

From healthcare for fishermen to food for families and life-changing opportunities for kids, we've been making life better on Maine's islands and along the Downeast coast since 1905.



# Maine Seacoast Mission

*Lighting the Way by Land and Sea*

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*News of Outer Islands & Coastal Communities of Downeast Maine*

## Land & Sea Lecture: July 13th Only U.S. Female Swordfishing Captain Linda Greenlaw

Join us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, for our Land & Sea Lecture with Isle au Haut resident, [Linda Greenlaw](#). Ms. Greenlaw, America's only female swordfishing captain, came to public attention in Sebastian Junger's *The Perfect Storm* as "one of the best captains . . . on the entire east coast."

Greenlaw is author of many popular books including *All Fishermen Are Liars* and *2005 Recipes From A Very Small Island*. She has received the U.S. Maritime Literature Award and the New England Book Award for Nonfiction, and is a popular speaker.

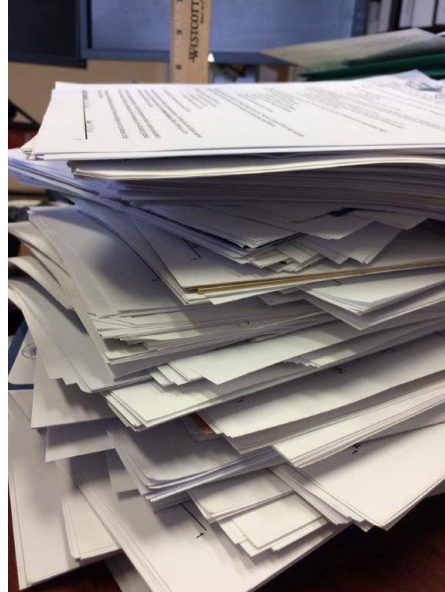


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## A Great Day at Sumner Memorial High School: The MSM Scholarship Program

Each year the Mission awards nearly 100 scholarships totaling \$150,000. President Scott Planting writes about his day interviewing many of the 2016 scholarship applicants:

*"A day of meeting 13 [Sumner Memorial High School](#) seniors was one of the best I've experienced in a long time. The young people were extraordinary. It's an honor and privilege to meet bright, creative, engaged students with big dreams for their futures. Here are a few of their stories...."*



## Centennial Tours in Bar Harbor

To help celebrate Acadia National Park's centennial, volunteers will offer tours of the Colket Center, our Bar Harbor headquarters, during July and August on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. Tours will showcase the beautiful house donated to the Mission in 1972 as well as the Mission's history. Exhibits will highlight the Mission's boats, the 1930's rug project, and our past and present medical, education, and Christmas programs. Interested in helping? Please contact [Terri Rodick](#).



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## Downeast Campus: Seedlings Growing, Gardens Tilled

Our Downeast campus in Cherryfield features a quarter-acre organic pantry garden. Gena Norgaard, Food Pantry Manager and Master Gardener, started planting seedlings in the garden on Memorial Day weekend. University of Maine Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and garden assistant Robert Murphy will help plant and care for the garden throughout the growing season.

Local farmer Michael Hayden also grows produce for a 10-week farm share program for children attending the Milbridge and Cherryfield elementary schools and Narraguagus High School. Each week approximately 250 children select fruits and vegetables to take home to

share with their families. We are grateful to the Sewall Foundation for supporting the weekend food backpack and farm share programs.

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## Island Health and Telemedicine

As part of our continued work toward optimal health for individuals and communities on the islands we serve, Dr. Diehl Snyder, a psychiatrist at the [Mount Desert Island Hospital](#), joined the *Sunbeam* crew for a 3-day trip to the islands of Frenchboro, Isle au Haut, and Matinicus. Dr. Snyder's visit included public talks aboard the Sunbeam on individual and community communication.

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## Housing Repair Program

Throughout the summer, Scott Shaw, our Housing Repair Program coordinator based in Cherryfield, will work with over 300 volunteers to repair and renovate homes. This year the program is partnering with [Washington Hancock Community Agency](#) to repair and fully insulate at least 14 homes. When completed, all homes will be safe, warm, and dry.

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## Island Outreach

Island Outreach hosted two amazing events this month. [Planet Pan](#), the student steel drum

band from [George Stevens Academy](#) in Blue Hill, played concerts on Frenchboro and Swan's Island. Islanders grooved to the music while playing with *Sunbeam* steward Jillian's homemade hula hoops.

The second event was with a beach clean-up service project with the student mentor group [Ready by 21 Mentoring](#) from Deer Isle/Stonington. *Ready by 21 Mentoring* connects high school sophomores with adult mentors, who stay connected until the mentee's 21st birthday. The *Sunbeam* was near capacity cruising to Isle au Haut where the group loaded her top deck with bags of trash collected from the beach at Head Harbor.



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## What Can You Do?

Volunteer? Donate? Spread the word? Share this eNewsletter? There are many ways you can help the Maine Seacoast Mission strengthen island and coastal communities in Downeast Maine. You can visit us, say hello through our Facebook page, call us, or [send us an email](#). Thank you!



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