



# 2025 BFNA REUNION AGENDA

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*Please join us to take a walk in the footsteps of our ancestors at Colonial Pemaquid Point in Maine. . .*

## THURSDAY, JULY 17 - SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025\*

\*BFNA Executive Board & Officers will meet on Wednesday, July 16, 2025

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**WHERE TO STAY:** Hotel & campground reservations need to be made on your own.

- The Hotel Pemaquid & Cottages is located at 3098 Bristol Road in New Harbor, Maine. They're unable to set aside a block of rooms, but are taking reservations. Rooms range from \$129 (shared bathroom) with some at \$179, \$199, \$249 to \$269 depending on bed accommodations. **Phone number: (207) 677-2312.** When making reservations, ask to speak to the manager and let them know you are with the 2025 BFNA Reunion. Check in time is 3:00 p.m.
- Sherwood Forest Campsite Campground is located at 32 Pemaquid Trail in New Harbor, Maine. Camping or cabins (available on a weekly rate from Saturday to Saturday only) are available. Make reservations online at <https://sherwoodforestcampsite.com/reservations/> or call **(207) 677-3642.**
- Bayview Cottages is located at 56 Bradley Shore Road in New Harbor, Maine. Make reservations by calling **(207) 380-5972** or **(207) 677-2153**, or email [Bayview56@hotmail.com](mailto:Bayview56@hotmail.com)

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## THURSDAY - JULY 17, 2025

(NOTE: TODAY REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL PEMAQUID & COTTAGES IN THE COMMON ROOM LOCATED AT 3098 BRISTOL ROAD IN NEW HARBOR, MAINE.)

**8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - REGISTRATION & WELCOME** - Pick up registration packet, name tags, and T-shirts. Souvenir shopping will be available, along with refreshments and light snacks. Raffle prizes will be on display and tickets sold (\$1 for one raffle ticket; \$5 for 6 raffle tickets; and \$10 for 12 raffle tickets - you must be present at time of drawing to win.) One prize will be raffled off on Saturday evening, with remainder of raffle prizes being given away on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. You must be present to win.)

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 for Adults & Children (13 years & older); \$15 for Children (6 to 12 years old); and free for Children (5 years old & younger).**

**12:00 NOON - BUS TRIP TO YORK - MEET AT HOTEL PEMAQUID TO LOAD THE BUS.** Trivia games with prizes will be played on the bus.

**BUS TRIP FEE: \$55/person (includes a box lunch).**

**2:15 - 4:30 p.m. - BUS STOPS AT OLD YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - located at 3 Lindsay Road in York, Maine. (Entrance fee: **\$15** for guided tour or **\$10** for self-guided tour.)

**4:30 p.m. - BACK ON BUS FOR BRIEF TOUR OF YORK** - stop at Ralph's Plaque located at 4 Barrell Lane in front of the St. Christopher's Church on a grassy island; drive by York Country Club - designed by Edward B. Blaisdell that overlooks the York River and Sewall's Bridge; and then proceed to the Blaisdell Family Farm & Cemetery located at 160 Southside Road in York, Maine for a cookout.

**5:00 p.m. - COOKOUT AT BLAISDELL FAMILY FARM & TOUR**

**COOKOUT AT BLAISDELL FAMILY FARM - \$20/PERSON AGES 12 & OLDER - CHOICE OF LOBSTER, CHICKEN OR HAMBURGER ENTRÉE WITH SALADS & DESSERTS. OPTION TO ADD ADDITIONAL LOBSTER FOR \$12. \$8 FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 11 - CHOICE OF HAMBURGER, HOT DOG, OR MAC & CHEESE. CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD ARE FREE. PLEASE INDICATE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM IF YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY HAS FOOD ALLERGIES.**



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7:45 - 10:00 p.m. - BUS RETURNS TO PEMAQUID

## FRIDAY - JULY 18, 2025

(NOTE: BREAKFAST & EVENING FAMILY BINGO WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL PEMAQUID & COTTAGES IN THE COMMON ROOM LOCATED AT 3098 BRISTOL ROAD IN NEW HARBOR, MAINE. THE PLAQUE DEDICATION & RIBBON CUTTING WILL BE HELD AT PEMAQUID POINT PARK/LIGHTHOUSE LOCATED AT 3115 BRISTOL ROAD IN NEW HARBOR, MAINE. THOSE GOING ON THE 12 NOON HARDY BOAT EXCURSION WILL PARK AT 89 STATE ROUTE 39 IN NEW HARBOR, MAINE.)

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. - CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - Assorted pastries or muffins with orange juice, coffee and tea will be provided.

