

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

November 2016

News of Our Work with the Outer Islands & Coastal Towns of Downeast Maine

Christmas Open House & Silent Wreath Auction, Friday, December 2nd

The Mission's [Christmas Program](#) provides gifts for island and coastal children and the elderly. The signature white paper bundles with red string have brightened Christmas mornings for over 100 years.

Thank you to our generous community for contributing to this event and auction. Your donation and winning bids support the Mission [Gift Program](#). Let the holidays beg

For more information contact Anna Silver by [email](#) or by phone: 207-288-5097

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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AND SILENT WREATH AUCTION

Friday, December 2
5:30-7:30pm

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF REFRESHMENTS, MUSIC, AND THE CHANCE TO TAKE HOME A BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY WREATH.

The historic Colket Center and our Christmas trees will be beautifully decorated by local businesses, neighbors, and artists. The event is free, and for more information please contact Anna Silver at asilver@seacoastmission.org or 288-5097.

Let the holidays begin!

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Director of Island Health Sharon Daley at Gordon Bok's *Working on the Water Series VII* November 12th

Sharon Daley, R.N., has worked on the *Sunbeam* for 15 years. Sharon's work in telemedicine brings health care directly to 15 unbridged islands, linking residents with medical specialists via the internet. "It has been a very special job and an honor to be part of the island communities."

Gordon Bok's "*Working on the Water Series*" is a gathering of local mariners sharing their experiences through stories, songs, and poetry. [Click Here for event Information.](#)



[Learn More About Island Health Care](#)

Annual Giving '16: Every Gift Matters

Thanks are due to the many friends and supporters who give generously — and repeatedly! — to the Seacoast Mission. Rooted

in a history of compassionate service and mutual trust, the Mission seeks to strengthen coastal and island communities by educating youth, enabling families, and promoting good health. Giving is the tradition that enables the Mission to offer its programs and services and offer them free of charge, further lowering any obstacles to receiving them.

As the last remaining weeks of the year rush by, please consider giving to the Seacoast Mission—or giving again! [Giving online](#) is fast and easy, or call Ellen Pope direct at 207-801-6009. Every gift matters.

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Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon on October 28th

Volunteers make things happen at the Mission. On October 28, the Mission said thank you with a delicious luncheon at the [Colket Center](#) in Bar Harbor. Thirty volunteers from the [Downeast Campus](#) in Cherryfield and the Sunbeam Society on Mount Desert Island enjoyed a chance to visit together and receive a small thank you gift.

President Scott Planting and Board chair Patsy Fogarty made it clear that the Mission could not do all that it does without each and every volunteer.

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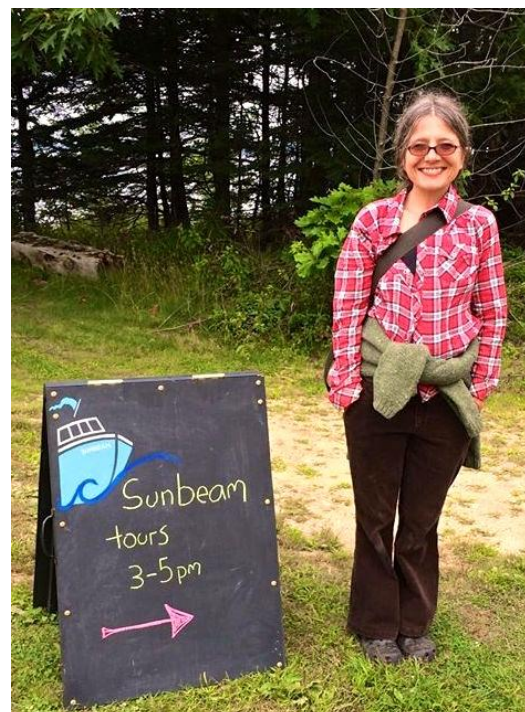
Jillian, the *Sunbeam V* Steward, Shares a "Grateful Moment"

To make ready for each [Sunbeam V](#) medical outreach trip, my first step is to grocery shop. When in the checkout line, a conversation often strikes up between me, the cashier, the bagger, and/or the customer behind me. They find out I work for the Maine Seacoast Mission when I use my tax exempt card, or when I ask them to "fill those bags up nice and full, 'cause I'm carrying them onto a boat."

Often the grocery store people have positive feeling, and/or a personal story to share.

Last week, my bagger, a woman about my age said to me, as she was wheeling the second cart out into the cold and dark parking lot with me, "The Mission really helped me when my son was born, and he is turning 42." She spread her arms wide, offering a hug. I replied, "Let's hug," and we did. The woman walked away saying, "the world needs more hugs." It was a grateful moment.

[Learn More About the Sunbeam V](#)



EdGE Students' Overnight Hockey Trip to Portland, Maine

Thirteen [EdGE](#) Students from Milbridge, ME and Cherryfield, ME went on an Ice Hockey Overnight trip to Portland, November 4th-5th. They went to a hockey clinic hosted by the [Portland Hockey Trust](#), interacting with Portland area youth, and practicing skills on the ice.

Students also attended a UMaine College Hockey game at Cross Insurance Arena. UMaine lost to Boston College, but EdGE students had a great time cheering on the UMaine Black Bears.

A joy of the night: During the game, EdGE students were shown on the big screen. Parents watching at home saw their kids live. After staying overnight at a South Portland church, EdGE students and staff headed to Downeast Maine and home..



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EdGE Family Engagement Program Reading Event, November 21

November is National Reading Month, a great time to learn about the EdGE Family Engagement program. Practice your math skills, win a game, and pick a book.

All Pre-K students and their families are invited to attend this FREE event and dinner at Milbridge Elementary School Gym, 39 Washington St, Milbridge, ME, Monday, November 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Contact Kim Summers at 207-546-5870

[Learn More](#)



Learn about the **EdGE Family Engagement** program.
Practice your math skills, win a game, and pick a book!!



Dinner will be served

All students and their families in Pre K-6 are invited to attend this **FREE** Event.
Milbridge Elementary School Gym
Monday November 21, 2016
5:30-7:30 pm

Table of Plenty Thanksgiving Dinner, on Sunday, November 27th

The [Downeast Campus Table of Plenty](#) Thanksgiving Dinner will take place November 27th, the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day, which is Thursday, November 24th.

People from every segment of the community attend, and music, conversation, and laughter preside. People who use the food pantry sit with people who fund the food pantry. Hunger and loneliness are nowhere in sight.

The Table of Plenty takes place in the EdGE building on the Downeast Campus every Sunday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. About 75 to 100 people attend each week. Join us! Meals are provided by volunteers who have signed up in advance.



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