



The Bell Tower

Newsletter of the Ocean Park Association

Affirming our heritage through our summer assembly embracing and celebrating diversity and programs centered on religion, education, recreation and culture

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

*by the OPA Executive Director Search Committee
Martine, Patty, Justin, Jeff, Sue, Linda, and Stuart*

The **Executive Director Search Committee** is pleased to share an important update with the **Ocean Park Association (OPA) membership**. As we begin the search for our next **Executive Director**, we want to ensure our members are informed before the official announcement goes public in the coming days. Please find the **job description here** (<https://oceanpark.org/new-executive-director-job/>).

The **Search Committee**, composed of board members, community representatives, and OPA leadership, is responsible for overseeing the selection process to identify a strong leader who will guide OPA into the future. The **Executive Director Search Committee** includes:

- **Martine Taylor, Co-Chair** – OPA Board of Directors, Chair of Leadership & Nominating Committee
- **Patty Hurter, Co-Chair** – Religious & Cultural Committee Member
- **Jeff Chute** – OPA Member, Former OPA Interim Executive Director
- **Justin Foster** – Board of Directors, Chair of Environmental & Natural Resources Committee
- **Sue Collard** – Board of Directors, Chair of Development Committee
- **Linda Lauritano (Ex-Officio)** – OPA Vice President
- **Stuart MacMillan (Ex-Officio)** – OPA Interim Executive Director

To maintain a fair and organized process, **we respectfully ask that interested candidates do not contact Search Committee members directly**. Instead, all inquiries and applications should be directed to **searchcommitteeopa@gmail.com**.

The **Search Committee** has:

- ✓ Secured Board approval for the **Executive Director job description** (<https://oceanpark.org/new-executive-director-job/>)
- ✓ Finalized a strategy for **outreach, candidate identification, and selection**

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for the **Executive Director position**, we encourage submissions of a **resume and cover letter** to **searchcommitteeopa@gmail.com**. The committee will carefully review all applications and invite top candidates for interviews.

We appreciate your support of the **Ocean Park Association** and your commitment to the future of our beloved community. We will continue to keep you updated throughout this process. **Please feel free to share this opportunity with qualified candidates who align with our mission.**

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR, by Stuart MacMillan, Interim Executive Director

WELCOME TO WILLIAM FRED SCOTT, the new Music Director for the Ocean Park Association!

Busily retired, WILLIAM FRED SCOTT has been a summer resident of Ocean Park for over three decades. Over the course of those years, Scott has given lectures, played for song recitals, conducted the Temple Choir, hosted numerous dinner parties, walked his dogs Sam and Gus around the park, and served as organist and pianist for worship in The Temple under the musical leadership of the late Stewart Shuster. In fact, Scott's career has been one of variety and vigor, from its beginning at the Opera Company of Boston fifty years ago, to the present. At the end of the 2020 season, he completed five years as Music Director of "Chanticleer," a twelve-man, Grammy-award-winning singing group based in San Francisco.



Prior to his work with Chanticleer, Scott was a major force in the musical community of Atlanta. He was invited by Robert Shaw to join the Atlanta Symphony as Associate Conductor in 1981 and with that orchestra led hundreds of concerts each year. On the death of Robert Shaw, Scott was asked to preside over "Christmas with the Atlanta Symphony," concerts in the Shaw tradition which drew consistently sold-out houses. The roster of soloists who performed with Mr. Scott during his years with the orchestra is an amazing and exciting list, including Kiri te Kanawa, Itzhak Perlman, Earl Wild, Ella Fitzgerald, Don McLean and Judy Collins.

Following his tenure with the orchestra, Scott was Artistic Director and sole conductor of The Atlanta Opera, a post he held for twenty years. During that time the opera company saw unprecedented growth. The company not only purchased and renovated rehearsal and office space in mid-town Atlanta, it carried out a successful capital campaign, staged operas in four different theatres in Atlanta and was hailed as one of the "hottest young companies" in the United States.

Scott is a native of Thomasville, Georgia, a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and an active member of the (Episcopal) Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta. Prior to his move to Atlanta, he served as Assistant Conductor, Chorus Master and Artistic Administrator of The Opera Company of Boston, as led by the redoubtable impresario and conductor Sarah Caldwell. His operatic debut took place in the spring of 1975, leading Beverly Sills and Tatiana Troyanos in Bellini's rarely-staged The Capulets and the Montagues. He conducted Rossini's The Barber of Seville for his New York debut (New York City Opera) and made his European debut at the Theatre of the Estates in Prague, conducting Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro.

