

# WOMEN'S VOICES RISING by the SEA

## ChoralFest at the Ferry Beach Retreat and Conference Center, Saco, ME



January 2020

### It's the start of a new year. Time to make plans for ChoralFest 2020.

We have a steadfast core of loyal singers who look forward to ChoralFest every summer and would not miss it. We would dearly love to grow our group to a total of 25 or even 30 singers. Please consider making 2020 the year you attend for the first time or return to sing with us once more after taking a hiatus.

We hope that you will attend to experience the warmth of comradery among the members of our group and also the brothers of GAYLA – lots of smiles, hugs, deep conversations. Free from the duties and constraints of our working lives, we settle into an easy routine of singing, eating, and sleeping, making for a truly relaxing vacation week. The views of the ocean and the pines in the grove are as breathtaking as ever and the Ferry Beach staff keep the campus humming along smoothly.

As you know from earlier newsletters, last summer we changed the composition of the group to all women and right from the beginning our rehearsals were different. Singers picked up their parts more easily. In just a few days, we were beyond counting and closely following notes; we were making music and loving it. Each section had one or two strong sight readers who gave others in the section confidence. We all pulled together and at the Friday chapel service, we sang our hearts out.



We invite you to sign-up for ChoralFest this summer to experience for yourself how music, challenging yourself, living by the ocean and creating sisterhood creates a magical vacation you will never forget.

If you have attended ChoralFest in the past, we would love to have you back. If you came to our Sunday afternoon open house last summer, it was great to have you sing with us for a few hours and we hope that you will extend the time to the full week this July. If you have never come, we hope this will be your year!

Regardless, we hope that you will help us let women singers know about this special conference. In the opening email we attached a small and a large poster, both of which can be downloaded and shared. Our page on the Ferry Beach website, [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org), is full of information about our new Music Director and other staff members and about the conference itself. Check it out!



As your coordinator, I am most happy to field questions from any of you and from people you know. Have them email me or call me (see below) and I'll get right back to them.

Suzanne

### Ferry Beach conferences are not just for the summer

Now that Ferry Beach has become a year round conference facility, they are filling the weekends with conferees interested in all sorts of activities and learning. Depending on the month, rooms are available in the buildings that have been winterized. Rates are very reasonable and meals are included. Rooms and buildings can be also be reserved for personal retreats and family gatherings. Go to [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org) for all the details. Here is the line-up.

**February 12** - Community Dinner - Valentine's Event



**February 14-17** - Sustainable Fashion - Upcycling Shirts

**February 21-23** - Men's Retreat: Grace Under Pressure

**February 26** - The Fabulous Cook: Learn to Make Crème Brûlée & Chocolate Ganache Tarts

**February 29:** The Law of Attraction Series: Mastering the Law of Attraction

 **March 5** - Community Dinner - American Democracy Series

**March 25** - Community Dinner - American Democracy Series

**March 27-28** - By The Sea Seminar Series: The Round Table

**March 28:** The Law of Attraction Series: Overcoming Blocks to Success and Abundance

**April 15-17** - Modern Quilting Workshop with Carson Converse



**April 17-20** - Quilters Retreat Weekend

**April 18-22** - Hogwarts Family Camp

**April 24-27** - Reiki I & II Certification

**May 2-3** - Annual Meeting Weekend

**May 15-17** - Yoga for your Grieving Heart



**ChoralFest 2020**  
**July 11 to 17**

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