



# THE KATAHDIN SEXTANT

March 2023

**Our mission:** To preserve and operate the Katahdin as a “living museum” for the benefit of our community, region, and future generations.

## Letter from the Executive Director

This winter at the museum has been busier than usual. After fire and flood in the museum building we have made some upgrades. We renovated a restroom, changing from exterior to interior access. As we go to press, New England Epoxy is pouring a new epoxy floor in the ground floor of the museum. After the flooring has dried and set we will be refreshing the exhibit to highlight the history of the Mount Kineo Hotel. Please plan to join us for a Grand Re-opening over Memorial Day weekend.

In November the Shipyard in

Boothbay Harbor (Bristol Marine) began work on replacement of the Kate’s upper fantail. Over the winter months work proceeded at their yard in Boothbay. At the end of March they will return to Greenville to install the new decking.

We continue working with our capital campaign committee to raise funds for continuation of the project. Strategies include donor events, business solicitations and numerous grant requests. It has been gratifying to see how much the community values the Katahdin. We

have also received family contributions. Our donor recognition sub-committee has developed an amazing design for an artwork of carved wood that will honor those who have supported our efforts.

Regretfully we share the loss of longtime donors Jeannie Wortman and Tad Foote. They will be missed.

We are looking forward to a busy cruising season and hope to see you all at the Donors Cruise on June 17!

Liz McKeil, Executive Director



Photo by Craig Zerbe

### Inside this issue:

KEEP KATE CRUISING CAMPAIGN ENTERS SECOND YEAR	2
THE LEGACY OF A FAMILY AND A STEAMBOAT	3
THANK YOU TO OUR KEEP KATE CRUISING DONORS!	4-5
THE MOUNT KINEO HOTEL—A TIMELINE	6-7
THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 ANNUAL FUND DONORS!	8-10
ONCE A FRIEND OF THE KATE, ALWAYS A FRIEND	11

## MMM Special Events Schedule 2023

Donors Cruise	June 17	6pm—9pm
R & B Dance Cruise	June 23	6pm—9pm
Fireworks Cruise	July 4	7pm—9:30pm
R & B Dance Cruise	July 29	6pm—9pm
R & B Dance Cruise	Aug 19	6pm—9pm
Brews & Blues Cruise	Sept 2	6pm—9pm
One-hour Fly-in Cruises	Sept 9	10:30 & 2:30
Head of the Lake Cruise	Sept 30	10am—5pm



# Moosehead Marine Museum

## Keep Kate Cruising Campaign Enters Second Year

### KEEP KATE CRUISING CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

LIZ MCKEIL, EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

JENNIFER AUCOIN

BETHANY BEVERLY

KEYTH CARTER

SALLY FARRAND

BOB FREDERICK

JENNIFER GOODRICH

JOAN HAWKES

KAY JOHNSON

JOHN MORRELL

BETSY ROCKWELL

ALICIA STONE

LEA WATT

PETE WHITIN

ROGERS WOOLSTON

LISA WAHLSTROM,  
CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT

The *Keep Kate Cruising Campaign* enters the second year just shy of the half-way mark toward its goal of raising \$2 million for preservation of the historic vessel. Launched in the spring of 2022, the fundraising campaign has secured gifts and pledges of \$972,381 as of March 20. "This is a significant accomplishment and we are so grateful to the donors that have made a commitment to the future of the *Katahdin*," stated John Morrell, Moosehead Marine Museum Board President.

Early gifts to the campaign have allowed the Museum to continue Phase I of the restoration work this winter and spring. While the *Kate* is docked during the off-season, The Shipyard in Boothbay Harbor (Bristol Marine) has commenced work on the upper fantail deck. Engineers from The Shipyard came to Greenville in November and took laser-guided measurements. They are preparing materials for the decking at the yard in

Boothbay Harbor, which will be installed on the *Kate* when the weather warms this spring. The Shipyard Facility Manager Eric Graves notes, "The *Kate* is a unique vessel with a long and impressive history in Maine. We are so proud to be working on this project to ensure that she can continue to cruise on Moosehead Lake well into the future."

The last major deck restoration on the *Katahdin* was completed more than 25 years ago. It has been 28 years since the hull was re-clad. The keel was repaired in 2012. With the successful completion of the *Keep Kate Cruising Campaign*, the Museum will replace the upper deck, replace the green rail along the perimeter, haul the boat out of the lake, sand-blast and paint the hull and complete any other required maintenance.