JERRY SCHEINFELDT RETIRES! by Stuart MacMillan, Interim Executive Director

It is with admiration and sadness that we take this opportunity to thank Jerry Scheinfeldt for his time as Music Director for us here in Ocean Park. His jovial nature and easy laugh made rehearsals fun and interesting for all, regardless of their level of talent. A talented musician in his own right, with perfect pitch, he combined conducting the choir, playing the piano and organ and even playing a brass instrument when called upon!



His vibrant faith shone through his music, making sure to remind his choristers of the words and sentiment in all of the hymns. He did his best to match the anthems and hymns with the messages of the visiting preachers.

He exhibited his creativity and flexibility throughout the Covid seasons as he figured out ways for the choir to continue to practice and perform.

Once again, we thank him for his tireless service to God and the Ocean Park Community and wish him the best in his retirement from this position, although we hope to continue to see him and his wife, Pam, regularly around town and at The Temple on Sundays!

EARLY SEASON WORSHIP - 2025

Since 1889, the Religious Society of Ocean Park, Maine has been offering early season worship services on Sunday mornings. In 2025, services will be offered on May 25, June 1, 8 and 15 at 10:30 in historic Porter Hall. Providing an inspiring prelude to the summer season, these creative services will include the music and messages of a variety of gifted musicians and preachers. Rev. Jan Hryniewicz is coordinator and liturgist.



May 25: Jen Comeau (Message: Returning to the Earth of our Belonging)

Jennifer Comeau inspires humans to remember and restore our sacred partnership with the rest of the natural world. A certified Forest Therapy Guide, singer, songwriter, author, and speaker, nature is Jen's creative muse. She is author of the themed children's book, The Inside of Me, and creator of two records of original music. She works globally restoring inter-connection and lives in Kennebunk, Maine with her husband, John, & their dog.



June 1: Rev. Renee Kaufman

The Reverend Renee Kaufman is originally from West Virginia and is an ordained American Baptist USA pastor. She has pastored churches in West Virginia, New York, Ohio, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Rev. Kaufman is currently serving as the Minister of Christian Education at The South Congregational Church in Kennebunkport, ME. Rev. Renee and her husband, Rev. Scott Cousineau, have fostered nearly 90 dogs nurturing them with boundless love and compassion.

Music provided by Neal Zweig and Cheryl Sager. Cheryl loves singing and has since she was very young. She taught music for many years, has performed with various ensembles and has also done solo work. Besides singing, Cheryl plays guitar, standup bass and currently performs in a duo group called *Nice & Naughty* as well as in an American Roots Folk group called *Cold Spring*. She also enjoys singing with her guitar-wielding husband Neal! Neal has been a performing and session recording guitar musician for 16 years. He adds a blend of acoustic and electric finger style accent guitar to many genres of music. *Neal believes that it is not about how many notes you play but how caringly you choose to play them.*



June 8: Rev. Vicki Keene

Vicki Keene is a retired ordained minister in the United Church of Christ having served churches in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Vicki married into Ocean Park over 50 years ago and has served on many OPA committees including Religious and Cultural, Administration and Finance, Tennis, Library, and Bylaws Review. The Keenes are now lucky to call Ocean Park their forever home.

Music provided by Will Sawyer. William Sawyer earned his Bachelor degree in Music Education and also in Music Performance from the University of Maine, Orono in 2013. Since graduating he has been teaching piano and music at all levels. While teaching he is also accompanying multiple choirs, theaters and touring groups. He specializes in piano, vocal teaching and percussion. Currently he is on the music staff at First Parish UCC Church in Saco. He is a superb pianist offering classical music, pop ballads and original songs.



June 15: Rev. Dr. Geordie Campbell

Rev. Campbell holds the honorary distinction of Pastor Emeritus at First Church of Christ in West Hartford, CT from which he retired as Senior Pastor in January 2020. Prior ports of call include South Church in Granby, CT; First Congregational Church in Newfane, VT; and Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord, MA. He received his Doctor of Ministry from Hartford Seminary, his Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School, and his Bachelor of Arts from Susquehanna University. He and his wife, Pam, live in Saco where they are members of First Parish, UCC.

Music provided by Rob Duquette, a multi-instrumentalist, composer, singer, songwriter, educator, performer and author of Hand Harmonies music education program. He has made his career since the mid-1990s as a well-respected and in-demand sideman, most notably as a member of Jonathan Edwards. Rob can be found behind a drum set, on piano, guitar, and xylophone with ease. Rob and his gifted wife, Amanda, offer a wonderful, interactive Kind Kids program for children involving music, puppetry and lyrical dance.



