-jamieson-phd
Jamie McKown, Faculty, Government & Polity at the College of the Atlantic and James Russell Wiggins Chair in Government and Polity.

Common Ground Radio Feb 1, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: CJ Walke, MOFGA

Program Topic: Herbalism and Herbal Traditions

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

a) Philosophy and practice of herbalism

b) Herbal medicine

c) Common plants and uses

Guests by name and affiliation:

- A) Kathryn Langelier, Herbal Revolution Farm and Apothecary, Union, ME
- B) Lauren Pignatello, Milk and Honey of Swallowtail Farm, Portland, ME
- C) Jillian Twisla, Hyllantree, Hope, ME

Power for the People Feb 5, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: Steve Kahl

Issue: Alternative Energy

Program Topic: Legislation proposing a consumer-owned utility in Maine

Key Discussion Points

- a) proposed new utility
- b) problems with CMP billing
- c) proposed New England Clean Energy Connect

Guest: Kristy Pottle, founder of CMPratepayersunite.org

Healthy Options Feb 6, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Program Topic: To (Hand)Shake or Not to Shake...? That is the question (and more) which host Rhonda Feiman explores with Dr. Miryam Wahrman, author of The Hand Book: Surviving in a Germ-Filled World.

Key Discussion Points:

- a) What role does the immune system play in keeping us healthy, and how can we stay healthy in a “germ-filled world”?
- b) Won't our immune system take care of any infectious germs we are exposed to, and why should we wash our hands, when we have an immune system?
- c) Just why IS hand washing so important, and what is the best technique for hand washing?
- d) Do alcohol wipes or hand sanitizers work? Do we need hand sanitizers with anti-microbial additives?
- e) Should we use anti-bacterial agents?
- f) What are the risks we face when visiting a healthcare facility? What should health care providers do, to better protect themselves and their clients- and why should you not be shaking your doctor's hands (and substitute a bow or a fist bump instead!)?

Guest:

Miryam Wahrman, Professor of Biology at William Paterson University and author of The Hand Book: Surviving in a Germ-Filled World. Issue: Environmental and Social Justice

Maine Currents Feb 7, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

An Ambitious Plan to Address Homelessness in Maine

Mainers may have a chance in November to vote on a bond issue that would authorize \$15 million to build housing for homeless people in the state: LD 48, "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Housing for Persons Who Are Homeless". The plan is to expand a "Housing First" model that has proven successful in Portland to other parts of the state.

We speak with Representative Michael Brennan of Portland, who is also a former mayor of the city and an adjunct professor of social work, the sponsor of LD 48, and Donna Yellen, Deputy Director of Preble St. in Portland- the agency that oversees the "housing first" programs there. And we listen in on testimony at the January 22nd public hearing on LD 48, before the legislature's Appropriations and Financial Affairs committee.

Talk of the Towns Feb 8, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: Ron Beard

Issue: Community concerns and opportunities

Program Topic: Is it time to open up the Maine's primary process to unenrolled voters

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

- What are primary elections and how are they conducted in Maine?
- What role do parties play, what is the role of the state of Maine?
- What has been the rationale to prohibit unenrolled voters from participating in party primary elections?
- How is the present campaign organized and what are you hoping will happen?
- What was your experience with the primary experience, as a member of a party or as an Independent candidate? What did you appreciate about it? How would this proposed change benefit the state of Maine?

Guests by name and affiliation:

Kaitlin LaCasse, Campaign Manager, Open Primaries Maine

Jill Goldthwait, former State Senator, Independent

Dennis Damon, former State Senator, Democrat

The Democracy Forum Feb 15, 2019, 10-11a.m.

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

Issue: Participatory Democracy

Program Topic: The Free Press and a Functioning Democracy

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

- a. We'll talk about democracy, journalism, the state of play in American news.
- b. Can fact-based journalism survive?
- c. Can democracy survive otherwise?

Guests by name and affiliation:

- a) Earl Brechlin, Earl was the founding editor of the Mount Desert Islander.

- b) Burt Neuborne, Burt Neuborne is the Norman Dorsen Professor of Civil Liberties and founding Legal Director of the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law School. He is the author of the book, *Madison's Music*, that explores a deep reading of the First Amendment.
- c) Judy Woodruff, Judy Woodruff is the anchor and managing editor of the PBS Newshour. This episode of Democracy Forum was produced with support from the Maine Humanities Council.