"We cannot express how grateful we are to those who have donated to the campaign," said Executive Director Liz McKeil. "We still have a way to go to reach our goal so that the restoration of the *Kate* can be completed, but I am touched by the generosity of so many people who love the *Kate* and want to see her cruising on the Lake for the next 25 years."

We hope you will join others in supporting this exciting project to preserve the *Katahdin*. You may choose to make a gift in memory or in honor of someone close to you. Some individuals have joined with siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles in a combined family donation (see page 3). Many people have maximized their giving by making a pledge to be paid over 5 years. A gift of \$1,000 a year for 5 years equals a \$5,000 donation to the campaign. All gifts make an impact and are greatly appreciated!

Go to [katahdincruises.com/preserve-the-kate](https://katahdincruises.com/preserve-the-kate) to make a campaign gift securely online, request additional information from the Museum by calling 207-695-2716 or email Liz McKeil, Executive Director at [Lmckeil@mmm8.org](mailto:Lmckeil@mmm8.org), speak to a member of the campaign committee, or scan the QR code here.



## The Legacy of a Family and a Steamboat

Greenville, Maine is a small town with great history. Some families' legacies span centuries and through generations. Such is the legacy of the family of Captain Stillman and Bertie Sawyer.

Stillman Sawyer served as general manager of the Coburn Steamboat Company in the early 1900s, prior to which he built the steamboat *Twilight* and helped to construct the *Katahdin* at Shipyard Point. Almost one hundred years later, Stillman's granddaughters Keyth Carter and Lea Watt are members of the *Keep Kate Cruising Campaign* Committee. Together, many descendants of Capt. Stillman and Bertie Sawyer have raised significant gifts for the campaign, contributing toward the preservation of the *Katahdin's* legacy and the replacement of her decking and rail. "Our family loves Greenville and Moosehead

Lake," Keyth Carter said, "and so much of our history is tied to the steamboats." A family's legacy is a powerful thing.

The 1920s and 1930s were pivotal in the history of Greenville. In the 1920s, the town saw great prosperity, as Stillman Sawyer and the Coburn Steamboat Company ran numerous steamboats up and down Moosehead Lake, cruising on a regular schedule and hauling passengers, supplies, and mail to hotels, sporting camps, and private cottages. It was a heyday.

In the 1930s, life changed drastically, as roads were built and steamboat travel waned. According to the diaries of Stillman's wife Bertie, in 1934, they "started to take the engine out of the *Katahdin*." She wrote in 1935 that Stillman "got word that he was released from the mail con-

tracts, so no more boats. I am feeling sad about it."

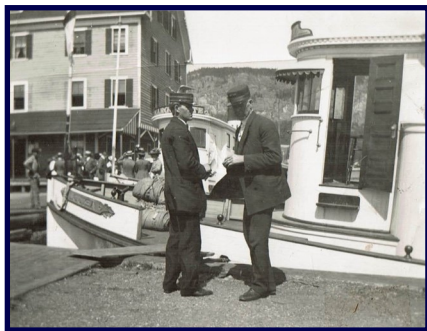
But the Sawyer family and the town of Greenville loved the steamboats. Bertie wrote that several "men about town," including Louis Oakes, D. M. Ward, Folsom Prentiss Co., E. L. Dean, C. Max Hilton, A. A. Crafts, and Stillman Sawyer, gathered to purchase some of the boats and together, they extended the life of the steamboats into the late 30s.

In the 1940s, the steamer *Moosehead* burned and the *Twilight* sank at its mooring. Only the *Katahdin* was left. She was sold to Hollingsworth & Whitney, the logging company that preceded Scott Paper Company. She persevered through decades and was acquired by the Moosehead Marine Museum. Stillman

and Bertie Sawyer did not see her renaissance when they passed away in the 60s, but their family certainly did. When the *Kate* took her maiden voyage as a restored cruising vessel in the 1980s, Stillman's daughters Erma Harvey and Frances Richards stood at her bow and christened her with a bottle of champagne. Son Henry Sawyer had worked as a teenager on the boats with his dad, and in 2019, Stillman's 98 year-old daughter Virginia Osgood steered the *Katahdin* and could still tell the captain which rocks to avoid in the East Cove. "They rode in those boats as children with their father," Keyth explained. "The boats were like a member of the family."

