The last few months here at the Boat Shop have been full of goodbyes and hellos. Being an organization that was founded with the mission of serving those who are in the midst of life’s transitions, this should not be surprising. There are always people coming and going here at the Boat Shop. We have visitors almost every day, and no matter what, we have to say goodbye to an apprentice class every June. Goodbyes and hellos are part of the fabric of the Boat Shop. However, some of our recent goodbyes and hellos have been particularly poignant (as you will read in the coming pages), and they have made me think about what makes for a good hello and a good goodbye.

Now, good hellos seem pretty easy. It is such a joy to meet a new person, to begin to get to know them, to find our shared connections. Hellos come with a sense of new possibilities. Here at the Boat Shop, our hellos always come with a greeting of welcome, an offer of hospitality (which often takes the shape of a freshly baked blueberry muffin!) and an inquiry of how we can be of help. I love saying hello at the Boat Shop.

But what about good goodbyes? Goodbye can mean an ending. Goodbye can mean grief and mourning. Saying goodbye does not always feel good. So, how do you have a good goodbye?

At the end of each apprentice year as well as at the conclusion of each summer class, we always do three things. First, we have a final exam. No, it’s not the kind of exam that you need to stay up all night studying for. It is a set of questions designed to lift up what has been learned in the previous 9 months or one week. A good goodbye may include a review of what we have learned in the midst of our time together – what will we be taking with us. Second, we share short stories of wisdom, those kernels of truth that we have gleaned from each other. Finally, we share our gratitudes, the ways in which our being in relationship with each other has brought light into our lives. These are the elements of a good goodbye here at the Boat Shop.

What makes for a good hello or good goodbye for you?

In peace,

Kimberly J. Hoare
Executive Director
Doug Carter
I was born and grew up in suburban New Jersey and spent my summers at a cottage on the Ottawa River in Ontario, Canada, where 7 generations of my family have enjoyed boating, fishing and a simpler approach to life. After receiving a bachelor degree from Hobart College in Geneva, NY, I attended Drew University Theological School and was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1986. I have served churches in NJ, NH and am currently serving as the pastor of the Darien Congregational Church in Vermont. I have two daughters and THREH grandchildren, the youngest of which was born just this November. I started coming to The Carpenter’s Boat Shop in the 1990’s, attending boat building and Shaker furniture summer classes. At one of those classes, Bobby Ives told me about Cheap Sabatical program that the Boat Shop has offered for many years. It took me a while, but I finally made it happen! The two months that I spent at the Boat Shop this fall as a subchapter minister were deeply enriching!

Paul Englund
I realized recently that for 62 years I have never lived permanently in a place more than five miles from the hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota where I was born. I have worked as a photographer, a farmer and a house painter. Music has been a spiritual practice for me for as long as I can remember, and choices have been very much a part of my life. I have a wonderful life partner, a wonderful son and wonderful circle of friends. Each day at the Boat Shop is a particular gift that leaves me dumbfounded and full of gratitude. Gratitude for the beauty of this place on the earth, for a safe and nurturing place to practice being my authentic self and to test my courage to live the life that I would love. Gratitude for the time and space to laugh or talk quietly with new friends and to learn the marvelous ways of wood - to understand what it will do, what it wants to do and what it refuses to do, that it might be carefully shaped into things beautiful and useful.

Dick Axt
I come from Holland Patent, NY, a small town of 7,500 people in the foothills of the Adirondacks just north of Utica. I’m sixty-seven and recently retired, but for the past twenty-six years I was the librarian in the local middle school and for the final two years was the high school librarian as well. I got involved with the Boat Shop about twelve years ago when I answered a classified ad in WoodenBoat Magazine asking for volunteers to help work on the newly acquired Fossen farmhouse. That’s when I met Bobby and Ruth Ives and family and was introduced to the Boat Shop Program, albeit the abbreviated, relaxed summer version, and kept coming back every summer since. For always been interested in boats; at my grandparents’ summer place at Boothbay; canoeing and sailing on the lakes in Central New York and the Adirondacks; and sailing on Cape Cod where I worked during the summers in college. But I always wanted to know how to build a boat, and the Boat Shop offered the opportunity to learn how that was done. Retirement has now given me the time, at last.

