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## DAMARISCOTTA RIVER GRILL'S "ART AT THE GRILL" TO FEATURE NINE ARTISTS IN "PAINTING MAINE" EXHIBIT

*Artists' reception scheduled for July 1; work to be on display June 28-August 8*

**Damariscotta, Maine** – Damariscotta River Grill owners Chef Rick Hirsch and General Manager Jean Kerrigan today announced the popular mid-coast restaurant will launch its summer "Art at the Grill" exhibit with an artists reception on Thursday, July 1, 4-6 p.m. The exhibit, a collection of works from nine area artists titled "Painting Maine," will be on display at the Grill June 29 through August 8.

"When nine artists, all very accomplished, spend years together painting, critiquing, sharing artistic ideas, the result is a very unique body of work," said Jean Kerrigan, owner and general manager of the Damariscotta River Grill. "Hosting these artists at 'Art at the Grill' is a highly anticipated, annual event, and we're fortunate to be able to share their work again."

The artists included in this long-standing group are seven Maine residents: Abbie Williams of Damariscotta Mills ([www.abbiewilliamsart.com](http://www.abbiewilliamsart.com)); Sally Loughridge of South Bristol (<http://www.sallyloughridge.com>); Marlene Loznicka of New Harbor (<http://www.dowlingwalsh.com/artists/marlene-loznicka>); Barbara Klein of Bristol; Betty Heselton of Gardner; Ellen Hutcheson of Boothbay; and Ann Sklar of Woolwich (<http://annsklar.fineartstudioonline.com/>). The other artists--who are from Connecticut but consider them selves "devout" Mainers--are Joyce Greenfield and Sigrid R-P Smith.



Painting by Marene Loznicka

"Painting "en plein air" and in the studio has enabled this group to seek out the nooks and crannies of Maine, making this show a truly insiders view of Maine," said participating artist Abbie Williams. "The show will be thematic but diverse, and we hope guests will rediscover their love for Maine by coming to see the show."

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The show, which features an array of the artists' works from the last year, includes oils, water colors, soft pastels, mixed medium and bas-relief with a focus on Maine's wild and rural landscapes, abundant flowers, culture and ocean influences, and island life.

**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  
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