



The Newsletter of The Carpenter's Boat Shop

Spring 2008

"The art of thanksgiving is through thankful living."

-Wilfred A. Peterson

"Tousand Tak" was what Edward Salor, the Norwegian gentleman who taught me boat building said when he was grateful. It simply translates a thousand thanks. And that's what we would like to express to all of you through this Spring Newsletter as we reflect on the year that we have had. A thousand thanks to all of you who have offered help and assistance, prayers and friendship, funding and encouragement to enable this ministry; this school to continue in its mission.

What a wonderful year we have had. It all began with and within our beautiful new Workshop which so many of you so generously helped create and construct.

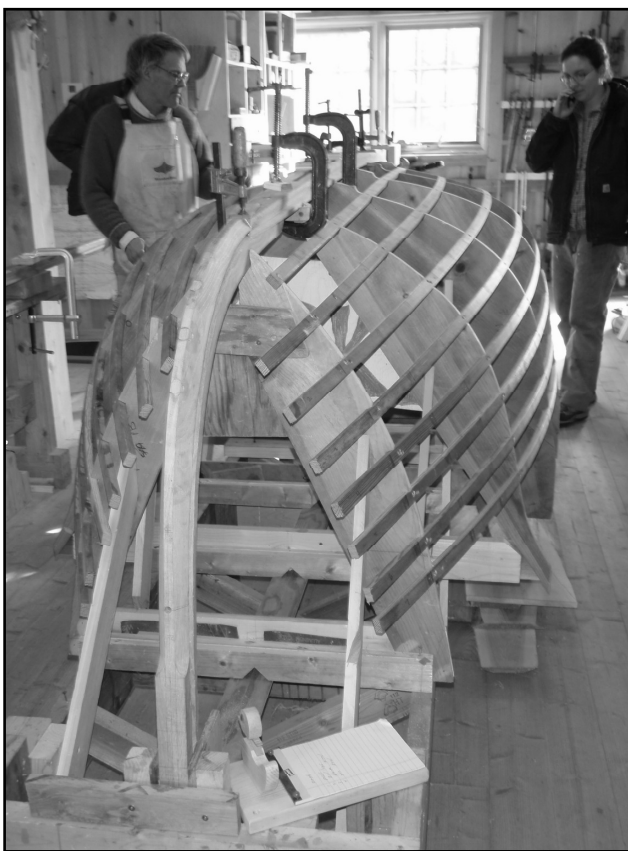
Not a day goes forward that we don't give thanks for all of you from the Amish who raised it, to Bevel Cove Builders who constructed it, to the Mid Coast Energy who empowered it, to apprentices who finished it, to all who offered prayers, encouragement, assistance, and funding in the creation of this magnificent structure.

The Workshop is more than we have ever imagined. It has provided a clean, bright, and beautiful environment to build boats and make furniture. But far, far more it has become an enduring symbol for this Boat shop ministry which continues doing what it has been doing for 29 years

which is building boats, nurturing lives, and serving others.

This year we have built and repaired many beautiful vessels. And each year we continue to place an old Scottish prayer on the transom of every boat. It reads:

*Round this skiff be God's aboutness
Ere she try the depths of sea
Seashell frail for all her stoutness,
unless Thou her Helmsman be.*



Although we place this ancient prayer in every boat as a blessing upon the boat and the one who uses it, we have always extended that prayer to include not just the boat and its user, but the boat and its builder. It is our prayer, especially as our apprentices soon set off on their life's journey, that God's "aboutness" might always be with them. It is our hope that all have learned their craft well. It is our hope that they will continue to be careful and caring in their work. It is our hope that they have gained a

The start of a catspaw dinghy "reverence for life." It is our prayer that all might continue to not only build beautiful boats, but that all might continue to build lives into ones of love and peace as they journey through the life before them.

"Tousand Tak" to all of you who have made this possible.

