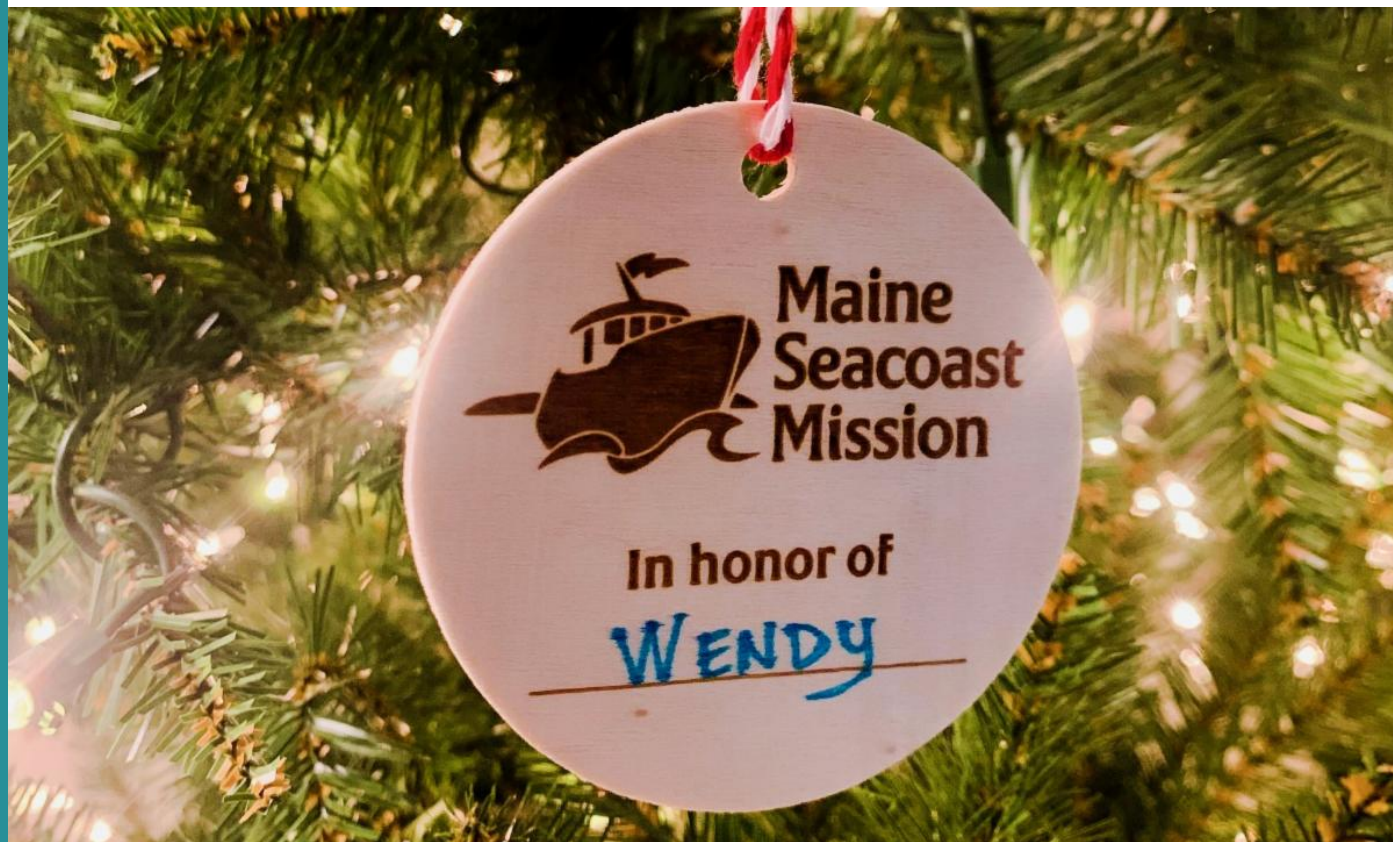




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Honor Someone Special

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME -- What does it mean to honor someone? How does one recognize a person's value in the world? This holiday season, the Mission designed a heartfelt way for our supporters to honor a special person or persons in their lives.

From now until Christmas, when one donates to the Mission in honor of someone, a holiday ornament with the honoree's name will be placed on our Christmas tree at the Northeast Harbor office.

In the coming weeks, we will highlight honorees and celebrate them on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.



Marilyn and Tracy are devoted volunteers for our annual Christmas Program.

Please Mail Christmas Program Gifts by Today

CHERRYFIELD, ME - Mrs. Claus reminds us that the best way to ensure donations arrive in time for our Christmas Program is to mail packages by today, Friday, December 10. If you would like to give a gift, or help the Mission give gifts, you can do so online or through traditional mail.

Items ordered online from the [Mission's Amazon Christmas List](#) will be shipped directly to the Mission. You can also download our traditional [Christmas Wish List for 2021](#), choose a gift from the List, and mail your gift to:

UPS or FedEx delivery

Maine Seacoast Mission Christmas Program
39 Weald Bethel Lane
Cherryfield, ME 04622

USPS delivery

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PO Box 428
Cherryfield, ME 04622

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Wednesday Spinners at Matinicus Island School with residents. (Photo courtesy Susan Merrill)

Wednesday Spinners Visit Matinicus

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME - On November 10, for the second time in three years, the Wednesday Spinners traveled aboard the *Sunbeam* to share their passion for spinning with an island community. For almost a half-century, the Spinners use old-fashioned wooden spinning wheels, to turn the woolly covering of sheep—called fleece—into yarn.

Some group members gift or sell their handspun yarn. Others make clothing to sell. But the six Spinners who joined with the *Sunbeam* gave residents of Matinicus an opportunity to observe spinning and to interact with the group. Original member

Cynthia Thayer said the group set up at Matinicus Island School. "We taught the kids and we had an evening where people came with their knitting and talked about the island and told us stories. A couple of people came with their wheels. We helped them get their wheels operational," said Cynthia. "The next day, even though it was a holiday, the kids all came. We worked with them in weaving and spinning."

Douglas Cornman, Director of Island Outreach & Chaplain, shared, "They spin and weave magic. There's something intriguing and entrancing about their work. It was wonderful to see islanders get excited about a craft that they may not typically engage with or be aware of. It was a positive experience all around and that is why we put so much effort into these outreach trips."

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EdGE afterschool student taking part in an outdoor scavenger hunt.

EdGE Promotes Positive Family Interactions

CHERRYFIELD, ME - EdGE Director Isaac Marnik reports that the Mission's after-school program is humming. "We have seven open school locations and 361 kids have attended at least one EdGE after-school program this school year," he explained.

Currently, the Mission offers some remote family programming, too. Family and Community Resource Coordinator Stephanie Moores sends EdGE families an activity each month. In November, it was an outdoor scavenger hunt. For December, participants are making family Christmas cards to send to local, senior living facilities.

"A key to high quality EdGE programming is to remain flexible and to promote positive family interactions, and this work supports the students, their families, and the schools" says Isaac.

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