Lagniappe is Marion Owen’s Website and Blog —An Exploration of a Diverse Life Amid the Gardens, Forests, Seaside and People of Kodiak, Alaska

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KODIAK, Alaska (PRWEB) February 12, 2019 -- Marion Owen’s blog and website, Lagniappe, has a new face at MarionOwenAlaska.com.

Owen’s postings and insights are designed to offer tasty bites of information about Alaska nature photography, Alaska photography tips, organic gardening tips, cool climate gardening, healthy cooking, healthy recipes and Kodiak Island, Alaska. Subscribers receive a newsletter delivered by email once every two weeks.

Owen chose Lagniappe (pronounced LAN-yap) as the name for her blog, because the word means an unexpected gift given to a customer as a bonus, a compliment, or simply for good measure.

A photographer, gardener, author, and raconteur, Owen moved from Seattle, Washington to Kodiak, Alaska in 1984. While reveling in root vegetables and advocating the benefits of cultivating compost for more vigorous vegetables, she became a prolific blogger, newspaper columnist, and a co-author of the best-selling Chicken Soup for the Gardener’s Soul.

“I made my first compost pile from leaves, grass, and seaweed,” she says. “I raised broccoli seedlings under lights in the garage. During my first harvest, I felt like I had money in the bank. I was in love with the process of growing things. Besides, plants don’t care if you’re having a bad hair day.”

Located an hour's flight south of Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, Kodiak is accessible only by air or by ferry from the southcentral Alaska mainland.

“Living in a small, coastal community like Kodiak has allowed me to chin up and learn how to be myself. Some people call it ‘the island way.’ Sort of a we’re-all-on-this-ship-together. There’s comfort in the tidal pace, the familiar faces and places; at the post office, at potlucks, on the rivers watching a brown bear snag salmon. You’re not allowed to be grumpy for very long here. Your extended ‘island family’ will find and rescue you, like a stranded starfish,” Owen muses.

Her love for Kodiak and Alaska is reflected in her extensive photography, with work featured by Better Homes and Gardens, Audubon, Patagonia, Pillsbury, Organic Gardening, TIME, Christian Science Monitor, Readers Digest, National Geographic Traveler, and even on a wall at The Smithsonian.

Owen also runs photography workshops. She and husband Marty Owen operate Galley Gourmet wildlife cruises and custom tours aboard their 42-foot Grand Banks-style yacht, the Sea Breeze. They also run the Cliff House Bed & Breakfast. Visit them at Kodiak Wildlife Viewing. Marion’s numerous photographs help website visitors envision the experience of a Kodiak wildlife cruise.

Known as "Alaska's Emerald Isle," Kodiak is primarily a wildlife refuge for brown bears. The community played a major role in WWII, hosts the largest U.S. Coast Guard base in the country, is one of the top three commercial fishing ports in the U.S, and is a fabulous outdoor playground for sport fishermen, sea kayakers,
photographers, birders, and marine mammal lovers. “I live here because I love the people and the place,” says Marion.
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