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DAMARISCOTTA RIVER GRILL HOSTS ARTISTS' RECEPTION TO KICK OFF LATE SUMMER "ART AT THE GRILL" EXHIBIT

Damariscotta, Maine – Damariscotta River Grill owners Chef Rick Hirsch and General Manager Jean Kerrigan today announced plans for an artists' reception on Thursday, August 12, 4-6 p.m., to kick off the next installment of the Grill's popular "Art at the Grill" series. The show, which will feature the work of Léa Peterson (www.leapetersonart.net) and Susan Zimmerman, will be on display at the Grill August 9 through September 20.

"These two talented artists, who often paint en plein air, bring Maine's coastal and outdoor wonders alive," said Kerrigan. "Their use of bold colors is especially festive, and our guests are certain to enjoy their talent for capturing our truly unique surroundings here in Maine."

Peterson is an award-winning artist who lives in Georgetown, Maine. She focuses her work, in both oil and pastels, on seascapes and landscapes, capturing Maine's rocky coast, surf, shore, meadows and inlets, as well as the people who enjoy and work in those spaces.

Her paintings are held in many private collections in several countries and have appeared in juried exhibitions at the Time Gallery, Saco Museum, Chocolate Church, Blue Marble Gallery, Harlow Gallery, and Maine Art Gallery. Her primary venues are the Old Post Office Gallery in Georgetown and the Sebascodegan Gallery on Orr's Island.

Susan Zimmerman moved to Maine from Philadelphia and quickly learned to embrace the outdoors. It is there that she takes note of people enjoying Maine—sailing, hiking, eating at sidewalk cafes, and picking wild blueberries—and incorporates the images into her art.



"Hanging Out" by Léa Peterson



**"Comedy Troupe: Terns"
by Susan Zimmerman**

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Her work can be viewed at The Old Post Office Gallery in Georgetown and Tintypes in Bath. This summer, her work also will be exhibited at “Art in the Park” at Mill Creek Park in South Portland on August 14 and at the WCSH-6 “Sidewalk Art Show” in Portland on August 28.

About the Damariscotta River Grill:

Since its successful launch in late 2003, the Damariscotta River Grill has firmly established itself as a welcome addition to the coastal Maine dining scene. Owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Rick Hirsch (Executive Chef) and Jean Kerrigan (General Manager), the popular restaurant’s creative menu features fresh local shellfish, produce and meats, a *Wine Spectator* Award-winning wine list, and is a favorite of locals and visitors alike.

For further information about Damariscotta River Grill or to schedule an interview with Chef Hirsch or General Manager Jean Kerrigan, contact Ann Ewing at Front Burner PR at Ph: 207/699-5500 or ann@frontburnerpr.com.

Easily downloadable photos are available at www.frontburnerpr.com/drg

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