



## The Newsletter of The Carpenter's Boat Shop

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# Fall 2013

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### ON THE JOURNEY...

*The journey between what you once were and who you are now becoming is where the dance of life really takes place.*

*-Barbara De Angelis*

This fall marks the beginning of the 35th year of The Carpenter's Boat Shop. Bobby and Ruth Ives first imagined the concept that would become Boat Shop back in 1979 and we officially opened our doors that July.

Thirty five years... 35 years... For some people, being 35 years old seems OLD, a point of maturity and establishment, and they wonder what their lives will be like when they get there. For others, 35 feels like a point where life was just getting started, when they first felt like they were hitting their stride.

So where is The Carpenter's Boat Shop on this spectrum? Are we still just beginning, are we hitting our stride, or are we getting to a point of maturity and establishment? I think we are a little bit of all of these things!

After 35 years of nurturing apprentices, helping in the community and building beautiful wooden boats, we have matured into a flourishing organization, firmly established as a unique spiritual community that serves those in need of a safe harbor as they navigate their own journeys. But we also find our-

selves beginning a new chapter in the Boat Shop story as we continue to live into the shift from a small, family-style community to a larger network of people and programs aimed at imagining new ways to embody and

stay rooted in our mission of "building boats, nurturing lives, and helping others."

What both of these views share in common is the journey itself. No matter which way you see it, these 35 years of Boat Shop life have been a remarkable journey, one that continues in surprising and beautiful ways.

We talk a lot about journeys here

at the Boat Shop. Being on a journey, especially in the midst of some type of life transition, is the one thing that our apprentices share in common. That journey may vary greatly, from trying to figure out what to do after high school to getting used to retirement to getting back on track in the midst of a life crisis. But each of us is navigating our own journey, seeking ways to cherish and learn from the past, even as we continue to imagine and step out into the unknown future. I am grateful to all of you for the contributions you have made and continue to make to the Boat Shop journey, and look forward to continuing to travel this road with you, as we journey through the next 35 years of this remarkable place.

■ Rev. Kim Hoare '97, Executive Director



*Boat Shop apprentices sailing in Muscongus Bay during our annual Fall Trip*

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## CLASS OF 2013-2014

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*(Left to Right) Top Row: Mariko Conway, Britt Malec, Aaron Gerth, Lucas Worrell, Jonathan Ives, Will Laughlin, Aaron Carlson, Erik Fahlstrom, Quinn Gormley, Sarah Highland. Bottom Row: Kim Hoare, Annie Hoppe, Sara Faust, Darin, Linnea and Serafina Carlucci, Kathleen Boyle.*

**Aaron Carlson** is a local yoke, born and raised in Newcastle, Maine. He enjoys rock, roll and belting the blues. Aaron got a taste for community living and handiwork when he volunteered in New Orleans in 2006. Aaron is excited to hone his woodworking skills and has been learning so much at the Boat Shop. Aaron has been inspired to live a more healthy and conscious life and to get back to the land.

**Aaron Gerth** - Ask me where I'm from and you'll likely get a long answer. Most recently, I was living in Brooklyn, NY where I was installing, packing, and transporting works of Art for museums and collectors. After six years of dreaming of a life in the country (and one really long bicycle ride) here I am in Pemaquid learning to sail, build boats, carve spoons, and generally become more useful. Now hopelessly in love with the coast, I'll stay as long as Maine will have me. I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to apprentice at the boatshop this year and be a part of this incredible community. Periodically, I keep a journal which may be of interest at: [www.mhlw.tumblr.com](http://www.mhlw.tumblr.com)

**Annie Hoppe** - Rat wrangler, dump lover, and skateboarder. This young hustler was born and raised in Rockford IL then moved to Madison WI where she worked at a dog kennel, but had a love for the sea and wood working. She had a ruff start to the year, her dog/best friend had passed away, had surgery, and then later broke her arm in a biking accident. She heard of the boat shop from her brother Stephen Hoppe who was a former apprentice and found it a great opportunity to get out and to move on from the ruff year that she was facing. Fast and strong like a cheetah she be makin' em bottom boards lickety split.

**Britt Males** was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Go Pack!). Raised by grandparents, she has a love of doilies and jaz. She's an art school drop out, most recently from Minneapolis, Minnesota where she nannies, plays music, and serves coffee. She's grateful for the opportunity to work with her hands and experience a more rural lifestyle.

