



The Newsletter of The Carpenter's Boat Shop

Fall 2010

“Do What You Can” and “Be All You Can Be”

It was a chilly, overcast day when the horseman spied the little sparrow lying on its back in the middle of the road. Reigning in his mount he looked down and inquired of the fragile creature,

“Why are you lying upside down like that?”

“I heard the heavens are going to fall today,” replied the bird. The horseman laughed, “and I suppose your spindly legs can hold up the vast heavens?”

“Well, one does what one can,” said the little sparrow.

-Old folk tale

At the Boat Shop we try and help our apprentices “do what they can.” Each year ten new folk come from all over the United States, hoping to accomplish many things. For some, it is to learn boat building and woodworking.

For others, it is to acquire the skills of gardening, cooking, and balance. For still others, it is to gain more confidence, feel more hope, and chart new life directions.

Throughout the Boat Shop year, we do what we can to help all apprentices do what they hope to do and become who they hope to become.

One of my favorite quotes written by a minister from Basking Ridge New Jersey was, “Be all you can be.”

He wrote it for a small advertising company in New York City for a large military organization in the U.S.A. At the Boat Shop this remains our hope as well. In addition to helping apprentices, “be all they can be” in vocational terms, we want them to grow deeper in love, peace, and service as they prepare for the next steps on their life journey.

This year we are so pleased to welcome 10 new apprentices. As you will read in their brief biographies, they range in age from 19 to 64 and hail from across the country. Already we have built many Shaker ladder back chairs, 3 Monhegan Skiffs, and completed many other projects around the Boat Shop and within the Pemaquid community.



And so in the season of Thanksgiving we give thanks for all of you who have who have been so helpful and supportive of our work and ministry. As we enter our 32nd year, we at the Boat Shop enthusiastically pursue our mission of building boats, nurturing lives, and serving others. As one past apprentice from 2005, put it so beautifully.

“The Boat shop is not just a destination in and of itself, but it is a portal to living a life of care and love. The Boat shop is a process which guarantees the product: a life worth living.”

It has been a joyful Fall so far and we look forward with great anticipation to our year ahead as we all help one another to do what the 18th century Bishop John Wesley advised his congregation:

“In this life do all the good you can, where ever you can, by all the means you can, to as many as you can, all your days.” Blessings on you all.

•Rev. Robert Ives, Director



*Back (left to right): Connor Albers, Darin & Serafina Carlucci, Ken Madore, Trenton Parker, Rick Eble, Doug Crews, Ben Lesko and Beth Davis
Front: Kenneth Kortemeier, Rachel Hestrin, Chelsea Fisher, Zach DeRoin, Kathleen Gustafson, Jonathan Ives, Calvin Maginel and Robert Ives*

2010-2011 APPRENTICES

BEN LESKO Ben grew up Near Boston, Attended two years of college at Sterling College in Northeast VT. Has done his share of traveling in America and abroad. He enjoys cooking, eating, walking, farming, hand sanding, dump picking ,food pickling, block planes, picture frames, candy canes, and all types of music.

BETH DAVIS Hi my name is Beth. I've spent the last 30 years in healthcare. I've seen and heard many things. The wisest piece of wisdom I think I have heard is to never pass up an opportunity to learn something new. Thank you everyone for this opportunity to learn here at the boatshop. With all that there is to learn here, I am very grateful.

CHELSEA FISHER Chelsea grew up in a small town in Wisconsin. After graduating high school in '04, she moved to Minneapolis where she worked and attended school for about three years. In '06 she dropped out of school and went travelling around Canada, the east coast and finally south with her brother. During this time, she discovered sailing and subsequently caught wind of the

Sloop Clearwater. After a couple of month long apprenticeships, she was hired as a deck hand on said boat and stayed there from July '09-August '10. Wanting to further her knowledge in boats and woodworking, she applied to the Carpenter's Boat Shop where she now happily resides. She enjoys darts, home-brew, campfires, and stories. At the end of the year, she is looking forward to moving out to Washington with her girlfriend.

