Mission Moves to new Colket Center

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME -- Maine Seacoast Mission has officially occupied its new building, still known as the Colket Center, in Northeast Harbor on Mount Desert Island, within shouting distance of the Sunbeam.

Director of Administration Ann Cox Halkett said in an updater email to Mission staff, "Of course, because most of us are working at home, it won’t be quite the hive of activity we might have imagined seven months ago. The building is beautiful! Come drive by! I can’t wait until the day we can have a big office-warming party all together."

Our new mailing address is P.O. Box 600, Northeast Harbor, ME 04662. Our street address is 6 Old Firehouse Lane, Northeast Harbor, ME. Our phone number remains 207-288-5097, and our general email address is info@seacoastmission.org
Be a Christmas Elf for the Mission

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- Spreading Christmas cheer is one of the Mission’s oldest traditions, beginning over 100 years ago with Mission gifts to island residents and lighthouse keepers.

We invite you this year to help us put presents under trees for individuals and families who can’t do it alone. Covid-19’s stretched family budgets make shopping more difficult. You can give gifts online which will be shipped directly to the Mission through the Mission’s Amazon Christmas List. Or you can download and use our 2020 traditional Christmas Wish List. Those of you mailing gifts or gift cards should mail to these addresses, to the attention of the Christmas Program: UPS Delivery: 39 Weald Bethel Lane, Cherryfield, ME 04622, or USPS Delivery: P.O. Box 428, Cherryfield, ME 04622.

We welcome Christmas Program online donations or checks. Please mail checks to the attention of the Christmas Program, Maine Seacoast Mission, P.O. Box 600, Northeast Harbor, ME 04662. More questions? Email Christmas Elves or call 207-598-1467.
Following their participation in the President’s Scholarship Celebration, Thomas College freshman Tyler Winchester displays his celebratory Mission teal cord. Alahna Mild, junior at Lasell University presents her Trailblazer Award.

President’s Scholarship Celebration - Silver Linings, Teal Cords

NORTHEAST HARBOR -- On October 15th, Mission friends, sponsors, and staff had a long-awaited opportunity to honor the accomplishments of the newest group of Mission Scholars, the Class of 2020. Their first year of college, now underway, is certainly not a usual one, but nonetheless, the spirit and resilience of this cohort was impressive. Through a lively Zoom gathering, Celebration attendees were delighted to hear about their heroes, passions, superpowers, and goals - and witness them receive a Mission cord to wear at their next graduations. We are so proud of them and continue to follow and support them in their diverse paths.

In addition, we were thrilled to present two inaugural awards: Mission Guide Award and Trailblazer Award. Gavin and Shirley Watson were honored for their long-standing advocacy and support of educational opportunities for Downeast youth and young adults. Lasell University junior Alahna Mild was recognized for her inspirational path throughout her educational journey and she was able to share advice with the 2020 Mission Scholars.

We are grateful for the generosity of the event sponsors, First National Bank and Bar Harbor Bank & Trust (Platinum sponsors), and Eaton Peabody, Billings Diesel & Marine, Deighan Wealth Advisors, and Brookings-Smith (Bronze and Copper sponsors).
Mission People & Places - Storey King

MANSET SHORE, ME -- We introduce Sunbeam Engineer Storey King as part of our new project of enabling Mission friends to better know the terrific Mission people who make our programs/services possible, and Maine places special to them. Storey, in his thirteenth year with the Mission, is also a certified boat captain. He served as captain aboard the Mission’s temporary boat, Moonbeam, while the Sunbeam was being refitted.

“The Manset Shore is special to me. It is where I grew up,” said Storey. “When I was young, Manset was a hubbub of marine industry. Fishing, boat building and repair; carpenters, mechanics, and craftsmen would swarm the area from early morning to late evening. Tractors hauling boats on cradles, trucks moving equipment -- it was like a disorganized parade of people doing their work," he remembered.

“I was a snot-nosed kid, playing under the docks looking for sea creatures in the seaweed during low tide. I was always in awe of the workmen in their daily travels, spending endless hours in the summer playing on shore. Manset was then, and still is, a place of zen for me," said Storey.
Record Food Delivery Day for Wreath Workers

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- Twenty-two pallets of food were delivered last month for the Mano en Mano Welcome and Resource Center for Wreath Workers. This was the largest single food delivery in the history of the Mission food pantry.
Sunbeam Crew Deliver Island Flu Shots

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME -- The Sunbeam traveled in October to several islands where Island Health Services Director Sharon Daley, supported by Island Outreach Director Douglas Cornman, administered a total 125 flu shots.

Douglas, who provided this photo of he and Sharon, said, “This is Sharon and I getting ready to give flu shots to islanders on Isle au Haut. We are so very fortunate to do this work. Thanks Brenda Clark for taking the photo and giving us a ride. Thanks to all the other islanders on all the other islands who helped us.

“I love my job, I love that boat, I love my co-workers, and I LOVE Maine’s outer islands. I am FILLED to the brim with gratitude,” he said.
Maine Seacoast Mission is committed to working with people’s strengths and honoring the capacity of individuals to choose their own course in life.