•Bob Ives

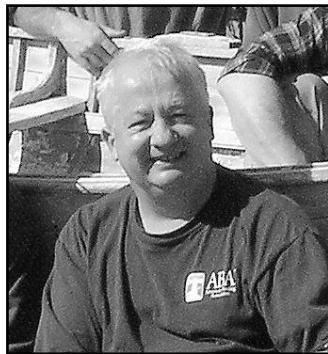


Top Row: Bob Ives, Bob Kline, Katherine Thompson, Jim Sargent, Elaine Latham, Johnathan Ives, Rebekah Friesen, Bruce Balboni, Serafina & Darin Carlucci Bottom Row: Emily Dittmann, Hib Harris, Conrad, Kenneth & Angela Kortemeier, Bill Grogan, Michelle van Naerssen

A TRIBUTE TO WAYNE

Over the last 5 years many of you have come to know and love Wayne Roberts. For 5 years he has served our Boat Shop community in all kinds of ways from apprentice to business manager to dispenser of wisdom, kindness, and humor. In fact when I think of Wayne I think of the old Shaker saying which goes:

In this life,
do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
in all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.



*Wayne Roberts
Former Office Manager*

Wayne Roberts is the epitome of that. And so we take this opportunity to express our gratitude for all that he has done, given, and been to all of us here at the Boat shop. As he and Susan now part to travel around this beautiful country and eventually pursue work in Boston, we bid them farewell and God's special blessing.

SUMMER CLASSES

Wooden Boat building - July 14th-18th
with Robert Ives

Shaker Furniture - July 21st-25th
with Rev. David Andrews and Robert Ives

Wooden Boat building - July 28th - August 1st
with Robert Ives

We are offering 3 one week classes in wood working this summer. No previous wood working knowledge is required. Class size is limited to 7 students.

The cost is \$350 dollars for tuition which includes lunch during the week. The cost for room and board is \$350 and includes housing and 3 meals a day. A deposit of \$100 is due upon registration, the remainder is due at the start of the class. Scholarships are available.

If you are interested in more information about any class, or would like to register for a course, please call the Boat Shop at 207-677-2614, or email at boatshop@carpentersboatshop.org

MUSICAL CHAIRS

"Life is Change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely."
-Karen Kaiser Clark

I begin here with a pithy maxim from the author of "Grow Deep, Not Just Tall."

This is how we here at the Boat Shop are deciding to look at the events of the past two years. I am not saying that all the change has been easy. For sure, all of us who live here consistently struggle with whether we are making the wise decision, whether we are shaping the direction of the Boat Shop as a tool that is helpful and useful, as well as pleasing to behold. From the decision to build and move the location of the boat-building, to making the move into the Fossett Farmhouse kitchen and out of the old Penniman farm house, all of us here on staff and on the board take these decisions with growth in mind. Deep growth, I should say. Are we, the Boat Shop, growing in a direction that is still beneficial to the community at large and here on Old County Road? We hope so.

Our business manager, Wayne Roberts, who has been volunteering most of his time here at the Boat Shop since he came on in 2005, has decided to retire as of March, and pursue other interests. His wife, Susan, and he have been fascinated by the idea of living in a city, without a car. They are hoping to enjoy using public transportation, taking walks, and accessing the benefits of living métropolitaine. Of course, they hope to continue their practice of serving others as well.

We wish them both fair winds and speedy return to the midcoast area.

Where does that leave us? Without a business manager you say?! I say No! Hidden within our midst, there was one who has had much experience in the affairs of office management. Our house manager, my wife Serafina, was employed as the office manager for the Morris Farm in Wiscasset before joining us here in the kitchen. Prior to that she worked in various law offices in the Portland area as a case manager.

Serafina was offered the position, accepted, and has been in the "little office on the hill" for over two weeks now. Serafina was integral in organizing the move to our current cooking space and making the Fossett Farm house a home. She says she does miss being in and amongst the community as she was in the kitchen, but she "likes organizing things." She is grateful for how tidy Wayne left all affairs and appreciated his humorous guidance. Pop in and say hello some time.



*Angela Kortemeier,
House Manager*

The final seat we had to fill was the role Serafina was leaving, the house manager. Again, we were fortunate enough to find help from within. Angela Kortemeier graciously accepted the opportunity to help the Boat Shop in the house managing capacity. She has been occupied with raising her and Kenneth's son, Conrad. She thought that she would be able to participate more with Conrad being almost four now. (Can you believe it?!)

