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BAR HARBOR: THEN AND NOW

By Heather Davis

Fall is in the air! Kids have gone back to school, and the Bar Harbor season finally begins to wind down. September brings the occasional cruise ship, locals who come out of hiding, and visitors, traveling without young children, who prefer to experience the beauty of [Mount Desert Island](#) with the fall foliage & no summer crowds.

This month, in our September issue, we focus on a brief history of the town, "Bar Harbor: Then and Now." We also share our coveted recipe for New England clam chowder, to warm you up on a chilly fall day. In addition, we look at what's trending in [Geddy's](#) shop "Down-Under" and check out the upcoming local calendar of events. Happy reading!

BAR HARBOR: THEN AND NOW

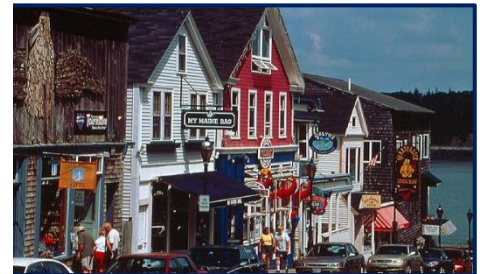
By Heather Davis

[Bar Harbor](#) is the largest of four towns on Mount Desert Island. It is steeped in rich and colorful history. Founded by the [Wabanaki Indians](#), Bar Harbor was originally known as "Pematic," meaning "range of mountains" or "mountains seen at a distance." In 1763, the town was settled by Europeans and, in 1796,

incorporated as "Eden" – named after the English statesman, Sir Richard Eden. It was renamed Bar Harbor in 1918, after the famous sandbar that connects the town to [Bar Island](#) (part of [Acadia National Park](#)) at low tide.

In the 1840s, as a result of its spectacular mountains and rocky coastline, Bar Harbor began to attract [Hudson River School](#) artists, including Thomas Cole, Frederic Edwin Church, and William Hart, followed by authors, journalists, sportsman and "[rusticators](#)." Inspired by the beauty of these artists' paintings and of the writings of well-known authors and journalists, wealthy and prominent industrialists began to flock to Bar Harbor from Boston, New York, and Philadelphia.

By 1880, during the [Gilded Age](#), Bar Harbor had become the summer resort of the rich and the famous - rivaling Newport, Rhode Island. There were 30 glamour hotels and estates of grandeur, called "[cottages](#)," along the shoreline. These cottages were built by many of the wealthy industrialists, including the [Rockefellers](#), [Vanderbilts](#), [Roosevelts](#), [Morgans](#), [Duponts](#), Proctors, Livingstons, [Fords](#), [Pulitzers](#), and [Astors](#) (cont. pg.2).



DOWNTOWN BAR HARBOR ... TODAY.

Spared by the Great Fire of 1947, downtown Bar Harbor maintains its original architecture and charm, with a few facelifts here and there.



NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER ... IT DOESN'T GET MUCH BETTER THAN THIS ON A CHILLY FALL DAY

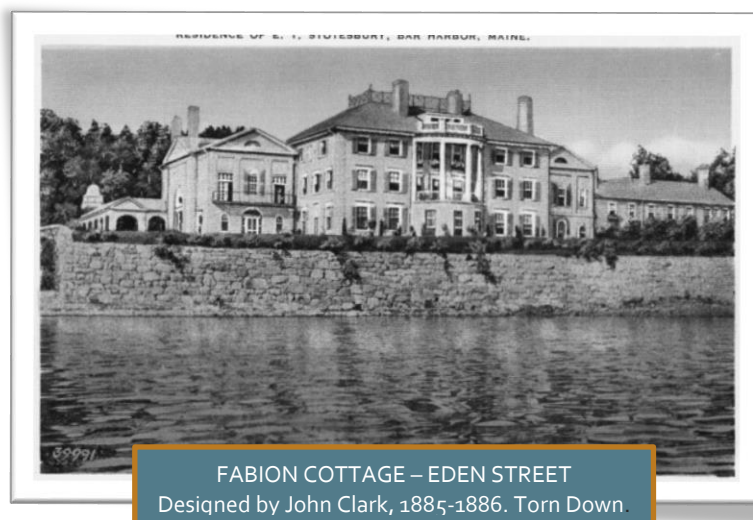
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Join us for a cup or a bowl of our famous house specialty!

The most opulent of these cottages had 110 rooms (30 for servants) with turrets, grand porches & balconies, and elegantly manicured gardens. In fact, young [Jackie Bouvier](#), the wife of President [John F. Kennedy](#) and [Aristotle Onassis](#), and her sister, [Lee Radziwill](#), spent summers in Bar Harbor at the [Auchincloss](#) family estate, which burned down during the "[Great Fire of 1947](#)" – destroying 67 of the famous summer cottages on [Millionaire Row](#), five of the historic grand hotels, 170 permanent residences, and over 10,000 acres of Acadia National Park.

