

The Newsletter of The Carpenter's Boat Shop

Spring 2014

CONNECTIONS

In Celtic Christianity, there is the concept and belief in “thin places,” those places in our lives where somehow the distance between heaven and earth collapses, where the holy and human meet for at least a fleeting moment. The Celts believed very much in the connectedness of all things.

I have often heard people speak of experiencing some of the most beautiful places in Maine as “thin places.” Watching the waves at Pemaquid Point, crossing the knife edge of Mount Katahdin, witnessing the sunrise from Cadillac Mountain in Acadia. A former apprentice once said to me that when he drove down Old County Road and got out of his car at the Boat Shop, that he was stepping onto holy ground, sacred ground.

For sure, The Carpenter's Boat Shop has become a “thin place” to many; a sacred touchstone in people's lives to which they keep returning and reconnecting. As apprentices prepare to depart each year, often their conversations turn to how they can stay connected with the Boat Shop and with each other. As the warmer weather approaches, the Pemaquid Peninsula and the Boat Shop anticipates the return of our beloved summer residents – an annual return, reunion and reconnection. Soon our Tea Breaks will be overflowing with summer class students, former apprentices and families, old friends and new friends. It

is in these connections that The Carpenter's Boat Shop finds its grounding and its longevity.

While I wish that all of our connections with the greater Boat Shop community could be done face

to face, I am grateful for opportunities such as this newsletter to connect with those who have cared for and supported the Boat Shop for many years as well as with those who have just found us for the first time. It is my hope that in the months ahead, we will be finding new ways and more frequent ways to connect with you.



Annie and Elaine working in the Restoration Shop

Already, we have a flourishing Facebook page that offers regular glimpses into the life of the Boat Shop and an e-newsletter is now in the works.

In order to help us in this endeavor, I hope you will take the opportunity to reconnect with us by filling out the blue insert found in this newsletter. Please let us know what is happening in your life and in what ways we can be in touch with you to let you know about all that is happening here at the Boat Shop. And in the summer months ahead if your plans bring you to the Pemaquid Peninsula, we hope that you will stop in and reconnect in person. Hoping to connect with you at a Tea Break soon!

All good wishes and fair winds to you,

▪ *Rev. Kim Hoare, Executive Director*

CLASS OF 2013-2014



Back Row: Sara Faust, Mariko Conway; Middle Row: Erle Fablstrom, Lucas Worrell, Britt Malec, Sarah Highland, Quinn Gormley, Kathleen Boyle, Aaron Carlson, Aaron Gerth; Front Row: Annie Hoppe, Jonathan Ives, Darin, Linnea & Serafina Carlucci, Kim Hoare

Celebrating THE CARPENTER'S BOAT SHOP'S

35th Anniversary

Open House

Saturday, July 5

10am-3pm

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Tours on the half hour
Light Refreshments served
Please join us! All are welcome!



The apprentices put our new (used) truck to good use participating in the Elmer Tarr Memorial Clean-up Day picking up a full load of trash along Rt. 130 in Bristol. Many thanks to an anonymous donor and to C.H.I.P. for funding the purchase of this new reliable truck!

ALUMNI CORNER



Holly Baldwin

In the fall of 1999, I was 25 years old and uncertain about what I possibly had to offer the world. A Quaker clearness committee advised me to look for community, skill building and spiritual deepening. Though I grew up nearby, I didn't know much about the Boat Shop. But one day I picked up a brochure, and my heart stopped. I knew this was where I was meant to be.

In my year as an apprentice, I learned a lot about community: how my piece of the work impacts those around me (my chores, my attitude, and my part on the boat), I learned about how we struggle and grow when we are part of a community. I learned that together we can accomplish great things (like maneuvering giant boats around the campus!). I relaxed into the atmosphere of love, encouragement and generosity that the Boat Shop fosters, and I witnessed how that atmosphere changed our lives. I left the Boat Shop with new perspective: bagging a perfect job was no

longer the most important thing. Instead I sought meaningful work in a community that I can serve and which feeds my soul.

I found such opportunities and stayed in mid-coast Maine for 7 more years, until I moved to Boston to become director of the Beacon Hill Friends House. The Friends House is home to 21 adults who come to stay for 1-4 years. As at the Boat Shop, we share meals, responsibilities, and have time to meet together as a community. We also share a commitment to the values of faith, simplicity, integrity and social responsibility. It's different from the Boat Shop because instead of building boats together, people go off to different jobs, and come back at night. We enter the community on our own schedule, rather than as a cohort. But the commitment to community life is the same, along with its invitation to a transformational experience.

I chose the Beacon Hill Friends House because the Boat Shop showed me the power a loving, spiritually grounded community has to transform lives. The opportunity to support another community which offers similar spiritual hospitality in a similar manner was too good an opportunity to pass up. Friends of the Boat Shop are most welcome to visit for dinner, stay in our guest rooms and best yet, live in our community. Visit www.bhfh.org to learn more about us.