**Erik Fahlstrom** - Sun sign Aries, moon in Taurus, rising sign Gemini. Enneagram split between #2 the helper and #4 the individualist. An extrovert

and A vata. ESFP on the Myers Briggs.

**Lucas Worrell** is 18 years old and is coming from Phoenix, Arizona was born in Freeport, New York and started playing hockey at the age of three. He continued playing travel hockey after moving to Arizona (ironic right) where he lived up until high school. He attended Tabor Academy a prep school on the cape of Massachussetts while his parents moved to Connecticut and then Mexico. He played 3 years of varsity lacrosse and 2 of varsity hockey. His senior year he moved back to Arizona and played lacrosse where his team finished 2nd in the state. He has been working at the Boat Shop since he was eight and first came with his grandmother. He has taken 2 boat building courses in the summer and is super excited to be here doing the apprenticeship.

**Mariko Conway** - Born in the coldest most northernly parts of Canada, Mariko is a prolific traveler. Having lived in over 25 cities and towns, Mariko is excited to call Maine her home. Before coming to Maine she was working as a bike messenger in New York City. She is an artist, a musician, a lover of holistic and alternative medicine and ways of living. She is distinctively handsome and is easily recognizable by her Brooklyn cycling caps she is often seen wearing

**Quinn Gormley** (19) - A native to Damariscotta, Quinn is best known in the community for her musical activities, as the percussionist for many of the local theatres, orchestras, and community choirs. She enjoys volunteering with local organizations, such as Skidompha Library, the Damariscotta River Association where she just completed the Stewardship program, and her home church, 2nd Congo in Newcastle. She is excited to be at the boat shop, learning to live a better, more fulfilled life within a community of friends.

**Sara Faust** - I am Sara Faust. I am a sister, a daughter, a grand daughter, a niece. I am a sailor, a singer, a dancer, an artist, a writer. I am a listener, a friend, a problem solver, a believer in ghosts, and Santa Clause. I am a learner and lover of life. I am here on earth to experience this place with new eyes. I am here in Maine to grow into myself and become a bigger soul, capable of giving more of myself to those around me. As I move through this world I have added bits and pieces to myself from everything I have experienced and everyone I have ever met. This time of boat building and living in community is adding so many pieces to who I am; at

times I feel I have no room for more. I am expandable and ever changing like the shore that is never the same after the waves come in and yet welcomes back the sea at every chance.

**Will Laughlin** - Originally from the south coast of England, Will lives in Maine and is an apprentice at the Boat Shop.

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## BOAT SHOP BABY BOOM!

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Many congratulations and blessings to our former apprentices and their families upon the birth of these beautiful children!

**Alice Rose Donaldson**, born July 16, 2012  
to Brittany Gill and Andrew Donaldson '02

**Agnes Marguerite Peachy Eddyblouin**, born August 28, 2012 to Allison and John '98 Eddyblouin

**Elise Agnes Wilson**, born August 28, 2012  
to Dana and Eben '97 Wilson

**Cooper Nickolas Rossos**, born February 13, 2013  
to Leah and Jon '97 and Rossos

**Linnea Marie Carlucci**, born May 1, 2013  
to Serafina and Darin '97 Carlucci

**Stella Ruth Bogner Williams**, born July 10, 2013  
to Emily Bogner Williams '04 and Jon Williams '04

**Manon Evelyn Racicot**, born July 12, 2013  
to Laurie '07 and Neil '05 Racicot

**Emeline Audrey Jutras**, born November 17, 2013  
to Jen Jutras '13 and Asa Korsen



*The Carlucci family testing out a skiff on launching day*

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## RESTORING RESTORATION

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Considering that the shop we now call the Restoration Shop was originally built as a temporary plastic shelter over a 30' Crocker cutter, it has faired these 25 odd years very well. It has definitely mutated from what it was, but faired well. The weight of the world has done what it does to all of us, and, also like us, the shop needed some "work". An adjustment, an alignment, a face lift, an overhaul. Call it what you will, it got one in the form of drainage, new sills, more light and an interior reorganization. Together with those who put forth the money, I am indebted to all who worked so hard to put the building back to rights.

