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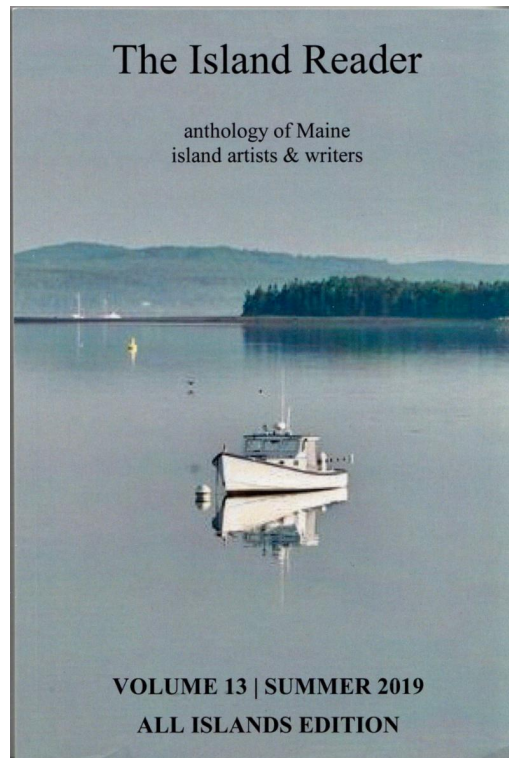
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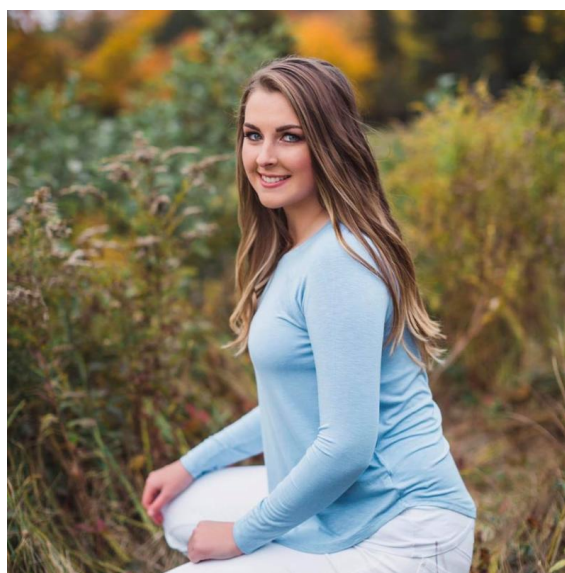
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BAR HARBOR, ME – The Maine Seacoast Mission is excited to announce the publication of Volume 13 of *The Island Reader* which contains submissions from unbridged islands supporting a year-round population. In the foreword, editors noted their appreciation for the wide variety of poetry, prose, and artwork. “You have collectively captured the essence of what we love best about our ruggedly beautiful islands.” Volume 13 “is dedicated to all Maine islands. We feel it’s important to honor the places, communities, and people that feed our bodies, minds, and souls,” the editors said.

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Mission Announces 2019 Scholarship Awards



BAR HARBOR, ME — The Maine Seacoast Mission has announced its 2019 scholarship awards. The Mission has a 100-year history of providing financial support to promising young adults from Downeast and island communities. Scholarship Director Terri Rodick noted an overall increase in the 2019 total scholarship amount. “This year we renewed sixty scholarships totaling \$106,500, and awarded twenty-eight new scholarships totaling \$59,000,” Director Rodick said.

John Zavodny, Maine Seacoast Mission President, said “the Mission has a long tradition of supporting the aspirations of the students involved in our educational programming – from their elementary school years, continuing through post-secondary opportunities. We look forward to continued investment in the potential of these young people, the future of our community.”

Downeast Maine Tiny House Project Unveiled



Downeast Maine Tiny House architectural drawing

CHERRYFIELD, ME — Downeast Community Partners, in affiliation with the Maine Seacoast Mission, Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School, and the C.F. Adams Foundation held a press conference on Monday, June 10th at the Weald Bethel Community Center, Weald Bethel Lane, Cherryfield, ME to unveil the Downeast Maine Tiny House Project.