Lily Howell
I grew up in the big bend/panhandle region of northern Florida. Since I graduated from high school in 2008 I have been more or less going wherever the wind has taken me, working seasonal jobs, doing farm work and aiming to live simply. Last year I settled down in North Carolina and found myself working on a house carpentry crew up in the mountains. I worked there until this August when I headed North for The Carpenter’s Boat Shop. I have always had a love for creating things with my hands and am very excited to dive deeper into an understanding of woodworking, something that I have wanted to explore for most of my life.

Cory Linberger
Hi. My Name is Cory. I grew up here in Maine. I first came to the Boat Shop to grow vegetables this season. I started growing food after graduating from Swarthmore college. My passion has really become learning about how I can design a sustainable life for myself. I have been working as a carpenter in the winners for the last few years and I know that I could learn a whole lot about myself and woodworking by spending a winter as an apprentice. I am so happy to be here and look forward to speaking with you if you stop in.

Tom Linengo11111
My name is Tom Limongello, and I am from Basking Ridge, NJ. I have been involved with the Boat Shop since 2005, after my first year of high school, with my local youth group which completes volunteer service work every July for the Community Housing Improvement Project (CHIP). I have been a bicycle mechanic for the last six years and have always had a desire to work with my hands. Being an apprentice fulfills that dream of hand work and has been allowing me to develop new crafts and skills in many different ways.

Cathy Reis
I grew up in Pennsylvania doing any type of outdoor activity that I could find. My studies in Marine Biology were my initial introduction to boats and my love for any type of water. Woodworking was a skill I had always desired to learn and the opportunity to combine boats, water, and woodworking specifically at the Carpenter’s Boat Shop is one I am so grateful to be a part of. The community and atmosphere with the apprenticeship makes the experience just that much more unique and rewarding.

Kaley Soud (they/them)
The first time I heard about The Carpenter's Boat Shop was a year ago while working on the Windjammer Angelique out of Camden, Maine. I had been sailing on tall ships for three years in between and after studying Anthropology in College, and had consequently falling in love with both boats and the Maine coast. I came to the Boat Shop hoping to expand that knowledge alongside understanding myself. I am from Florida, and this is my first winter so wish me warm thoughts (if you have any to spare) in the months ahead!
Welcome to our New House Manager
Careyleah MacLeod

As sad as we have been to wish farewell to our beloved Kathleen, we have been equally as glad (and Kathleen is much relieved) to welcome aboard Careyleah (pronounced care-ree-lee-uh) MacLeod as our new House Manager. As you will read, it seems that Careyleah is a perfect match for the Boat Shop, and we cannot feel more blessed to have found her or that she found us! Please do stop by when you are in the area and welcome Careyleah and taste some of her scrumptious treats! This short bio is just the tip of the iceberg...

Careyleah is a born and bred New Englander—originally from the Boston area. Her first move to Maine was in 1969, settling in for good in 1978. Careyleah thinks her social work career began when she was a cook in Belfast, ME. As a second, third, or maybe fourth career, she returned to school in her late '40s to become a therapist. After 20+ years, the last 10 of which was spent on the amazing island of Vinalhaven, she is considering retirement. Of course it made sense to return to cooking. It is her absolute joy to be completing the circle by being the Carpenter’s Boat Shop new House Manager. Spending time cooking food, talking and listening to people, knitting and music (and reading and hiking and pondering and stoking the fires) are all favorite things to do here!

Hello to our 2016-17 Journeyperson
Jonas Rimkunas

It is a pleasure to welcome Jonas (pronounced Yo-nus) back to the Boat Shop as our Journeyperson this year. In his position, Jonas both assists our two instructors along with teaching the apprentices on his own. It has already been and will continue to be an incredible year of teaching, learning, stretching and growth for him. Please meet Jonas through his own words...

Jonas Rimkunas is from Gorham, Maine. His apprenticeship in 2014-15 was his first formal introduction to woodworking, and ever since his interest in it has expanded. Jonas is the son of an art teacher and a music teacher which is reflected in his own love of art and music.

He loves to express his creativity both in the workshop and in Barbershop Quartets and choirs. Jonas built his first wooden boat when he was seven, a ten inch skiff with his grandfather in 2000 and is looking forward to using his own full-size skiff that he recently finished building.
Living with old buildings is good for creating a sense of perspective. Many of the buildings on our campus have been around for well over a century. As China and Japan have taught us, a well-built wooden building can stand for well over a millennium, but it does require periodic maintenance. Three years ago our stable received some substantial care. A local restoration carpentry crew rebuilt the floor timbers and stabilized the wall framing so that we can safely house our tractor, cider press, boat jigs, etc. inside. The 2014 Basking Ridge summer youth group workcamp put new cedar shingles on much of the outside wall area and that fall’s apprentices finished the job. All that was left was to protect our investment of heart, labor, and money by replacing the leaking asphalt roof. How that came about is a beautiful example of a Boat Shop circle of connections.