Coastal Conversations Feb 22, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Issue: Maine coastal and ocean issues

Program Topic: Portland's Working Waterfront at a Crossroads

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

1. What is the history of Portland's working waterfront and what role does it play in the state's fishing industry?
2. What changes are fishermen and wharf owners experiencing on the waterfront?
3. How has Portland's mixed use zoning changed over the last several decades and how has this impacted water dependent industries?
4. What is the status of development on the waterfront in Portland today?
5. What would fishermen and wharf owners like the Portland waterfront to be in the future?

Guests by name and affiliation:

John Bisnette, fisherman, Jim Buxton, fisherman, Bill Coppersmith, fisherman, Keith Lane, fisherman, Willis Spear, fisherman

Greg Turner, fisherman, Charlie Poole, owner of Union Wharf

Maine Arts Alive Feb 26, 2019, 10-11 a.m.

Host: Michael Donahue

Topic: - Support for rural communities through local artists and arts organizations

Key Discussion Points:

Making a living as an artist or group of artists in rural Maine

Providing "safe home" to artists who tend not to be self-promoters

The effects of the arts upon local economies

Supporting the "creative thinking process" into schools

Georgina Grenier speaks about her recent "Certainty Project" writing event which encouraged writers/non writers to write about how they make decisions to decide to decide

Guests:

Amy Halsted, Bethel Area Arts and Music, Table Rock Arts Center (amyhalsted@gmail.com)

Sue Dunn, Multimedia artist, (suedunn33@gmail.com)

Georgina Grenier, project leader, Community Writing Project, (georgrenier@gmail.com)

RadioActive Mar 3, 2019, 430-5pm

Producer/Host: Meredith DeFrancesco

Program Topic: CMP Transmission Line's Claims to Impact Climate and New Report on Trump Climate Rollbacks

a) Today we look at a new report by the NYU School of Law's State Energy and Environmental Impact Center that outlines the potential cumulative impacts of the Trump Administration's proposed climate policy rollbacks.

b) And we look at Central Maine Power's proposed transmission line through Maine, its potential impacts and claims that it will beneficially address climate change.

c) We look at the impacts the CMP line would have on 263 wetlands, 115 streams and 12 inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat area, brook trout and other wildlife habitat, through cutting and herbicide application. We also examine the greenwash claims that the project would positively impact climate change and how Hydro Quebec's power would block Maine generated renewable power from grid access, including solar.

Guests by name and affiliation:

a) Neela Baerjee, Inside Climate News, Washington DC reporter

b) Nick Bennett, Natural Resources Council of Maine, staff scientist

Power for the People Mar 5, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Issue: Alternative Energy

Producer/Host: Steve Kahl

Program Topic: All things Insulation - types and methods

Key Discussion Points

a) Building code for insulation R-values

b) Types of construction and insulation

c) Case studies of callers

Guests by name and affiliation: Bo Jespersen, owner of 'The Breathable Home' energy company

Maine Currents Mar 7, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Maine AllCare - Working to Bring Universal Healthcare to Maine

A call-in show discussion of universal healthcare: how it works, how it's paid for, and how it might be implemented, with Lynn Cheney (Board Member) and Phil Bailey (Executive Director) of Maine AllCare.

Talk of the Towns Mar 8, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Issue: Community concerns and opportunities

Producer/Host: Ron Beard

Program Topic: Combatting Racism in our schools and our communities

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

- Can someone offer a definition of racism, one that helps frame your work
- Can you distinguish between individual behavior and “institutional” racism?
- How does racism “show up” in your experience as high school students and citizens of Mount Desert Island and the state of Maine?
- How do you serve as allies to those who are subject to racism in their everyday lives?
- What steps are you taken to confront racism in your school and community?
- How do we, as a society, confront the racism that is part of our history and persists today?