The four entities have a long successful track record of working together to make family homes safe and warm in rural Downeast Maine. The Downeast Tiny House Project has the four groups building a brand new tiny house to be located in Cherryfield, Maine, for a formerly homeless US military veteran with a disability. The veteran, who has asked to remain anonymous, is also helping with financing the Project.

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Purchase Your Tickets Online 16th Annual Sunbeam Award Gala, 8/15/19

The Seacoast Mission's Annual Sunbeam Award Gala is our centerpiece fundraising event, built around recognizing those who embody the ideals of community. Mark your calendars for the 16th Annual Gala.

A graphic for the Sunbeam Award Gala. It features a yellow background at the top with a black ship named 'SUNBEAM' sailing on a blue sea. Below the ship are several stylized fish, some wearing accessories like a blue bow tie, a pink necklace, and a yellow bag. A speech bubble from one fish says 'Gala ahead!' and another says 'Let's all go!'. At the bottom, a black banner contains a green fish logo and the text 'SAVE THE DATE THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019' in yellow and white.

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We are very excited to honor this year's Sunbeam Awardees: Dr. Diehl Snyder and the MDI Behavioral Health Center, our partners in providing mental health services to our island communities; and Bryan Colket and the *All Hands on Deck Committee* members who raised the funds needed so that our mighty boat, *Sunbeam V*, can continue to support island services for decades to come.

Our *16th Annual Sunbeam Award Gala* is Thursday, August 15, 2019, 5:30 pm at the Bar Harbor Club, Bar Harbor, ME. [Purchase tickets online.](#)

For more information [email](#) or call Anna Silver at 207-801-6011.

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15th Annual Open Tennis Tournament - Silent Auction to Benefit EdGE

Maine Seacoast Mission's
15TH ANNUAL
**OPEN TENNIS
TOURNAMENT
AND SILENT AUCTION**
to benefit the EdGE Program



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019
8AM TO 5PM

THE NORTHEAST HARBOR TENNIS CLUB

BAR HARBOR, ME -- Rain date Sunday, September 8, 2019. For information about playing or sponsorship opportunities, contact [Anna Silver](#) at or 207-801-6011.

The Maine Seacoast Mission's EdGE program helps Downeast Maine youth succeed in school and life. EdGE's after-school, in-school, and summer programs provide activities supporting academic skills and performance. Youth learn to work in groups, develop social skills, and build character—all while having fun.

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Celebrating EdGE Founding Director Charlie Harrington



Charlie Harrington with his wife, Director of Service Programs Wendy Harrington, and the engraved trail marker honoring Charlie's 17 years of education innovation.

BAR HARBOR, ME -- On June 8th, a crowd of 150 fans came together to celebrate at Charlie Harrington's "graduation party". Charlie, who will be retiring at the end of the month, was the founding director of the EdGE program in 2002. Throughout his tenure, the program has served thousands of Washington County students.

Several speakers lauded his legacy. Gary DeLong, past Executive Director of the Seacoast Mission, spoke of Charlie and his amazing staff "showing Washington County kids that they were loved and that they could be anything they wanted." Former EdGE participant Carolyn Nadeau spoke of the numerous lessons provided by Charlie – including teamwork, problem-solving, and embracing challenges – by noting that as "I look back on those lessons, they have become threads woven into the fabric of who I am. They are present in my life as an adult, as a professional, and a parent."

EdGE staff member, Jen Kearns, and Mission Board Chair, Stacey Smith, offered both kudos and gifts from EdGE staff, EdGE kids, and Seacoast Mission Board and former Board members. One of the highlights of the festive and sunny day was the unveiling of a special trail marker commissioned for the occasion. At the top of the trail leading to the adventure course, a granite sculpture bearing the EdGE logo and the words "Charlie's Challenge" was revealed – marking in perpetuity the new and fitting name for the course and all it represents. Charlie was aided in the ribbon cutting by Connie Greaves Bates. Ed Greaves, for whom the program was named, was the inspiration behind the launch of the EdGE. His death in 2001 meant he did not "see" the program in action, but his legacy lives on in the impact seen daily through the EdGE.

The Mission is also grateful for the many donations made to the EdGE program in honor of Charlie. And we wish him a wonderful next adventure!

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