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## **DAMARISCOTTA RIVER GRILL'S "ART AT THE GRILL" EXHIBIT TO FEATURE MULTI-GENERATION FAMILY TALENT**

***Artists' reception scheduled for May 19; work to be on display May 17-June 28***

***Damariscotta, Maine*** – Damariscotta River Grill owners Chef Rick Hirsch and General Manager Jean Kerrigan today announced the popular mid-coast restaurant will launch its newest "Art at the Grill" exhibit in mid-May. The exhibit will kick off with an artists' reception on Wednesday, May 19, from 4-6 p.m. to honor the Schweighauser family, known for its work in a variety of artistic media.

"The Schweighauser exhibit will be a truly unique one in that it will show guests quite a personal example of how artistic talent and passion for the arts can run throughout several generations of the same family," said Kerrigan. "Visitors also will be amazed at the level of talent in the Schweighauser family and appreciate the diversity of work on display – from woodworking and watercolors to photography and pastels."

The reception will include remarks by Swiss-born Wally Huber Schweighauser, the family's second generation artist who moved to Maine from Canada in 1979. She will share highlights of her career and insights into her creative inspiration. Geoffrey Huber, the family patriarch, was an artist and carver who supported daughter Schweighauser's artistic endeavors, thereby shaping the passion for the arts so prominent in later generations of the family.

The exhibit, the latest installment in the Grill's ongoing "Art at the Grill" series, also will feature the works of Schweighauser's four children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Sons Hans and Bernie Schweighauser are woodworkers and photographers, while Maurice Schweighauser focuses solely on woodworking. Daughter Delly Schweighauser works in pastels, miniatures in wood, and jewelry. Works by Schweighauser's grandchildren and great grandchildren will include watercolor acrylics and intricate bird carvings. The exhibit will run May 17 through June 28.

Now in its fifth year, the "Art at the Grill" series brings recognition to Maine artists, and has become an integral part of the area's social scene. Throughout 2010, the Grill will host more than 15 artists, from painters to potters, photographers to fabric artists.

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For more information about Art at the Grill, visit [www.damariscottarivergrill.com](http://www.damariscottarivergrill.com). Dinner reservations can be made by calling 207-563-2992.

**About Wally Huber Schweighauser:**

Inspired by her father, Geoffrey Huber, a self-taught artist and carver born in Switzerland in 1886, Wally Huber Schweighauser was encouraged to pursue her love of painting and drawing throughout her life. At the age of 60, Schweighauser sought more formal training and enrolled at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

A member of the Copley Society and the Art Association in Duxbury Mass., Schweighauser has worked in everything from pottery and stained glass to printing and monoprints and has been featured in shows throughout the Northeast. At age 97, Schweighauser is enthusiastic about sharing the many talents of her family at the Damariscotta River Grill.

**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](mailto:ann@frontburnerpr.com).*

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