Generations later, the boats are still part of the Sawyer family's legacy, as contributions in the Stillman and Bertie Sawyer family's name are helping to keep *Kate* cruising in 2023.

If your family would like to make a combined donation or a gift in memory of a loved one, please call 207-695-2716 or email Liz McKeil at [lmckeil@mmmk8.org](mailto:lmckeil@mmmk8.org).



Stillman Sawyer and father Henry P. Sawyer at the Rockwood dock



Stillman & Bertie Sawyer and family

# Moosehead Marine Museum

## Thank You to Our Keep Kate Cruising Campaign Donors!

"I HAVE BEEN VISITING GREENVILLE AND THE MOOSEHEAD AREA FOR OVER FORTY YEARS AND HAVE OWNED MY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPERTIES IN GREENVILLE SINCE 2007. THIS IS SUCH A VERY SPECIAL PLACE FOR ME! THE KATAHDIN, IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, IS THE FOCAL POINT OF THE MOOSEHEAD AREA. I AM PROUD TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE KATAHDIN'S RESTORATION AND 'KEEP KATE CRUISING' FOR A LONG TIME!"

~ JIM OTIS - CHIEFTAN HEIGHTS & THE HYLANDS

**MOOSEHEAD MARINE MUSEUM THANKS JIM OTIS FOR HIS GENEROUS LEADERSHIP GIFT TO THE KEEP KATE CRUISING CAMPAIGN!**

A. E. Robinson Oil Co.  
Allen Insurance & Financial  
Telford & Karen Allen  
Anonymous  
Bangor Savings Bank  
Blair Hill Inn  
Bryan & Autumn Boskovich  
Tanis & Frank Boskovich  
Richard H. & Christine D. Brown  
Ryan & Amy Brown  
Camden National Bank  
Karen & Rick Cochran  
Stephen W. Cole  
Isaac Crabtree  
@NorthWoods Aerial  
Michael & Gail Dacey  
The Davidson Family  
Davis Family Foundation  
Chris & Nancy Demler  
David Demler  
Sally & Roger Demler  
Capt. Al & Linda Dinsmore  
Joseph P. Donahue Charitable Foundation Trust  
Christopher C. Dore  
Scott Dustin  
David C. Farrand  
Sally Farrand  
The Ferland Family  
Richard & Loretta Fish  
Fisher Foundation  
Bill & Sandy Fletcher  
Fletcher Mountain Aviation  
Duane & Amy Fovargue  
Bob & Judi Frederick  
Sheehan & Angela Gallagher  
Robin Gardella  
Jennifer Goodrich  
Cheri Goodspeed  
Marilyn Goodwin & Crazy  
Moose Fabrics  
Shelli & Ralph Hall

Hammond Lumber Company  
Don & Joan Hawkes  
Benjamin & Mary Sue Henszey  
Scott & Rene Hersey  
John & Sue Hinkley  
Anne Holden & Judi Rowell  
John & Sewall Hornsey  
Robert Howard  
Zed & Rachel Howell  
Indian Hill Construction  
Tarun Johns  
Matt & Kelley Kane  
Kelly's Landing  
Timothy & Donna Keltz  
Waldo & Lin Klein  
Lary Funeral Home, Inc.  
Carl & Natalie Leaman  
Steve & Lisa Levesque  
Libra Foundation  
Bill & Patty Lovejoy  
Machias Savings Bank  
Bruce & Judy Marsh  
Mildred H. McEvoy Foundation  
Jock Moore & Cathy Sweetser  
Brenda Nicholas  
Oliver West Farm—John Cavaretta & Randal Coulton  
Ovation Fundraising Counsel  
Thomas & Constance Perry  
Steve & Laura Pollis  
Rocky & Betsy Rockwell  
Dick Rogers  
Maynard & Candy Russell  
Sessions Family  
Howard & Susan Sevey  
Jim & Sophie Sevey  
Chris & Cecile Shields  
Peter & Gerry Thorpe  
Senator Robert Torricelli  
Town of Greenville  
Betsey Tyler

Varney Agency  
Ware-Butler Building Supply  
John Watt  
Harry (Hap) & Marion  
Whelpley  
Tad Whitin  
Roy & Nancy Wilson  
Wilson Pond Cabins

