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Maine

Semiquincentennial

1776-2026

| C O M M I S S I O N

# Maine Semiquincentennial Commission is housed within the Maine Secretary of State Department

The Maine Semiquincentennial Commission was established in state law in 2023. Housed within the Maine Department of the Secretary of State, Chapter Resolve 126 states the Commission “shall develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, referred to in this resolve as ‘the commemoration,’ through educational and historical events, activities and programs throughout the State.”



# THREE PILLARS

## **Connect: Uniting Maine's Stories with America's Legacy**

Foster a sense of community and shared heritage through collaborative events and discussions.

## **Share: Illuminating Maine's Legacy in America's Story**

Provide engaging and informative programs that highlight Maine's role in American history and the broader national narrative.

## **Learn: Examining Maine's Role in America's Ongoing Journey**

Encourage lifelong learning and curiosity about our past, present, and future.

### **Key Questions:**

- What are we leading?
- What are we partnering to accomplish?
- What are we providing support to?



# JANE'S WALK ME

SATURDAY, MAY 2 2026

# THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL DAY!

BE THE FIRST TO LEARN ABOUT NEXT YEAR

## ABOUT JANE'S WALK ME

Jane's Walk is a global festival of free, volunteer-led walking conversations inspired by community activist Jane Jacobs. Jane's Walks combine the simple act of exploring a place with personal observations, local history, and civic engagement.

## SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

Join our email list and be the first to know what Jane's Walks are

### PARTNERS



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# DAWNLAND

FESTIVAL OF ARTS & IDEAS

July 12-13, 2025

College of the Atlantic  
Bar Harbor, Maine

Indigenous-led Panel Conversations  
Live Performances: Music, Dance, & Storytelling  
50+ Northeastern Native Artisan Marketplace

presented by  
 **Abbe Museum**

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Support provided by the New England Foundation for the Arts, which receives funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the six New England state arts agencies, and by the National Theater Project, a program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, with lead funding from the Mellon Foundation and the Ours Duke Foundation.







Statewide  
coordination



# TWO LIGHTS FOR TOMORROW





# MAINE ATLAS PROJECT

With funding and support from the Maine Office of Tourism, the Maine Atlas Project will identify and promote 250 places, people, events, and objects that represent Maine's unique cultural, natural, and historical assets. These will include historic sites, scenic landscapes, parks, agricultural areas, festivals and fairs, iconic buildings and businesses, notable people and makers, and significant cultural centers.

We will create a marketing campaign that includes video content, photography, storytelling, and social media to highlight these special people, objects, places, and events.

**The Commission is seeking nominations from the public to help compile this comprehensive look at Maine's past 250 years. Have a site, person, object, or event you want to nominate?**

Nominations are open through August 15, 2025.

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/america250me>



# Future events in development...





# Community grants



# Maine Education Mobile

