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## **MPBN Announces the Launch of the Maine Calling Book Club on MPBN Radio**

(Portland/Bangor/Lewiston)— The Maine Public Broadcasting Network announces the launch of the Maine Calling Book Club, a new monthly segment on MPBN’s noon-day radio program *Maine Calling* airing Mondays through Thursdays each week from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

The Maine Calling Book Club will identify, with the help of readers and listeners from across the state, a book title each month and hold a panel discussion on the book the last Thursday of every month on *Maine Calling*. Each selected title will be available in paperback and many will have a Maine connection.

February’s book selection is “The Country of the Pointed Firs” by Sarah Orne Jewett and the discussion will be held on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Panelists for the show include Linda Lord, the Maine State Librarian, Melissa Coleman, author of *This Life Is in Your Hands: One Dream, Sixty Acres*, and a *Family's Heartbreak*, and Lewis Robinson, author of the short story collection *Officer Friendly* and the novel *Water Dogs*.

The selected title for March is *When We Were the Kennedys: A Memoir from Mexico, Maine* by Monica Wood with a Book Club discussion planned for Thursday, March 27 and the April book selection is *The Poacher's Son* by Paul Doiron with a Book Club discussion slated for Thursday, April 24.

*Maine Calling*, hosted by MPBN News Director Keith Shortall and Public Affairs Host Jennifer Rooks and produced by Jonathan Smith, is an interactive MPBN radio program and listeners are strongly encouraged to participate in the program. Email [talk@mpbn.net](mailto:talk@mpbn.net), tweet [@mainecalling](https://twitter.com/mainecalling), post a message on Facebook [www.Facebook.com/MaineCalling](http://www.Facebook.com/MaineCalling) or call 1-800-399-3566 when the show is live. Additional information on the Maine Calling Book Club can be found at [MPBN.NET](http://MPBN.NET).

### **About the Maine Public Broadcasting Network:**

The Maine Public Broadcasting Network is Maine’s premier, independent media resource, dedicated to creating exceptional opportunities for the communities it serves to engage with critical issues, compelling stories and quality entertainment. MPBN is renowned for creating award-winning programs, as well as airing content from PBS, NPR, and other independent producers. Formed in 1992, MPBN is an independently owned and operated nonprofit organization with office and studio locations in Bangor, Lewiston, and Portland, Maine. For more information, visit [www.mpbn.net](http://www.mpbn.net).

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