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Angela is excited to be participating and hoping to make the apprentice's experience in the kitchen fun as well as educational.



*Serafina Carlucci
Office Manager*

Cooking for upwards of twenty people can bring up anxiety for some and she is looking forward to assuaging fears through gentle guidance and menu planning. She is also looking to upgrade some of the cooking paraphernalia. As she mentioned to me, as we in the shop are appreciative and rely upon tools of quality craftsmanship, so should those at work in the kitchen. Well put! Much of our cookware is aluminum and quite aged. Please take a look at our wish list to see if you can help grant some of her wishes.

Those are all of the changes that I can inform you of at this time.

All currently at the Boat Shop are excited to help all three in their new roles, and looking forward to watching them grow and make their new positions their own. We all stand inspired by their willingness, courage and generosity.

•Darin Carlucci

SPRING CHOPPING

Even though it is still snowing, it's officially Spring. Winter was great, lots of snow, so the tractor got a pretty good workout and we shoveled out our neighbors in need often. The snow was fine, it was the rain and ice that made getting around difficult at times. Our "hoop house" did well considering the wind was so strong most of the time and lots of heavy snow. The winter greens planted in late summer are still fresh. We will move it to another location in the garden, so we can get an early start on the heat loving plants.

The success of our garden provided us with great meals prepared by a group of very talented cooks. Much of our food we ate directly from the garden, our dried beans stored well, so we'll cook them this spring in soups or burritos.

We also froze pesto, bush beans, and strawberries, as well as canned dill pickles, dilly beans, strawberry jam, and applesauce. Our winter squash and root crops were stored in our basement. We had apple cider well into February, it was frozen, and tasted as fresh and delicious as the day we pressed the apples.

John, a former apprentice, and his family are spending this school year in California where John is teaching at a private catholic school. Before they left they generously donated their C.S.A. farm share from Buckwheat Blossom Farm in Wiscasset to us. We received two bushels of fresh and frozen organic food every other week, 10 deliveries total. Another anonymous donor provided the same arrangement, giving the boat shop two full shares. Rising Tide Food CO-OP has also been very generous, as well as other organizations and church groups. This has delayed our need to shop for fresh produce. Angela and I are working on a "root cellar" project so that we may keep our garden crops fresher longer.

It's April, so that means "firewood time" at the boat shop. Just before we went on spring break we received a delivery of 16 cords of tree length hardwood. Jonathan, Jack, Hannah (home for a week from Juneau, AK), and I have been cutting the pile of trees into 16" blocks. After we're finished cutting it's "all hands on deck" and everyone then splits and stacks the 16 cords of firewood into our old



16 cords of firewood being split and stacked for next winter

rustic firewood shed. We have a great wood splitter that is very efficient in the splitting process, but we also have apprentices who enjoy a good workout, some will split by hand using a 10 or 15 lb maul. Our goal is, and this is extremely important, to have all the wood cut, split, and stacked before the arrival of black fly season! We are also fortunate to have a "Woodmizer" saw mill, which has it's own shed next to the firewood shed. We occasionally receive "saw log" donations or find some nice logs in our firewood pile. At this time we have cedar logs donated by our friend, Bennett. It is incredibly satisfying to use posts, boards, and planks that you've sawn out of a tree on a building project.

•Bill Grogin

HOUSE TOUR

The Boat Shop will be hosting the Miles Memorial Hospital League House and Garden Tour. It will be held on July 10th and we look forward to participating in this fund raising event on behalf of our excellent hospital facility. The Boat shop and will be one of many homes and gardens on display for this event. If you'd like to attend this event, please contact Karen Filler at P.O. Box 598, Damariscotta, Maine 04543

THE WOOD BETWEEN WORLDS

There is absolutely no question in my mind that there is something very special about being an apprentice at the Carpenter's Boat Shop. I've tried to think of just what that specialness is but hadn't been able to come up with anything particular until yesterday. Of course, this is my opinion alone, but I hope that others may feel something similar.

