



The Newsletter of The Carpenter's Boat Shop

Spring 2009

I've been sailing most of my life. I first learned in a Barnegat Bay Sneakbox on Garfield Lake in the Berkshires of Massachusetts. It was an old gaff rig sloop which belonged to my grandfather and leaked like a sieve. We came to love sailing this old vessel, and I still remember so many of the little suggestions my father often offered. One was that if you wanted to know the direction of the wind, close your eyes and let your face feel its way into the oncoming breeze. Then turn your face away until you feel the wind on your cheek. Your nose is the direction that you can sail closest to the wind.

At the Boat Shop we all have had a good year feeling the winds of life on our faces. Now apprentices are discerning which direction to sail. Ethan has already weighed anchor and has become an Instructor with the Hurricane Island Outward Board Program and is sailing one of their boats from Florida to Maine. Greg too has gone forth and is currently at Tuckahoe, the childhood farm of Thomas Jefferson doing sustainable agriculture and other community pursuits.

It has been a full and fascinating year. The Boat Shop remains a beehive of activity with building boats, refurbishing derelict vessels, bucking up firewood, rebuilding chicken coops, and completing that seemingly endless list of jobs before the year concludes.

In the midst of our national, economic recession, the Boat Shop continues to move forward. In fact we find that life has only become fuller and more abundant. We have seen that as we continue building boats and furniture, tending the garden, assist our neighbors, and share in times of prayer and reflection life seems to blossom. Deep friendships are being built, lasting community is being created, and important values, hopes, and dreams are being given a firmer foundation.



Nicola works on a Monbegan Skiff

And so as the Spring makes its way into Summer, we bid you our love and fondest wishes, hoping that you might come for a visit at any time. We especially would love to have you share with us this summer on August 23, 2009, when we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Carpenter's Boat Shop. (see article inside)



*Top Row: Conrad K, Nicola Lugosch, Will Reser, Ethan Lavendier, Jim Austin, Bill Grogan, David West, Sarah Highland, Greg Schundler
Bottom: Serafina & Darin Carlucci, Julie Bondor, Kim & Twister McClain, Bobby Ives, Angela & Kenneth Kortemeier*

A REMARKABLE GIFT

Each year many folk kindly offer the Boat Shop a variety of gifts and boats. This year we received an unusually remarkable one. It was a Nordlandsboat which was built north of the Arctic circle in a small fishing town on the west coast of Norway. It was the generous gift of Bob and Rachael Kauserud of Round Pond. Christened Dagny for Bob's Norwegian mother, he has a long Norwegian history going back many centuries.

Our hope is that we will incorporate the vessel into the Boat Shop's rowing and sailing program. Being a square rigger presents a little more challenge to sail than your usual sloop, but with 6 oars we may end up rowing it 6 times more than we actually sail. We are deeply grateful to the Kauserud family for this generous gift of this beautiful vessel.



A Nordlands boat

SUMMER COURSES

The Carpenter's Boat Shop is pleased to announce its schedule for summer workshops. One week courses with full instruction from some amazing woodworkers. Spaces are limited. Call 677-2614 to reserve your space today.

June 22 - 26

Shaker Lap Desk

Instructor: Chris Becksvoort

www.chrisbecksvoort.com

Tuition: \$500 plus \$25 for materials;

Room & Board: \$400

Work along side a master of Shaker furniture to create an elegant lap desk.

July 6 - 10

Women's Wood Working

Instructors: Robert Ives & Kim Hoare

Tuition: \$400 plus materials; Room & Board: \$400

A fulfilling gift for mothers and other women in our lives.

July 20 - 24

Lofting and Half Hull Modeling

Instructor: Douglas Brooks

www.douglasbrooksboatbuilding.com

Tuition: \$500 plus materials; Room & Board: \$400

Learn how to decipher plans in order to create a boat. Bring a favorite design!

July 27 - 31

Boat Building

Instructor: Robert Ives

Tuition: \$400; Room & Board: \$400

Learn hand tool skills while constructing a Monhegan Island skiff.

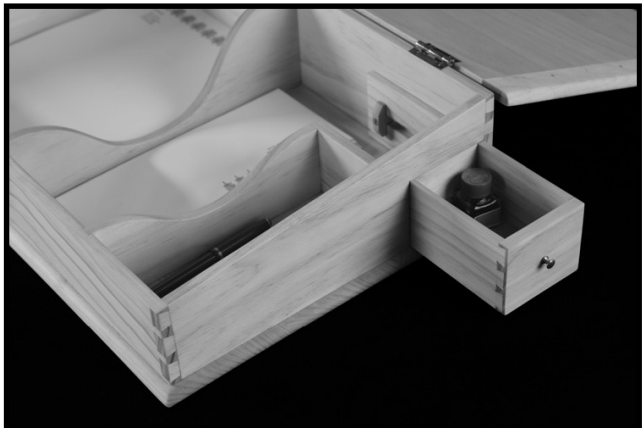
August 3-7

Post & Beam Construction Course

Instructors: Sarah Highland, assisted by Robert Ives

Tuition: \$400; Room Board: \$400

Learn the art of timber framing.