The second bit of news that I would like to share are the beginnings of a Restoration Shop blog. An interest in writing and documenting, as well as generally sharing the goings on of the shop and particular projects are the reasons that have spurred the beginnings of this venture. You can access the blog at [www.rightingmoment.com](http://www.rightingmoment.com). Please swing by, take a look at pictures, comment and pass along to your friends. I am hopeful that it will be helpful for all of you - our steadfast supporters- to get an insight into this part of the Boat Shop as well as pro-



*Randy Domina '91 built this new access door and ramp to the Restoration Shop*

vide a resource for people interested in repairing boats, either by themselves or with our help. Which, by the way, they can get a hold of me about at [restoration@carpentersboatshop.org](mailto:restoration@carpentersboatshop.org).

Don't be shy.

▪ *Darin Carlucci '97*  
*Restoration Instructor*

## Summer Classes at the Boat Shop

June 30 - July 3: Young People's Woodworking (*ages 10-14*)

July 7 - 11: Women's Woodworking, *with Maryah Smith-Overman*

July 20 - 26: Build Your Own Mischief Pram *with Bill Thomas*

July 28 - August 1: Boat Building *with Bobby Ives*

*and more to come!*

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For more classes and additional information,  
please visit our website in the new year.

[www.carpentersboatshop.org](http://www.carpentersboatshop.org) or call 207-677-2614



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## CHAPEL IN THE WILDWOOD

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Each week on Thursday mornings at the Boat Shop, we hold a simple chapel service with our apprentices. Our time together begins with singing. We have a Boat Shop Song Book that includes everything from traditional hymns to Bob Dylan and Pete Seeger tunes. Our singing is followed by a time of silence, an opportunity for prayer and meditation. We then usually have a discussion about a particular topic. We talk about things that matter. We talk about what we believe and what we don't believe. We talk about how we bring meaning to our lives. Every fall, we also take the time during one of our chapel services to take a walk on our Contemplative Trail that goes out to Boyd's Pond. We stop along the way and share read-

ings, songs and poems about how we experience the beauty of creation. During this year's "Chapel in the Wildwood," Sara Faust, one of our apprentices, actually wrote a poem while we walked which she then shared at one of our final stops on the trail. Please enjoy her words...

### Fall

The woods and their beauty  
Seep into me.  
The sweet, sharp smell  
Of decay and old leaves  
Crunched underfoot.  
There is somehow a different  
Quality of light at this time of year.  
It seeps down through the  
Tallest branches to reach  
The earthen floor, dappled in  
Such softened beauty,  
My heart forgets to beat.  
And in that moment when my heart pauses  
In it's job of pumping my own sap through my veins,

I feel the trees.  
I am witness to their slow breathing,  
Their knowledge of time,  
Of how to be here in the now.  
And if I could, I would choose  
To stay in this moment forever.

▪ *Sara Faust '14*

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## CHICKEN HARVEST

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This fall the Boat Shop participated in its third annual chicken harvest. The apprentices all take turns feeding and watering around 30 young chicks until they are full grown. Boat Shop board member Andrew Marshall, who has a farm in Montville, Maine, provides the shop with these young chicks and each year he leads the group through this respectful and meaningful harvesting process. We take a morning away from building boats to learn a humane way of killing, plucking and processing each chicken. We then have a better connection to the food we eat throughout the year.

This fall, with the group circled around the chickens, we shared a moment of silence, gratitude, and a reading from *The Prophet*:

"Would that you could live on the fragrance of the earth, and like an air plant be sustained by the light. But since you must kill to eat, let it then be an act of worship." - Khalil Gibran

▪ *Jonathan Ives, Instructor*



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## THE 3-DAY VISIT – THE PATH TO BECOMING AN APPRENTICE...

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One of my favorite parts of being the House Manager at the Carpenter's Boat Shop is coordinating 3-day visits for prospective apprentices. There is little I enjoy more than talking about the Boat Shop, answering questions and inviting people to check it out for themselves, because you can't really get to know this place and our way of life without spending some time with us.

The paths to finding out about the Boat Shop are as diverse as the apprentices who come here. A visitor may ask at tea, "I have a friend, a granddaughter, a brother, who would really like to experience this place. How do they go about it?" Others have a mutual friend who was an apprentice here, or have done a web search for wooden boat-building apprenticeships, spirituality, and/or community in Maine. But mostly, it is the stories and recommendations of folks who have been a part of the Boat Shop community that fires a person's desire to consider an apprenticeship.

