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## **WORK OF AREA ARTISTS SHOWCASED AT DAMARISCOTTA RIVER GRILL**

***Exhibit, Featuring Two Artists with Long Ties to Midcoast Area, Opens with Artists Reception Thursday, September 13 from 4-6 p.m.***

***Damariscotta, ME*** – The Damariscotta River Grill hosts its next artists reception, featuring area artists, with an opening night event on **Thursday, September 13 from 4-6 p.m.** at the restaurant on Main Street.

The artists whose work is being exhibited will discuss their art, what motivates them, and how they draw inspiration from area surroundings. Free hors d'oeuvres, as well as cocktails and wine from a cash bar, will be available.

Both artists have midcoast ties reaching back several decades, living and exhibiting in the area.

### **Sheila Thompson – Watercolor Artist**

Watercolors have always been Thompson's passion. She has summered at her family's home on Lake Damariscotta for the past 40 years, and draws much of her inspiration from this scenic area. Her works have been exhibited in the Manhasset and Locust Valley Libraries, Great Neck House Gallery and Shelter Rock Gallery in New York as well as the gallery at Thayer Hospital and Damariscotta River Gallery in Maine.

### **Marjorie Strauss – Pastel Artist**

Nature forms are the focus for Strauss, who has lived and exhibited in Maine for over 20 years. Her current work explores the different forms of nature, including the particulars of tree branches and plant leaves. Recently, Strauss has been exploring themes with a spiritual expression.

"Sheila and Marjorie both creatively capture the world around them in their art. We're glad to have an opportunity to showcase their work in the restaurant," noted Damariscotta River Grill owner Jean Kerrigan.

The artwork will be on display at the Grill through October 15.

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

Since its successful launch in 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 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 succulent 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. For further information, or to request an interview with Chef Rick Hirsch, contact Thom Householder at 207/699-5500, [thom@frontburnerpr.com](mailto:thom@frontburnerpr.com).

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