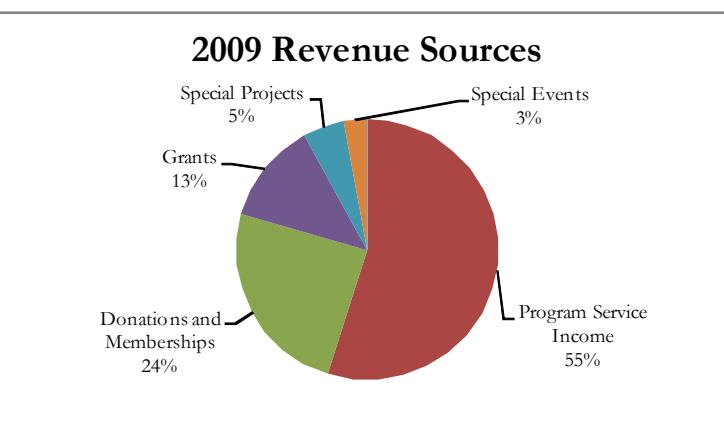
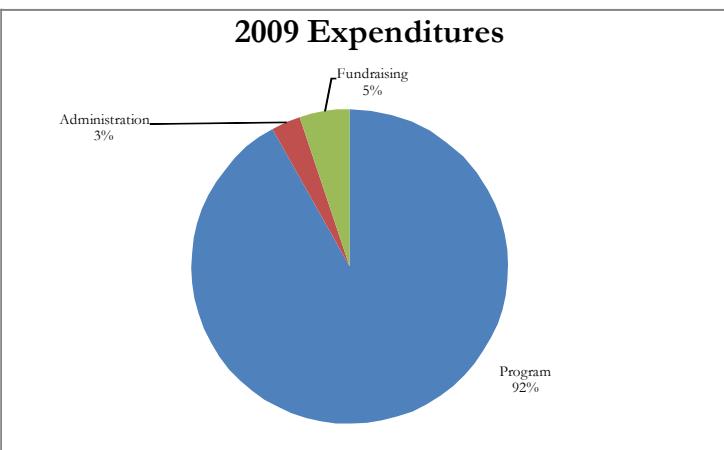


2009 FINANCES

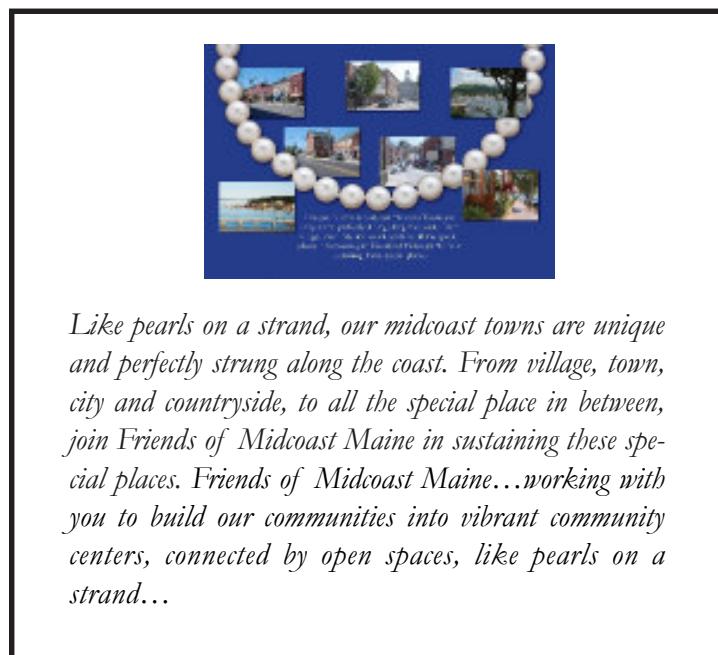


Collaborations with

- The Georges River Land Trust
- Damariscotta River Association
- Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association
- The Maine Association of Planners
- The Penobscot Marine Museum for Photographic *Then and Now* project
- Time and Tide Resource Conservation and Development Area Council
- Gateway One's 21 midcoast communities in long range planning project
- Midcoast Regional Planning Commission on bicycle and pedestrian planning
- The Damariscotta Planning Advisory Committee and Town of Damariscotta on long range planning
- The Town of Damariscotta and the Orton Family Foundation for the Heart and Soul Planning Project



Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2009	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Total Checking/Savings	27,504.23
Total Current Assets	27,504.23
TOTAL ASSETS	27,504.23
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,756.56
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,756.56
Total Current Liabilities	1,756.56
Total Liabilities	1,756.56
EQUITY	
Fund Balances	26,063.77
Net Income	-316.10
Total Equity	25,747.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	27,504.23



FRIENDS OF MIDCOAST MAINE

2009 Smart Growth Accomplishments and Highlights

The Friends of Midcoast Maine focuses on three broad missions: 1) education, workshops and technical assistance, 2) project endorsements and 3) advocacy for sound planning and sensible growth. During 2009, our accomplishments have been significant.

Planning/Workshops/Technical Assistance

- Provided assistance to
 - Islesboro* Comprehensive Plan committee for the update of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan
 - Damariscotta* with the Heart and Soul planning project including the Damariscotta Planning Advisory Committee, the Town of Damariscotta and the Orton Family Foundation
 - Lincolnville* with a village planning workshop and public engagement process
- Worked with 21 Gateway One communities on long range planning for the Route One corridor
- Assisted Midcoast Regional Planning Commission with community outreach for Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning.
- Worked with the youth of Camden and Damariscotta to improve youth engagement in their communities.
- Served as fiscal sponsor for the RIG, a youth engagement program in Camden.
- Worked with the Damariscotta Planning Advisory Committee to serve as fiscal sponsor for the committee's work.
- Provided bi-weekly electronic newsletter to 1000+ recipients



FMM Management/Membership/Development

- Held 2009 Annual Meeting at the 1812 Farmhouse in Bristol with Keynote Speaker William Roper from the Orton Family Foundation speaking on "Engaging Citizens to Create Vibrant Enduring Communities".
- Attracted 25 new annual memberships. Retained hundreds of existing members.

Fund-raising/future projects

- Received numerous grants for on-going educational program and specific projects from Time and Tide, Bingham Betterment Fund and others.
- Developed promotional scenic postcard for 1000 donors/prospects.

2009 SMART GROWTH AWARDS

In 2009, Friends of Midcoast Maine presented three Smart Growth Awards to:

- The Friends of Rockport, The Maine Farmland Trust, and Aldermere Farm for the Erickson Farm project in Rockport, Maine.
- Pat Felton of Belfast for serving as an advocate of smart growth principles and practices.
- Zoot Coffee Shop in downtown Camden for serving as an important "third place", locating in downtown Camden and building community by nourishing civic dialogue.



Cate Cronin from Maine Farmland Trust,
Pat Felton from Belfast,
Ron Howard from Aldermere Farm,
Sondra Hamilton from Camden's Zoot Coffee and
Sarah Post from Aldermere Farm
receive the 2009 Smart Growth Awards.

2008-2009 Board of Trustees



Mary Kate Reny
Chair
Bremen

Growth and development don't start with a hammer and nail. They start with an idea, an opportunity, a decision. As these decisions are made independently of each other, cumulative changes are permanently made. Good or bad, it becomes immediately clear what is missing: the key conversations among community members who ultimately live with the outcome. FMM is the link to these essential conversations and the spark needed to sustain great ideas, opportunities and decisions that define our future landscape. **Mary Kate Reny**



Benjamin Long
Bowdoinham

When my wife and I moved to Maine, we were drawn here by its unspoiled beauty and unique quality of place. In each state we previously called home, we had witnessed the qualities we valued most being gradually eroded by sprawl. Knowing all too well how easily that could happen here too, makes me all the more appreciative of the work FMM is doing to help midcoast communities plan for growth sustainably, rather than accepting as inevitable losing what they cherish to sprawl. Growth is good for Maine, but well planned growth is infinitely better! **Ben Long**