The original work was paid for through the generosity of our longtime neighbor Judith Hancock, who lived at the end of Old County Road until her death in 2013. Judith bequeathed her estate, including her house, to the Boat Shop. The house was eventually sold to Rick and Jeannie Donaldson, the parents of former apprentice Andrew Donaldson. Closing the circle, Andrew was one of the carpenters who helped restore the stable. When we decided to undertake the roofing project ourselves, Rick and Jeannie stepped forward to pay for the new steel roofing panels, and the circle spiraled around again.

We decided to use steel roofing on the stable for reasons based on longevity and waste. Asphalt shingles are generally landfilled when they give out, while retired steel roofing can be recycled. But, above all, the snap-down standing seam panels we used have no exposed fasteners, just like shingles, and have a much longer lifespan than asphalt if they are kept protected with paint. Some local friends helped us solve the problem of access to the roof, which has a steep pitch and stands twenty-five feet high at the peak. The restoration contractor, Michael Alderson whose crew originally restored the stable, loaned us his magnificent scaffolding systems, and several friends gave us their safety ropes and gear so that we could climb around on the roof with proper fall protection. Our design helped with access as well: rather than landfill the old layer of asphalt, we left it in place as a secondary barrier. We ran “vertical” strapping parallel to the rafters and spaced two feet apart along the width of the roof, allowing us to fasten solidly to the purlin timbers below. We ran horizontal strapping on top of the verticals to form a ladder grid up the roof. The roof panels were fastened down to the ladder “rungs” every two feet. This grid system not only allowed for ventilation and secondary drainage for the roof, it also made a great place to stand and climb while putting the panels in place.

We ran into an interesting challenge in fitting the panels: the rafters were not straight, and the rigid panels could not flex enough to lay flat against them. So, we shimmed! The grid system also made the shimming at each intersection relatively straightforward. The cause of the problem was the original stable timber frame design combined with 150 years of snow loads. The roof loads pressed the rafters down and forced the sidewalls outward. The result was that the rafter centers came downward and the rafter ends went outward, making banana-shaped rafters that curved over 2” out of straight. Fair or not, curves aren’t usually as appreciated in carpentry as in boatbuilding. To look at the roof completed, though, one wouldn’t guess at the interesting shapes that lie beneath.

Now that we have one more building that we don’t have to worry about for another generation or two, we are turning our attention toward the other buildings on campus. The Barn Chapel got some help from this past summer’s Basking Ridge youth workcamp crew, which tore off an old shed roof that had been attached to its back side, and which had been causing water damage to the wall. Our apprentices have nearly finished shingling the wall that used to be sheltered below that roof. The wood that used to be stored there has been moved into the basement of the Barn Chapel, where our storage racks have been rebuilt to accommodate a great deal more wood. The original Boat Shop barn is high on our list of future projects. With help from our community, we are confident that we can keep our buildings strong and water-tight for another century. If you have any interest in helping to fund future building restoration projects on our campus, our Facilities Committee would love to hear from you!

-Sarah Highland, Instructor
Harry Warren, one of the founding members of our Boat Shop Board of Directors, died peacefully at his home in Brunswick, ME on August 20, 2016 at the age of 85. Most of Harry's career was spent at Bowdoin College where he met and became a life-long mentor and friend to Bobby Ives, co-founder of The Carpenter's Boat Shop.

Being a bit lighter than life, Harry was a man of good humor, gentle encouragement and invaluable wisdom. During Bobby's eulogy at Harry's Memorial Service in September, Bobby reminisced about the time that he had considered dropping out of school. It was during a volatile time in our nation's history, and Bobby thought he could make more of a difference outside of college than he could being stuck in classes everyday. Thankfully, Harry convinced Bobby to stay the course. Who knows if Bobby would have gone on to found the Boat Shop if he had not completed his degree at Bowdoin. For that, we say, Thank You, Harry!

It was the desire of Harry and his beloved wife Judy that all memorial gifts on his behalf go to benefit The Carpenter's Boat Shop. To date, his final act of generosity has surpassed the Boat Shop's endowment.

