



The Newsletter of The Carpenter's Boat Shop

Fall 2009

SAUNTERING

There's a wonderful story of John Muir, the 19th century Scottish born American naturalist and author who was responsible for preserving Yosemite and Sequoia National parks. It seems that one day Mr. Muir was out hiking in the Sierra Nevada's when a young man name Albert Palmer crossed his path. Upon recognizing the famous John Muir, Palmer exchanged pleasantries and then inquired: "Are you enjoying your hike Mr. Muir? Tradition has it that John Muir responded that he did not "hike" in the the mountains, he only "sauntered." Muir continued, " You see sir, the word "saunter goes back to the Middle Ages when people used to go on pilgrimages to the Holy Land. When people in the villages through which they passed asked where are you going, they would reply, "A la sainte terre," "To the Holy Land." And so they became known as sainte-terre-ers or saunterers. Now these mountains are our Holy Land, and we ought to saunter through them reverently, rather than hiking in them."

Whether this tale about John Muir is true or simply a story of truth, it offers a lovely perspective of what we ask of our Boat Shop apprentices as they begin their year among us.

We ask them not to randomly "hike" through the year striving to win a race or get to the top first, but rather to "saunter" by seeing the beauty in the world about them, by showing appreciation for the people around them, and by sharing reverence for life. Our hope is that apprentices will learn that all life is sacred, especially if they seek to live lives of love and love the lives they live.



Fall Sailing

As we begin our 31st year, we are off to a wonderful start of our new 2009-2010 year. We have 10 lovely apprentices hailing from Iona Scotland to Bellingham Washington and who currently are building boats, restoring vessels, and sawing logs

on our sawmill for future construction.

In this season of Thanksgiving we give thanks to all of you, our Boat Shop friends and family for your prayers, kindness, and support over the years. We encourage you to come and meet our wonderful group of new apprentices. Blessings on you all as you hopefully "saunter" on the journey of life.

•Robert Ives



*Back Row (left to right): Robert Ives, Sophie Meltzer, Chris Lord.
Middle Row: Sarah Oliver, Simon de Voil, Conrad & Angela Kortemeier, Sylvie Piquet, Adelle Labud-Zabner, Jack Marrie
Front Row: Kenneth Kortemeier, Stephen Tesb, Darin, Serafina & Comet Carlucci, Saul Calzadilla, Ric Kenney, Jonathan Ives*

2009-2010 CREW

Saul Calzadilla

I was born in Caracas, Venezuela in 1987. I lived there with my mom and older sister until I was about six when we moved to Nashville, Tennessee. I went to University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to study business administration where after 3 years I realized that I was not meant for business administration. Being at the carpenter's Boat Shop has enriched my life in so many ways, but I feel that the true Boat Shop experience will begin only when my apprenticeship has ended and I get to apply the experience in the real world.

Simon deVoil

I'm 34 and starting over. I'm here because I hope to use wooden boat building as a way to work alongside people providing pastoral care. For the last few years I was living on the wee Scottish island of Iona (I'm Scottish by the way) in a radical Christian Community. I'm a musician and a counselor but ever since I was wee I always wanted to be a carpenter: it just took me a while to get 'round to it.

Ric Kenney

Ric came to the Boat Shop via New Orleans, La. where he has been a volunteer disaster relief worker. He has worked in many trades including cooking for large groups of people, framing, roofing, and wiring houses, and bicycle repair. He is certified as a medic and disaster first responder, and has worked for the Red Cross in rescue shelter management. Ric's primary goal now is to learn how to build and repair wooden boats and become a better teacher.

Adelle Lahud-Zahner

I am Adelle. I am the oldest of five. I am elated to be a part of the Boat Shop experience. I know that I have a lot to learn and so I try and keep my eyes and ears open. A surprising feature of my path is the joy and strength I find in acrobatics. There is a swing hanging from an enormous sugar maple and I play on it most every day. I speak conversational Spanish. I love food and cooking. I've been told that I am good with children. I sing frequently.

Chris Lord

Chris Lord grew up in York on the Southern Coast of Maine. I am at the boat shop to grow as a person and as a carpenter.

Jack Marrie

Jack grew up in Berea, Kentucky, and lived there until leaving Berea College in 2003. He has since lived and worked in Port Townsend, WA, San Francisco, Asheville, NC, Cherryfield, ME, and Missoula, MT. He became interested in sailing and boat building while living in Port Townsend and while cruising in Southern Baja this past winter. Jack's driving interests are bicycles, music, sailing and collecting new skills. He is once again glad to call Maine home.