Guests by name and affiliation:

Students from Mount Desert Island High School Civil Rights Team:

Grace Munger, Lily Turner, Dawson Burnett, Finn Baker, Elliot Servaites,

Sirohi Kumar, Faith Reece, Lexi Simard, Claire Shaw, Bella Galarza

Michelle Merica, Faculty Advisor, MDI High School Civil Rights Team

Jackie Davidson, Executive Director, YWCA of Mount Desert Island

Book Worm, Mar 14, 2019, 10-11 a.m.

Producer/Host: Brook Minner

Program Topic: books, writing, aging, women’s issues

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

women artists

motherhood

alcoholism

Guests: Susan Conley, author

The Democracy Forum Mar 15, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine

Issue: Participatory Democracy

Program Topic: The Electoral College: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

- a. The electoral college. its historical origins and the founders' intent,
- b. The practical implications for modern American politics,
- c. Proposals for reform, including the National Popular Vote (NPV).

Coastal Conversations Mar 22, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: Natalie Springuel

Issue: Maine coastal and ocean issues

Program Topic: Voices From the Maine Fishermen's Forum 2019: Women in Fisheries

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

When you picture someone hauling up lobster traps on the wind swept Atlantic Ocean, chances are good that you are picturing a man. Fishing is one of those industries that is still

mostly dominated by men. But that's changing. The number of women involved in fishing is on the rise, and there are more and more women involved in many related occupations too, occupations that support coastal communities and a thriving fishing industry.

Five women involved in various aspect of the fishing industry are interviewed, including a lobsterman, a lobster trap builder, a fisheries biologist, and a pair of occupational therapists working to improve the odds of fishermen using lifejackets in this notoriously dangerous industry.

These interviews are part of a larger collection called Voices of the Maine Fishermen's Forum.

Guests by name and affiliation:

Freda McKie, lobsterman, Prince Edward Island, Canada

Sonya Corbett, lobster trap builder, Sea Rose Trap Company, South Portland, Maine

Sarah Madronal, fisheries biologist for Downeast Salmon Federation, Alewife Harvesters of Maine, and the Nature Conservancy

Jessica Echard and Rebecca Weil, occupational therapists, Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety

Special Presentation from the 2019 Camden Conference, Part 1 of 3 Mar 13, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: Jim Campbell

Issue: China's Rise as a World Power, Program 1

Program Topic: "Is This China's Century?"

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

- a) Some democratic principles in the Chinese bureaucracy
- b) Sustainability of the current Chinese model
- c) How the US "gets China wrong".

Guests by name and affiliation:

Professor Yuen Yuen Ang, University of Michigan

Professor Yashen Huang, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Special Presentation from the 2019 Camden Conference, Part 2 of 3 Mar 20, 2019, 10-11a.m.

Producer/Host: Jim Campbell

Issue: China's Rise as a World Power, Program 2

Program Topic: "Is This China's Century?"

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

- a) Changes in Chinese government since 2012
- b) Where the US should cooperate with China and where the US should compete
- c) Both China and the US need to accommodate themselves to a world of shared political and economic dominance.

Guests by name and affiliation:

Elizabeth Economy, Director of Asia Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

Robert Daly, Director of the Kissinger Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center

Call In Program: No

Issue: China's Rise as a World Power, Program 3

**Special Presentation from the 2019 Camden Conference, Part 3 of 3 Mar 27, 2019,
10-11a.m.**

Producer/Host: Jim Campbell

Broadcast Time: 10 a.m.

Program Topic: "Is This China's Century?"

Key Discussion Points (list at least 3):

a) Surveillance in China

b) Surveillance in the US by companies and by government

c) Education in China vs education in the US.

Guests by name and affiliation: Final Q&A Session

Martin Jacques, Senior Fellow, Cambridge University

Elizabeth Economy, Director of Asia Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

Robert Daly, Director of the Kissinger Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center

Professor Yuen Yuen Ang, University of Michigan

Professor Yashen Huang, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Indira Lakshmanan, Executive Editor, Pulitzer Institute on Crisis Reporting

Prof. George S. Yip, Imperial College Business School, London

Kaiser Kuo, Editor at Large, SupChina.com

Professor Wu Xinbo, Fudan University (Shanghai)

Yuki Tatsumi, Director, Japan Program, The Stimson Center

Susan Thornton, Senior Fellow, Paul Tsai China Center, Yale

Ma Jun, Director, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs (Beijing)