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - REFURBISHED BLAISDELL PLAQUE DEDICATION & RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY - An entrance fee of \$4 will need to be paid upon arrival. The plaque honors the August 15, 1635 shipwreck and landing of Ralph Bleasdale and his family in Pemaquid, Maine. After the dedication and ribbon cutting, supplies will be available to make rubbings of the plaque.

9:00 a.m. - IMPROMPTU BLAISDELL FAMILY PHOTO. Please wear your 2025 BFNA Reunion T-shirt. We will gather around to the plaque to take 2025 BFNA Reunion family photos.

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - FREE TIME TO EXPLORE PEMAQUID POINT PARK ON YOUR OWN. You may want to climb to the top of the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, or tour the museum (small donations are requested at both the lighthouse and museum). Scavenger hunt sheets will be available for all who want to participate.

11:00 a.m. - TIME TO HEAD OVER FOR THE HARDY BOAT EXCURSION. All those going on the boat excursion will need to arrive at the dock at least 45 minutes early. The boat tour will depart promptly at 12 noon. Parking: 89 State Route 39 in New Harbor, Maine.

12 NOON - 1:30 p.m. - HARDY BOAT EXCURSION & PUFFIN WATCH WITH NATIONAL AUDUBON NATURALISTS, INCLUDES A BOX LUNCH



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**ALL TICKETS ARE \$60 - HARDY BOAT EXCURSION & PUFFIN WATCH WITH THE NATIONAL AUDUBON NATURALISTS, INCLUDES A BOX LUNCH.**

We have reserved the entire boat. They can only carry 112 people. Reservations need to be made as soon as possible. The first **112 people to reserve** will be able to go on this excursion.

\* Parking is **\$20/vehicle (PAY LOT ATTENDANT)** and is available in a gravel/grassy lot located about a 5 minute walk along the rural road. Drivers will drop off passengers at the dock before parking. Location: **89 State Route 39 in New Harbor, Maine.**

\* In order to reduce vehicles needing parking, we recommend carpooling. Please indicate if you need a ride or are willing to share a ride on the registration form.

\* It can be cool on the water, so bring a jacket or windbreaker, and a hat (with a strap). Wear flat, rubber-soled shoes if possible. Don't forget your sunscreen.

\* Drinks including sodas, bottled water, hot beverages, beer and wine are available in the galley area on the boat.

**2:00 p.m. - until sunset. - FREE TIME ON YOUR OWN.** You can tour the Colonial Pemaquid State Historical Site (admission fee is \$4). Fort William Henry Historical Site and Museum is located next to it. You might want to participate in a treasure hunt (map will be provided).

**TONIGHT - DINNER WILL BE ON YOUR OWN**

**7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - FAMILY HISTORY BINGO** - Get together and form a team with up to four people per bingo card. Prizes will be awarded to winning team for each round of bingo.

## **SATURDAY - JULY 19, 2025**

(NOTE: TODAY ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE WILLING WORKERS HALL LOCATED AT 2604 BRISTOL ROAD IN NEW HARBOR, MAINE.)

**7:45 - 8:45 a.m. - HEARTY BREAKFAST SANDWICH ON AN ENGLISH MUFFIN WITH HASH BROWNS.** Orange juice, coffee and tea will also be provided.

**HEARTY BREAKFAST SANDWICH FEE: \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 10 & under.**



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9:00 - 9:30 a.m. - BFNA MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. - THE SECRET HID AT PEMAQUID POINT & THE BLAISDELL TRAIL (PRESENTER: SHIRLEY MENDENHALL)

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. - A TALE OF NELLIE BUTLER (GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTER: MICHELLE SHORES - AUTHOR OF "THE GATHERING ROOM: A TALE OF NELLIE BUTLER") & BOOK SIGNING\*\*

\*\* Books will be available for purchase (before presentation and later in the evening)

10:30 - 11:00 a.m. - DOCUMENTARY ON ANGEL GABRIEL (PRESENTER: LINDA CORLISS)

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - LUNCH & FREE TIME ON YOUR OWN (see list of sights & things to do in the area starting on page 6)

5:00 p.m. - ITALIAN BANQUET - Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, desserts (blueberry crisp, cherry cobbler cake or apple cobbler cake), and beverages provided.

ITALIAN BANQUET FEE: \$15 for adults and children 11 & older; \$8 for children 5 - 10 years old; and children under 5 year are free.

6:00 p.m. - BFNA AWARDS PRESENTATION

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - REUNION CERTIFICATES PRESENTATION & RAFFLE DRAWING FOR ONE RAFFLE ITEM. (Winner must be present to claim prize.)

## SUNDAY - JULY 20, 2025

(NOTE: TODAY ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL PEMAQUID & COTTAGES IN THE COMMON ROOM LOCATED AT 3098 BRISTOL ROAD IN NEW HARBOR, MAINE.)

