



With the help of dozens of well-known local artists and artisans, Penobscot East is underway with an innovative fund raising project!

Last fall we obtained 75 classic, authentic wooden pot buoys and invited well-known local artists and artisans to decorate them in the medium of their choice. Over the past winter using clay, collage, paint, ink, wood, beads, metal, fabric photography and many other media, this very talented group of people has created a diverse and stunning collection of original artwork. Each buoy has a hole and rope at one end (useful for hanging) and a stick at the other and the ways these have been incorporated into the designs is art in itself. There are no limits to our contributors' imaginations! They are AMAZING!

On Tuesday August 3rd, upstairs at the Fishermen's Friend Restaurant in Stonington, please come to a special event. We will be holding a live auction of all the buoys as a fund-raiser on behalf of Penobscot East. Come and meet the artists and bid on your favorite pot buoy. During July, there will be opportunities to preview the buoys at our office at 13 Atlantic Avenue, Stonington, and at selected art galleries throughout Deer Isle, MDI and Blue Hill.

Penobscot East runs programs to support the future of our eastern Maine fishing communities and we cannot do it without your help. We all realize how critical fishing is to the economy and life of the communities we love. Challenges abound and never has our mission been more important than right now.

So please help spread the word about the August 3rd auction and consider attending this event, or "creating" a buoy for next summer's auction. If you have any questions please contact Bobbi Billings (207)367-2708 bobbi@penobscoteast.org.

Thank you to all the creative artists and artisans who are participating in this project and clearly are having fun! Now we need you to do your part.