Sophie Meltzer

My name is Sophie Meltzer. I have been alive for eighteen and a half years. Sometimes I feel older, and occasionally act younger. I find great passion in laughter. I love new

faces and ideas. I believe that creativity and imagination are two of the most important gifts we possess. I hope to develop a better understanding of myself while I am living in such a wholesome and honest community. I come in peace.

Sarah Oliver

The Boat Shop is one stage of my transition out of a cubicle and into some other kind of life. I don't know yet what kind of life that will be or what I need to do in order to get there, but I think it's safe to say that what I'm doing now is more than just a hiatus from a "real job." At the Boat Shop, I'm inspired by people who go into the workshop to fill their needs and wants, rather than driving to the store. It's empowering. I'm thrilled to be here.

Sylvie Piquet

I'm a St. Louis gal who has fallen in love with the back-to-the-land Maine movement. My intro to Maine was through Bowdoin College and working at a beloved adventure ed. summer camp on Mount Desert Island. I love baking bread, playing with kids, outdoor adventures – be they exploring Utah canyons or meandering the Maine Coast, breathing deeply and getting to know new folks. I've learned so much at the Boat Shop about hospitality, generosity, humility, slaughtering/butchering chickens, using a chainsaw, and working *with* (as opposed to against) the wood.

Steve Tesh

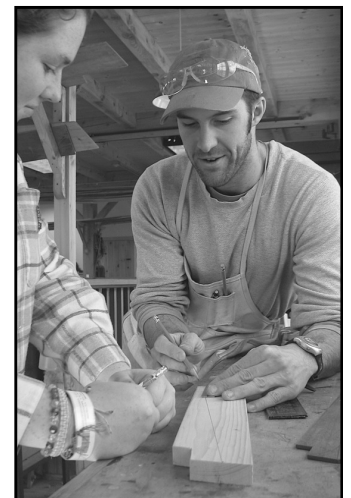
Stephen Matthew Tesh is from Winston Salem, NC and has been coming to Maine for the last 5 years to do timber framing. Back in the tar heel state I blacksmith and build furniture. In my spare time I rebuild old typewriters and sewing machines as well as play music. When I leave I hope to know how to sail and navigate around Maine because I plan on making it my home from now on.

NEW STAFF

In early September the Boat Shop hired a new instructor, Jonathan Ives, to replace Jim Austin who had retired. Jonathan is certainly no stranger to the Boat Shop. He was born, nurtured, raised and reared at the Boat Shop. He graduated from Lincoln Academy in 1999, University of Vermont in 2003, and the Northwest School of Wooden Boat building in 2009. For 5 years he was also in the merchant marine service sailing on the Atlantic and Pacific. It is a joy to have Jonathan now on staff as a boat building instructor and to carry on a family tradition.

•Robert Ives

Jonathan Ives



SUMMER WOODWORKING CLASSES - 2010

We're pleased to announce that next summer we will be offering many more, and many new wood working classes. Based on the enthusiasm from many of our summer students, we will be continuing our usual boat building and wood working classes, but also adding a number of new ones to match the hopes and interests of many of you.

For example, we have invited Chris Becksvoort back who will be running a one week Shaker furniture class from June 21-25. There will be two Women's Wood working classes – an Introductory level July 5th-9th and an Intermediate level July 19th-23rd. There will be the usual Boat building class from July 26-30.

Over and above these however, will be a class in Young People's Wood Working for students ages 8 to 14, Half Model Making, and two more classes which are still under consideration. We have been so heartened and gratified by the enthusiasm that these classes have generated that we want to continue making them an integral part of our Boat Shop program. Stay tuned for further notices as we firm them down.

