



## **Damariscotta River Grill Opens *Monhegan Perspectives* Show with Public Reception June 26**

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***Damariscotta, ME*** - Damariscotta River Grill hosts a public reception for *Monhegan Perspectives* on **June 26 from 4 to 6 pm**. The exhibit runs June 23 through July 31 and features paintings by six women created on island or inspired during their two week stay in September 2007. All of the artworks are available for purchase.

Since 1987, Marlene Loznicka has organized an annual stay on Monhegan with a small group of women painters. The annual trip is now a firm tradition which has deepened both friendship and artistic development. "Living closely with the other painters for two weeks," Marlene remarks, "brings camaraderie, inspired cooking, regales of laughter and honest critique."

The 2007 painters include four year-round Maine residents: Jeannie Fine (Nobleboro), Betty Heselton (Pemaquid and Gardiner), Sally Loughridge (South Bristol) and Marlene Loznicka (New Harbor), as well as two New Haven Connecticut artists, Joyce Greenfield and Sigrid Smith. Cumulatively, they have spent 60 extended art sojourns on Monhegan.

The exhibit includes oils, watercolors, soft pastels and acrylics from a variety of island perspectives – beyond the dock to Manana and Smutty Nose, down tumbled rocky crags, close upon the vegetation, toward island homes and activity, within Cathedral Woods, outward to sea, and more. Unique atmospheric conditions, stark beauty and simple living on Monhegan stirred the emotions and fueled the creative energy of the painters. Whether depicting the dramatic or the subtle, the panoramic or the intimate, each person found a daily vantage point from which to interpret their island experience.

Late each afternoon, the painters returned to the cottage to rest, renew and share their observations, excitement, mishaps, frustrations and paintings. Over the days, a collective sensibility grew – to one another, their shared experience and Monhegan Island. The Damariscotta River Grill show reflects both their common experience and their individual artistic expressions.

### **About the Damariscotta River Grill:**

Since its successful launch in late 2003, the Damariscotta River Grill ([www.damariscottarivergrill.com](http://www.damariscottarivergrill.com)) has firmly established itself as a welcome addition to coastal Maine dining. Owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Rick Hirsch (Executive Chef) and Jean Kerrigan (General Manager), the popular restaurant has been a favorite of locals, summer visitors and vacationing celebrities alike. Guests enjoy the restaurant's traditional Clam Chowder and its hearty Beef and White Bean Chili as much as its Maine Shrimp Bruschetta, fresh Lobster Cakes and tender Pork Osso Buco. The restaurant is highly regarded for its impressive wine list as well, which features a variety of award-winning New and Old World varietals.

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