It all came to me while reading (well, actually rereading) one of the books by C.S. Lewis in his well-loved series called "The Chronicles of Narnia." Some of his books, seven of them in the Chronicles, are fanciful tales written for children of all ages about a world quite unlike our own. It's a place of wondrous discovery, both inward and outward. In this particular passage Lewis tells us of the experiences of a young boy, Digory, and girl, Polly, who have just been transported to this strange new land. I begin with Digory:

He was standing by the edge of a small pool - not more than ten feet from side to side - in a wood. The trees grew close together and were so leafy that he could get no glimpse of the sky. All the light was green light that came through the leaves: but there must have been a very strong sun overhead, for this green daylight was bright and warm... The pool he had just got out of was not the only pool. There were dozens of others - a pool every few yards as far as his eyes could reach. You could almost feel the trees drinking the water up with their roots. This wood was very much alive. When he tried to describe it afterwards Digory always said, "It was a rich place: as rich as plumcake."

And a little later, to Polly:

"I've just had a really wonderful idea," said Digory, "What are all the other pools?"

"How do you mean?"

"Why, if we can get back to our own world by jumping into this pool, mightn't we get somewhere else by jumping into one of the others? Supposing there was a world at the bottom of every pool!"

And then from Polly:

"You mean, this wood might be the only one of them?"

"No, I don't believe this wood is a world at all. I think it's just a sort of in-between place."

And later, Digory still:

"I think we can get from this place to jolly well Anywhere. We don't need to jump back into the same pool we came up by. Or not just yet."

"The Wood between the Worlds," said Polly dreamily.

"It sounds rather nice."

"Come on," said Digory, "which pool shall we try?"

And that's it! This "wood between worlds" is what my time at the Carpenter's Boat Shop has been all about. We've all popped up from our separate lives to share the magic of this special place together. Life has taken on a new dimension and whether we attempt to return to our former selves or choose to go on to something new, our time here will have shaped us in ways we can only know sometime in the future. And it's been a rich time: as rich as plumcake.

"Come on," said Digory, "which pool shall we try?"

•Jim Sargent, current apprentice



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

"He not busy being born is busy dying." Bob Dylan

She's a proud old farmhouse
Standing close to a little woodshed
Like a mother might a child.
But the shed is old too; its roof
Stooped and swayed.
Her sleepy windows blink as a not very
eager sun pulls itself over the hill,
Tired of rising so early each morning.
A hint of nowness curls gray over the chimney
And the chickens. Her quietness belies so many years
Of tears and laughter hidden somewhere inside
That shell of clapboards and shingles.
But there's no time for memories in the morning.

•Jim Sargent, current apprentice

NEW LIFE IN THE SHOP

The new workshop is a blessing everyday. The natural light for improved working and the head room and ambiance are inspiring. We experienced many beautiful sunsets throughout the winter from the windows at our work benches. I am very grateful for everyone's generosity and support in making it a reality.

At the start of this year we were not ready to move into the new workshop. The machine shop wasn't quite done and we didn't have all of our tools or supplies out of the old boat shop. This past Fall, we finished our last New Apprentice Orientation in the original shop. Because we wanted to start working in the new workshop, everything we needed had to be brought down (from the old boat shop) and placed on the floor. This made it so that our start-up was a bit delayed. Fortunately, volunteers last spring built workbenches along most of the second floor walls. This provided the

needed bench space for building and some storage space underneath. In the early Fall, we were using both old and new Workshops because the new machine shop wasn't totally on-line. With the help of volunteers such as Rick Eble and Bill Covington we were able to install the new dust collection system. We received many beautiful woodworking machines as donations including a vintage 16" Powermatic Thickness Planer and a Crescent 20" Band-saw.

