

Page O'Rourke Selected as Pumpkinfest T-Shirt Artist for 2014

The whimsical design of a giant pumpkin sailing between lobster buoys, **which was created** by Yarmouth artist Page O'Rourke, has been selected to decorate **the Eighth annual** Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta T-shirt. The bright colors and folk art style **present** a festive touch to this **year's event, and will be available at selected Damariscotta retailers by Labor Day, or can be ordered by emailing merchandise@damariscottapumpkinfest.com** .

Inspired by the uniquely beautiful state of Maine, Page O'Rourke creates vibrant landscapes self-described as "Pop Folk Art." Page graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, CT, and studied illustration at Parson's School of Design in New York City. Prior to becoming a landscape painter, Page illustrated children's books for multiple publishers. She also has recently created a line of dog collars and leads for the Belted Cow, a Maine-owned and operated business headquartered in Yarmouth. Her work currently is on display at Gifts at 136 in Damariscotta and the Yarmouth Frame and Gallery. Page lives year round in Yarmouth, Maine, with her husband and two sons. For more information about Page's work, please **visit www.pagespaintings.com** .

A huge thank-you goes out to the many artists who participated in this year's contest. The **committee had** a difficult task choosing **just** one design from among the terrific entries, **all of which were presented anonymously to the judges**. There is still plenty of opportunity for artists to be involved in this year's Pumpkinfest, as all of the giant pumpkins in the area need to be turned into works of art during the festival itself. If you are interested in lending your talents to this **creative** task, please **email** Judy Speers, **artist committee chairman**, at **judy@damariscottapumpkinfest.com** or **call her at 207-586-5898 (home) or 207-380-5860 (cell)**.

Pumpkinfest & Regatta is a 501(C)(3) organization whose mission is to promote education to citizens of all ages regarding the specific agricultural science required to grow giant pumpkins, and to provide local non-profit organizations with opportunities for dissemination of information on their activities and fundraising. For more information, visit **www.damariscottapumpkinfest.com** or follow us on Facebook (**www.facebook.com/damariscottapumpkinfest.com**), or twitter (**www.twitter.com/squashbuckler**).