



## Winter Happenings at Schooner Cove

The beginning of the winter season has been bright and cheery here at Schooner Cove. December brought several holiday outings that were fun and festive. To get in the holiday spirit, a group of residents enjoyed the “Magic of Christmas” concert at Merrill Auditorium in Portland, followed by a delicious dinner at the Muddy Rudder in Yarmouth.

Also in December, a group of residents explored Gardens Aglow, the biggest light display in Maine, at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay. The gardens were truly magical—decorated with more than 360,000 lights! The bus ride home was magical too, as we sang carols, including the Twelve Days of Christmas. To ring in 2017, the Schooner Cove community gathered to enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, games, and music. We are looking forward to a full schedule of activities and events in the coming year, including many old favorites like Coastal Senior College and musical concerts.

We’ve received many compliments on the recent refurbishment of our public restrooms and new dining room chairs will be arriving at the end of February. The chairs were selected and ordered by the House Committee and are sure to make our dining room even more beautiful. We wish everyone a happy, healthy 2017!



A group of Schooner Cove residents attended “Magic of Christmas” together at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland.



A group of residents and staff dining at Muddy Rudder after attending “Magic of Christmas.”



The Gardens Aglow light display at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.



Betty Huson and Patty Krebs making a toast to 2017.

### Art Gallery on the Fourth Floor

Walking on the fourth floor is much like walking into an art gallery thanks to resident David Christian’s artwork. An accomplished realistic oil painter, David began his artistic career at a very early age and trained at the Kansas City Art Institute after high school. Some of the pieces on display were painted by David when he was just 20 years old.

After living in Houston, Texas, for 30 years and vacationing in Pemaquid, Maine, for the past 21 years, David and

his partner Bill decided to make Damariscotta their home in June of 2016. Since then, David has been exhibiting at River Arts, a local gallery, and painting in the Schooner Cove workshop. David’s piece *Outside at Schooner Cove* recently sold and is now displayed in Florida. David plans to continue painting abstract art as well as the river. He has found that in Maine, when you name your artwork after specific places, people tend to enjoy them more. Thanks for sharing your work with us, David!

Left: David Christian in front of some of his artwork on the fourth floor.



## Vietnam veteran to present his “Wreaths Across America” experience



*Wreaths arrived in Washington, D.C., for ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery on December 17, 2016.*

Bob Emmons, son of resident Harry Emmons, will present his experiences bringing wreaths from Maine to the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia at Schooner Cove on Friday, January 27, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

A participant in the Wreaths Across America program, Emmons traveled as part of the convoy from Portland, Maine to Arlington, Virginia. He was one of the more than 44,000 people in December to help place 245,000 wreaths at the Arlington National Cemetery, one for each marker in the cemetery. According to Wreaths Across America, 1.2 million remembrance wreaths were placed at 1,228 locations nationwide.



*The Emmons Family. Pictured left to right, front: Harry and Lee. Back: Becka, Bob and Holly.*

Emmons was joined by his son Lee and other veterans and their families, including a WWII veteran. According to Emmons, the trek was very emotional—particularly from being with the Gold Star mothers and wives, one of whom was from Lincoln County.

The convoy started in Lubec, Maine, before traveling down the East Coast to Arlington, Virginia. Along the way, the convoy stopped at American Legion posts, schools, monuments, veterans’ homes and communities to give the group the opportunity to carry out the organization’s mission: to remember, honor, and teach. One ceremony in particular that stood out to Emmons took place at West Point where the Grand Marshal laid a wreath for her son.

Community members often cheered and waved flags to welcome the convoy at each stop, which Emmons described as very different than the welcoming he and other Vietnam veterans experienced during their homecomings.

Please join us at his presentation on Friday, January 27, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. to learn more about his experience.



*Schooner Cove residents enjoying Gardens Aglow at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.*

## February 2017 Events

### Monday, February 6th - 3 p.m.

Randy Lindsey will be playing your favorite songs on his guitar in the library.

### Monday, February 13th - 3 p.m.

Judy Stephan will present her journey to Antarctica, complete with a slideshow for all to see. Happening in the library.

### Monday, February 20th - 3 p.m.

Sean Fleming will be playing the piano in the library for all to enjoy.