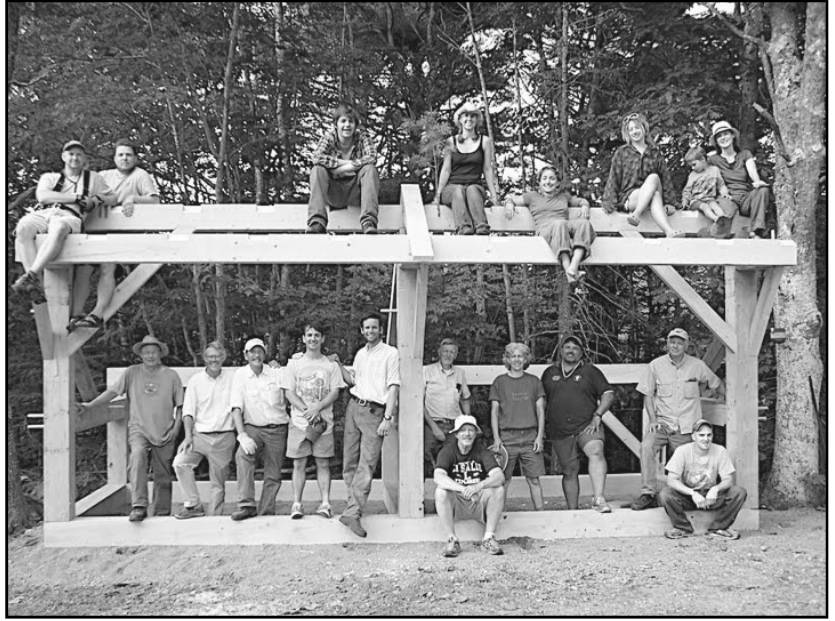
•Robert Ives

BOAT SHOP CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

On August 23, 2009, the Boat Shop celebrated its 30th anniversary. The Boat Shop formally began in June of 1979, when the Ives family moved from the parsonage in New Harbor out to the Penniman Farm in Pemaquid, to begin this new adventure called The Carpenter's Boat Shop. And so it was a great joy to gather nearly 300 people on a Sunday afternoon to share in festivities and a service of Thanksgiving. Over 60 alumni apprentices were in attendance as well as family and friends.

Among the actives were tours of the new Workshop, an ice cream social, a silent and public auction of the wares from artists and artisans, 4 speakers, all culminating in the placing of a beautiful weathervane on the new cupola of the Workshop. It was a joyful day of thanksgiving and gratitude. On the opposite page is the Litany of Thanksgiving offered by the Reverend Kimberly Hoare of Farmington (Connecticut) Congregational Church who is a member of our Board of Directors.

•Robert Ives



2009 Summer Timber Framing class

NEW CONSTRUCTION

This fall the Boat shop community has started breaking ground on a new building. We have seen a need for additional storage space for boats involved with the restoration department. We also need improved winter storage for the Boat Shop's fleet of sail training vessels. Through the Steven King Foundation we have received a grant to begin building. The new structure has been designed to attach to the existing restoration building. We will be working from now until the Winter Break, and then resuming construction in the spring.

•Kenneth Kortemeier



Steve, Chris and Sylvie clearing the site for the new pole barn

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

**From the service on
August 23, 2009:**

From an old farmhouse and chicken barn to the new Amish-built workshop and re-built Fossett Farmhouse, we have witnessed the sacred grounds of the Boatshop change and grow.

We give thanks for all the hands that have shaped the space of the Boatshop, constructing buildings, painting walls, nailing shingles, cultivating gardens.

We celebrate that the journey of the Boatshop has been filled with building and creating.

May we honor the past by nurturing the present and dreaming for the future.



Ken Smith places the weathervane on the new cupola

From the first class of 4 to the newest class about to begin, over 250 apprentices have enlivened the Boatshop with their talents, nourished it with their labor, and left it with lives transformed.

We give thanks for all the apprentices who have blessed this place with their presence, made a community here, and gone from here to live new and renewed lives.

May we honor the past by nurturing the present and dreaming for the future.

From Bobby and Ruth's original vision of a safe harbor where boatbuilding and community life could help people get their feet beneath them, to the ways that vision has grown into an apprentice program, Shaker furniture making, summer workshops, and sustainability projects, we have seen dreams flourish and expand.

We give thanks for the vision that gave birth to the Boatshop and the passion that nourishes it.

May we honor the past by nurturing the present and dreaming for the future.

From the first pounding party and donations of machinery, to the ongoing gifts of friendship and support, the community that surrounds the Boatshop has sustained it with kindness.

We give thanks for contradances, potluck suppers, genuine welcomes, and all the ways in which the community has smoothed the seas on which the Boatshop has sailed.

We celebrate that the journey of the Boatshop has been filled with friends and neighbors, laughter and love.

May we honor the past by nurturing the present and dreaming for the future.

From the Ives family - Bobby, Ruth, Hilda, Jonathan, and Hannah - to the instructors, staff, board, volunteers and Friends of the Boatshop whose lives and work are the lifeblood of this place, the Boatshop has been blessed with people dedicated to its mission and work.

We give thanks for all who provide leadership for the Boatshop and enable it to flourish.

