

The Newsletter of The Carpenter's Boat Shop

Spring 2011

Outward Bound -- Homeward Bound

Many years ago when I lived in Scotland I took an Outward Bound course. It was an inspirational experience and one which has lived with me for years.

Outward Bound originated in Scotland through Dr. Kurt Hahn the head master of the Gordonstoun school. Although the first program began in Aberdovy, Wales, Hahn formed the idea for Outward Bound as a survival school to help people better prepare themselves for the exigencies and hardships of life. He asserted, "There's far more in you than you think. More courage, strength, and compassion than we can ever fathom."

A while back, I was asked to share in a special service at the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School in Maine for one of their instructors named Mike Stratton. He was a remarkable and vital teacher. Unfortunately like Ruth he contracted a malignant brain tumor and his life was cut short for his family and for all who had become family. But Mike Stratton, or

"Stratts" as most called him, shared a simple philosophy with his Outward Bound students, and I would share those same encouraging words as a blessing for you who read this, and for our graduating apprentices as they head outward, bound for their next journey in life.



As you go forth, have:

Courage for it gives us the strength to put worthwhile ideas into action,

Competence for it is the ability to perform honestly the job for which we are suited,

Culture for it displays the belief that appreciation of life's goodness is a source of joy forever.

Courtesy for it is the outward expression of inner respect for the individual, and

Character for it is that spiritual force within all that demands and gets our best choices and our best efforts.

Blessings on you all,
•Rev. Robert Ives, Director



Back (left to right): Zack DeRoin, Chelsea Fisher, Ben Lesko, Ken Madore, Rachel Hestrin, Jonathan Ives, Kathleen Gustafson, Serafina Carlucci, Connor Albers, Doug Crews
Front: Bobby Ives, Nick Zachos, Calvin Maginel, Trenton Parker, Bob Kline, Kenneth Kortemeier

SEARCH FOR THE NEW BOAT SHOP DIRECTOR

As many of you know, Boat Shop founder and director Bob Ives will be retiring in June 2012. Fortunately for all of us, he won't be going far. After a year away to give the next director time to get established, he and Phyllis are planning to spend many volunteer hours at the Boat Shop just helping out in whatever way they are able.

The Boat Shop Board of Directors has convened a Search Committee to find the person to lead the Boat Shop into the future. The members are:

- ◆ Emily Dittmann, Apprentice Alum
- ◆ Ken Elowe, Board Chair
- ◆ Phyllis Ives, Emeritus Board member
- ◆ Kenneth Kortemeier, Boat Shop instructor
- ◆ Andrew Marshall, Board member
- ◆ Michael Stevens, Board member and Search Committee Chair
- ◆ David Treadwell, Board member

There is information on the website, www.carpentersboatshop.org, about the criteria, compensation and other pertinent data. We are delighted to report that we have a number of highly qualified candidates and have begun the process of conducting interviews. The process will culminate with five finalists invited to the Boat Shop for a three-day visit and the final round of interviews. We hope to be able to announce the new director selection this summer.

Many thanks to all of you who sent in your thoughts about potential candidates.

Peace,
 Mike Stevens
 Search Committee Chair

A TALE OF TWO SAWS

This winter the Boat Shop was blessed with two remarkable gifts. For a number of years we have hoped to purchase a new kind of table saw known as a SawStop. It contains a recent invention which actually stops a table saw blade if it comes in contact with a person's hand or finger. As a nine fingered boat builder because mine was cut off by a table saw over ten years ago, this SawStop is an especially poignant and compelling gift.

This summer three generous families united together to give us a challenge grant to fund this remarkable saw. Shortly thereafter one of our former apprentices supplied the remainder to pay for this vital present. Still later another benefactor insisted that not only our main Work Shop be supplied with a safe SawStop, but that we should have coverage in all shops. And so we are now pleased to report that because of the remarkable generosity of many caring souls, the



Chelsea and Nick using the new SawStop table saw that was gifted to the boat shop by the generosity of many individuals.

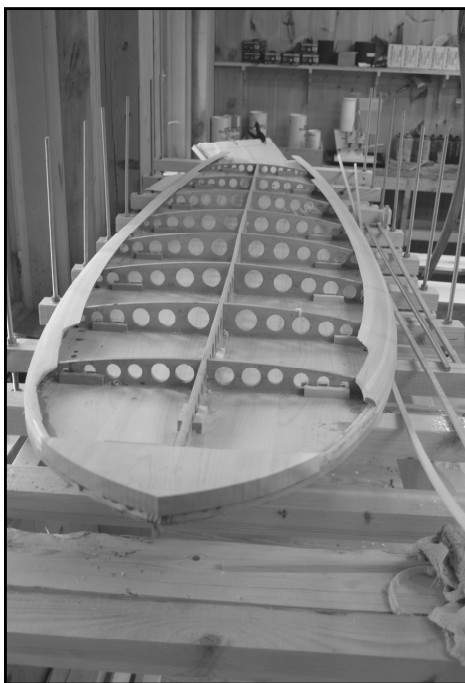
Carpenter Boat Shop has been supplied with two brand new safety SawStops which has provided a far greater level of safety for generations to come.