Steve Ryan
Vice Chair
Belfast

Friends has developed into a credible, much needed expert resource to help our midcoast communities plan for the future, balancing our move into the 21st century with the preservation of what's really special about our region. If it didn't exist, we would need to create it to support sound growth and local decision making. **Steve Ryan**



Christopher Osgood
Vice Chair,
Lincolnville

Our local midcoast communities are learning the value and importance to their land use, economic and transportation futures, of engaging in long range planning. The services we provide at Friends meet those planning needs. Our increasingly effective tools for bringing about open public dialogue, participation and exchange are keeping us at the forefront in planning for healthy, sustainable futures. **Christopher Osgood**



Jennifer Merritt
Treasurer
Waldoboro

As we all deal with the challenges brought by the moving targets of change in our communities, FMM offers knowledge, resources, training and technical assistance to strengthen us in meeting these challenges with an ability to make necessary choices in a more informed manner. We will not always agree but we will all benefit if we pledge to engage with each other while planning our future. FMM offers experience, tools and the belief that we can meet these challenges together, as part of the communities we live in. **Jennifer Merritt**



Edie Tucker
Falmouth and
Camden

Maine is a treasure. Route 1, along the coast, is the backbone of the most used part of the state. FMM is helping our section to intelligently and with good judgment keep our treasure. **Edie Tucker**



Richard Remsen
Secretary,
Rockport

Planning for the future of our communities or letting them decay into a helter-skelter, sprawling mess; that's the choice. Encouraging the vitality of our towns through good land use planning should be a positive, pro-active approach; the alternative is to wait and see until it's too late. **R. Furneaux Remsen**

The Advisory Council



Evan Richert,
USM Muskie School



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Trust



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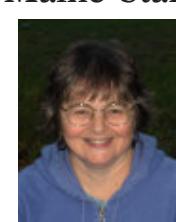


Christopher
Glass
Camden

As an architect, I am usually working on one building at a time. Through Friends of Midcoast Maine I am able to participate in plans that affect our whole midcoast neighborhood, and to try to make sure that it remains a great place to live. **Chris Glass**



Jane Lafleur
Executive Director



Elizabeth A Della Valle
Contract Land Planner



*A grassroots initiative for sensible growth
Serving the midcoast area from Brunswick to Bucksport*

2009 Annual Report

Mission

The Mission of Friends of Midcoast Maine is to help Midcoast communities plan for a vibrant and sustainable future. We are an independent resource that provides expertise in support of smart growth principles.

Goals

We encourage a pattern of development that:

- Maintains our historic settlement patterns and rural character
- Conserves forest, agricultural and marine resources for sustainable use
- Stimulates economic health
- Supports affordable housing
- Uses existing infrastructure efficiently and avoids new investment and maintenance
- Reduces the need for tax increases
- Eases dependency on cars and trucks
- Promotes and guides growth in towns and service centers.

Strategy

We seek to accomplish this by:

- Building consensus through inclusive public processes
- Linking and forging alliances between land use, transportation, downtown and rural area issues and people
- Using state of the art and traditional planning tools
- Advocating for sensible planning processes and policies
- Helping citizens to identify and save what is valued
- Working for changes in ways that will be sustainable in the future and
- Speaking with a clear voice in support of positive and healthy growth in the region.



I have been involved with this organization since 2003. In that time I have watched them grow and evolve to meet the needs of Maine's midcoast communities. Like many non-profits they have struggled through tough economic times, but FMM has been fortunate to emerge a stronger organization! One area in particular that distinguishes the work of FMM, is their focus on bringing community members to the table and effectively engaging them in the discussion. This ability to build community through the process will become even more critical as we face the many challenges ahead in our effort to build sustainable communities and preserve our quality of place. Ben L., Bowdoinham

Having worked in economic development and with many downtown business groups over the years, I can honestly say that the content and context of the educational programs that Friends of Midcoast Maine brings to the table is significant. The quality of speakers, the superb organizational skills of FMM leadership, and impact of their continued community consciousness messages is beyond anything I've seen in twenty-plus years in the field. Shawn S., Camden