

# Alaska by the Sea: Homer, Alaska Newsletter

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## Twin Puffins Cabin

Built the year before last, this two bedroom, two bathroom cabin is located 7 miles from down town Homer. It is fully equipped with satellite tv in each bedroom and the living room, a washer and dryer, dishwasher, and more. It overlooks the Homer Spit, Kachemak Bay, and the Kenai Mountain Range. The grill and table on the deck make it a perfect place to enjoy te days catch and the view.

Each bedroom can have either two twin beds or a king bed and there is a futon in the living room. This cabin is great for couples, families, and friends alike.

Check the cabin out online at: [www.twinpuffins.com](http://www.twinpuffins.com). If you have questions or would like to book call us at 399-7688 or toll free at 1-877-374-2716

## Shorebird Festival

This will be the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival (May 8-11) which celebrates the spring and the migration of over 25 species of shorebirds to the Kachemak Bay. The theme this year is Shorebirds as International Ambassadors: Connecting Birds, Habitats, and People.

Naturalists, speakers, and guides will be present for the many activities available. The Keynote speaker is Richard Crossley. For more info check out:

[www.homeralaska.org/events/kachemak-BayShorebirdFestival/index.htm](http://www.homeralaska.org/events/kachemak-BayShorebirdFestival/index.htm)

## Concert on the Lawn

This will be the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Concert on the Lawn put on by the KBBi radio station. Scheduled for July 26-27, the Concert on the Lawn is an outdoor music festival at Hornaday Park in Homer. KBBi is currently accepting applications for musicians for this years concert. For more info on the concert check out:

[www.kbbi.org/COTL.html](http://www.kbbi.org/COTL.html)

## Old Songs and Duct Tape

Is a musical comedy dinner theater being performed June 13 through September 2 - at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Land's End Resort and Fridays & Saturdays at Alice's Champagne Palace. It is a musical-comedy theater piece performed as dinner-theater, with a live band. Spiced with Alaska wisdom and zest, it is a tale of three quirky women who've bought the establishment where they used to perform, and moved in. Their sexy leader has been keeping a secret for 20 years. The airy soprano encounters Mr. Right, the feminist rock singer trips on her lucky stars and learns the true meaning of social security. Urging them to revive their act, the sensible bartender keeps the lights on and trash out, as tourists and colorful pasts come calling. Profits benefit Homer B&B Association, Patrons of the Pratt Society, and others. [oldsongsandducttape.com](http://oldsongsandducttape.com)

## Kachemak Bay SeaFest

The second annual SeaFest (May

22-26) combines the Kayak Festival, Wooden Boat Show, and Seafair Safety Rodeo into one great weekend. Activities include classes, workshops, a film night, and much, much more. For more info and an itinerary check out: [www.kbayseafest.org](http://www.kbayseafest.org)

## KiteFest Alaska

The first annual KiteFest will be at Mariner Park June 20-25. The goal is to strengthen the community of Alaskan Kitesurfers. Classes, demos, and other activities are planned. Check out the site for more info. [www.kitesurfalaska.com](http://www.kitesurfalaska.com)

### Homestead Restaurant

#### Wine Tasting Fridays

Wines and appetizers for \$25/person starting at 6:00pm.

#### Schedule:

April 18<sup>th</sup>

-Blend is Better: Art of Winemaking

April 25<sup>th</sup>

-Scotch: Islays

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

-Caberet of Cabernets

May 9<sup>th</sup>

-Red Wines to Pair with Seafood

May 16<sup>th</sup>

-Thirty Years of Port

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

-Misunderstood Merlots

May 30<sup>th</sup>

-Greek Classics

June 6<sup>th</sup>

-Wines to Pair with Oysters

For more information, updated schedules, the Dinner at the Vineyard schedule, and menus check out the Homestead website at [www.homesteadrestaurant.net](http://www.homesteadrestaurant.net)

## On-going Events

Tuesdays - Musical Comedy Dinner Theater: Old Songs and Duct Tape at Land's End Resort. \$18 admission not including food or drink. Seating starts at 5, show at 7pm.

Fridays and Saturdays - Musical Comedy Dinner Theater: Old Songs and Duct Tape at Alice's Champagne Palace. \$18 admission not including food or drink. Seating starts at 5, show at 7pm.

First Fridays - Galleries host artists all month, but the first friday is celebrated with food and drink with the artist present.

## Up-coming Events

### May 2008

All Month - Lower Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Stewardship. Upper Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Concerning Climate Change. Marine Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Live Aquaria.

1<sup>st</sup> - Annual Homer Jackpot Halibut Derby begins. Summer long, sponsored by Homer Chamber of Commerce. Monthly cash prizes.

8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> - Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival. Festival coordinated by Christina Whiting 235-7740.