•Robert Ives

CEDAR SURFBOARDS

This winter a couple of apprentices and I started thinking of warmer weather as we started construction on wooden surfboards. Trent got plans from a company called "Tree to Sea" and started building a 6'4" swallow tailed fish. Nick Zachos took the lines off an old fiberglass board that was shaped in Malibu long ago. With the profile and half breadth drawn out, he developed a body plan with 13 stations along the 9'3" performance long board. This is when I got involved.

We cut out the frames and center spline from marine plywood to create a skeleton that looks similar to the inside of an airplane wing. Then we started saving any cut off scraps of



Surfboard in progress

cedar planking, and ripped them into strips. We found a douglas fir post under the barn (non load bearing!) and edge glued the cedar and fir to make the top and bottom. We glued the base to the skeleton with 3M 5200, which has strong adhesive qualities while remaining flexible.

The rails, or sides of the board are built up with thin strips, and shaved down at the correct angle to receive the top. It has been a fun winter project that will pay off when the water gets warm, which here in Maine might only last a few weeks!

•Jonathan Ives

MILESTONES

It is easy to forget how useful milestones are. Milestones afford us a chance to feel closer to the end without ever having been there before. They give us hope and, often, a welcome break when we are feeling behind and tired. This spring we celebrated a major milestone, a crucial one in fact, with the moving of Rosebud out of the Restoration shop.

Drawn by Geerd Hendel, and constructed by the historic Hodgdon yard of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, Rosebud has been afloat since the late 50's. A member of a popular one-design fleet, (most likely with a different name) she was acquired by good friends of the Boat Shop, the Grossman and Meltzer families. It was their hope that we could repair her for their use during annual summer visits to Pemaquid.

Boats, like many animals from the ocean, don't do so well out of the water for extended periods of time. So it is with Rosebud. Having shifted in her cradle, her

planking was ill suited to bear the full unsupported weight of her keel. Over time, the cradle did more damage than good as the 800 pounds of lead in her keel led to many broken ribs. With these vital parts of her framing no longer intact, her shapeliness was lost leaving her topsides lumpy. Years out of doors, without a cover, hastened decay in many of the unbroken ribs, and hull planking.

Happily, she was not a lost cause. Though her renewal would take some time, the remaining parts of the hull, mast and rigging were reasonably intact. With that in mind, we hauled her into the shop in the fall of '09. That was the first of many milestones.

As you can see from the photos, this was truly an "extreme makeover." Rosebud was a project that benefited from everything being taken apart in order to be put back to rights. The bulk of the first year was spent



Milestone: moving Rosebud out of the shop after extensive restoration



Rosebud in the midst of restoration

stripping paint, removing planks and plugging all the old fastener holes with bungs.

During that time apprentices learned how to loft in order to build the molds that brought the hull back to shape. We took turns cramming our bodies in the tight spaces under the deck to receive the steaming piece of wood that would be a new rib. We finished the end of last year with the milestones of the hull being totally re-framed and the mended planks making their way back onto the boat.

At the beginning of this year apprentices jumped right in and began putting all of the old planking back on. Once the hull was completed, we began the caulking, painting, filling, and fairing that goes into a finished boat.

Week after week we made forward progress, speaking often of the day we would be able to sit in the cockpit of Rosebud as we cruised along under full sail. Milestones or no, incentive is a key.

Rosebud is not finished completely. Our last and final milestone comes launching day, when we are able to step her mast, sort out her rig and take that first sail. But for now, we will rest on our laurels. Rosebud looks



Reattaching the keel

beautiful, and is ready to hit the water. I credit her good looks and fine finishing to the thoughtful and consistent efforts of two years' worth of apprentices and volunteers. It has been a pleasure to have traveled all of these miles with them together.

•Darin Carlucci

WANTED: SUMMER HOUSE MANAGER

The Boat Shop is currently in need of a Summer House Manager. The position will run from mid June until the end of August 2011. The salary is \$400 dollars per week plus Room and Board.

The House Manager is the point person and coordinator of all activities that occur in the domestic realm of the Boat Shop life with responsibility for meals, food shopping, hospitality, housekeeping, and helping all Boat Shop personnel to feel welcomed.

