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GEDDY'S ABOUT TOWN - MAY

By Heather Davis

As the 2016 Season kicks-off, we are delighted to introduce our first monthly newsletter—featuring the hidden gems of **Bar Harbor**, our **Mexican Recipe** for the ultimate fish tacos, in honor of Cinco de Mayo, and a **Calendar** of local events that you won't want to miss! I hope that you enjoy reading our first edition of GEDDY'S "MooseLetter"!

17 FUN FACTS ABOUT BAR HARBOR, MAINE

By Janis Jones

(A reprint from *TravelingWithTheJones.com*, a travel blog dedicated to sharing travel discoveries)

1. Bar Harbor is a town of about 5,200 residents on Mount Desert Island in Hancock County, Maine.
2. With an area of 108 square miles, Mount Desert Island is the largest island off the coast of Maine and the sixth largest island in the contiguous United States
3. The Wabanaki Indians were the original inhabitants of the northeast shore of Mount

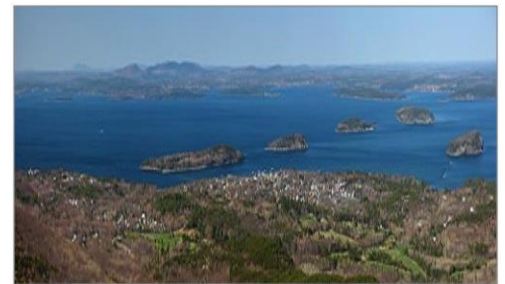
Desert Island, which they called **Pemetic**, meaning "the sloping land."

4. The Wabanaki fished, hunted and gathered berries, clams, and other shellfish in the area, traveling in birch bark canoes. They called the area that is now Bar Harbor **Man-es-ayd'ik** or "clam-gathering place," leaving piles of shells as evidence.

5. On September 6, 1604, French explorer Samuel de Champlain discovered the area when his boat ran aground on a rock as he was sailing towards Otter Creek. Champlain named the island **Isles des Monts Deserts**, or "island of barren mountains," which is now called Mount Desert Island.

6. Europeans Israel Higgins and John Thomas first settled in the area and began a community in 1763. The town was named as Eden, after Sir Richard Eden, an English statesman, and incorporated on February 23, 1796.

7. Local industries included fishing, lumbering, shipbuilding and agriculture.



17 FUN FACTS ABOUT BAR HARBOR, MAINE (FEATURE ARTICLE)

Enjoy a few of the fun facts about Bar Harbor that some of that e locals might not even know.

Enjoy the colorful history of this great and gorgeous town which we call home!

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CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO (Page 2)

Join us as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the best Mexican food north of the Border!

Check out our recipe for the ultimate "Baja Fish Tacos."

8. In the 1840s, the area's rugged maritime scenery attracted artists from the Hudson River School, including Thomas Cole and Frederic Church. These painters glorified Mount Desert Island in their artwork, inspiring patrons and friends to flock here.

9. Tobias Roberts established Agamont House, the first hotel in Eden, in 1855.

10. Alpheus Hardy built Birch Point, the first summer estate, in 1868.

11. By 1880, there were 30 hotels, including the Mira Monte Inn, a historic landmark that would later survive the massive fire in 1947. Tourists arrived by train and ferry to the Gilded Age resort.

12. For a select group of Americans, the 1880s and the "Gay Nineties" meant affluence on a scale without precedent. Mount Desert, still remote from the cities of the East, became a summer retreat for the Rockefellers, Morgans, Fords, Vanderbilts, Carnegies, and Astors, and other prominent families who built elegant estates, ironically called "cottages."

13. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of John D. Rockefeller of Standard Oil Co., donated about one-third of the land in Acadia



BAR HARBOR'S FRENCHMAN BAY

National Park and built the carriage roads that are today used for hiking and biking.

14. Future Vice President Nelson Rockefeller was born in the town on July 8, 1908.

15. On March 3, 1918, the town of Eden was renamed Bar Harbor. The new name was inspired by the sand and gravel bar, visible at low tide, which leads across to Bar Island and forms the rear of the harbor.

16. In 1920, President William Howard Taft played golf at the Kebo Valley Golf Club.

17. In October, 1947, during a severe drought, sparks at a landfill eight miles from town ignited a wildfire that would intensify over ten days, destroying 67 palatial summer houses on Millionaires' Row. Five grand hotels and 170 permanent homes were also destroyed, as well as 10,000 acres of Acadia National Park. Two people died. Fortunately, the town's business district was spared.



CINCO DE MAYO: FISH TACO RECIPE

By Marcela Valladolid

Baja-Style Fish Tacos

Beer-battered halibut is fried to a golden crisp and then topped with shredded cabbage and salsa for this delicious fish taco. Serves 6-8.

Step 1 – For Beer Batter, mix 1 cup flour, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon black pepper in bowl. Gradually add 1 cup dark Mexican Beer, while whisking. Then, set aside for 15 minutes.

Step 2 – For Cream Sauce, add 1/3 cup of mayonnaise and 2/3 cup Mexican crema (Sour

Cream or crème fraiche) in bowl. Whisk in 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest & 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice & 2 tablespoons of water. Season with salt & pepper to taste.

Step 3 – For Fish, pour 1 inch of oil into large skillet on medium heat until 350 degrees F. Salt & pepper fish and coat with flour. Dip fillets in beer batter on both sides. Fry in hot oil until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Transfer to paper towel to remove excess oil.

Step 4 – Place fish on torillas & top with crema, shredded cabbage & tomatillo salsa. ENJOY!



GEDDY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF MAY 2ND,



CELEBRATE AT GEDDY'S for HAPPY HOUR: \$5 JUMBO CUEVAS MARGAITAS, \$5 NACHOS, \$3 CORONAS, \$12.99 CHICKEN ENCHILADA & \$11.99 CHEESE ENCHILADA.

CINCO DE MAYO
Thursday, May 5th,

WEEK OF MAY 9TH,



ENJOY LUNCH OR DINNER AT GEDDY'S, AS WE HONOR MOTHERS EVERYWHERE, AND TREAT YOUR MOTHER TO DESSERT ON US, WITH MEAL PURCHASE OF \$25.00, OR MORE.

MOTHER'S DAY
Sunday, May 8th,

WEEK OF MAY 16TH,



GEDDY'S IS PROUD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S "TASTE OF BAR HARBOR, PUB TOUR." FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE SEE www.barharborinfo.com or <http://bit.ly/1SJ8pRj>.

TASTE OF BAR HARBOR
"PUB TOUR"
Friday, May 20th,

WEEK OF MAY 30TH,



MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 30th,



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