Island life in Maine

By Jon Marcus

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Island Gordon still has the letters he wrote home on the thin pages of pre-stamped aero-grams at the start of his seven decades of traveling. “You can go back and read them and they add up to a journey," he said.

But the US Postal Service stopped printing aerograms in 2006; the Royal Mail, in 2012. The sun attempts to burn through the fog at Chebeague Island Inn, located off the coast of Portland.

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The Casco Bay islands are minutes from Portland, but they have a personality all their own. Vacations to Peaks Island in Casco Bay can pick their freshly caught lobster directly out of the tank at Forest City Seafood.

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The quiet streets of Peaks Island, Maine, allow the possibility a chance to stroll the sidewalks.

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Nancy 3. Hoffman, founder of the Umbrella Cover Museum on Peaks Island, Maine, explains her collection to visitors.

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Winter’s gloom.

But my smile melted away when the torrential rains began. On my first day here, I kenned from Portland to Fort Gorges, an imposing Civil War-era granite citadel perched on Hug Is-

land. In the middle of the top, the fort, which was constructed during the Civil War but never saw battle, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

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-President-Traveler's check, phrase

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There’s something very magical about this physical object witnessing its way from someplace new and landing in your mail slot," said Weiss, curator of the “Postcard Age.” “It almost underscores that the world is a very big place.”

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“There are tales of postmen whose backs wore out from tossing stacks of postcards they were carrying around,” said Weiss.

People bought postcards to keep for themselves and post into albums, too, which meant you had to fold and wedge that corner if in some sets of them. “It was like collecting handbags,” Weiss said. “You could have all of the cathedrals or all of the kings of baseball or stamps. You wanted to collect as much as you could for postcards, they could put almost anything on them.”

The practice of making a home picture postcard enabled the advance of long-distance mailing and the portable card. It couldn’t have happened without maps and e-mail in the 1990s and social media in the 2000s.

“The US Postal Service processed 413 million postcard stamps in including picture postcards. That was down from 2.7 billion in 1999, the biggest postcard manufacturer, the British company承包, sold 24 million in 2018. And the Post Card Distributors Association of America changed its name in 2008 to the Wholesale
distributors Association and stopped holding its annual trade show in 2017.

“Even then, I was dealing with the paper map, which has been overtaken by GPS that not in some millionaires who they’ve never used on their road trip.”

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