DOUG CREWS Hello to all, Doug's the name. I've come to the boat shop to find a new direction. I grew up in the mid west on typical mid west farm. Then went to work in a factory. After many years I realized something had to change. Here at The Carpenter's Boat Shop I've found a nurturing place to grow and learn about myself and others.

KEN MADORE I came up to Pemaquid from Brooklyn, NY where I've been living for the past 12 years, though I was born in Connecticut and grew up mostly in New Jersey and South Carolina. I went to Syracuse University to study art, which has been the prime interest for most

of my life. I enjoy painting and drawing, but also love to work in wood, metal, and other materials. My first extensive carpentry experience was while studying sculpture in school and it's been a pleasure to have the opportunity to hone my skills and learn new methods and techniques at the Boat Shop. Also, after living the urban life for so long, I feel so fortunate to be able to spend a sabbatical in beautiful Maine, hiking in the forest,

RACHEL HESTRIN I grew up in California and Tennessee. I went to college in California and have spent a few years working on farms and trail crews in the northeast. I like music, reading, traveling, cooking, spending time outside and working with my hands. learning to sail, and seeing the stars.

TRENTON PARKER My name is Trenton Parker. I was born and raised in the Bay Area of California, and while I still call that home, I have lived many other places including Hawaii, Florida, Mexico, and Australia. I believe in experiencing as much as you can in life which is why I came out to the Boat Shop. Thus far, my time in Maine has been very beautiful, and I feel very blessed to be a part of such a warm and giving community.

ZACH DEROIN Hello my name is Zach DeRoin. I was born near the banks of the upper mississippi river and have lived within sight of those rushing waters most of my life. I have worked and lived in the Colorado Rockies, the coasts of Misty Oregon and the deeply rolling hills of Indiana. But for the past 2 winters I have thrived in the Salty winds of Coastal Maine. I am very much encouraged by my time at the Carpenter's Boat shop and look forward to the coming months of my stay.

CALVIN MAGINEL Calvin hails from the Ozark Mountains of Missouri. A 2006 graduate of Berea College in Kentucky, he has been working as a field biologist in an effort to fulfill a romantic dream centered around living in every major bio-region in the lower 48. During a visit to Guatemala, he realized the importance of branching out from field biology and was fortunate enough to apply to the Carpenter's Boat Shop. He is enjoying the shared project of the 26-foot Amphibicon that he and Connor are getting ready for launch next spring!

CONNOR ALBERS Connor Albers has lived most of his life in Cincinnati. He has spent his time since graduating high school in 2009 traveling, gardening, and working on farms around the United States.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOUSE MANAGER

Kathleen Gustafson has joined the CBS as house manager September 2010. She has been a resident of Bristol since 2000 coming from Connecticut where she worked for the Department of Health and UCONN Health Center as a microbiologist. The natural beauty of Bristol and small town friendliness drew her family here. Working in local post offices, the former group home and most recently at Tedford Housing confirmed for her what a caring community we live in. "I am delighted to be able to contribute at the boat shop. In years past I was warmly received on several occasions at the boat shop, coming for tea, knitting in the evenings with apprentices and kicking around an idea for involving master gardeners in the garden.

The three day sail was wonderful. I always had a sense that something special was happening here. Now I know this is a unique and special place. As new house manager I have received a great deal of support and encouragement from outgoing house manager, Angela Kortemeier, all staff, the numerous friends of the boat

shop and the terrific group of 2010-2011 apprentices. I am enjoying the good humor, youthful enthusiasm and positive, can do attitude that pulses through this community. As house manager I am responsible for grocery shopping and bulk orders, menu planning, helping apprentices with kitchen skills, coordinating the CHIP pick ups and shed storage, hosting the numerous visitors that visit the Boat Shop, arranging three day visits for prospective apprentices, overseeing the care of our flock of chickens and contributing in general to the smooth operation of Boat Shop life. Every day I have the opportunity to learn, stretch and grow.



Kathleen Gustafson

“A LESSON EARNED IS BETTER THAN A LESSON LEARNED”



We have been taking apprentices out in small boats as a part of the regular program of activities for many years. Sailing and seamanship skills are taught during our three day fall orientation trip and after work in the fall and spring.

