



Thanks for a wonderful June edition. Lupines are another beautiful reason to love Maine.

Linda and Ray Olsen  
Ocean Pines, Maryland

## what you said

### LUPINES: WILD AT HEART

>> I read your article about lupines in the June issue as we were going to Maine and hoping to see some. We were on a bus tour and stayed at the Comfort Inn in Wilton. Lo and behold, the field outside our back room window was blooming with lupines. Thank you for making me aware of this beautiful plant.

Elise Mollineaux  
via Facebook

>> For the past 20 years or so, my family has traveled to Maine for our vacation. Each year, my heart fell more in love with your lupines. I bought lupine plants and seeds for my own garden and they finally bloomed. This year was great for my lupines. I wish my husband was alive to see them. Our dream was to live in Maine.

Pauline S. Williams  
Bluffton, Ohio

>> I love the lupines. In fact, the three big Ls are best in my book: lavender, lilacs, and lupines. What's so special about lupines? They are slug and deer resistant! I love, love, love that about them.

Miriam Lancaster  
via Facebook

### NORTH WOODS NATIONAL PARK

>> As with most media coverage about the proposed North Woods National Park, there is one aspect that was not discussed in your article: the positive ecological impact. The conservation

movement has been primarily ethical, but we need to look at it from an economic standpoint as it relates to conservation and biodiversity. The loss of our state's abundant beauty would negatively impact the tourism industry. Protecting one of the last great wilderness ecosystems that remains in the U.S. not only safeguards habitat to prevent extinction of wildlife, it will also protect Maine's five largest rivers and stimulate the economic tourism engine. Maine needs to be steadfast to a long-term vision and goal of protecting 3.2 million acres. Our national parks put the beautiful in "America the beautiful."

Lee Ann Szelog  
Whitefield, Maine

### THE PALACE DINER

>> The Palace fed my grandfather, my father, and me. When I went there, it was owned by Pete Beaudoin (no relation), a great family man who seemed to know everyone. Thanks for the article – the Palace really embodies the great new vibe in Biddeford.

John Beaudoin  
via downeast.com

### PORTLAND DINING GUIDE

>> What a fantastic round-up. I'll be using this as my guide next time I'm in Portland for sure. There are always more great restaurants to discover!

Christy Milford  
via downeast.com

### Rock the Boat

Our June article on cairn building on Ogunquit's Marginal Way and at Acadia National Park elicited some divided responses. Here, a few of our favorites:

Rock towers are more of a blight than lupines.

Dianne Farley  
via Facebook

Tide and time takes care of them.

Frank Rogers  
via Facebook

Seeing these ridiculous mounds of rock has been extremely troublesome.

Robert F. Allen Jr.  
Turner, Maine

To me, these cairns are artwork. I vote that they stay!  
Veronica Daniels  
via downeast.com

### CADDY CAMP

>> I want to thank *Down East* and writer Karl Lindholm for publishing the article "Caddy Camp" in the June issue. The article brought back fond memories of my youth. I was a camper and counselor at Poland Spring's Caddy Camp from 1960–1965, and it helped shape me into who I am today. Mr. Lindholm, who was a counselor during my time at Caddy Camp, wrote stories I could immediately relate to and remember. My years at Caddy Camp were some of the best of my life, and I hope *Down East* publishes more stories like this one in the future.

William A. Orestis  
Stratham, New Hampshire

### FAN MAIL

>> I just want you all to know how much I enjoy each month of *Down East*. Your magazine is the best, with great views and stories. I just love to let you all know how much enjoyment you give.

David Smith  
South Dennis, Massachusetts

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