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# MAINE'S FIRST SHIP NEWSLETTER

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## JANE STEVENS – OUT FOR TRIALS

On November 1st Jane Stevens will be hauled out for the winter. She's been drawing lots of welcome attention during her summer in the Kennebec River. Watching local artist Livi Glaubitz as she sketched Jane, prompted an impromptu discussion of in-kind donations. In-kind donations can be gifts of art, materials, professional services and many other things that are just as valuable as cash to us (and the IRS). That discussion inspired her generous gift of the use of this image she created of Jane. Piloted by Jeremy Blaiklock with Mark Aukeman midship and David Fay on the foresail this image will be available in a matted Geclee print ready for your frame through our Ship's Store at the Bath Freight Shed.

The watercolor original is on exhibit at the Centre St Arts Gallery LLC in Bath Maine.



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### **In-kind donation of Hackmatack or Chainsaw Road Trip**

Peter and Lorraine Ristano of New Portland Maine, and proud grandparents of a summer program student, stopped by the boatshed one day with an offer of donated Hackmatack for ship's knees. With a pile of stumps staged for our TLC, the trek began under clearing skies. By the time we reached the overwhelming hospitality of New Portland the day cleared and the work began in earnest. A huge amount of work was already done by pulling the trees from the swamp but that was just the beginning. Pete brought all of his equipment to the work site too. Tractor, power sprayer, chainsaws, axes, chains and a handy ATV to haul it all around. We could not have got the job done without this help from the Pete. Sadly the lack of this level of help has forced us to decline past donations of wood due to our limited resources.





After a lunch of pizza and ice cold drinks, thoughtfully provided by Lorraine, it was back to work with every saw we could lay hands on. Pete's friend and stump puller John Bertl took turns with Tim and Jeremy worrying the knee down to a liftable load then Pete heroically finished the stopping cuts needed to hack down this saw swallowing beast of a knee. We hauled four knees off to Bath and a good night's sleep was had by all! Profoundest thanks to Pete and Lorraine for your generous gift and hours of work!



## CASTLEBAY CONCERT – AN IN-KIND DONATION OF MUSIC

Our first fundraiser concert in the Freight Shed was a great success with delicious cookies at intermission by Marie Dufresne, Simply Elegant Catering with beverages donated by Byrnes Irish Pub and Leilani Ganter. By making an in-kind donation of a (substantial) portion of their normal concert fees, over \$250 in cash was received in concert revenue for Maine's First Ship. Great concert, great musicians (great cook!), thanks Fred Gosbee and Julia Lane of Castlebay and Marie the queen of cookies.



## VIRGINIA ON THE MAINE COAST– IN-KIND DONATIONS BY GIL ROSS

Matted 8X10 Geclee prints and notecards of Gil's watercolors of Virginia continue to be "best sellers" in the ship's store (and received some brisk bidding at our annual Silent Auction).



Thanks Gil, for giving Maine's First Ship unlimited use of these beautiful images.



## AARON'S SATURDAY SCONES – IN-KIND DONATIONS OF DELICIOUS

If you volunteer on Saturdays at the build, you know better than to bring breakfast and/or to save room for Aaron Park's delectable, hot from the oven fruit scones – MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM!! Aaron's achieved the landslide popular vote for ship's cook with these treats and his generous annual volunteer luncheons. Thanks Aaron and please sir, may I have some MORE?

## **WOMAN'S DAY – AN IN-KIND DONATION OF SHIPWRIGHT ROB STEVENS**

October 5, 2014 14 women assembled at Virginia's build to learn about wooden shipbuilding from one of the best in the business. Rob's expertise in historic ship construction and repair is only paralleled by his knowledge of the life and times of those who built them. Taking every opportunity to work with volunteers, Rob's teaching style combines wit and humor, often at his own expense. Volunteers and visitors constantly seek his advice and without the semi-permanent loan of his tools (\$clamps\$ladders\$saws\$staging\$hoists\$) life in the boatshed would be a whole lot harder and more expensive. Thanks Rob for a fun and informative Women's shipbuilding day and for your longtime support of Virginia, without you much would be nigh impossible.



An energetic group attended our first shipbuilding training for women and after a session on the history of the ship and colony the group moved to the boatshed for a look at Virginia and a few learning moments on structure and technique. Work on the main mast began with some group planeing exercises, followed by some serious teaching on laying out the mast tapers.



Using math and measurement tools the points for the taper dimensions are found and scribed with a protractor.



## WOMEN'S SHIPBUILDING DAY 2014

With the layout for the taper completed and the circular saw set to the correct angle, volunteers start the first cut of the tapering process. Between turns with the main mast taper, volunteers were given a demonstration of the tilting arbor shipsaw in action. All volunteer feedback has been positive and half of these new volunteers also offered to help out with other committees. Topping off a terrific day, a surprise visit by local TV WMTW8 resulted in a great Rob Stevens interview and coverage on the evening news, morning news the following day and again over the weekend. Although positive publicity is always welcome, by far the best thing about that day is the new feminine faces that are showing up at the Saturday and Wednesday Virginia build days at the boatshed!



