Bog Boardwalk

ORONO — Silent and live auctions to benefit the reconstruction of the Orono Bog Boardwalk will be held 6-9 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at Keith Anderson Community House, 19 Bennoch Road.

Auction items include a weekend getaway on the Maine Coast, an EPIC Sports gift certificate, a home brewing consultation, concert and theatre tickets, garden tours, Boardwalk photographs framed with recycled deck boards, hand-tied flies with a fly fishing chest pack, landscape and arboriculture consultations, and much, much more.

A handmade vintage quilt will be raffled during the event.

Auctioneer John Cheney will be master of ceremonies for the live auction, and Village to Village's Juan Condori on cello and guitar and Ellie May Shufro, violin, will provide music from around the world 6-7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free but donations will be accepted at the door.

For information about the event, the Orono Bog Boardwalk and its programs, or ways to support the reconstruction of the boardwalk, contact jim. bird@umit.maine.edu, call 866-2578 or visit umaine. edu/oronobogwalk/.

Traveling to Russia

ORONO — Nine University of Maine students will have a chance to implement what they learned in an International Entrepreneurship course during a 14-day trip in Russia.

The Maine Business School undergraduates will visit seven communities in Russia from May 17-30, including Moscow, Yaroslavl, Syktyvkar and St. Petersburg.

In Syktyvkar, students will live with Russian families for four days, said Andrei Strukov, a native of Russia and director of the UMaine Faculty Development Center. Strukov, who co-teaches the course with professor of management John Mahon, said that during previous years students have made rewarding, personal connections with their hosts.

Another goal of the trip is for participants to learn about the many opportunities, business and otherwise, beyond the borders of Maine and the United States, said Strukov.

Students will meet with heads of businesses, including MBS graduate and executive in residence Shawn McKenna, who owns restaurants in Russia.

They also will visit with UMaine alumnus Matthew Shannon, who when he was a student, twice took part in the UMaine trip to Russia. After graduating, he returned there to operate a tourism business in St. Petersburg. Shannon now works at a law firm in Moscow, said Strukov.

The UMaine contingent, which will travel throughout Russia by plane, train, bus and boat, also will sight-see and tour cultural landmarks and attractions. In Moscow, for instance, the itinerary includes visits to the Kremlin, Tretyakov Gallery, the Novodevichy Convent, Monastery of St. Sergius and Sergiev Posad. And in St. Petersburg, a city built over more than 40 islands, the students will take

a boat trip on rivers and canals and tour the Peterhof Palace, park and gardens.

To prepare for the trip, the class studied Russian history, culture, economics and politics. For information, visit http://umaine.edu/russia/.

FREE ADMISSION FOR WALDO COUNTY TOWNS AT PENOBSCOT MARINE MUSEUM

(Searsport, Maine) Penobscot Marine Museum opens for the season on Saturday, May 28th and is inaugurating a new program to offer residents of each town in Waldo County free admission to the museum for a week. Each town's free week is listed on the museum website. Residents of Lincolnville and Islesboro will kick off the program with free admission to Penobscot Marine Museum from Sunday, May 29 through Saturday, June 4.

"We want to give back to the community," says Liz Lodge, Penobscot Marine Museum's Executive Director. "We are a great place to bring your children, your summer guests, or to do research. We are a community resource, and wanted to make sure all of our neighbors in Waldo County had an opportunity to visit."

The museum's theme this summer is Wish You Were Here: Communicating Maine, celebrates a hundred years of images which have been used to communicate the unique qualities of Maine to the outside world. The public is invited to the opening reception on Friday, May 27,

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

f About Penobscot Marine
Museum

Penobscot Marine Museum brings Maine maritime history to life in twelve beautiful historic buildings in the charming seacoast village of Searsport, Maine. Exhibits include hands-on activities for children and adults, as well as a ship captain's

house, marine paintings, scrimshaw, 19th century Chinese and Japanese pottery, paintings and textiles, historic Maine boats, a fisheries exhibit, and an heirloom vegetable garden. The museum has over 200,000 historic photographs, and a maritime history research library. Check the website for daily activities and

events. The museum is open seven days a week, Memorial Day weekend through the third weekend in October. PMM Visitors Center, 2 Church Street, Searsport, Maine. For more information go to www.penobscotmarinemuseum.org or call the Visitors Center 207-548-0334 or Administrative Offices at 207-548-2529.



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