While the fire of 1947 spared the downtown business district, it would forever change the landscape of Bar Harbor with many of the wealthy summer resident relocating to new areas. The summer cottages that grandly adorned the shoreline were either burnt down in the Great Fire or demolished after years of decay.

Today, Bar Harbor is once again a vibrant and thriving summer resort community, albeit a bit less opulent than its Golden Age. While most of its rich and the famous have long moved away, descendants of some of those wealthy industrialists still reside in the area, at least, part of the year – typically during the summer and fall. In addition, new celebrities and prominent figures now call Mount



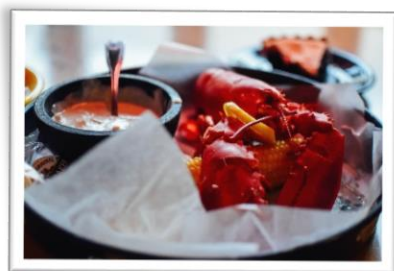
FABION COTTAGE – EDEN STREET
Designed by John Clark, 1885-1886. Torn Down.

Desert Island home in the summertime. - enjoying the serene lifestyle, the natural scenic beauty of the area, the many outdoor activities, and, of course, the fresh Maine lobster.

Some of those famous local residents include: [Martha Stewart](#), [David Morse](#) (*St. Elsewhere*), [Susan Sarandon](#), [Ned Johnson](#) and daughter, [Abigail](#) (*Fidelity Investments*), [Zbigniew Brzezinski](#) (former National Security Advisor to Jimmy Carter), [Fred L. Savage](#) (well-known architect), and [Roxanne Quimby](#) (*Burt's Bees*), with many other celebrities in nearby areas.

In fact, Martha Stewart actually purchased the residence of Edsel Ford in 1997. Called "[Skylands](#)," the home is 35,000 square feet and sits on 63 acres of forest and coastline. Susan Sarandon spent summers with her family on Mount Desert Island, later buying the home that they had rented when she was a child.

While Bar Harbor has clearly changed since the Gilded Age, there is still no place like home and Mount Desert Island in the summertime – both then and now.



NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

By Heather Davis (Recipe)

Having grown-up in Bar Harbor, I appreciate a good bowl of hot, creamy New England clam chowder, or as we say "Chowda," on a chilly fall day. I hope that you will too!

Step 1 – Heat 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter in a large pot over medium-high heat.

Step 2 – Add 1 medium onion (finely diced) and 2 stalks of celery (sliced). Sauté until softened, stirring frequently.

Step 3 – Gradually mix in 3 tablespoons of all-purpose flour (or substitute rice flour for gluten-free).

Step 4 – Add 2 cups of chicken or vegetable stock, juice from 2 10-ounce cans of chopped clams (reserve clams), 1 cup heavy cream, 2

Bay leaves & 1 pound Idaho potatoes (1/2 inch cubes). Bring to simmer, stirring often, until thickened.

Step 5 – Reduce heat to medium-low and cook for 20 minutes, stirring frequently, until potatoes are tender.

Step 6 – Add clams and season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook until clams are just firm, about 2 minutes.

Step 7 – Serve hot ... and accompany with oyster crackers or croutons. ENJOY ... It's almost like being at Gedly's!



WHAT'S TRENDING "DOWN-UNDER"

By Heather Davis (Recipe)

As the temperature begin to drop, long-sleeves shirts and sweatshirts become increasingly popular. For ladies, one of the most popular items this summer has been the "Salt Water Heals Everything" short sleeve tee-shirt. The tee-shirt also comes in long-sleeves for those chilly days and nights in the fall. Sizes (S, M, L & XL). Colors (white, shown, & black). Please contact Raya@geddys.com to order directly, or visit our Geddy's "Down-Under" website at www.shop.geddys.com.

GEDDY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For additional information on the history of Bar Harbor and its grand cottages, check out the following:



BAR HARBOR - THEN.

- [Oli's Trolley](http://www.olistolley.com/) – Fun tours of Mount Desert Island, including Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park. Reference website for details: www.olistolley.com/.
- [Historic Walking Tours](#) – Tours of downtown architecture and historic homes of Bar Harbor, offered throughout the month. Additional information found on the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce's Event Calendar (see below).
- [Abbe's Museum](http://www.abbemuseum.org/) – History of the local Wabanaki Indians. The museum is open daily from 10 am – 5 p.m., through October 31st. For additional Information, the website is <http://www.abbemuseum.org/>.
- [The Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce](http://www.barharborinfo.com/Events.aspx) – Calendar of upcoming events can be found at www.barharborinfo.com/Events.aspx, or by telephoning 1-800-345-4617 or 1-207-288-5103.

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