



Jill Goldthwait, President; Alf Wakeman; Connie Greaves Bates; and Rev. Gary DeLong, Executive Director, after the Sunbeam Award ceremony.

service to a rural community both as a provider and a citizen. Those whom he serves call him a humanitarian - a dedicated, hardworking, powerful force in the community who is loving, honest, and humble. Mr. Wakeman's compassion for others and his willingness to sit with and care for dying patients, while at the same time consoling their families, are two of his most distinguishing qualities. In introducing Mr. Wakeman, Oscar Look, a lobsterman and businessman from South Addison, said he was representing friends and neighbors in acknowledging what Mr. Wakeman means to the community.

Mission Honors Greaves Bates, Wakeman

At the third annual Sunbeam Awards Gala on August 25, the Maine Sea Coast Mission honored Cornelia Greaves Bates of Addison and Aspen, Colorado and Alf Wakeman of Addison for their contributions to improving the quality of life for those living in Downeast Maine.

Alf Wakeman, a physician assistant at the Harrington Family Health Center, received the Physician Assistant of the Year award in 2005 from the Downeast Association of Physician Assistants. This award recognizes dedicated



Alf Wakeman and his family.



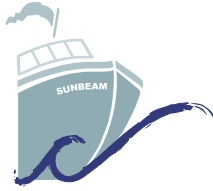
Francesca Trundy speaking about the EdGE

Cornelia Greaves Bates and her first husband, Ed Greaves, had a deep concern for the children of Washington County. Following months of extensive research and conversation in the county, that concern took the form of an after-school and summer program for middle school children. Last year, Mrs. Greaves Bates gave the lead gift to construct a 3,600 square-foot building to house the EdGE on the Mission's Cherryfield property. In introducing Mrs. Greaves Bates, Steve Pagels, chairman of the school committee in the school district where the EdGE program is located, credited the program with raising the test scores of students there. He observed that, "The EdGE staff has really made a difference. Connie and Ed put together a program for our students. Not everyone who own second homes there supports the schools, but they set a true example for other folks. Setting the example is more important than the money she raised." Mrs. Greaves Bates was also introduced by Francesca Trundy, who moved everyone present through her story of what the EdGE has meant to her family. Her son copes with autism. The EdGE staff, through their patience and compassion, made it a safe and caring place for him and he is now far more able to interact socially with other children.

Island Health Initiative

The Mission's Island Health Initiative involves nine islands: Frenchboro, Great Cranberry/Islesford, Isle au Haut, Islesboro, North Haven, Matinicus, Monehegan, Swans Island, and Vinalhaven. The project builds on an assessment of health needs that the Maine Sea Coast Mission conducted in 2005. Working with islanders, Sharon Daley, RN on the *Sunbeam* and Tish Tanski, a health care consultant, are developing strategies to meet those needs.

Priorities include: improved access to health care, expanded health care prevention and improved inter-island communications. Initiatives underway include: developing a web based communications system; distributing information on existing health insurance programs, such as Dirigo Health; working with the Veterans Affairs Administration to extend Island Health Services to veterans; exploring oral prevention services; understanding the challenges faced by emergency medical services and developing solutions; and working with the Maine Primary Care Association to explore rural health services models.



The Mission Newsflash will be sent periodically as noteworthy events occur.

80th Year for Sunbeam Fair on Deer Isle

August 18, 2006, was a special day in Sylvester Cove on Deer Isle, because just after 10:00am the *Sunbeam* rounded Salmon Point. Mayotta and Ed Kendrick have continued the tradition of the Sunbeam Fair, which is held in and around their barn on Salmon Point on Deer Isle. This is the 80th year where games,



Gary DeLong receives Sunbeam Fair check from Susan Wakelin. (Susan tragically died a few weeks after this photo was taken in a kayaking accident.)

handicrafts, baked goods, floral bouquets, and ‘art’ items, including painted rocks are offered. In addition, antique car rides, a cake walk, and made to order crepes are available. The most unusual feature of this fair is the “grab-bag lady” who wears an apron with lots of pockets filled with gifts for the children to purchase with tickets.



Gary DeLong on the *Sunbeam* with Salmon Point residents.

Gary DeLong, Executive Director, Maine Sea Coast Mission, thanked everyone for taking time from their vacations to do something for someone else. Priscilla Harrison, a resident on the island, said, “The best part was when Susan Wakelin gave Gary the envelope with the 2006 donation. He was encouraged to open it and happily announced the amount...\$1,071.85! Seeing the *Sunbeam* was an experience that will encourage us all to paint more rocks and bake more cakes!”

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