### **FAMILY GIFTS**

Family of Duane R. Lander:  
Charlie & Jennifer Aucoin  
*IMO Duane R. Lander*  
Kelly & Kelley Bragdon  
*IMO Duane R. Lander*  
Natalie McFalls  
*IMO Richard McFalls*  
Donna Moreland  
*IMO Duane R. Lander*

Family of Capt. Stillman & Bertie Sawyer:  
Tom & Jan Barbas  
*IMO Ernest "Bart" & Emilynn "Kitty" Harvey*  
Pam Sawyer Borgeson & Jeri Screnci  
*IMO Henry & Betty Sawyer*  
Keyth & Charles Carter  
*IMO Capt. Stillman & Bertie Sawyer*  
Michael, Robin, Jay, Matthew, Jenna Corbin  
*IMO Virginia Sawyer Osgood*  
Robert & Robbin Harvey  
*IMO Ernest (Bart) & Emilynn (Kitty) Harvey*  
John & Kay Macklin  
*IMO Erma & Ernest Harvey and E. Bart Harvey*  
L. Gary & Susan Osgood  
*IMO Lowell (Ozzie) & Virginia Sawyer Osgood*



# Volume 1, Issue 16

## Hamilton-Smith Family:

Jeanne A. Dunn  
*IMO Arthur L. Smith*  
Diane & Robert Dwelle  
Tanya & Jake Greenvall  
Ralph & Kay Johnson

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

### Anonymous

*IMO Linda J. Fabio & Irene*

### Allen

Jean S. Beadle

*IMO Curt Beadle*

Ben & Bethany Beverly

*IMO Dolores Reamer*

Dr. Frank & Susan Delmonico

*IMO Cort & Sally Morrell*

Friends of Scout the Wonder  
Dog

*IMO Lou Hilton & Duke*

McKeil

John & Ann Hokanson

*IMO Lou Hilton*

Alan & Cheryl Johnston

*IMO Reginald & Fred Johnston*

Elizabeth McKeil

*IMO Duke McKeil*

John & Candace Morrell

*IMO Cort & Sally Morrell*

Jim Otis, Chieftan Heights &  
the Hylands

*IMO Bob & Rocky Elsmore*

Roxane Stagg

*IMO Howard Stagg, IV*

Watt Family & Indian Hill  
Trading Post

*IMO John P. & Frances*

Richards

Pete & Jeannie Whitin

*IMO Paul Whitin V*

J. Rogers Woolston

*IMO Joseph Kovacs*

## HONORARY GIFTS

The Greg & Anna Brown  
Family Fund

*IHO Chris & Dick Brown*

Winifred V. Brown

*IHO Richard & Christine  
Brown*

Jim & Ann Demler

*IHO Richard & Chris*

*Brown; Terry & Allison*

*Flynn; Ryan & Amy Brown*

Mr. & Mrs. David A.

Gallagher

*IHO Dick & Chris Brown*

Joyce & Roger Howe

*IHO Christine & Richard  
Brown*

Jim & Nancy Martin

*IHO Chris & Richard*

*Brown*

Melkonian Family Charitable  
Fund

*IHO Dick & Chris Brown*

Gary & Diana Owens

*IHO Dick & Chris Brown*

Rick & Rosemary Postle

*IHO Dick & Chris Brown*

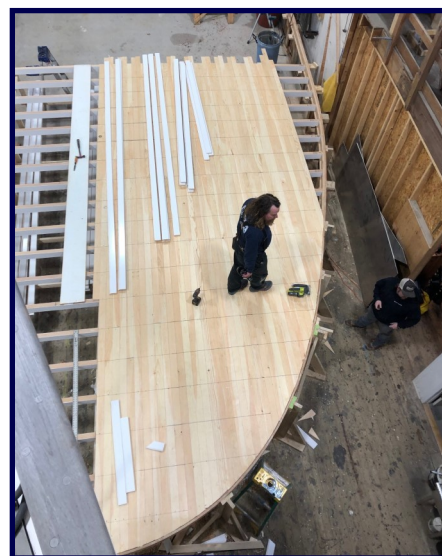
As of March 20, 2023



Executive Director Liz McKeil and Eric Graves of Bristol Marine discuss Phase One of the deck project on the Katahdin.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