Participation in our sailing program offers apprentices education through direct personal experience. One of the many important values that may be learned is the importance of building a well constructed boat.

Whenever a customer sets out in one of our boats to traverse cold and dangerous waters, the bonds of trust between user and builder are affirmed.

As an instructor, I don't think I could convey the importance of avoiding short-cuts and being careful in one's work more than by simply spending time in a hand made boat.

•*Kenneth Kortemeier*



SERVICE PROJECT FOR COLONIAL PEMAQUID

This Fall we were asked to finish off a 17th replica of a wattle and daub house in the Colonial Pemaquid historic site on Pemaquid Harbor. It is a representation of the post and beam houses that were built in the mid 17th century by English fishermen when they came to this mid- coast area of Maine. Over a period of 3 weeks our thoughtful volunteers called Friends of the Boat Shop cut out the various rafter, collar tie, and purlin trusses for the roof structure on this 12' by 16' house. We raised the trusses into place, and in the Spring of 2011, the hope is to thatch the entire roof. It was an enjoyable project which hopefully will add a new insight into the history of our area.

•*Robert Ives*

SUMMER WOODWORKING COURSES 2011

PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

Due to the great success of our Summer Boat Shop Program in 2010, we are hoping to add 4 new courses in 2011. A number of excellent wood workers from around the state of Maine have offered to teach for us and we are hoping to incorporate their enthusiasm, talents, and love of wood working into our Summer Program. Although this is still quite tentative about timing and course offerings, we hope to have the following courses roughly at the following times.

June 20-24	Shaker Furniture	Chris Becksvoort
June 27-July 1	Young People's (11-14) Wood Working ..	Robert Ives
July 4-8	Young People's (8-10) Wood working	Robert Ives
July 11-15	Basking Ridge.....	Robert Ives
July 18-22	Introduction to Women Wood working....	Robert Ives
July 25- 29	Boat Building for Ministers.....	Robert Ives
August 1-5	Boat Building.....	Doug Brooks
August 8-12	Cabinet Building.....	Jim MacDonald
August 15 -19	Women Wood working.....	Sarah Highland
August 22-27	Wood Canvas Canoe building.....	Rollin Thurlow



A WELCOME ADDITION

For those of you “from away”, we have a particular building style here in Maine. I am speaking of the inclination for the houses to be added upon throughout the years. What initially starts as a simple Cape- style house winds up as 5 or 6 little houses all connected. Some call it “ramblingly quaint”, some call it “curious”, we here in Maine deem it necessary. As Thomas Hubka carefully put it in his book, Big House Little House, Back house, Barn, “...what I had initially interpreted as an irregular alignment of building was actually a carefully adjusted, generally uniform layout adopted by most farmers to accommodate for the many variables of site conditions, farm productions, climatic response, road orientations, and personal taste.”

What I am saying is, we've added another building. We are calling it the “Boat Barn”.

With a generous grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, we were able to build a storage and maintenance building connected to our Restoration shop. Designed by our talented architect/board member/former apprentice, Fred Lilly, this structure is to fulfill a need for boat storage that we have had for some



time. In a desire to get “all of our dinghies in one harbor”, we have chosen to use some of our boatyard space and make a permanent structure to house the many small craft that we take care of, as well as, some of our own sailing fleet.

As always, many hands were involved in making this addition possible. For the generosity of time and talents we are eternally grateful.

•Darin Carlucci



A WEDDING LAUNCHING

Robert Ives and Phyllis Lockhart were married on August 7, 2010 in the Harrington Meetinghouse. The picture to the right was taken as they set off on their new journey in life following their wedding reception. They are currently residing in Pemaquid Harbor on Lockhart Cove Road.

FALL COLLAGE



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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
Computer (3 years old or less)
9.18 volt Lithium-Ion 1/2" Makita driver drill (\$235)
Machinist tools from Craftsman (\$450)
Four jack stands for boats (\$700)
12" Powermatic Sander Planer (\$850)
50 padded folding chairs (\$950)
A new saw Stop table saw (\$3,000 I'd still have 10 fingers if we had one. We have already raised \$1,500)

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	\$7,600 Reduced
Monehegan skiffs	\$1550-2000
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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