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Thank you for a lifetime of dedication and support!

Harry Warren

Goodbye Fritz
You lived life to its fullest!

In an utterly tragic event on August 12, 2016, Fritz Musser, Apprentice Class of 2007-08, was killed in the mountain region of Tusheti, outside of the country of Georgia's capital, Tbilisi. Fritz was only 41 years old. He was hiking from the Caucasian Sea to the Black Sea along the Caucasus Mountains.

We held a Memorial Service for Fritz here at the Boat Shop over Labor Day weekend. It was well-attended by former apprentices, family and friends coming from near and far (the farthest came from Afghanistan) to share their stories, shed tears and celebrate the incredible life of Fritz.

One of Fritz's friends compiled a very incomplete list of Fritz's many life adventures: traveled by camel across the Sahara with a salt caravan, assisted with a documentary film about five visually-impaired triathletes (his sister was one), participated in the Korean Friendship Association's March for Peace and Reunification in North Korea, traveled by motorcycle through the Balkans and Moldova, lived with a group of nomadic reindeer herders in the Russian Arctic and traveled by sled, rode the Trans-Manchurian railroad from Moscow to Beijing and returned via the Trans-Mongolian railroad, canceled for 40 days down the Missouri River with a friend. Truly amazing.

Fritz visited the Boat Shop almost every year since his apprenticeship. He loved to share stories of his adventures with the current apprentices, hoping that he might inspire them to go out and follow their dreams just as he had.

Fritz actually inspired many, many people in his life. He unknowingly described one of his final acts of inspiration on his Facebook page just 10 days before his death:

For this Georgian segment, I designed and commissioned a Free Hugs button (well, it actually says “Free Hug”) that I have offered to one of the stops of my pack. I had wanted to do the same for Azerbaijan, but was advised it would not be well received. I still wish I had, if nothing else to be a conservation started. I’ve worn the button for the past few days and am yet to get a reaction or response. I’ll keep you posted on how it goes.

After his death, Fritz's friends commissioned a new pin that replicates the one that Fritz wore, but they added "In Memory of Fritz W. Musser" and the hash tag #FritzInspires. These pins have been shared all around the world: at all of the memorials remembering Fritz over the last few months.

As a final note of inspiration, Fritz's family and loved ones including his beloved fellow apprentice and partner, Rebekah Friesen ’08, have approached Fritz's murderer and his family with only a spirit of peace, understanding and reconciliation, in the way that they know Fritz would have wanted. The true essence of Fritz shines through in this excerpt from a “Statement of Hope from Fritz's family upon the conclusion of his murder trial in Georgia:"

We take some solace in knowing he died while living on an 11-year old dream to hike the Caucasian Mountain from the Caucasian Sea to the Black Sea.

While Fritz was walking this portion of his hike across the Caucasian without a physical companion, he was never alone. He was constantly making new friends and staying connected to old, like he had in his other adventures across over 60 countries on five continents. He derived great joy from building connections with people of all backgrounds, learning from others, and experiencing life with them. The power of those connections has shown in the wake of his death when memorials were held, candles lit and tours continue to be shed in many countries around the world.

Fritz believed in the value of each human life, the inherent goodness of humanity and that each person has the potential to change the world for the better. He was deeply interested in creating bridges of understanding, and the ones he built continue to thrive and grow in the wake of his death.

With Fritz always in our hearts and minds, it is our deepest hope to honor his beliefs and his commitment to the ideas of restorative justice as we heal from the horrible circumstances of his death. It is our wish, now that a verdict is decided and a sentence given, that the man convicted be given the opportunities Fritz wished to create for others: the necessary help to make long lasting personal changes that are life-affirming personally, familiarly, and globally. It is our hope that the family of the convicted not carry the burden of this missed, and that they will continue to have meaningful opportunities to share time with their loved one.

As Fritz's family, we want to move forward with peace, understanding and hope; we believe strongly in the indomitable human spirit and the power we each have to create a more just, living, and hopeful world. We hope that the journey we now share with his family will contribute to this vision.

