#### A Few of our Favorite Pictures





### SUNFLOWERS, Beautiful August Blooming Perennials Fun Flowery Facts

No flower can lift someone's spirits like a sunflower. They are bright and cheery and as warm and inviting as the sweet summer sun. With brilliant yellow petals, also known as "rays", sunflowers have the unmistakable sun-like appearance that has made them a crowd favorite. Sunflowers come in a number of varieties, ranging from small to very large, have yellow petals to red. Sunflowers symbolize adoration.

Some Facts about sunflowers are:

- 1. Sunflowers display a behavior called heliotropism. The flower buds and young blossoms will face east in the morning and follow the sun as the earth moves during the day. However, as the flowers get heavier during seed production, the stems will stiffen and the mature flower heads will generally remain facing east.
- 2. Sunflowers in their cut form tend to be thirsty, so check the water level daily.
- 3. The flowers not only look like the sun, they need a lot of it.
- 4. Like potatoes, tomatoes, and corn, the cheerful plants didn't originate in Europe. They were cultivated in North America.

In the summer of 2014, Veteran green-thumb Hans-Peter Schiffer toppled the Guinness World Record for third year in a row for the tallest sunflower. The local fire brigade lent its help in measuring the sunflower, which required its own scaffold. The sunflower measured 30 ft 1 in.

By Flower Patch, Nov. 2018



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There Are so Many Beautiful Reasons to be Happy.



Special events, day trips, cookouts and exciting entertainment events have been in abundance this summer, as usual!





August will feature our third barbecue of the season, a Seafood Barbeque, on Wednesday, August 13th. This meal promises to be brimming with flavor and perfect for seafood lovers!

Please show up at your regular lunch time, 11:30 or 1:00. Held outside (weather permitting) on our Castine front lawn. Enjoy!



## **Good Reads**

### **Word Search**

| Word List:                  | Beware, words can go every which way! |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
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| BROWNING<br>BURNS<br>CRANE  | G                                     | A | Т | N | 0 | S | W | P | V | L | W | Т | R | A | Z |  |
| DEFOE<br>DICKENS            | н                                     | L | A | 0 | J | S | M | A | R | E | G | E | R | 0 | Y |  |
| FAULKNER<br>GIDE            | G                                     | S | R | S | W | Н | A | Р | L | E | N | 0 | L | A | L |  |
| HALEY<br>HARTE<br>HEMINGWAY | N                                     | Ε | G | I | D | Ε | U | A | L | K | Y | A | X | L | Н |  |
| HUGO<br>HURSTON             | E                                     | R | F | R | Н | U | G | 0 | L | A | Ε | Р | R | С | S |  |
| KEATS<br>KINGSTON           | Т                                     | Т | В | R | Н | Р | Н | U | N | С | Т | R | A | С | K |  |
| MAUGHAM<br>MOORE            | S                                     | D | I | 0 | Q | E | A | G | Н | V | 0 | Н | В | D | I |  |
| MORRISON<br>PLATH           | U                                     | I | F | M | E | F | M | L | Y | U | Ĥ | Т | 0 | R | N |  |
| POUND<br>ROTH<br>SAND       | A                                     | С | N | 0 | В | В | Н | I | D | E | R | 0 | Т | S | G |  |
| SAROYAN<br>SHAW             | W                                     | K | F | G | U | K | T | Z | N | M | L | S | Н | T | S |  |
| SINGER<br>SONTAG            | N                                     | E | N | R | E | V | W | J | U | G | X | A | Т | S | T |  |
| STOWE<br>SWIFT              | D                                     | N | N | A | Н | R | A | R | 0 | T | W | K | Н | 0 | 0 |  |
| TWAIN<br>VERNE<br>WALKER    | N                                     | S | Т | I | U | K | I | V | P | A | В | A | С | 0 | N |  |
| WELLS<br>ZOLA               | S                                     | S | M | G | N | I | N | W | 0 | R | В | I | Y | Р | N |  |

### Schooner Tenant Profiles Please give these folks a warm Schooner welcome!



Note: Some of our profiles do not have photographs included - it all depends on a tenant's preference.



We are excited to officially welcome **Jim Balicki** to apartment 526. Jim sadly lost his wife about a year ago. He has a brother who lives in Livermore Falls. He decided to move to Schooner knowing sooner or later he might not be able to drive safely. Before his retirement, he was an Electrical Engineer and taught an Electrical college course. His main hobby is fishing, and enjoys it a lot! Jim is looking forward to making new friends here in our community.

Let's all welcome
Claude Poulin. He
resides in studio
B106. Before moving
to Schooner, he lived
in Lewiston. Claude
lost his wife several
months ago. They
have 2 children, one



great, great grandchild, and two grandchildren. Before retirement, he was a salesman. His hobbies are PlayStation 5, Nintendo, and Bingo.

He is easy to get along with and enjoys meeting new people. He quoted, "I am handsome!"

We are so happy to have Claude here!

Take time out from your everyday routine and play a game of pool! Our pool room also contains game tables and a large screen television. The perfect place for a friendly get together. Located on the 2nd floor, Searsport building.

# JOIN OUR CREATIVE GROUP





From garden to holiday crafts, paper crafts to fabric creations, we have easy handmade ideas for everyone. You don't have to be an expert! Come on down and enjoy a fun hour with your friends and neighbors. In case you haven't already, stop by

haven't already, stop by and give it a try.

Check your monthly calendars for dates and times. An enjoyable project will be chosen and all supplies needed are provided for you.