



RSVP for the 2025 Sunbeam Award Gala



Join Maine Seacoast Mission at the 2025 Sunbeam Award Gala to honor Cornelia Cogswell Rossi Foundation and Sunrise County Economic Council on Thursday, August 21 at the Bar Harbor Club in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Reservations can now be made on the Mission's website.

Started in 2004, the Sunbeam Award recognizes those who embody the ideals of community. Doors for this year's program will open at 4:30 p.m. and attendees can enjoy drinks and light appetizers before the program begins at 5:00 p.m. The program will honor awardees and share more about the Mission's work in the Downeast area and on Maine's outer, unbridged islands. The program will be followed by a reception on the Club's veranda at 6:00 p.m.

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Sunbeam Open House in Northeast Harbor on Thursday, July 17



The Mission's 74-foot flagship vessel *Sunbeam* will host an open house at the Northeast Harbor Marina on Thursday, July 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. During the open house, visitors can see the inner workings of a boat which welcomes more than 1,000 people aboard each year to participate in Mission programming.

Mission President John Zavodny says, "The *Sunbeam* is recognizable to many. While she is a familiar sight to Maine islanders, we're excited for the public to come aboard. It will be particularly special..."

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The Mission's Food Pantry: One Year Later from the Desk of Downeast Director Jenny Jones

Last year on June 12, 2024, the Mission officially opened the doors to our newly built food pantry. The pantry was thoughtfully designed to foster connection among community members and provided a dignified experience when shopping for food. We wanted the new pantry to feel like a small-town general store where everyone feels comfortable and can be themselves. There are a lot of windows to let in natural light, high ceilings, with hanging lights, barn-style doors for additional texture, a café area to grab a cup of coffee, and the most inviting porch to sit and relax. We often don't think...

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Join the Mission this summer for guided, dockside tours of its 74-foot boat, *Sunbeam*. Each Friday at 1:00 p.m. from July 11 to September 12, the public is welcome aboard the boat at its home port at the Northeast Harbor marina. Visitors will learn about the organization's history and its programming on unbridged islands and in the Downeast region.

The *Sunbeam* regularly visits six unbridged islands offering both education, outreach, and medical services. The Mission's island-based programs support residents of all of Maine's 15 unbridged islands with year-round populations. The current *Sunbeam*, the fifth of its name, has been in service since 1995 and received a total refit in 2020.

During the tour...

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Northeast Harbor Library Presents "Always There: 120 Years of Maine Seacoast Mission"

The Mission's exhibit at the Northeast Harbor Library, "Always There," will highlight and display part of the Mission's vast archive spanning much of the organization's 120-year history. Visitors can see the show during the month of July when the library is open (Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

When the Mission began in 1905, brothers Angus and Alexander MacDonald set out in the sloop Hope to visit the islands, lighthouses, and remote communities on the coast of Maine. Their goal was to relieve some of the social and economic isolation faced by many residents. Now, 120 years later, the Mission...

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The Mission Provides TLC for Island Schools from the desk of Sunbeam Education Coordinator Yvonne Thomas



There was a lot of buzz in the one- and two-room island schools this spring about the future of the Outer Islands Teaching and Learning Collaborative (TLC). The TLC is a long-standing, teacher-created collaboration among seven of Maine's smaller island schools that forms a lifeline of support for teachers, students, and families.

For the past several years, the TLC has been an Island Institute program, and in May, at the TLC's 15-year celebration at Wolfe's Neck Center in Freeport, it was formally announced the TLC would be transitioning from Island Institute to the Mission. The response from the crowd that night was...

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Rooted in a history of compassionate service and mutual trust, the Mission seeks to strengthen coastal and island communities by educating youth, supporting families, and promoting good health.

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