## JANE STEVENS SAFETY SAIL TRAINING THE STAR OF SAFETY

Congratulations to our Star of Safety graduates class of 2014



Jeremy Blaiklock and David Fay.  
By completing six hours of sailtraining in the Jane Stevens you are now qualified to sail and train other volunteers. It somehow seems more that fitting that Livi chose this photo of your sail with Mark to base her watercolor of Jane Stevens. Immortal art and a star of safety all in one season – way to go guys!

Inside Jane photo courtesy of Mark Aukeman



***BATH FREIGHT SHED  
AND MAINE'S FIRST  
SHIP HOST BIKE  
MAINE JOINT EVENT***

On Friday September 12th Bike Maine met at the Bath Freight Shed



to celebrate the last night of their 400 mile cycle through Maine. The dinner was catered by John Merry and hosted by the Bath Freight Shed, Maine's First Ship, Main Street Bath and the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust. Volunteers from all these non-profits joined forces to prep, serve and clear a dinner for over 300 riders, sharing the funds raised by the event. The Freight Shed was filled with light and festivity.

Jointly hosted fundraisers are a great way to have fun, meet new people and stretch precious volunteer resources. We're Non-profits working together to create community space and relationships- it's what we are all about, not to mention great food and the best of company! Check out the Farmer's Winter market opening on Saturday November 1, 2014.



## HAWSE TIMBER UPDATE

A few of the standing timbers have show some latent flaws and are being replaced. Roger Barry, Dick Forrest and Paul Cunningham lay out the replacement hawse timber futtock using the old timber as a pattern. Paul and Dick get the assist from Les and Roy to haul the timber stock to the band saw for cutting. Tony Chodorowski observes the cut then climbs up to the hawse platform to help fit the futtock.



Les Perry (left) and Roger (center) work on some exterior touch up fairing, with the power planes. Roger Rand (right) drives the securing trunnel into the forward divided frame.



## FAIRING AND TRUNNELING THE AFT FRAMES



Above left, Orman Hines (President), Dr Dan Wood and RB Omo work to set the ribbands/battans to support the final tuning of the aft frames. These reference bands act like harpins to define the set of the aft divided frames and the shape of the last two aft frames yet to be built. At left Les Perry holds the tape measure at the centerline and RB checks the width of the frame. Below Orman and Xavier Comas work on tuning the mortise cuts for the aft frames. Using a water level Orman and Dr. Dan check the heights of the frame halves.



Roy Jenkins drills out the first futtock for the permanent trunnels then drives home the trunnel. then The lag bolt used to keep the frame fair between fitting and trunnelling is then removed.



## Maine's First Ship President's Comments

Dear Friends and Members,

The glorious fall foliage is fast disappearing here on the Maine Coast and we are buttoning up the boat shed, unrolling the plastic sides and hooking up the double barrel stove. Several of us have helped install insulation in the Freight Shed in preparation for the Farmers Market move indoors this weekend. The market always brings back many of our loyal supporter for a progress update. We are almost finished with the framing just the last two in the stern and planking will start next month for sure. This week we picked and rough cut some donated knees from the grandfather of one of this summer's students (see related article)

Our Development Committee solicitation team (led by Dr. Dan Wood) has been busy with phase one of Campaign 2014 and over \$24,000 in pledges (over the next three years) were made just through September 2014. Many new business supporters responded to our solicitation and more are being received each week. We will be mailing out our annual appeal next month with a notice about phase two of our Campaign 2014. Thank you for your generous support.

Hope you can visit us.

