



“CSI-Communicate, Socialize & Innovate”:
THE MAR CONVENTION:

October 3-5 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. **Less than 50 full registration slots remain available.** You can view the preliminary convention schedule [here](#)

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATIONS:

MAR staff is currently processing the hundreds of convention registrations received this week, and assembling a hotel room wait list, based on the date and time that the registration was received. Confirmations will be emailed to registrants by the end of day Friday, August 4.

SAMOSSET ROOMS & SUITES ARE SOLD OUT:

The Samoset hotel rooms and suites are sold out. There are numerous inns and motels within a few miles of the Samoset with beautiful amenities. [For a complete list of alternate inns and motels, click here](#)

REASONS TO ATTEND THE MAR CONVENTION:

Earn up to 15 hours of Maine continuing education credits including national educator Trista Curzydlo, attend the MAR Annual meeting and trade show, get hands-on training with FlexMLS and Maine Listings' suite of products, celebrate our 2024 officers and local Board REALTORS® of the Year, and network with your colleagues and industry partners! For a registration form: [Click Here](#)

MAR CONVENTION PRICES AND REGISTRATION DETAILS:

The member registration fee for the MAR Convention is \$300 (price increases on 9/2). The price includes all education, two lunches, two breakfasts, the patio pizza party, banquet, entertainment, exhibits and other convention activities.

Hope to see you at the Samoset!



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MAR Leadership

LOCAL REALTOR® OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED:

Congratulations to [Laura Pellerano](#) (Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty; Northeast Harbor) who was recently announced as 2023 local REALTOR® of the Year for the Acadia Council of the MidCoast Board of REALTORS®!



REMINDER – SHORELAND ZONE SEPTIC INSPECTIONS

Since January 1, 2020, Maine statute requires all septic systems located in the Shoreland Zone (not just Coastal Shoreland Zone) be inspected whenever the property is transferred. This requirement applies whenever any portion of the septic system is in the shoreland zone, including septic tanks, drainage fields, and holding tanks. A system is exempt from the required inspection if it is less than 3 years old or has been inspected in the last 3 years by a person certified by the State of Maine. The inspection may also be waived if the buyer certifies to the Local Plumbing Inspector that a new system will be installed within 1 year. Please remember that even if a buyer does not intend on selecting any due diligence contingencies when entering a P&S, the buyer is still responsible for having a septic inspection when the system is located in the shoreland zone.

While the buyer is not required to make their offer contingent on the shoreland septic inspection (unless they choose to do so), the buyer is responsible for making sure the inspection is completed prior to the transfer unless the system falls into one of the three exceptions noted above. **Please note that municipalities may have additional ordinances relating to shoreland zone septic inspection requirements (including fines for violations) so it is good idea to check with the local plumbing inspector or code enforcement officer on what the municipality requires before the closing.**

MEDIATION/OMBUDS TRAINING:

On September 7-8, MAR will be offering a two-day training with Diane Disbrow, a national educator, to expand the rosters of Professional Standards mediators and ombuds for local REALTOR® boards across Maine. The training is no-cost to you (but your time). In return, you would be willing to volunteer once or twice each year to help



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resolve confidential contractual disputes arising out of real estate transactions. If this type of role interests you, [please contact Suzanne](#) at MAR for additional information.



LUNCH & LEARN
AUGUST 16:
AI and Chat GPT

Join us Wednesday, August 16th from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. as we host David Conroy, Director of

Emerging Technology at NAR. David will provide a comprehensive understanding of how Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT can be utilized to enhance business operations and improve customer experience. As always, grab some lunch and join us via zoom for a presentation and Q& A with David.

[Register Here!](#)

Connect with us!



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