

Member Spotlight: Mainestone Jewelry

In 1990, Ron and his wife Cindy established their home-based business Mainestone Jewelry. In 1998, due to increased demand for his designs, they opened their first retail store on Front Street in downtown Farmington, Maine. During the next six years the business grew, and in 2004 they moved to their current location at 179 Broadway.

Their commitment to customers has remained the same as when they first started; to present the finest quality of beautifully designed jewelry set with Maine Tourmaline or other gemstones, provide shoppers with honest and exceptional service, and to treat each visitor as a friend.

Mainestone also offers a variety of artisan made gifts-selenite candleholders, deer antler cribbage boards, Maine Tourmaline paperweights, and more. Our selection of specimens, minerals, and fossils from Maine and around the world will delight all ages. We welcome students from both grade



schools and the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) who might want to add to their mineral collection or enlist our help with school projects. Ron loves to share his passion and knowledge of Maine's unique geology with its abundance of minerals, gems, and fossils.

For the avid collector, they feature museum quality specimens of Maine Tour-



maline in matrix with its associated minerals from the mines of Mount Mica and Newry. These mines are no longer open for collecting and therefore high quality specimens are scarce.

Stop in for a visit. They look forward to meeting you!

Mainestone is open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-3pm or give a ring at 207-778-6560. Like them on FB at www.facebook.com/mainestonejewelry and their new website coming soon at www.mainestonejewelry.com/

Calendar of Events

May 27
RANGELEY 5TH ANNUAL HOME, GARDEN, & SPORT SHOW

TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

LOCATION: THE RANGELEY INN, MAIN STREET, RANGELEY.

Rangeley Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 5th Annual Home, Garden, and Sport Show. There will be inside and outside vendors, door prizes, food, displays and local information for your home, garden, and sport activities. Come and see what our businesses have for your home, have lunch, win a door prize. All at The Rangeley Inn, Main Street, Rangeley.

Jun 2
MAINE MOUNTAIN CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

TIME: 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
LOCATION: NORDICA AUDITORIUM, UMF

The Arts Institute of Western Maine is sponsoring a Maine Mountain Chamber Music concert featuring John Boden, recently retired Principal Horn of the Portland Symphony Orchestra, and the current PSO Concertmaster, violinist Charles Dimmick. They are joined by Maine Mountain Chamber Music co-directors Laurie Kennedy, viola, and Yuri Funahashi, piano. The program includes works by Rossini, Mozart, Stravinsky and Brahms. The concert will be held in Nordica Auditorium at the University of Maine at Farmington, starting at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Arts Institute of Western Maine, an affiliate of the University of Maine at Farmington \$12 / free for 18 & under and for students with ID. For more info: 207- 778-5074.

Jun 15
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: The Octagon House, 126 High St, Farmington

Farmington Historical Society is the host for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce May Business After Hours event. Business After Hours events are a great way to get to know business professionals in the area or to find out more about the offerings of our local businesses and organizations. Hosted by a different Franklin County Chamber member each month, this event offers people an opportunity to mingle in a relaxed atmosphere while making valuable professional connections.

Jun 16
TREK ACROSS MAINE

TIME: 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Join the American Lung Association for the 33rd annual Trek Across Maine on Father's Day Weekend - June 16 - 18, 2017. From the mountains at Sunday River to the sea in Belfast with an overnight stop in Farmington, cycle 180 miles across the state of Maine. This ride is fully supported by volunteers and trained medical staff, including support vehicles along the route and three rest stops daily. Contact Kim at (207) 624-0313 or Kim.Chamard@Lung.org for more information or to volunteer.

Jun 23-25th
WILTON LIONS CLUB GIANT YARD SALE

TIME: Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday 8am-noon

LOCATION: WILTON
Hidden treasures abound at this fantastic yard sale which raises funds for the local community. Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday 8am-Noon. Lions Club will pick up your yard sale items, for more information call (207) 645-2727 or 592-5587

Jun 24
LUPINE FESTIVAL ART & ANTIQUE SHOW

TIME: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
LOCATION: RANGELEY OUTDOOR SPORTING HERITAGE MUSEUM
The 2017 Lupine Festival Art and Antique Show will be held in Rangeley Outdoor Sporting Heritage Museum. New Vendors are welcome. For more information call (207) 864-5571.

Jun 24
KINGFIELD POPS

TIME: 4:30
LOCATION: KINGFIELD
The 15th Annual Kingfield POPS will bring you sights and sounds covering almost every genre under the sun. This family oriented concert will appeal to all ages. Additionally, it will be upbeat, irresistibly dance-able with a taste of world cultures. We are excited to welcome some of the finest musicians from the Northeast and eastern Canada... over 100 of them! Welcoming the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, in collaboration with Sultans of String, Ghost of Paul Revere, in collaboration with Maine Youth Rock Orchestra, The Jason Spooner Band, Lula Wiles and more. Adult concert tickets are on sale for \$25 or \$30 at the gate. As always, youth 17 and under are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.kingfieldpops.com or at Kingfield and Farmington locations of Tranten's Family Stores and at local branches of Skowhegan Savings Banks. FMI www.kingfieldpops.com

May's Business After Hours hosted by Expenet

On May 18th, Expenet hosted the Business After Hours event for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. Expenet showcased their Farmington location at 145 Main Street. Laughter abound as guests tried out the virtual reality headsets. Attendees were given insight into the wide variety of products and services available from Expenet beyond the basic residential and commercial computer repairs and networking services. Expenet also has many retail items for sale from laptop and desktop computers and accessories, virtual reality gear, Bluetooth speakers, to outlet covers with USB charging

ports. Expenet offers services to backup your data along with USB flash drives and external hard drives in stock. They invite you to stop into either their Farmington or Wilton locations or give them a call at 645-4449 to see what they can do for you!

The Chamber provided information on upcoming events including seminars, Foothills Fest, Seth Wescott & Franklin County Chamber Golf Classic and the Tri-Chamber BBQ. Each attendee had a chance to introduce themselves and their business. Networking time provided a chance to talk to acquaintances and meet new peo-



ple while enjoying food and refreshments by Calzolaio Pasta Co.

Business After Hours are a relationship building events held in a relaxed setting at a chamber member business or organization that benefits you and your company through added contacts and resources. Stay for 20 minutes or enjoy the full two hours. Give people the chance to get to know you so they will want to do business with you! Plan to join us at the next Business After Hours event on June 15 from 5-7pm at the Octagon House in Farmington hosted by the Farmington Historical Society.

Welcome our newest Chamber members!

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce is delighted to welcome our newest member. We continually strive to connect you to one another and to the community at large. Please visit their website and stop by to say hello.

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