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Top news from the Mission

Since 1905: 120 Years of History



For 12 decades, the Mission has served the people of coastal Downeast and island communities by educating youth, supporting families, and promoting good health. Throughout 120 years, we have had many outstanding moments, here are a few that stood out each decade.

1900s

1905—The Mission is founded by brothers and pastors Alexander and Angus MacDonald, who called the organization Maine Sea Coast Missionary Society. The MacDonalds approached members of the Mount Desert Island community asking for support to sail a sloop, *Hope*, from...

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The Next Cohort of Davis Maine Scholars Heads to College



From the Desk of EdGE Secondary Program Director Christy Oliveri

August is the time when, if you loved school (like me), or have school-age kids, you begin thinking about back-to-school: autumn, book supplies, and college campuses filled with the excited and anxious faces of new students. The Mission's Davis Maine Scholarship moved into "back to school" mode a month ago, which means we have a new "class" of Scholars ready to begin their first year in college. This year, all four of them are attending...

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A Few Challenges in the Food Pantry

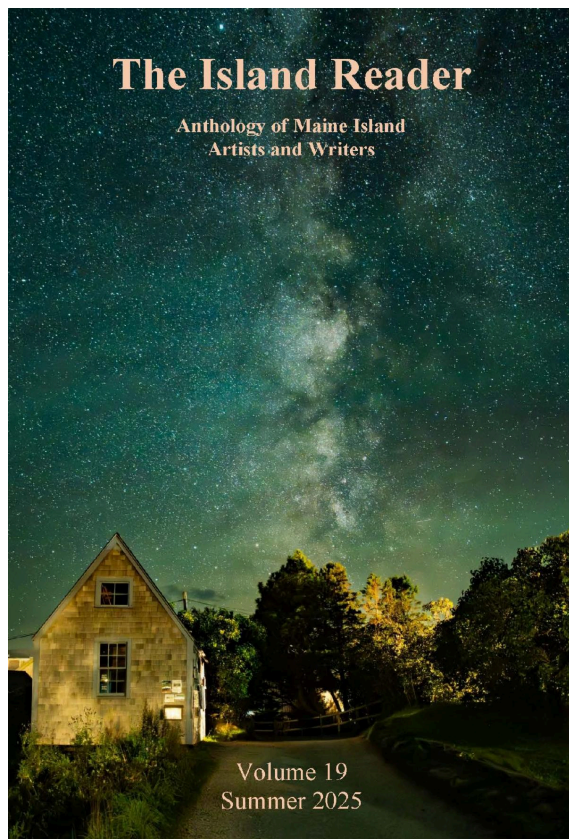
From the Desk of Food Pantry Coordinator Stacy Openshaw

July 11, 2024, my first day in the role of food pantry coordinator here at the Maine Seacoast Mission. A year has passed and has been full of many changes, challenges, and eye-opening experiences for me. One challenge I have is sourcing healthy foods that our community wants to eat. As the prices for food go up, more people depend on the pantry to get by, however it is getting increasingly harder to locate affordable options even through the Good Shepherd food bank. We make weekly trips to Ellsworth. Visiting Walmart and Shaw's to pick up retail donations. However, those donations fluctuate in volume from week to week sometime with nothing to retrieve...

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The Island Reader Looks at "Island Time"



59 residents of 13 islands have their work featured in the new volume of *The Island Reader*, which is published annually by the Mission. Edited by islanders and Sunbeam crew, the 19th volume is themed "Island Time." This year's *The Island Reader* includes poetry, short stories, beautiful photographs, vibrant paintings, and other art that encapsulates what it means to live on an unbridged island.

The submissions come from island stretching from Casco to Frenchman Bay including Chebeague, Cliff Island, Frenchboro, Great Cranberry, Isle au Haut, Islesboro, Islesford (Little Cranberry), Long Island, Matinicus, Monhegan, Peaks Island, Swan's Island, and Vinalhaven. This year's edition also includes...

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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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