▪ *Holly Baldwin '00*

EVENING HOURS AT CBS

Among all of the opportunities here, I feel I have most benefited from the after hours access to the workshop and meeting the craftspeople that work in or nearby the shop. During the evening hours inside the golden glow of the workshop, I have had the freedom to experiment and learn from the success or failure of numerous personal projects. As traditional boat construction necessitates the use of both machine and hand tools, I was able to take skills I learned during work hours to continue to push myself further as a woodworker. When I had questions about tools, techniques or wood species, there was always someone available to answer my questions and talk out any problems. If no one was around, I could always consult the exten-



Toolbox constructed by Aaron

sive library of woodworking books here. After two trips to Liberty Tool and some guidance from Sarah and Darin, I have amassed a respectable set of hand tools in addition to those I brought to the shop in September. Last week I constructed myself a tool chest from pine and a few bits of cherry to house my new tools. During this last month, I plan to construct a modest-sized workbench as a challenge to myself to continue to hone the skills I have learned here long after the apprenticeship ends and truly live a life working in the craft. Thanks to all the staff for their patience and thoughtfulness during shop hours and most of all in the evenings and weekends.

▪ *Aaron Gerth '14*

THE PEMAQUID DINGHY

For the last 15 years an old boat sat under The Carpenter's Boat Shop sign that, despite its age, still had a beautiful shape with fair curves. Unfortunately, we do not know much about the history of the boat – its original builder, design, or owner. All we know is that it was donated to us a number of years ago coming from Orland, Maine. Sadly, in the late fall, the boat was the victim of a hit-and-run accident. Not wanting to lose this beautiful design, our winter guest instructor Douglas Brooks spent a week teaching the apprentices a lofting class where they took the lines off that old boat (having pieced back together its damaged bow) and re-drew them on paper. We used those drawings this spring to build a new lapstrake dinghy.

It was a challenge to build a boat that had no plans, but with their new lofting knowledge, the apprentices and I designed a new keel, transom knee, and three piece stem, drawing the new parts onto the lofting floor. We then used mylar, a clear plastic, to pick up each shape and cut them out of white oak. Once all the molds were cut out, we bolted up the backbone of the new boat and placed it upside down

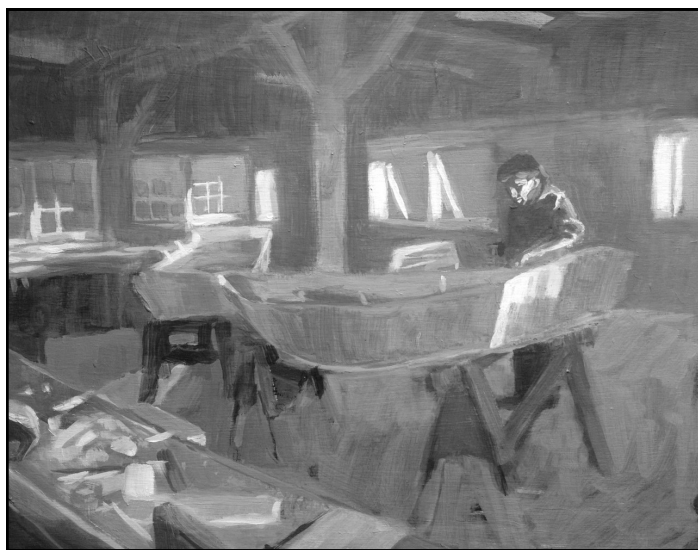
onto the jig. The oak ribs were a bit dry so I tied them off the docks down in New Harbor for a few days to bring the moisture content up for steam bending.

We used the same number of planks as the old boat but decided to build it with lapstrake instead of carvel planking. This will allow the boat to go in and out of the water on a trailer and maintain a dry bilge; in contrast, a carvel planked (smooth-sided) boat would take a few days for the seams to swell tight. The new boat has more breadth in the bow then the original boat, to add more buoyancy when a person sits up forward.

All through the spring, we have been referring to this new boat as the “sign boat” based on where the original sat for so many years, but this sure isn't a marketable name! So, for a couple of week, the apprentices and staff offered up many suggestions for a new name for this newly designed boat and the Pemaquid Dinghy was born!

Look for the 13' Pemaquid Dinghy in the show room this June!

PICTURE PERFECT



Pictured: Afternoon Apprentice, 8x10" oil on panel, 2014

It has been a pleasure using paint to capture moments of work and play at The Carpenter's Boat Shop over the past few months. From apple picking to skiff building to pond hockey, I have enjoyed watching light and color dance across tool filled spaces and apprentice faces. During the month of March,

many Boat Shop paintings were on exhibit in Maine: Work & Play, a show of my work at Bowdoin College. I'm producing a line of post cards and prints from these paintings to sell in the showroom at the Boat Shop this summer. Keep an eye out the next time you visit! Preview works that may be available as reproductions at jessicaives.com. Sign up for the twice-monthly newsletter and be the first to know when new, original Boat Shop paintings are finished and available for purchase; 10% of the sale from any of these paintings is donated back to their source of inspiration.