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> - Anchor Point Auction and Salt Water King Tournament.

9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> - Kachemak Bay Quilters Show at Homer Elks Lodge. 235-2127 for more info.

11<sup>th</sup> - Birders Coffee at Alaska Islands and Ocean.

11<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day Brunch at Land's End Resort

22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> - Kachemak Bay Sea Fest combines the Kayak Festival, Wooden Boat Show, and Seafair Safety Rodeo. Contact Homer Chamber for more info.

23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> - Anchor Point Memorial Weekend Family Fun Festival. Contact the Anchor Point Chamber 235-2600 for info.

24<sup>th</sup> - Peterson Bay Day Tours with the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies.

## Up-coming Events Cont.

31<sup>st</sup> - Homer Yacht Club Memorial Day Race. Race starts at 1pm. Call 235-8503 for more info.

## June 2008

All Month - Lower Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Bear Cam. Upper Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Juried Art. Marine Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Live Aquaria.

6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> - Kenai Peninsula Writer's Conference. Lectures, workshops and more. 235-7743 or [writersconference.homer.alaska.edu](http://writersconference.homer.alaska.edu) for more information.

7<sup>th</sup> - Kids Fishing Derby on the Anchor River. Open to all kids under 16, free of charge. Anchor Point Chamber 235-2600 for info.

13<sup>th</sup> - Wynn Nature Center Opening Potluck. Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies 235-5266

14<sup>th</sup> - Homer Animal Friends "Strut Your Mutt" Dog Walk at Homer High School. Games and prizes, call 235-3779 for info.

27<sup>th</sup> - Garden to Gourmet Potluck at Wynn Nature Center. Center for AK Coastal Studies 235-6667 for info.

20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> - The first annual KiteFest Alaska. will be at Mariner Park.

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> - Homer Yacht Club Regatta at Land's End. Call Bob Brant at 235-8503.

28<sup>th</sup> - Homer 10k Spit Run. Sponsored by the Homer News 235-7767.

## July 2008

All Month - Lower Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Bear Cam. Upper Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Juried Art. Marine Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Live Aquaria.

4<sup>th</sup> - Parade and Celebration. Homer Chamber for more info.

4<sup>th</sup> - American Legion Carnival. 235-8864 for info.

5<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day Halibut Fishing Tournament. 1 day high stakes tournament. Homer Chamber for info.

5<sup>th</sup> - Homer Yacht Club Independence Day Race. Bob Brandt at 235-8503 for info.

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> - Beaches and Blossoms Weekend. Discounted minus tide tours Saturday and special programs and free admission at the Wynn Nature Center. Call the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies at 235-6667 for more info.

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> - Bug Me Week. Bug collecting at the Pratt Museum from 1 to 2pm. For kids of all ages.

24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> - Whale Camp Whale ecology and watching for family with kids 9-12. Alaskan Coastal Studies 235-6667 for info.

25<sup>th</sup> - Garden to Gourmet Potluck at Wynn Nature Center. 235-5266 for info from the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies.

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> - KBBi Concert on the Lawn. Visit [www.kbbi.org](http://www.kbbi.org) or call 235-7721 for info.

28<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> - Kenai Peninsula Orchestra's Summer String Festival. Live classical music. Call 235-4899 for info.

## August 2008

All Month - Lower Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Bear Cam. Upper Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Thin Ice: Inuit Traditions with a Changing Environment.. Marine Gallery Pratt Museum exhibit: Live Aquaria.

Artrageous August - Celebrating the Arts all month.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Homer Yacht Club's Converse Cup Race. 1pm starting time. 235-8503 for info.

9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> - Silver Salmon "Spitacular" Tournament. Call the Homer Chamber for info.

29<sup>th</sup> - Garden to Gourmet Potluck at Wynn Nature Center. 235-5266 for info from the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies.

29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> - Tamamta Katuriluta. A gathering of tradition and friendship at the Pratt museum. 235-8635

30<sup>th</sup> - Homer Yacht Club's Labor Day Race. 1pm

start. 235-8503 for info.

## Mermaid Cafe

Mermaid Cafe is located in old town Homer a few blocks from Bishop's Beach. Their chef is Carol Standeart, who won Homer's Iron Chef contest sponsored by Kachemak Bay Family Planning. The cafe will be extending its hours for the summer. Call the cafe at (907)235-7649 for specifics.

### Contact Numbers

HCOA (Homer Council on the Arts) 235-4288  
Alaska Islands and Oceans 235-6961  
Homer Chamber of Commerce 235-7740

If you don't want to receive our tri-annual up-coming Homer events newsletter or would prefer to receive it by email please let us know either by emailing us at [lodging@alaskabythesea.com](mailto:lodging@alaskabythesea.com) or call us toll free at 1-877-374-2716.