We celebrate that the journey of the Boatshop has been filled with wisdom and generosity of spirit.

May we honor the past by nurturing the present and dreaming for the future.

A cupola, like a steeple, is a symbol of hope to all who see it.

May this community continue to make hope live, through compassionate service and joyful hospitality.

A weather vane shows us the direction of the wind.

May the Boatshop be sensitive to the winds of the future, always moving in the direction of love & justice.

A cupola, like a steeple, raises our eyes to the heights.

May we honor the past by nurturing the present and dreaming for the future.

BRIDGES FOR PEACE



Bob and Bridges for Peace group on their completed bridge

On October 23, 2009, the Boat Shop hosted a group of six Protestants and six Roman Catholics from Northern Ireland. The day was arranged by the Damariscotta Rotary Club on behalf of another organization called Friends Forever whose mission is to create peace among alienated peoples. The Boat Shop arranged for the Irish students to build bridges through the boggy areas of our Contemplative Trail. By the end of the day we constructed five bridges, had a lovely picnic luncheon, and exchanged many stories and much laughter. In the beauty of the Fall weather considerable work was accomplished, friendships were forged, and hopefully bridges of peace were created.

•Robert Ives

TIME TO GIVE THANKS

We're off to a wonderful start here in the kitchen and household this year. Our ten new apprentices are learning about cooking, cleaning and living in community which they will hopefully find useful wherever they go.

I am grateful for all that THEY have been teaching ME, and for many other generous people who impact our lives. Elaine Latham is at the top of the list making doughnuts and cookies each week while also working full time in the boat shop with her cheerful disposition. What an example she is for us all. Corrone Bryant, Grace Goldberg and the Rising Tide market have also been enormously helpful in supplying us with donations of food and nourishment. And Board member Andrew Marshall kindly donated 30 "Redbro" meat chickens to the Boat Shop which included hands on experiential education in chicken production for our apprentices.

Many thanks also to our excellent summer garden apprentices Amelia Whitney and Dana Crane. What gracious and enthusiastic additions to our community as they diligently worked in our garden providing food for our bodies and joyful nourishment for our souls.

I'd like to express my gratitude to Bill Grogan for all his efforts in the Boat Shop garden. During the five years that Bill served as the gardener/grounds-keeper, the garden was kept in a picture-perfect order competing with gardens one might see in Homes and Gardens magazine. Bill has decided to move on though, so we extend our deepest thanks and fondest wishes as he seeks new gardens to care for and grow.

The Boat Shop's future garden plans are under consideration at this point. Our eventual hope is to have a farming operation which could provide most of our winter produce, but presently the garden will lay fallow until such a time as we are certain that we've got the personnel and economic resources to give to this endeavor. All the staff and apprentices look forward to that time.

The new kitchen/ dining room in the Red Farmhouse is gradually becoming one of the more cozy and welcoming spots at the Boat Shop. (I doubt, though, that it will ever replace the original kitchen in the hearts of many individuals who spent time there.) Thanks to Randy Domina, Pam Daley and Randy Phelps we now have a greatly improved and far warmer kitchen. Randy and Pam generously contributed a Jotul wood stove, and Randy Domina and built a magnificent hearth and enclosure. Rick Eble and Dave MacDonald finished it all off with a cherry mantle and Shaker pegs. The entire renovation has brought warmth, beauty and a welcoming touch of hospitality as visitors are now greeted by a crackling fire and a clear view of all our welcoming faces around the dining room table. I am so grateful to both Randys, Pam, Rick and Dave for their generosity and work.

In this season of Thanksgiving we give thanks for you and hope that all is well. We also hope that you might stop for "tea" any weekday at 10.

•Angela Kortemeier



Adelle and Sarah
leathering oars



Jonathan, Sophie, Sarah, Bob
and Saul on the fall sailing
trip



The crew getting ready to
head out for a sail



Elaine and Rick
washing apples to be
turned into cider



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WISH LIST

Any boat donations for refurbishing or resale
Boat building or carpentry books for our library
New or used Delta band saw
4"-6" C-Clamps or 6"-12" F clamps
50 padded folding chairs
CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) share
One-way woodworking lathe
Jack stands (for boats)



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

Catspaw dinghy -with sail and oars	\$8900
Monehegan skiffs	
various configurations w/oars	\$1550-2000
Ladder back chairs	\$350
Foot Stools	\$250
Single Adirondack chairs	\$175
Double Adirondack chairs	\$350
Adirondack footrest	\$45

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



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