Example of project to be made in the Shaker Lap Desk Class

We ask a deposit of \$100 to reserve a spot in a class. The remainder is due at the start of the class. Tuition includes lunch each day. Room & Board includes a room on campus and breakfast & dinner each day. Scholarships are available. Visit our website: www.carpentersboatshop.org

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday August 23, 2009, the Boat Shop will celebrate its 30th anniversary. The Boat Shop formally began on June 14, 1979, when Ruth, Bobby and Hilda (1 ½ years old) moved from the parsonage in New Harbor where they had been the ministers of the New Harbor and Round Pond United Methodist Churches to 440 Old County Road, Pemaquid, Maine, to Ed Pennamin's old Chicken Farm.

On the 23rd of August, from 2 – 4 o'clock , we will share in a special celebration that will include an ice cream social, special music, tours of the shop and garden, and a brief service at 3:30 with songs, memories, reflections, and blessings offered by family, apprentices, board members, and friends. Please come and join us if you are able. We would love to see you.

ADVERTISING!

For years I have flipped through my favorite periodicals and have felt grateful with the knowledge that I wasn't part of an organization that needed to advertise in order to gain exposure or peddle its wares.

We have a supportive community near and far that is interested in seeing our work continue through investments of time and money, kind words, and thoughtful gestures. For years, apprentices have come and boats have been sold entirely through word of mouth. Sadly, through in the din of economic crisis and recession, our wee voice is not getting through as it has in the past. We need a little boost.

Yes, it is true, we are “marketing”!

I am excited to say that as it stands now, the Carpenter's Boat Shop has ads in not one, but two national publications, namely WoodenBoat magazine and Maine Boats, Homes and Harbors.

But don't worry, the Boat Shop is not selling out. Though we are hoping to gain a bit more exposure in order to peddle our paddle boats, it is also important to draw in potential apprentices, meet the neighbors, and make new friends.

Along the way, we have been making many friends and are grateful for the assistance. Though not totally responsible, but always looking out for us, John Hansen at Maine Boats, Homes and Harbors and Karen Wales at WoodenBoat have given us excellent advice on getting ourselves out there. We hope you will peruse their publications and see if you can find our exciting new ad.

I am also extremely grateful to David Begin at Salt Bay Trading who is agreeable enough to let us park our

boat outside of his establishment on Route 1. He has a wide assortment of imported rugs, and if you need a fiddle repaired, he is your man. Thanks also to the folks at Fort Andros in Brunswick as well. Fort Andros is that large imposing brick building on the shores of the Androscoggin river that you can see from Route 1.

Inside you will find a lovely flea market, several restaurants, and our Catspaw dinghy! We also hope to have a dinghy parked outside the ice cream stand in bustling downtown Round Pond. Eric and Sarah Herndon, who own the ice cream stand and attached historic Granite hall store have been letting us exhibit boats there for years. So those are the three places to show off our stuff!

And you know what the greatest gift of all of this is? More storage! Now, hopefully, we'll be able to fill our Chapel-Meeting house with people instead of boats.

Finally, a special thanks to all on our new marketing committee who have come to

meetings with fresh ideas and good energy: Hugh Hardcastle, Phyllis Lockhart, Richard Francis, and the old capitalist himself, Robert Ives.

Personally, I am excited by these milestones and extremely curious of where we will end up. I look forward to the day when the “word of mouth” can again be heard over the sadness and strife of our time.

•Darin Carlucci



Twister and Mirabelle conduct product testing on the Child's Post & Rung Ladder-back Rocking Chair

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE



20 Cords of wood successfully split and stacked. Phen!

As of May 1, in response to our annual appeal which supports our Operating Budget, the Boat Shop has received 385 donations for a total of \$119,325. That is the largest number of donations ever made to an Annual Appeal in the 30 year history of the Boat Shop. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed so generously.

That's the good news. The bad news is that we are still \$55,675 short of our goal for 2008-2009. That goal of \$175,000 is a very ambitious one. It reflects our efforts to put the Boat Shop on a firm foundation as we move into the future. Those efforts include providing important benefits for all our staff members - a relatively low-cost health care plan and payments to a modest pension plan. (Do you remember how we had to include a large figure in our recent Capital Fund Drive to partially make up for all the years that we did not contribute to a pension plan for Bob Ives? We have learned our lesson and are trying to be fair to our current staff early in their careers with us.) All of our staff members are sacrificial in the salaries they accept. We are grateful for that and want to respond by providing them and their families with basic benefits. So

there is a big jump in our budget for this year as we try to meet that goal.