■ *Jessica Ives*

Director's note: *When Jonathan and Jessica were married last fall, we knew that the Boat Shop community was gaining a wonderful new friend, fabulous dancer and teacher as well as a very talented artist. Yet, we could never have anticipated the joy and inspiration that she has brought to us all by reflecting and enhancing our Boat Shop activities through her representations of them in her paintings. I encourage you to explore her website and experience The Carpenter's Boat Shop through a whole new lens. – Kim Hoare*

The Pemaquid Dinghy



MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... MANY THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED FOBs!

We are truly blessed to have a dedicated crew of volunteers who we affectionately call the Friends of Boat Shop (FOBs). Almost every day of the week, you can find at least one FOB working diligently somewhere on our campus. Just since September, they have put in over 1,000 volunteer hours. Their list of accomplishments during these hours includes building Adirondak Chairs, upkeep of our Boat Shop fleet, baking goodies for Tea Break, offering electrical help, teaching classes for the apprentices, gardening and landscaping, assisting with restoration projects, providing building maintenance and much, much more!

This winter, a few of our FOBs, Bill Claflin, Chet Killam and Bill Schwanemann, accomplished a particularly helpful and special project for the Boat Shop by creating a new woodlot. As you may know, we heat all of our workshop spaces exclusively with wood and augment the heat of all of our living spaces with wood as well. Each year, we have typically purchased 16 cords of log-length firewood and due to the lack of a woodlot have had to store and process that wood in our boat yard. This usually causes logistical issues as we try to move boats around the pile of logs and, unfortunately, the build-up of the sawdust and organic matter produced by the chainsawing and splitting of the firewood has caused the regular deterioration of the boat yard year after year necessitating costly maintenance. However, with our new woodlot located adjacent to our firewood storage shelter, we can now

accept firewood donations year round and not have to worry about the organic mess created by its processing.

For this project and all of the hard work of all of our FOBs, we offer many, many thanks!

2014-15 FOBs: Tom Attiks, Jim Austin, Billy Claflin, Matt Filler, Bill Grogan, Joe Guttentag, Klaus Heiman, Chris Holme, Bridget Hooper, Chet Killam, Bob Kline, Elaine Latham, Tim and Matt Roser,, Bill Schwanemann, Mary and Mike Stevens, Robert Sutherland, Bill Thomas, Karen Wales, Mariellen Whalen



This year's supply of firewood all ready to be split and stacked in our new woodlot

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 21 - 26: Build Your Own Mischief Pram with Bill Thomas

July 28 - August 1: Boat Building with Bobby Ives

August 4 - 8: Post and Rung Furniture with Kenneth Kortemeier

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www.carpentersboatshop.org or call 207-677-3769



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NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2014

WISHLIST

Our full wishlist can be found on our website

For the Campus and Emergency Preparedness ...

Energy-star rated Refrigerator - \$1500
Gas Bar-b-que Grill - \$300
Range hood for White house stove - \$150
Lighting for campus pathways - \$150
Stainless steel cookpot, large, Calphalon - \$130
Shovels (digging) - \$25
Cambro food storage containers (6) - \$20/each
330 gallon Water tote food grade - \$200
Berkey water purifier - \$300
Tarm wood burning furnace - for white farm house - \$5000
27" Monitor w/ Adjustable Height - \$280

Heavy Duty Easel - \$45
Stainless steel cookpot, large, Calphalon - \$130
For the Work Shops, Sailing Program, and Library...
Festool finish sander - \$250
Woodsbarrows (Zach Davis design wheel barrow) - \$175
Flow and Go fuel caddy (portable fuel tank) - \$140
Battery Tender - \$80
Hammer drill - \$100
Woodenboat magazine on thumb drive - \$155
Small load Rite Boat trailers - approx. \$1000
Eagle Optics Shrike 8x42 Binoculars - \$100
1/4 Sheet sanders - \$55

FOR SALE

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

New Boats

13' Pemaquid Dinghy, rowing model \$5,200
12 1/2' Daisy Skiff (*Harry Bryan design*), sailing model \$8,000
13' Catspaw Dinghy, rowing model \$5,200
12 1/2' Swampscott Dory \$4,900
13' Beach Pea peapod (*Doug Hylan design*) \$4,600
Monhegan Skiffs 9 1/2' and 11' – plywood-sided and cedar lapstrake - \$1800-\$2,100
17' Atkinson Traveler Canoe (*Rollin Thurlow design*) \$3,500
13' American Beauty Canoe (*Rollin Thurlow design*) \$2,500

Used and Donated Boats

20' E.M. White Canoe (like new) \$3,500
23' Viking (includes new trailer) \$8,000
Shellback Dinghy (includes sail) \$2,200
Blue Jay sailboat (wooden with fiberglass) \$600
19' Holiday daysailer - \$1,000

13' Catspaw Dinghy, sailing model, fully varnished \$4,000
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
Shaker stools, painted pine \$50
Post and Rung ladder-back bar stools, chairs and foot stools \$300-\$400



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