Please contact Robert Ives for more information or to apply. He can be reached by phone at 207-677-2614 or by email at director@carpentersboatshop.org

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A NEW HOME FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOAT SHOP

After 33 years, Bob Ives will be turning the reins over to a new head of school. The problem we now face is where to house this new Director and his or her family?

For almost 28 years the Ives family lived in the upstairs of the white farmhouse. It worked well while the Boat Shop community was smaller and more family oriented. The upstairs of the old Ives homestead is now however, serving as an office and bedrooms for guests and apprentices.

Last year our neighbor John and Paula Hall offered to sell their house and property adjoining the Boat Shop campus to the Boat Shop Board. The Board's Buildings and Grounds committee carefully assessed options for appropriate housing for the new Director including renovating the white farmhouse and building a new home on Boat Shop land. In January of 2011, the Board agreed that the purchase of the Hall's property would be the most appropriate, cost-effective solution to Director housing. To complete this acquisition the Boat Shop must raise capital funds to purchase the property, and also establish a building maintenance fund to cover additional costs anticipated to impact the annual operating budget.

We would ask your thoughtful consideration of support to help us finish the transition from the Ives leadership time so that the Boat Shop can continue on into the future. It is the best, most fitting testament we can make to the kind and loving life's work of Bob and Ruth Ives.

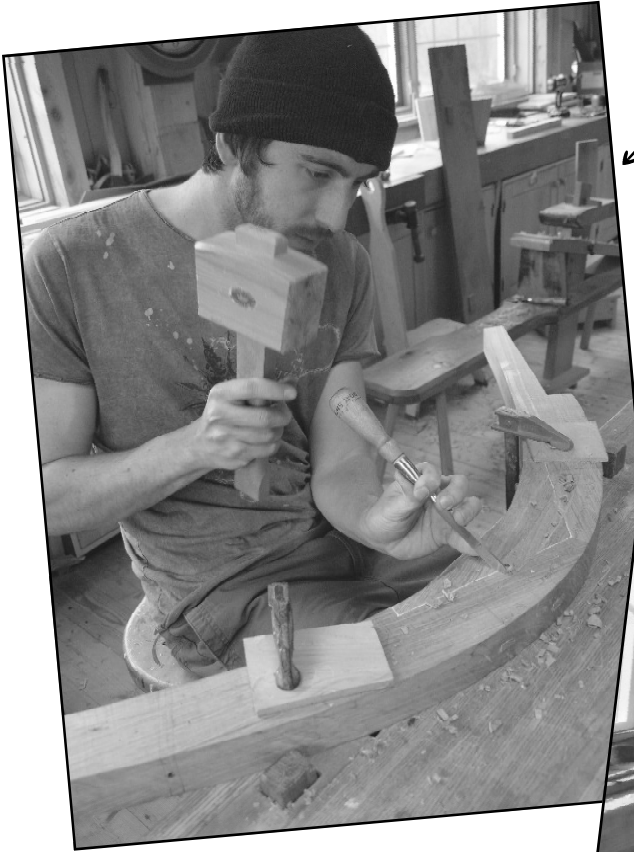


The future home of the director



Catspaw dinghy being planked up

PHOTOS



Calvin working on the
stem of a catspaw
dinghy



Ken using the lathe
recently gifted to
the shop.



Volunteer Bob Kline
wrangling logs on the
saw mill.



Darin and Serafina with
the timberframe of their future house

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WISH LIST

Any wooden or fiberglass boat for oar and sail
Books on boat building and wood working for our library
18 volt Lithium-Ion 1/2" Makita driver drill (\$235)
Four jack stands for boats (\$700)
50 padded folding chairs (\$950)
Jet Edge sander (\$950)
Three conventional home sewing machines in working or fixable condition with straight stitch, zig-zag and reverse.
Furnishings for the new director's residence
Festool sand and dust extractor (\$800)
Water filter (\$2,800)
10 watt flexible solar panel for boat bilge pump

We are very grateful for the excellent response to our wish list. As a reminder, consumer grade tools and equipment do not hold up well to the extended use that Boat Shop equipment receives. Heavy duty, commercial grade, or contractor grade tools are more reliable and have a much longer life span at the Boat Shop.

FOR SALE

13' sailing Catspaw dinghy	\$7,600 Reduced
Monhegan skiffs	\$1550-2000
Doug Hylan 13' Beach Pea peapod	\$4,600
Iain Oughtred Acorn dinghy	\$4,600
Single Adirondack chairs	\$175
Double Adirondack chairs	\$350
Baby boat cradles	\$750
Shaker ladder back chairs	\$350
Log Carriers	\$50

Please call to place an order or to see what we might have ready.



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