We still have four months to go in this fiscal year. Our apprentices and staff members are making special efforts to reduce costs - being very careful with food costs, conserving electricity, trying to minimize waste in the shop. In addition, some new summer programs may bring in some unbudgeted income. Finally, we are making special efforts to sell our large inventory of new and used boats. If we can raise \$40,000 in additional gifts during the next four months, we have a good chance of coming out of the year with a balanced budget.

So if you have not made a gift to the Boat Shop this year, we would greatly appreciate a gift now. And if you have already contributed and can consider an additional gift, that would be wonderful. The 30 year history of the Boat Shop includes a remarkable story of generous donors who have kept us going year after year. That story fills us with wonder and gratitude every day.

•Mike Stevens, Finance Chair

KITCHEN AND GARDEN NEWS

Greetings from the kitchen and garden and Happy Spring! We've had a busy and rewarding winter with lots of life in the house as many new and old friends have come to visit us. Many meals have been prepared and enjoyed together, lots of work has been accomplished, and I personally have continued to find community life enriching and enlightening.

One household/garden-area challenge that we've been trying to address has been the cost (and origin) of our food. We've been looking at the comparative price of food and discussing ideas with our board member Andrew Marshall (also MOFGA's Educational Programs Director), considering what plans might be do-able and logical for the Boat Shop community. It is clear that animal products such as eggs, milk and meat will garner us the biggest savings. They are by far the most expensive items to purchase and producing them ourselves would require an investment more of labor than of money, so that is where we've begun.

Bill Grogan, several apprentices and volunteers have spent a few weeks renovating the old chicken coop behind the white farmhouse, an excellent exercise in recycling. It received new sills and flooring, and has proven to be quite sturdy even after of 40 years of life and service. Bill has reworked the interior layout for 30 chickens and re-vamped our old laying boxes. It looks marvelous.

We purchased a flock of 17 one-year-old laying hens around the middle of April, and they seem happy and have been quite consistently productive in their new home. Conrad and I bring them a variety of fresh kitchen scraps and collect their eggs every day. There is so much to learn from the entire process; where our food comes from, what color eggs a Rhode Island Red lays compared to an Araucana, and that chickens calm down considerably when you hold them upside down by their feet. It has been a joy to have such an exciting and rewarding project come to fruition!

There are big plans for a garden expansion this summer. We are hoping to fill our new root cellar with carrots, onions, squash, potatoes and the like for the coming winter. It will be another big step toward self-sufficiency. One of our apprentices, Julie Bondor, has been working hard along with Bill on starting seeds. Soon they'll be transplanting everything out into the garden.

We've been working on finding at least one garden apprentice to be here over the summer and into the fall to help with planting, tending, harvesting and processing foods for storage. Open Farm Day in Maine will be on Sunday July 26th this year. We will be available from 10 AM to 4 PM doing garden tours and scything demonstrations. So as you can see, there will be lots going on down in the garden this summer. Come by for a look or spend some time with your hands in the dirt if you are inclined to help - lots of weeds to be pulled and work to be done.

Tea will be served each week day at 10AM other than the last half of June and the last two weeks of August. All are welcome and we sincerely hope to see you soon.

•*Angela Kortemeier*

A NEW ADDITION

We would like to announce that a new addition has been made to the family and community of the Carpenter's Boat Shop. Hilda Ives Wiley, Bobby and Ruth's eldest daughter gave birth to Ian Ives Wiley on April 7, 2009. He is doing well and enjoying his new Baby boat cradle built at the Boat Shop.

•*Robert Ives*



Winter Trip to Bill Copperthwaits
Yurt Foundation



Alex and David spiling
garboard



Nicola and David working on a dory
for Monhegan Island



Kim working on peapod
breasthook



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WISH LIST

Any boat donations for refurbishing or resale
Hydrometer for the root cellar
Boat building or carpentry books for our library
4"-6" C-Clamps or 6"-12" F clamps
50 padded folding chairs
CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) share
One-way woodworking lathe
Tormek sharpening system
Produce scale - hanging style

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	\$9000
Monhegan skiffs	
various configurations w/oars	\$1550-\$2000
Post & Rung Ladder back chair	\$350
Post & Rung Rocker	\$450
Post & Rung Child's Rocker	\$375
Post & Rung Bar Stool	\$350
Foot Stools	\$150
Single Adirondack chairs	\$175
Double Adirondack chairs	\$350



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