For the full statement, see http://georgiatoday.ge/news/5339/

Goodbye Fritz
You lived life to its fullest!
For Sale

**New Boats**
(in stock or for order built by Spring 2017)

- 13’ Catspaw Dinghy, sailing model—$10,000 (by order only)
- 13’ Catspaw Dinghy, rowing model—$6,500 (by order only)
- Monhegan Skiffs 9 ½’ and 11’, plywood-sided and cedar lapstrake—$1800-$2,100 (in stock and by order)
- 17’ Atkinson Traveler (Rollin Thurlow design) Canoe, green, canvas over cedar—$3,500

**Used and Donated Boats**

- 13’ Catspaw Dinghy, sailing model, fully varnished, includes sail and oars, built by the Boat Shop in the early 90s—$9,000
- Pearson 39 (1973) fiberglass sloop—$30,000 (price reduced!)
- 21’ Boothbay Harbor One Design Sloop, wooden—$10,000
- Blue Jay sailboat, wooden with fiberglass—$600
- Thompson Skiff w/trailer—$900
- 18’ North Bay Kayak by Chesapeake Light Craft—$500
- 17’ Wherry, wooden, rowing—$495
- 10 ’9” Dinghy, wooden lapstrake, rowing, $400

**Furniture**

- Adirondack Chairs, cedar—$195 (no finish)
- Double Adirondack Chairs—$380 (no finish)
- Child-size Adirondack Chairs—$95 (no finish)

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In Person:

- **Tea Time**
  Enjoy a cup of tea and goodies. 10:00 AM weekdays when we are in session and all summer long.

- **Show Room**
  Need a boat or Adirondack chairs? We display these in our showroom. We also have a variety of used boats for sale. Let us know what you need!

- **Summer Classes**
  Would you like to build a boat? Make a table? Spend time in Maine! Sign up for a summer class.

For a Marvelous Adventure on the Schooner Mary Day

In late September, our entire crew was offered the treat of a lifetime. The very generous Captains Barry King and Jen Martin of the Schooner Mary Day invited us all aboard for a 4-day sailing trip. The Mary Day is part of the Windjammer fleet that sails out of Camden, Maine offering 3,4 and 7-day trips along the Maine coast and local islands from May until October. What an incredible opportunity it was for us all as we spent 3 ½ days under sail in glorious fall conditions of clear and crisp days with plenty of wind! Each night we anchored in a different harbor with an opportunity for onshore walks to stretch our legs. Besides the first evening’s all-you-can-eat lobster bake on an island beach, the highlight of the trip included a visit to Isle au Haut that includes a little known portion of Acadia National Park that is typically only accessible via ferry. The Mary Day crew welcomed our apprentices with open arms inviting them to participate in all of the onboard duties including raising sails, hauling anchor and preparing delicious meals in the galley. Captain Barry also spent time teaching chart reading skills and an introduction to navigation. As our apprentices learn to sail in our small boats during the fall, the chance to experience sailing on a tall ship was priceless. In gratitude upon our return to Camden, the Boat Shop crew helped to clean, strip beds, etc. to prepare the boat for its next cruise the following day.

We cannot thank the Mary Day crew, Barry and Jen for their incredible hospitality and generous gift to the Boat Shop community. If you are interested in a unique and deeply relaxing get-away this next summer, please do consider taking a cruise on the Schooner Mary Day. www.schoonermaryday.com

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Wishlist

For the Campus, Library, and Kitchen…

- Gas Gift Cards (Shell, Irving, Sunoco, Mobil)—variable
- Shovels (digging) (4) — $25 each
- Rechargeable flashlights (4) — $80 each
- Water hog type interior doormats, four 3’x4’ mats and one 4x6’ — $75-$150
- Hoover upright bagless vacuum — $100
- Stainless behind-the-oven wall guard — $300
- Glass door reach-in refrigerator — $1800
- KitchenAid or other six burner, dual oven stove — $3,000
- Staff development — $5000
- Metal roofing for campus roofs — $5000

For the Work Shops, Sailing Program, and Library…

- LED shop light bulbs (need approx. 100) — $18 each
- Solar panels for boats (4) — $50 each
- Makita Circular Saw, Model 5007 — $120
- Makita Lithium Ion 18V Battery — $80
- Chainsaw chaps — $90
- Chainsaw safety helmet — $45
- Woodenboat magazine on thumb drive — $155
- Woodsbarrow (Zach Davis-designed wheel barrow) — $175
- Makita router 2 1/4 hp. — $200
- 3-ton Floor Jack — $250
- DeWalt thickness planer — $600
- TotalBoat JD Boat Lift System — $900
- Restoration air compressor — $1200
- SawStop Table Saw — $2700

We also accept the donations of seaworthy small used wooden boats that we will re-sell in support of our apprenticeship program.