

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

Washington Academy Student Emily Lobley Receives the 2016 Angus MacDonald Scholarship

Each year, the Mission awards the Angus MacDonald Scholarship to a student who has demonstrated superior scholastic achievement, has a high degree of personal integrity, has actively participated in extracurricular and community activities, and has shown leadership qualities and a strong work ethic. Named for one of the Mission's founders, the scholarship provides a total of \$12,000 for post-secondary education over four years.

This year's MacDonald scholar is Emily Lobley, a high school senior at Washington Academy in East Machias, Maine. Emily plans to attend Husson University in Bangor, Maine, for a degree in physical therapy.



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Land & Sea Lecture: July 13th with 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](#). 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." Her talk will be preceded by the Mission's brief annual meeting.

Greenlaw is author of many popular books including *All Fishermen Are Liars* and *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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Colket Center 'Rusticator' Tours During July and August

To help celebrate Acadia National Park's Centennial, we are offering tours of the Colket Center, our Bar Harbor headquarters, this summer. Volunteer docents will give tours of the beautiful house donated to the Mission in 1972 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. Exhibits will also highlight the Mission's boats, the 1930's rug project, and past and present medical, education, and Christmas programs. Interested in helping? Please contact [Terri Rodick](#) or call 288-5097 for more information.

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Ellen Pope: Maine Seacoast Mission's New Development Director

On June 15, Ellen Pope began as the Mission's new director of development with responsibility for fundraising and public relations. A resident of Southwest Harbor, Ms. Pope most recently served as vice president and chief operating officer for the Maine Community Foundation.

"I am very pleased that Ellen Pope will be bringing her experience and talents as a nonprofit executive to the Maine Seacoast Mission," says Mission president Scott Planting. "With her strong background in donor development, planned giving, management and communications, she is the right person to move the Mission forward and build support for our vital programs well into the future."



***Bangor Daily News* Article Highlights Challenges of 'Aging in Place' on Maine Islands**

"Everyone wants to stay on the island and in the community as they age; it's their home," Sharon Daley, the Mission's director of island health, said in an article published on June 21 in the *Bangor Daily News*. The article focuses on the special difficulties island residents encounter as they or their loved ones grow older, and it looks at the measures island communities, in partnership with the Maine Seacoast Mission and other groups, are taking to meet those challenges.

On July 16, Daley will speak at a conference organized by congresswoman Hannah Pingree to consider the needs of aging islanders and public policy, technology, and other topics.



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Sigma Kappa Zeta Phi Sorority Students Volunteer Downeast

The longstanding partnership between the [Sigma Kappa Sorority](#) and the Maine Seacoast Mission, begun over 100 years ago, continues. A group of Sigma Kappa students from Rutgers University and The College of New Jersey volunteered with the Mission's Downeast campus in Cherryfield for a week in June. With the guidance of Scott Shaw, the Mission's housing repair program coordinator, the Sigma Kappa students did demolition work to prepare several homes for their complete rehabilitation this summer. They also helped unload Senior Commodity Food to be distributed by the Mission.



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Isle au Haut Vigil: "Love Must Conquer Hate"

After the horrific killings in Orlando, Douglas

Cornman, Mission Director of Island Outreach, helped Isle au Haut residents remember and honor the many recent victims of violence. "On June 21," Cornman reports, "a group gathered to remember those who died last week in Orlando. I read out each victim's name while islanders lit fifty candles. We also remembered 43 additional victims who died from gun violence across the United States on that same day and the approximate 1,384 men, women, and children who have died in worldwide terrorist attacks since June 1st. It was a somber and sobering evening. The message of the evening was 'love must conquer hate.'"



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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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