With the machine shop running I turned my attention to the organization of the rest of the Workshop. It seemed to me that we had a beautiful new building that needed to be outfitted in an equally beautiful way. As we began planning for the new workshops interior our goal has been to strive for function, sturdiness, and longevity. There have been many volunteers working on the workshop. They have been busy building lumber storage racks, installing bench vises, and building cabinets. I am

grateful for the dedicated paint and varnish room. It contains an air filtration system that removes most of the fumes, keeping us safe and healthy. We've also finished the elevator and final electrical wiring of the building. Some significant volunteers who have worked on the workshop are Bob Kline, Bill Covington, John Carroll, Randy Domina, Rick Eble, Richard Frances, Jonathan Ives, Dave McDonald, Matt Peterson, Tim Roser and his work crew from New Hampshire, and almost every Three Day Visitor.



Second floor of the new shop busy with boats

The wood fired furnace has been a great success. It keeps the building warm and comfortable with minimal firings (usually once a day throughout the winter.) This has been especially helpful with rising fuel costs. We have also noticed significant solar gain, during a sunny week I have been surprised at the contribution the sun will make. We have been using the third floor for reading and research, Yoga

and meditation, staff meetings, Teach and Talks, lofting, lectures, and winter Wednesday Chapel meetings. I am starting to look forward to using the back deck for evening sunsets as spring is in the air.

•Kenneth Kortemeier

BASKING RIDGE

We are greatly looking forward to the reunion and return of the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church Youth Group this summer. For 17 years, from 1985-2002, 65 individuals from the Basking Ridge Church came to the Boat Shop. It is now a joy to welcome them back and have them continue assisting us the CHIP housing program. The Youth Group will be joining us for 8 days from June 28th – July 6th.



Katherine works on
a tiller for a dinghy



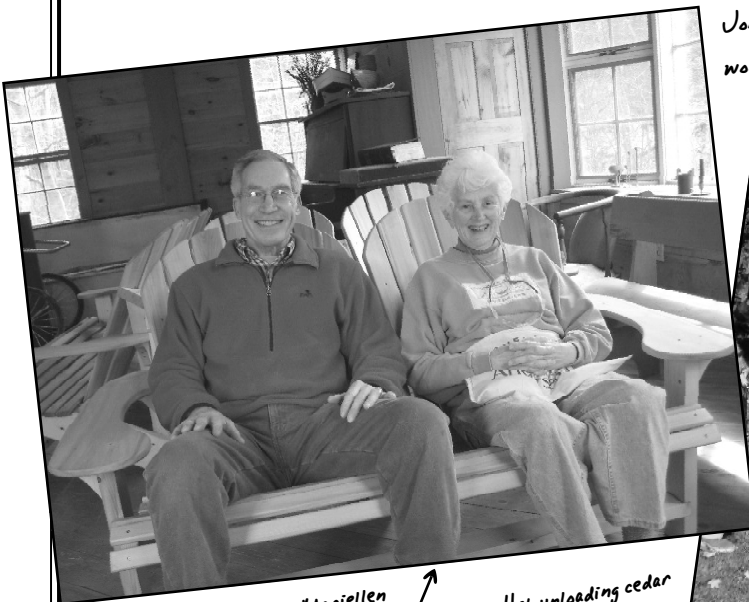
Hans, Darin, Hib and Michelle
enjoying a breeze



Kenneth, Darin, Katherine and
Rebekah with a finished skiff



Jonathan prepping
wood for splitting



Matt and Mariellen
and a double adirondack
chair they built



Hib unloading cedar
to be de-barked and
seasoned

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WISH LIST

Any boat donations for refurbishing or resale

3-5 quart capacity soup pots, heavy duty stainless steel or enameled cast iron

2-3 quart capacity sauce pans, heavy duty stainless steel or enameled cast iron

Kitchen knives - high quality & heavy duty, any size

Radio or CD player for the kitchen - either wall-mounted or a very compact system

Glass baking dishes (loaf and lasagna sized)

Pressure canner - for pints & quarts

Drip irrigation system

Canning jars, mostly pint sized

Seed starting cell trays, mostly smaller sizes

LCD projector

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	\$7600
Maine Coast peapod -with oars	\$5400
Monehegan skiffs	
various configurations w/oars	\$1300-\$1650
Ladder back chairs	\$350
Stools	\$150
Single Adirondack chairs	\$175
Double Adirondack chairs	\$350
Shaker Boxes - various sizes	\$28 - \$80
Log Carriers	\$50



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