EARLY FUNDRAISING SUCCESS HAS ENABLED US TO START PHASE ONE OF THE FIVE-YEAR PROJECT: REPLACEMENT OF THE AFT UPPER DECK (OR "UPPER FANTAIL" OF THE KATE—THE AREA WITH THE MOST PASSENGER LOADS). IN LATE NOVEMBER, BRISTOL MARINE CAME ABOARD THE KATE TO TAKE PRECISE MEASUREMENTS USING LASER TECHNOLOGY. OVER THE WINTER MONTHS, USING THEIR LASER MEASUREMENTS, THE CRAFTSMEN AT THE SHIPYARD HAVE BEEN BUILDING OUT THE REPLACEMENT DECK IN SECTIONS. THEY WILL RETURN TO MOOSEHEAD LAKE IN MARCH TO BEGIN DEMOLITION AND REPLACEMENT OF THE DECK. OBSERVERS CAN EXPECT TO SEE SOME SHRINK WRAP TO PROTECT THE WORK CREW FROM THE ELEMENTS. TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF PHASE ONE IS JUNE 1, 2023, SO KATE WILL BE READY TO BEGIN HER CRUISING SEASON IN MID-JUNE!



Craftsmen at Bristol Marine build out replacement decks in sections, returning to Moosehead Lake in the spring for demolition and new deck replacement.

# Moosehead Marine Museum

## The Mount Kineo Hotel - A Timeline

WALK WITH US THROUGH MOUNT KINEO'S FINEST DAYS!

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR A **MUSEUM GRAND RE-OPENING** OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!

AFTER FIRE AND FLOOD IN THE MUSEUM BUILDING, WE HAVE MADE SOME UPGRADES.

A NEW EXHIBIT IS ALSO IN THE WORKS TO HIGHLIGHT THE HISTORY OF THE MOUNT KINEO HOTEL.

**1844**

A small tavern was built on Mt. Kineo for hunters and fishermen.



**1871**

The Second Mt. Kineo House opened under the management of Mr. Orrin Dennen.



**1848**

Capt. Joshua Fogg built the First Mt. Kineo House. It burned in 1868.



**1882**

An annex was added with 36 rooms. The hotel burned in 1882.



THE MOUNT KINEO HOTEL SAW GRAND SUCCESS, WITH ITS GREATEST SUCCESS BEING THE SUMMIT STAND. TODAY, MANY VISITORS STILL FREQUENT MOUNT KINEO TO ENJOY ITS SCENIC VIEWS. ITS SUMMIT STANDS A CONVERTED FIRE TOWER WITH 360 DEGREE PANOVIEW. THE PENINSULA STILL REMAINS FROM MOUNT KINEO HOTEL DAYS AS THE MOUNT KINEO STANDS ON THE WESTERN SHORE—SEVEN COTTAGES BUILT BY THE HOTEL.

**1884**

The Third Mt. Kineo House was built, with extensive remodeling and improvements



**1938**

Maine Central Railroad was forced to sell Kineo. Partway through demolition of the hotel, fire destroyed the main building.



**1966**

The Hotel was run as a Treadway Inn until it closed in 1969. The building deteriorated and was demolished in 1995.



**1911**

The Mt. Kineo House was owned by the Kineo Company and operated by the Hiram Ricker Hotel Company. A large dining room, annex, cottages, and accommodations for 500 guests made it one of the finest hotels in the country.



**1950**

The hotel annex building and cottages were reopened to the public, run by the Louis Oakes family.

BEST YEARS BEGINNING IN THE 1880s AND SPANNING THROUGH THE 1930s. SCENIC NINE-HOLE GOLF COURSE AND HIKING TRAILS WITH STUNNING VIEWS. AT PANORAMA. THE GRAND "BREAKWATER" ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE KINEO CLUBHOUSE FOR THE MOOSEHEAD LAKE YACHT CLUB. "COTTAGE ROW" STILL THE RICKER HOTEL COMPANY IN THE 1910s AND NOW PRIVATELY OWNED.

#### Sources:

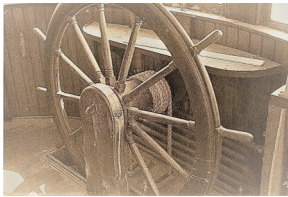
"The New Mount Kineo House" <http://www.baharris.org/historicpolandspring/MtKineo/MtKineo.htm>.