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS, By William Fred Scott

With the summer season upon us, you are invited to join in music-making at the Temple.

Temple worship begins on Sunday, June 22nd. The first choir rehearsal will be Saturday, June 21st at 5:30 pm in the Temple. The choir will also rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. The Temple Bells and the Temple Brass will also play. If you have questions please contact Audrey Cabral (Bells); Dan Evans (Brass) or Fred Scott (Choir) [Contact info is in the Annual program booklet.]. Or simply call the Ocean Park Association Office at (207) 934-9068, ext. 1.

EDUCATIONAL BUREAU OF OCEAN PARK

2025 SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

By Beth Keene, President

June 23, 10:00 am	Annual Educational Bureau Meeting at the Curtis Guest House
July 2, 10:00-11:00 am	Fair Garden Day, Temple Ave across from Jordan Hall
July 7-11, 9:00-11:30 am	Theater Dance Camp in the Temple
July 10, 10:00-11:30 am	Coffee and Cottage, 10 Oceana Ave
July 14-18, 9:00-11:00 am	Art Explorers Camp in Jordan Hall
July 16, 9:00 am-1:00 pm	70th Annual July Bazaar on the Curtis Lawn (rain date July 17)
July 21-23, 9:00-11:30 am	Ecology Adventure Camp, various Ocean Park field trip locations
July 24, 10:00-11:30 am	Curtis Open House and Coffee Celebrating our founding 140 years ago
July 28-Aug 1, 9:00-11:30 am	Ocean Park's Kidz Got Talent Camp at the Temple
Aug 4-8, 9:00-11:30 am	Beach Olympics, top of Temple Ave boardwalk
Aug 13, 9:00am-1:00 pm	Annual Flea Market/Lawn Sale on the Curtis Lawn (rain date Aug 14)
Aug 18, 10:00 am	Adjourned Annual Meeting at the Curtis Guest House
Aug 30, 10:30 am	Ukesters play for "Music on the Porch Day" at the Curtis Guest House

OPA ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars! The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Members of the Ocean Park Association will be held on Saturday morning, **July 19, 2025** at 9:30 am in the Temple. Written Notice of the Annual Meeting will be sent (via email or regular mail) to all Adult Members who have paid their 2025 dues as of **June 6** and those who are Life Members. The Notice will contain the Agenda for the meeting, which will include election of Officers, Directors and members of Standing Committees, and such other matters that may come before the meeting. Also included in the Written Notice will be written reports of each of the Standing Committees and financial information, including the 2025 budget.

Those who wish to vote at the meeting must have paid this year's dues prior to the Annual Meeting. Extra printed copies of the Notice of Meeting will be available online at www.oceanpark.org or at the OPA office.

WELCOME NEW AND SEASONAL RETURNING STAFF, by Stuart MacMillan

NEW STAFF - WELCOME!!!

William Fred Scott is joining the music program as the new Music Director, replacing Jerry Scheinfeldt.



Marcia Cocker, is the new Office Administrator in the OPA office, working part-time hours year round.

Michele McDonough, joins the OPA as the new Programming & Donor Relations Specialist, also working part-time hours year round.



Madi Robito, has joined the OPA for a temporary intern position as a Marketing Specialist through UNE.

RETURNING SEASONAL STAFF

Lori Littlefield, our Memorial Library Librarian, will join us once again this season

Ginger McMullin, is expected to return as our Memorial Library Assistant

Cathy Larkin, Summer Receptionist, helping out in the OPA office

Todd Sachs returns again this summer as our Tennis Director

Daniel Menard and **Anika Manning** are expected to return as Assistants at the Tennis Courts

Cameron Jackman returns as Shuffleboard Manager

Jesse Grace returns as a Shuffleboard Assistant, and he will be helping with tech support on our website as well - thank you, Jesse!

STAFF OPENINGS 2025, by Stuart MacMillan

The OPA office has the following Seasonal Staff openings for 2025. Please let us know if you are interested by submitting your resume and a cover letter to Director@oceanpark.org or drop the documentation off at our office.

Recreation Director - oversee the Rec Hall and its programs on a part-time basis during the summer

Assistant Recreation Director - assist the Recreation Director

Facilities Manager - this is a full-time, year round position and manages a seasonal crew of up to 4 part-time people

MEMBERSHIP

We encourage you to [renew your membership online](#). If you wish to become a new member, please complete the [new member application online](#). And for general information [click here](#) for membership information on our website. If you need a new sign, just stop by the office - you can buy a new one for just \$10.00! AND, new in 2025, we have a membership decal!



Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership for 2025

IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of those friends of Ocean Park whose passing has come to the attention of the Association since the printing of the March Bell Tower.

To notify the Ocean Park Association of the passing of a loved one, please contact the office at (207) 934-9068, ext. 1, or opa@oceanpark.org.

David E. Nelson	Edwards, CO	October 15, 2024
Dora Rainie	Concord, NH and Ocean Park, ME	February 3, 2025
Patricia Rix	Southwick, MA and Ocean Park, ME	February 25, 2025

COTTAGE DESIGNS AND OCEAN PARK SUB & GROCERY 2025

As spring nears, we find ourselves at the downtown stores daily. We have shopped and curated some wonderful products for you in Ocean Park this summer.

Cottage Designs will open officially on Easter Weekend, April 18th. Watch for new exciting products on Instagram @cottagedesignsop.

The new Beachside Book and Bowls is FILLING up to the brim with both new and used books. We are planning lots of events, new authors visits, signings and book clubs while you visit! Follow us on @beachside.books.bowls on Instagram to see what is new! We will be opening in early May and you may even get to taste our summer treats a little early!

As always, we are planning for a very busy summer at Ocean Park Sub & Grocery. We have added a new reach-in fridge for the convenience of some pre-made salads and treats for grab and go to make your experience faster. Who wants to miss a minute at the beach? No one!

We will be opening on May 16th! follow us on Instagram @oceanparksubandgrocery for more updates!



As always, we can't wait to see you all for our 23rd year in Ocean Park.

Lisa Kidd and Deb Dolan





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"Vacation at the Beach"

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Welcome Back to Ocean Park Summer 2025

We have some great cottages for rent for the 4th of July! Reach out to chris@oceanparkrealty.com to secure your spot. Check our website for availability.

New Rentals for the 2025 summer season:



Unit 71, Ocean Park
Meadows
2 bedrooms
\$2500/week plus tax



42 Free Street
All one story, new inside
3 bedrooms, sleeps 8
\$2800/week plus tax



15 Oceana Ave.
4 bedroom, sleeps 6
\$3200/week plus tax

Warm welcome to the new Associate Broker, Trish Lanoue!

We are happy to announce that Patricia "Trish" Lanoue has joined Ocean Park Realty as an Associate Broker. Trish has almost 9 years of experience in Maine real estate, focusing primarily in Coastal York County. Trish grew up in Seekonk, Massachusetts, and holds a BA in Accounting from Rhode Island College and an MBA from Providence College. She is also a Notary Public for the State of Maine. Trish and her family have been enjoying the Ocean Park community for over 50 years now. In 2004, Trish became a resident of Ocean Park, where she lived for almost 14 years. She now resides just 2 miles down the road in Saco with her husband, Jesse, and their dog, Luna. Trish looks forward to serving the Ocean Park community for all your real estate needs, including buying, selling, and rentals. Please join us in welcoming Trish to the team!



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Ocean Park Realty

Hey, Ocean Parkers! Did you know? If you rent or sell your home/cottage through Ocean Park Realty, some of the proceeds go to the Ocean Park Association and its work in supporting the mission of our Park.

Ocean Park Realty, a subsidiary of the Ocean Park Association, is a full-service brokerage that can serve all your real estate needs throughout Southern Maine.

If you are looking to purchase or sell your cottage, home or condo, or if you are looking for a seasonal rental, call or stop by the office in Jakeman Hall.

Date: _____ Order # _____

Temple Service Flower Order Form 2025

Those who wish to pay tribute to their loved ones by placing flowers in the Temple for Sunday services can do so by completing this form and submitting it to the OPA office by **4:00 pm** no later than the **Monday before** the desired date. Arrangements are **\$60 each**, and are provided by Prestige House of Flowers in Biddeford.

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Date of Arrangement: _____ *We will contact you if this date is not available.*

Text for Sunday Bulletin: (no more than 15 words, please) _____

Special Floral Requests: _____

Payment Type (select one): Check Credit Cash Amount Enclosed: _____

Credit Card: Visa MC Disc. Amex 3/4 Digit Sec. Code: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card Number: _____ Signature: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Checks payable to: Ocean Park Association

Mail completed forms to: Ocean Park Association, PO Box 7296, Ocean Park, ME 04063

Or Call the office at 934-9068 (ext. 1) or via email at opa@oceanpark.org.