8:30 - 9:15 a.m. - CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - Assorted pastries or muffins with orange juice, coffee and tea provided.

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. - CHURCH SERVICE (LED BY REV. ELLIE KRANER)



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**10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - TRIVIA GAMES & OLD-FASHIONED GAMES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN ALIKE.** Prizes available.

**11:00 - 12 noon - REMAINDER OF RAFFLE PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

**12:00 noon - FREE TIME ON YOUR OWN** (see list of sights & what to do in the area beginning below).

## **PRE AND POST TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS FOR ATTENDEES:**

- **NEW HARBOR, MAINE** - a small scenic coastal village in the town of Bristol and one of the last working harbors remaining along the mid-coast.
  - Pemaquid Beach
  - Pemaquid Point Lighthouse
  - Fishermen's Museum & Art Gallery
  - Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site
  - Fort William Henry
  - Rachel Carson Salt Pond Preserve
  
- **YORK, MAINE (located about 2 hours, 4 minutes away)** - has beautiful beaches and a marvelous coastline, along with cliff walks with views of an authentic Maine lighthouse.
  - Cape Neddick Lighthouse
  - Old York run by the local historical society contains 9 restored buildings including the "Old Gaol" which is the oldest jail in America.
  - Blaisdell Family Farm & Cemetery (located at 160 Southside Road, York, ME 03909)
  - Mount Agamenticus with a scenic peak and views of the Atlantic Ocean, Cape Neddick, and the Boston skyline
  
- **PORTLAND, MAINE (located about 1 hour, 24 minutes away)** - the Old Port waterfront features working fishing wharves and converted warehouses with restaurants and shops.
  - Portland Working Waterfront
  - Portland Head Lighthouse
  - A Piece of the Berlin Wall
  - Portland Freedom Trail
  - Portland's Love Locks



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- **SULLIVAN, MAINE (located about 2 hours, 36 minutes away)** - incorporated in 1789, Sullivan was named after the Revolutionary War Hero Daniel Sullivan, who lived in Sorrento and died in 1782.
  - Nelly Butler House
  - Sullivan/Sorrento Historical Society Museum & Library
  
- **BANGOR, MAINE (located 2 hours, 4 minutes away)** - considered the lumber capital of the world.
  - Paul Bunyan Statue
  - Penobscot River Walkway
  - Bangor Historical Society
  
- **SIDNEY, MAINE (located 1 hour, 30 minutes away)** - incorporated in 1792, and named for Sir Philip Sidney, an English author.
  - Blaisdell Cemetery
  - Reynolds Forest State Park (take a 1/2 mile walk to a beautiful waterfall)
  - Messalonskee Lake
  - Fort Halifax State Historic Site
  
- **BAR HARBOR (located 2 hours, 42 minutes away)** - situated on Mount Desert Island on the gorgeous Frenchman's Bay.
  - Acadia National Park
  - Cadillac Mountain
  - Egg Rock Lighthouse
  
- **AMESBURY & SALISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS (located about 2 hours, 25 minutes away)** - Amesbury was incorporated in 1668 and was once the leader in carriage manufacturing and hats. It is home to the oldest operating boat shop in America (1793). Salisbury was incorporated in 1639 and was once the territory of the Pentucket tribe.
  - Amesbury Carriage Museum
  - Captain's Well
  - Friends Quaker Meeting House
  - Golgotha Burial Ground
  - Lowell's Boat Shop
  - Macy Colby House
  - Susannah Martin Memorial
  - Whittier House (which houses a Blaisdell-made clock from 2 generations of Blaisdell Amesbury Clock Makers)



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- **WINTERPORT, MAINE (located about 1 hour, 35 minutes away)** - a historic town incorporated in 1860. Its harbor was home to many sea captains and was the last open inland harbor on the Penobscot River.
  - Winterport Union Meeting House
  - Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory - the world's tallest public bridge observatory and one of the best observation points in the United States.
  - Fort Knox Historic Site
  - Cole Land Transportation Museum - located in the former building of the Maine Central Railroad Company and features a railroad car that plays films about the museum's exhibits

***THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING THE 2025 BFNA REUNION!  
 HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT TIME AND MADE LOTS OF FRIENDS!***

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THE 2025 GRAND REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE: Cherie Blaisdell (Maine) serving as BFNA Eastern Branch President & Committee Chair; Kathy Blaisdell (Maine); Linda Corliss (Maine); Shirley Mendenhall (South Dakota/Colorado); Susie Blaisdell (Arizona); Ellie Kraner (Massachusetts); Joe Fox (Maine) and Mel Mendenhall (South Dakota/Colorado).