Ferland, Jr., Durward J. *Kineo: Splendor and Silence*. Greenville, ME: Moosehead Communications, 1996.



# Thank you to our 2022 Annual Fund Donors!

## Steering Circle



*Steering Circle members are donors who provide significant gifts to promote the ongoing growth of MMM's mission. Steering Circle members view themselves as visionary stewards of MMM's legacy.*

Telford & Karen Allen  
Dick & Chris Brown  
Robert & Judith Frederick  
Be Hilton  
Waldo & Linda Klein  
Jock Moore & Cathy Sweetser  
Rupert & Ruth White  
Paul & Jean Whitin

## Kineo \$1000+



Joseph & Dorle Cartwright  
Joseph P. Donahue Charitable Foundation Trust  
Ron Fabio  
Vanessa Folsom  
John McAtee, Jr.  
Tom & Connie Perry  
Charles & Ingrid Richardson  
John Sieger  
J. Rogers Woolston

## Sugar Island \$500-\$999



Bob & Ellen Annis  
Mike Boucher  
Erin Callaway & Steve Grammont  
James & Dorothy Carey  
Steve & Brenda Collins  
Tommy & Carolyn Comitta  
Marcel & Helene Dutil  
James & Julie Hamilton  
Don & Joan Hawkes  
Anne Holden & Judi Rowell  
John & Sewall Hornsey  
Jack & Norine Jalbert  
Pete Johnson  
Frank McAfee  
Brenda Nicholas  
Jerry & Carol Poirier  
Sue & EJ Richardson  
Jim & Sophie Sevey  
Mark & Melissa Tweedie  
Stacey & Tony Vavrek  
Karl & Nancy Watler  
Doug & Doreen Young

## Deer Island \$250-\$499



Toby & Maureen Baird  
Buz Brewster  
Charles & Keyth Carter  
Capt. Al & Linda Dinsmore  
Juan & Martha Galan, Jr.  
Cheri Goodspeed

John & Mary Herrmann  
Russ & Vandy Hewett  
Zed & Rachel Howell  
Brad Huot  
Glen & Linda Johnson  
Sharon Libby Jones  
Janice Lavigne  
Meredith & John Limmer  
Bruce & Judy Marsh  
Walter Mugdan & Vivienne Lenk  
Luke & Laurie Muzzy  
Chris & Cecile Shields  
Julie & Terry Spencer  
Peter & Gerry Thorpe

## Moose Island \$125-\$249



Charles & Barbara Adams  
Reid & Dawn Appleby  
Paul & Cathleen Bauschatz  
Dave Bouchard  
John & Midge Burns  
Thomas Clark  
Sally Farrand  
Doris & Arthur Field  
George Fogg  
Wayne Hamilton  
Joyce & Daniel Harrison  
Mike & Mary Holmes  
Brian Hope  
Tarun Johns  
Mildred Kennedy-Stirling  
Linda Koski  
Richard & Marylu Lane  
Steve & Jo Lindsay  
Sandy & Mitch Liro  
Stan & Dorie Mason  
George McEvoy

Steve McGrath  
Diane Morency  
Tom & Jackie O'Neill  
Ursula Pritham  
Timothy Rodden  
Lucy Stroble  
Jim Thorne  
Ardean Thornton  
Craig & Leslie Watt  
Gerry & Meta Whiting  
John Widness  
Donald & Felicia Wiswell  
Jill Wiese  
John & Elaine Wray

## Ledge Island \$50-\$124



Ross & Ellen Beale  
Cheryl Brown  
Kristin Carpenter  
Bernice & Norman Chase  
John & Margarita Contreni  
Bob Ham  
John & Ann Hokanson  
Richard Kessler & Pamela Cox  
Jane Mackay  
John & Kay Macklin  
Richard Mulroy  
Matt Muzzy  
Jim & Barbara Nichols  
Loren Ritchie  
Sandra Ryder  
Lynda Sheltmire  
Jerome Sullivan  
Marie & David Viennneau  
Jim Ware  
Thomas Watt  
Stephen White  
Bob Williams