From late October through early April, visitors come from across the country, booking flights, driving, hitch hiking and arriving by bus. Some even come from overseas and Canada, because 3-day visits are an essential part of discerning whether the Boat Shop is the right place to pursue their hopes and dreams. During their visit, prospective apprentices get to try their hand at boat-building. One of our current apprentices, Sara, recalls, "I wasn't just sanding and sorting screws, I got to work on a boat!" They also attend meals and chapel, help with chores and spend time getting to know others in the community. As people participate in community life, we try to make sure they get as full a picture of the Boat Shop as we can.

But, 3-day visits are important, not only for the

potential apprentices, but for the Boat Shop community as well, because through them, we get to practice hospitality. Thanks to the openness and welcome of our apprentices and staff, our visitors often report that the hospitality offered to them while here has left a wonderful impression, leaving them asking, "Are you guys for real?" So come for a visit! We are blessed by your presence in our midst and by the opportunity to welcome and get to know you.

### Apprentice Application Process

- ◆ Inquire with our House Manager about a possible visit
- ◆ Fill out and submit initial questionnaire
- ◆ Schedule a three-day visit
- ◆ Arrange transportation for your visit
- ◆ Make your three-day visit, including an interview with staff members
- ◆ Fill out and submit your application (due April 15)
- ◆ If accepted, affirm your commitment to attending (by May 15)

### Important Things to Know

- ◆ Visits are only scheduled between late October and early April.
- ◆ There are 30 slots for 3-day visits each year and they fill up fast.
- ◆ Visits occur during the week (not over weekends) from Sunday evening to Wednesday morning or Wednesday afternoon until Friday evening.
- ◆ Visits should occur in the year immediately preceding your potential apprentice year.
- ◆ Apprentices are notified of the results of their application by May 15.
- ◆ There are 10 apprentice slots each year.

■ *Kathleen Boyle, House Manager*

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## JUST MARRIED

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On Sunday, November 10, I married Jessica Stammen. My father Bobby Ives performed the ceremony at the head of Camden Harbor, where she grew up. We first met at a contra dance 8 months earlier, and spent close to every weekend together that spring getting to know each other better and eventually falling in love. Jessica is an artist who paints mainly with oil but occasionally with watercolor. One can find her work at [jessicastammen.com](http://jessicastammen.com). We are both living in an apartment above Main Street in downtown Damariscotta. The Boat Shop community has welcomed her with open arms and we all enjoy seeing her paintings of the different activities, from sailing to apple picking, on the canvas!

■ *Jonathan Ives, Instructor*





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## STAFF TRANSITIONS

### FOND FAREWELL TO KENNETH AND A HEARTY HELLO TO SARAH

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This summer and fall were a time of transition for our staff. In early July, the Boat Shop accepted the very bitter-sweet resignation of our long-time instructor Kenneth Kortemeier. Kenneth just celebrated

his 10 year anniversary as one of our instructors and we are sad to see him go. However, we are more than pleased that Kenneth and his family Angela and Conrad will continue to be our neighbors just down Old County Road where they are continuing to build their home. Kenneth offers these words of farewell to the Boat Shop community, and to Kenneth we all offer our gratitude for a job well done and our fondest good wishes in his new endeavors:

*The decision to resign from my instructor position at The Boat Shop was not an easy one. I have greatly enjoyed being on staff, the past ten years have gone by very fast. Although I am not there now, I feel proud of my contributions. Upon leaving, I think I have felt the sadness that many apprentices have said they feel when transitioning into life away from the Boat Shop. I miss the warm community, teaching interesting students, and working within a thoughtful team of staff. I am finding life away from the Boat Shop has been giving me attention to tend to other aspects of my life. There are some goals that had been difficult to fit in while teaching full time. As I continue on my path, I am blessed by my strong connections and memories of my time spent as a member the staff of the Boat Shop.*

*If you are interested in following what I am up to next, you are welcome to link to my new web site [www.tomakeandtobe.com](http://www.tomakeandtobe.com). There you can find information about my upcoming crafts workshops and other interesting information.*  
-- Kenneth

