



Join the Mission for the *Sunbeam Award Gala*



The Mission will honor Island Institute and the Diana Davis Spencer Foundation at this year's *Sunbeam Award Gala* on Thursday, August 15 at the Bar Harbor Club.

This year's awardees were chosen for their commitment to strengthening both island and Downeast communities through their longtime partnership with the Mission. "In a year where we are celebrating and deepening our partnerships, we are thrilled to honor two organizations who have been dedicated..."

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2024 Davis Maine Scholars make their college choices

The Mission's class of 2028 Davis Maine Scholars have selected colleges to begin the 2024-2025 school year. Through the generosity of Andrew Davis and the Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund, these four students from Washington County and eastern Hancock County have earned full, four-year scholarships and will pursue undergraduate studies at one of three partner colleges: Clark University (MA), University of New England (ME), and Wheaton College (MA).

The Davis Maine Scholarship was created to ensure more first-generation students from...

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"Unbridged" Edition of *The Island Reader* features work of island residents



For almost 20 years, *The Island Reader* has featured the work of residents living on Maine's unbridged islands. Each edition, published annually by Maine Seacoast Mission, contains a range of stories, prose, art, and photographs from a wide variety of island residents and is also edited by islanders. The new Volume 18, which was just published, is "The Unbridged Edition" and features the work of ...

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Summer camps keep EdGE students engaged all year

On a summer day with temperatures in the high 80s, kids at EdGE summer camps were not letting the heat ruin their fun. At Harrington Elementary School, campers spent the afternoon moving from the basketball court and playground to classroom craft stations. In Addison at D.W. Merritt Elementary School, students went from creating a game in the sun to Snap Circuits inside. And in Machias at Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School, a group of students listened to a story read by a staff member from the Ark Animal Shelter (with a special furry guest) under the pavilion and then moved indoors to create a unicorn craft.

The EdGE Youth Development Coordinators who run each camp work with staffers to create activities...

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Register for the 20th EdGE Tennis Tournament



The Mission welcomes teams and individual players to compete in the 20th EDGE Tennis Tournament on Saturday, September 7 at the Northeast Harbor Tennis Club. The Tournament benefits EdGE, the Mission's signature education program.

Taking place from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Tournament is composed of men's doubles and women's doubles playing...

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Partner Spotlight: Patrisha McLean, CEO and Founder of Finding Our Voices

On a recent *Sunbeam* trip to Matinicus, Isle au Haut, and Frenchboro, Patrisha McLean, CEO and Founder of Finding Our Voices, spent time chatting with islanders about the impact of domestic violence. Patrisha spent 29 years in an abusive relationship and her trip on the *Sunbeam* was part of the organization's 15-stop 2024 "Let's Talk About It" tour. On the ride back to the *Sunbeam's* home in Northeast Harbor, we asked her some questions about her organization and the trip.

What program or project are you collaborating on with the Mission?

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