## Mile Light \$10-\$49



Nick Adams  
Linda Adler  
Allison Arbo  
Richard Baker  
Christina Beargie  
Jane Benson  
Jessica Bragan  
Kathy Brown & Bill Ellenson  
Penny Bullard  
Louis Carmine  
Carole Carpentier  
Dawn Casey  
Virgil Cihla  
Adrian Clark  
Robert Conger  
Norma Cretella  
Clara Crinkey  
Pamela Deangelis  
Roger Dion  
Jack Donaher  
Alexander Eidukonis  
Susan Esche  
Fausta Esguerra  
Mitchell Exchange  
Brian Fox  
Daryl Friedman  
Peter Gill  
Jason Goodwin  
Scott Gowan  
Dave & Kathy Gowen  
Melanie Grover

Shelli & Ralph Hall  
Cenona Hassell  
Jermar Inman  
Kathy & Art Kelly  
Anne Knights  
Peter & Janice Kuhl  
Rose Kumpf  
Charles Lamantia  
Karen Lander  
Tom LaPointe  
Harry Lemieux  
Keith Lilly  
Robert Littlefield  
Wilma Litzau  
Carla Jojek  
Edward Marsh  
Andrea McCall  
Geraldine Merrill  
Chester Michell  
David Migneault  
Michael Moon  
Robin Moore  
Brandon Morissette  
Carole Morse  
Nicole Neff  
Darlene Oliver  
Christine Ostrowski  
Michael Paul  
David Poll  
Hanna Recktenwald  
Kelli Roselle  
Mwanamgeni Said  
Matthew Schaeffer  
George Schelling  
Jane Schreiner  
Caitlin Shaw  
Kenneth Shepherd  
Deborah Shipp

Daniel Smith  
Gary Smith  
Howard Snow  
Patricia Squillacioti  
Linda Strazdins  
Christy Sutton  
Kathryn Swart  
Cameron Tabor  
Mike & Mary Thompson  
Tony Vanderpool  
Lynn Varner-Shenk  
Clyde Warman  
Theresa Warren  
Ninja Weijers  
Lisa Whittemore  
Rhoda Yeager  
Jeanie & Roger Young  
Roland Zeidler

SOME DONORS PREFER TO GIVE TOWARD SPECIFIC NEEDS FOR THE MUSEUM OR THE KATAHDIN. IN 2022 THESE GIFTS INCLUDED **DECK CHAIRS** (SANDY & MITCH LIRO & MOUNTAINVIEW RESORT); **LIFE PRESERVERS** (DON & JOAN HAWKES); AND **FIRST MATE'S CLUB PROGRAMMING** (BOB & JUDI FREDERICK).

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A SIMILAR DONATION, PLEASE SEE OUR WISH LIST ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

## SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Donors Cruise will be June 17, 6—9 pm. Cocktails will be served 6—7pm dockside. The Katahdin will cruise 7—9pm. Music provided by Rockin' Ron & the New Society Band. Please RSVP by email at [giftshop@mmm8.org](mailto:giftshop@mmm8.org) or by phone at 207-695-2716.

## IN LOVING MEMORY...

IN 2022 & 2023, WE REMEMBER THESE SPECIAL FRIENDS OF THE KATAHDIN: BOB BUTZBACH; LINDA FABIO; TAD FOOTE; GERALD HAMILTON; PETER KLIEM; BILL MCKELVY; MARY LOUGEE RIPLEY; HOWARD STAGG, IV; AND JEAN WORTMAN.

## Thank You to our 2022 Annual Fund Donors!

### 2022 Business Donors

#### Admiral's Circle



Bangor Savings Bank Foundation  
Davis Family Foundation  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Fisher Charitable Foundation  
Libra Foundation  
Maine Community Foundation  
Mildred H. McEvoy Foundation  
Northern Forest Center  
Weyerhaeuser Foundation

#### Captain \$2,500 +



Stress Free Moose Pub & Café

#### First Mate \$1,000—\$2,499



Indian Hill Trading Post

#### Ensign \$500—\$999



Bristol Marine  
Currier's Flying Service  
CRAFTAH, LLC

#### Yeoman \$250—\$499



Fletcher Mountain Aviation

#### Bosun \$100—\$249



The Corner Shop  
Dempsey Insurance  
Indian Hill Construction  
Jack Whittier & Sons, Inc.  
Kelly's Landing  
The Lodge at Moosehead Lake

Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union  
Mike Theriault Construction  
Moosehead Hills Cabins  
Mountainview Resort  
Northeast Whitewater

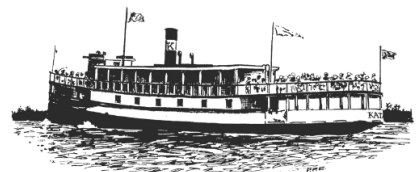
#### Thank you also to:

Bickford & Son Plumbing for restroom plumbing services

Mud Puddle Mercantile for postcards

Forest Society of Maine for a framed Chris Smith print of the Steamboat Katahdin

BE ON THE LOOK OUT  
THIS SUMMER 2023 FOR  
**GEAGHAN BROTHERS  
BREWING**  
**COMPANY'S** SUMMER  
SEASONAL BREW, A  
SESSION IPA WHICH WILL  
FEATURE THE STEAMBOAT  
KATAHDIN!



### Once a Friend of the Kate, Always a Friend of the Kate

When we think of our friends, words like character, humor, respect and affection likely come to mind. The immediacy of these words and qualities ebb and flow over time as we interact with the important people in our lives, but they are what sustain our friendships. If we're lucky, they also apply to people in our community whom we may not know as intimately as our friends, but we often feel that we "know" them because they've shown these characteristics.

One such person in our Greenville community was Ab Graham, known by most as just Ab. A small man, disabled by an accident in early childhood, Ab lived his entire life in

Greenville. He had an outwardly quiet personality, but a definite impish streak, and a deep appreciation of Moosehead Lake and the steamboat Katahdin. While the disability in one arm and one leg kept him from doing heavy work, Ab was a dedicated deck hand and was always on the Katahdin. He took pride in polishing the brass fixtures on the boat, greeting passengers and occasionally steering the boat. If you ask the folks who worked with him, they often say, "Ab was the boat!"

Al Dinsmore, one of the Kate's captains in the 1980s, recounts the time when he initially interviewed for the job of captain with Lou Hilton. After the interview, he was given

a tour of the boat. When they met, Al recalls Ab's look as if to say, you may become the captain, but this is my boat! "We worked well together and became long-time friends," recalls Al. "He came down and visited us years later when I was captaining a ferry out of Rockland to one of the islands. He was a great guy."

Everyone who knew Ab had a story about him. For example, one year, a group of bagpipers from Scotland came to Maine. To the initial surprise of many, Ab, proud of his Scottish ancestry, came to the concert in his finest Highland dress: kilt, buckles and sporran cantle!

One recurring story about Ab was that every year when ice-out was declared, Ab would climb up to the top of the boat-house near the Katahdin berth and dive into the water! Not something for the faint of heart, and definitely an original polar plunge!

One story that sums up Ab, his character and his dedication to the Katahdin became known near the end of his life. One day, Ab walked into the Museum office carrying a shoebox, and in it was his life-long savings of \$10,000, which he donated to the Katahdin. Like those who grew up here as kids, as well as folks who have come to our area because of the natural beauty, Ab Graham appreciated the Katahdin as the living legacy of the rich history of the Moosehead region and its dynamic present.



Ab Graham steering the Kate.



Ab dressed for the Scottish bagpipers concert.  
Pat Foster photography.



Captain Al Dinsmore

**MOOSEHEAD MARINE MUSEUM**  
**P. O. Box 1151**  
**GREENVILLE, ME 04441**

**MOOSEHEAD MARINE MUSEUM**

12 Lily Bay Road  
P.O. Box 1151  
Greenville, ME 04441

Phone: 207-695-2716  
Email: [info@katahdincruises.com](mailto:info@katahdincruises.com)  
[www.katahdincruises.com](http://www.katahdincruises.com)



### **Targeted Giving “Wish List”**

#### **Katahdin Decking Project**

Aft Deck—\$354,820  
Port/Starboard Decks—\$335,300 each  
Green Rail—\$160,410  
Haul Out/Hull Painting—\$500,000  
Museum Flooring—\$12,000  
Museum Painting—\$2,000  
UV Filtering Museum Shade—\$1,500

For more information and specific item costs, please contact Liz McKeil at 207-695-2716 or [lmckeil@mmm8.org](mailto:lmckeil@mmm8.org).