Early this fall the Carpenter's Boat Shop was excited to offer a hearty hello and joyful welcome to our newest instructor, Sarah Highland. Sarah has been a friend of the Boat Shop for over a few years now having been a short-term apprentice in 2009 as well as having taught a couple of summer classes here. She has jumped right into the community and work life of the Boat Shop this fall. We are all glad to have her on board and encourage you to stop in and meet Sarah when you're in the area. Here is a short biography of Sarah as a way for you to begin to get to know her:

*Sarah Highland grew up in Philadelphia and New Mexico, eventually settling in Ithaca, NY where she ran her own business as a carpenter, contractor, and designer for many years. Early on, she fell in love with timber framing, partly for the craft, and partly for the way in which raising a frame together builds community. Pursuing that thread, Sarah has taught timber framing, straw-clay, and straw bale construction workshops, and led numerous community built playground projects. She has also worked as a facilitator for the Cornell Team and Leadership Center. Sarah's experiences with the Peaceweavers Community in Bath, NY, as well as her spring apprenticeship at the Carpenter's Boat Shop in 2009 affirmed the power of combining of care of people and care of craft.*



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## NEWSLETTER – FALL 2013

### WISHLIST

*Our full wishlist can be found on our website*

#### ***For the house and campus...***

New phone system - \$8,000  
Larger lawnmower (zero turn style w/ 54" deck) - \$3,299  
Energy-star rated Refrigerator - \$1500  
Chest Freezer - \$750  
Gas Bar-b-que Grill - \$300  
Range hood for White house stove - \$150  
Lighting for campus pathways - \$150  
Four 8' folding tables - \$150 each  
Stainless steel cookpot, large, Calphalon - \$130  
5 Shovels (digging) - \$25 each  
2 Leaf Rakes - \$12 each  
6 Cambro food storage containers - \$20 each

#### ***For the office...***

27" Monitor w/ Adjustable Height - \$280  
Heavy Duty Easel - \$45

#### ***For the Workshop and Maritime library...***

30 gal., single cycle air compressor - \$700  
Professional tool boxes for restoration machine tools (metal with dividers) - \$599  
30 ft. Extension Ladder - \$375  
2 - 24 ft. Extension Ladders - \$260 each  
Lie-Nielsen Skew Block Plane - \$225  
3 Heavy Duty Garden Carts/Wheelbarrows (Zach Davis design) - \$170 each  
Woodenboat Magazine back issues on thumb drive - \$155  
Milwaukee hole shooter (corded drill w/ 1/2 in. chuck and side handle) - \$129  
Dual action air sander - \$119  
Extension cord reel for Restoration Shop - \$94  
Battery Tender - \$80  
Wedge wings for log splitter - \$79  
1/4 sheet sanders - \$55

### FOR SALE

*Please visit our website or call to inquire about any of our boats or furniture.*

#### **New Boats**

Harry Bryan 12 1/2' Daisy Skiff, sailing model \$8,000  
13' Catspaw Dinghy, rowing model \$5,200  
12 1/2' Swampscott Dory \$4,900  
Doug Hyland 13' Beach Pea peapod \$4,600  
Monhegan Skiffs 9 1/2' and 11' – plywood sided and cedar lapstrake - \$1800-\$2,100 – built to order  
13' Catspaw Dinghy, sailing model, fully varnished \$6,000  
18' North Bay Kayak by Chesapeake Light Craft \$700

*A variety of other small daysailers, rowboats and canoes are also available – come look!*

#### **Furniture**

Adirondack Chairs, cedar \$195 (no finish), \$250 (w/ finish)  
Double Adirondack Chairs \$380 (no finish), \$450 (w/ finish)  
Child-size Adirondack Chairs \$95 (no finish), \$125 (w/ finish)  
End tables, oak \$250  
Post and Rung ladder-back bar stools, chairs and foot stools \$300-\$400  
Wall Cabinets, black walnut \$300  
Shaker Oval Boxes, #3, #3.5, #4 \$45

#### **Used and Donated Boats**

20' E.M. White Canoe (like new) \$3,500  
23' Viking (includes new trailer) \$8,000  
Blue Jay (wooden) sailboat - \$600  
19' Lightning (fiberglass) - \$1,000  
19' Holiday daysailer - \$1,000



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