Orman Hines

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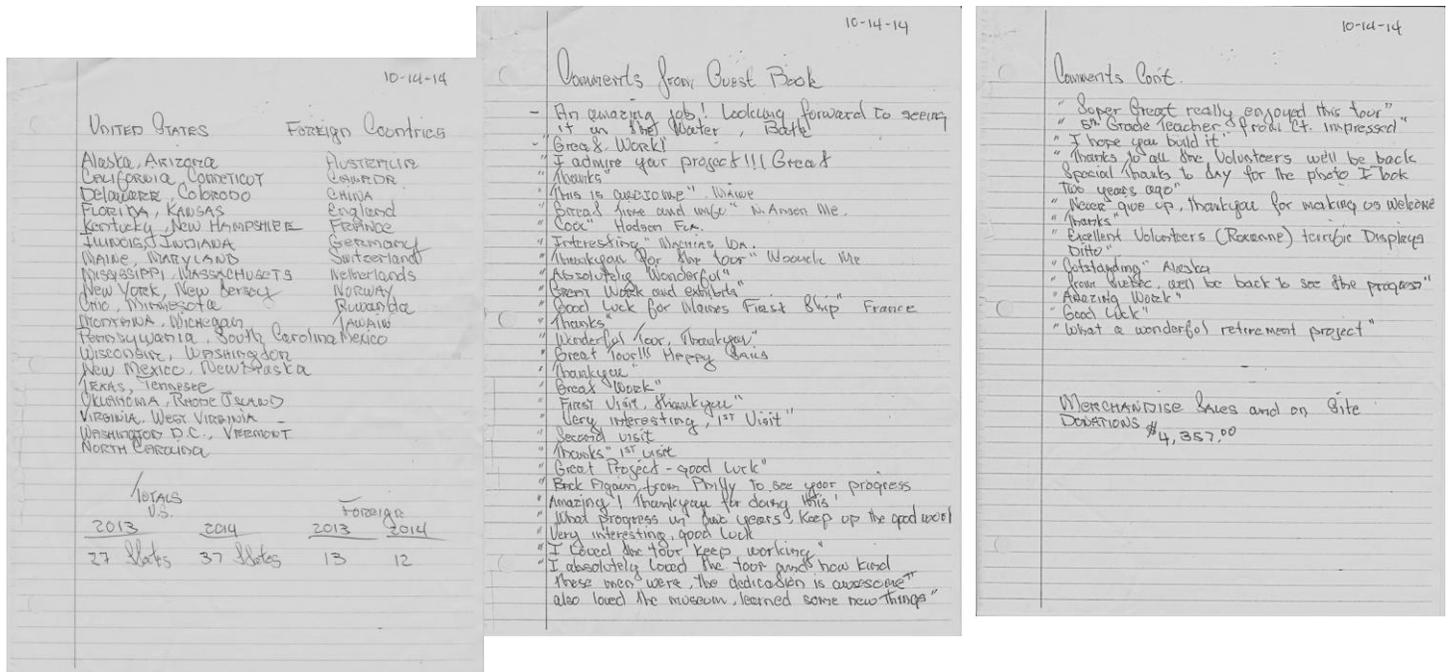
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Thanks to Jay Coffey for the following information about our summer visitor volume and revenues:



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Bath Farmer's Market opens November 1, 2014

Maine's First Ship New Year's Eve Party at the Freight Shed!

We are soliciting nominations and volunteers for the board of directors, and committees. Particularly needed are docents, skills in event planning, grants, publicity and membership.

Please call 443-4242 for more information.

FMI visit us online at [www.mfship.org](http://www.mfship.org)

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SPRING AND FALL HOURS FRIDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 10AM TO 3PM SUNDAY 12PM TO 3PM

Visit us at Bath Freight Shed 27 Commercial Street Bath Maine "When the flag of St. George is flying"



## MAINE'S FIRST SHIP MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Individual donation levels:		Name	Membership levels	Other Recognition
\$100		Frame	2 memberships	Decal – 2 event passes
\$50		Plank	2 membership	Decal
\$30		Trunnel	1 membership	Decal
Volunteer hours		Trunnel	1 membership	Decal – 1 event pass T-shirt or hat after 60 days
Free		Community Advocates	1 membership	Decal
Free with parents approval		Junior	2 memberships	Decal
Business \$ ranges	Name	Publicity in media	Membership levels	Recognition
\$1000-750	Mainsail	Logo and link on website front page	2 memberships	Decal – 10 event passes
\$500	Mizzensail	Logo and link on website back page	2 memberships	Decal – 4 event passes
\$300	Topsail	Logo In newsletter	2 memberships	Decal – 2 event passes
\$100	Bowspritsail	Name in newsletter	2 memberships	Decal

### DONATE- DONATE- DONATE

<p><b>Please send your contributions to:</b>  <b>Maine's First Ship</b>  <b>1 Front Street</b>  <b>PO Box 231</b>  <b>Bath ME 04530</b></p>	<p><b>VISIT MFSHIP.ORG and</b>  <b>Follow the PAYPAL donate link</b></p> <p><b>Or Email us at</b>  <b>mfs1@myfairpoint.net</b></p> <p><b>Call 443-4242</b></p>
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**FOR THREE NEW "DONATION INSPIRATION" IDEAS READ ON!**



## **“DONATION INSPIRATION”**

### **FRITZ MUELLER MEMORIAL FUND TO PURCHASE SHIP'S KNEES FOR VIRGINIA**



**In honor of the late Fritz Mueller, longtime supporter of Maine's First Ship, and superlative Popham Colony archaeologist. Your donation to MFS will help us make one of Fritz's goals, the sailing of "Virginia" up the James River, come true.**

**Thanks,**

**Orman Hines, President MFS**

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