



# Shoreline

## You Are Invited to Our Annual Summer Art Show!

Please join us for the Third Annual Piper Shores Summer Solstice Resident Art Show. Featuring artwork from many of our residents, the art show will be held at Piper Shores on Saturday, June 18 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The exhibition will feature various forms of artwork, including watercolors, oils, photography, tapestries, colored pencil, quilting and more. There is no charge for the event, which is open to the public.



A painting by Piper Shores resident Anne Shepley

"The annual art show is an excellent way for residents to express and share their creativity with prospective future residents of Piper Shores," says Deb Riddell, Executive Director for Piper Shores. "Our residents are extraordinarily talented, and all of this year's participants are looking forward to the prospect of sharing their creativity with other art lovers."

In addition, the annual art show is one of several "Building Community" events that offer great opportunities for residents to connect with the Greater Portland community and other individuals who have expressed interest in Piper Shores. We hope that you will find this issue of Shoreline to be helpful and entertaining. Our goal is to better inform you about the people and activities of the community we hope you will consider joining. Over the months to come, we will continue to bring you more news, notes, poems and articles from Piper Shores. In the meantime, please feel free to call Karen at (207) 883-8700 ext. 109 or email us at [lifecare@pipershores.org](mailto:lifecare@pipershores.org) with your suggestions for future topics in Shoreline.



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Piper Shores

Maine's First & Only Lifecare Retirement Community

## A Few Good Reasons to Join Our Neighbors' Circle

Some of the questions we hear most often relate to the Piper Shores Neighbors' Circle waiting list and the benefits of joining. Two of the most important reasons for becoming a Neighbors' Circle member include the importance of lifecare planning and the opportunity to become part of the Piper Shores community.

Piper Shores is Maine's first not-for-profit lifecare retirement community. Lifecare means you have the freedom to pursue the retirement you want because you have already planned for your future health-care needs. As a lifecare resident, your independent living apartment or cottage guarantees you priority access to on-site assisted living and skilled nursing care if you ever need them. The fact that Piper Shores is a popular retirement choice is underscored by our full occupancy and an ever-growing roster of future residents on our Neighbors' Circle waiting list.



*Neighbors Circle members and Piper Shores residents enjoy the St. Patrick's Day Party.*

When you join the Neighbors' Circle, the staff at Piper Shores works closely with you to identify appropriate housing that meets your individualized needs. Neigh-

ighbors' Circle membership offers you more choices and the best opportunity to realize your retirement dreams on a timeframe that works for you.

Of course, one of the best reasons to join our Neighbors' Circle is to become an active member of the Piper Shores community as a future resident. As a Neighbors' Circle

member, you will be invited to attend all Building Community events and periodically enjoy Piper Shores' on-site amenities such as our swimming pool, guest accommodations and dining area. In addition, you will receive our Neighbors' Circle newsletter with social event information and news on life at Piper Shores. Membership is a great way to make new friends and start enjoying your Piper Shores lifestyle now.

### Piper Shores: A Historical Perspective

Piper Shores was created by a group of prominent Maine citizens in January, 1995 with the formation of Maine Life Care Retirement Community, Inc., a not-for-profit organization. Together, these individuals shared a vision that inspired them to create Maine's first and only full-service lifecare retirement community. Piper Shores of Scarborough, Maine is the realization of this ideal.

With help from the issuance of tax-exempt bonds in 1999 by the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority construction of Piper Shores began. Completed in August 2001 on a beautiful 138-acre oceanfront setting, the architectural style of Piper Shores closely resembles that of the summer hotels that once graced the area. The exterior

style of the main buildings, including 160 apartments and 40 independent living cottages (the latter completed in October of 2002) are influenced by John Calvin Stevens, Maine's most famous architect.

In the summer of 2004, eight more private rooms were added to the Health Center along with two more one-bedroom apartments in Assisted Living, bringing the total number of rooms to 40 and 20 respectively. A residents' woodworking shop, was recently added in March, 2005 (see page 4).

Since August, 2004, Piper Shores has experienced 100% occupancy. In addition, many future residents have joined Piper Shores' Neighbors' Circle wait list.

## Building Community Begins at Home

**P**iper Shores is more than just bricks and mortar. It is a community full of friends and neighbors who have chosen to make Piper Shores their home. Every member of our community plays an integral and active role in shaping its future. Three important aspects of the proactive approach to the future include; *Community Outreach*, *Showcasing Piper Shores* and *Strengthening Bonds Within Piper Shores*. These are the foundation of Piper Shores' Building Community initiative.

**Community Outreach:** Building Community at Piper Shores provides many substantive ways for our residents to connect with community organizations throughout southern Maine and the Greater Portland area. This positive interaction is a classic win-win situation for Piper Shores



*The Piper Shores Resident Art Show is a Building Community event.*

residents as well as for the community organizations and the individuals they serve. A partial list of the organizations participating in Piper Shores' Building Community outreach and sponsorship efforts include the Maine Alzheimer's Association, USM School of Music, Maine Jewish Film Festival, Best of Broadway, and the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital (see sidebar).

**Showcasing Piper Shores:** Building Community helps showcase Maine's only true lifecare community (and our beautiful oceanfront location) to those who might one day choose to make Piper Shores their home. The Building Community initiative hosts events, including this year's Summer Solstice Resident Art Show on June 18, as well as periodic resident events. These events help individuals learn more about Piper Shores and the possibility of joining our community. (See pages 1 and 3 for more information).

**Strengthening Bonds Within Piper Shores:** Of course, one of the greatest benefits of Building Community is the bond it strengthens between the residents of the Piper Shores community. Building Community social events such as theme parties, teas, and various other activities are just some of the many reasons why life at Piper Shores is so enjoyable. The fact that Piper Shores is a popular retirement choice is further supported by 100% occupancy in our apartments and cottages and by our ever-growing roster of future residents on our Neighbors' Circle waiting list.

To learn more about Piper Shores' Building Community events or our Neighbors' Circle wait list, please call Karen Hogan at (207) 883-8700 ext. 109.

### *Barbara Bush Children's Hospital*

Piper Shores is proud to sponsor the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center. This support reflects our commitment to quality care for Maine people and their families. The "hospital within a hospital" offers children throughout New England the best, most complete care possible. They specialize in all aspects of pediatric medicine for infants, young children and teens. Barbara Bush Children's Hospital is a valued community resource that shares our vision of excellence in caregiving and compassion. For more information about the hospital, please visit [www.mmc.org/mmc\\_bush](http://www.mmc.org/mmc_bush)



## Woodworking Shop...

by Milton L. Rusk, Piper Shores Resident

The official opening of the Piper Shores Woodworking Shop took place at 3:00pm on March 22, 2005 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Phil Bowditch and Russ Martin, Presidents Emeritus of the Shop, did the honors, with Deb Riddell, Executive Director, in attendance. Shop members were there to answer questions from the many residents who visited and enjoyed refreshments supplied by Michelle McGarrity.

Now that the Shop is officially open, the "Woodworking Committee" has become the "Woodworking Shop." Shop members pay annual dues, sign liability releases, and agree to observe Shop rules and regulations.



*Our new woodworking shop features state-of-the-art equipment in a professional-quality environment.*



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