

## Winter Warm-ups Programs Begin for Sunrise



When the SSC semester programs are finished, the Special Programs Committee fills in the time between semesters with their winter and summer programs. All are free to the membership, and this winter, all four programs will be open to the public.

Our first offering takes place on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, as the Machiasport Historical Society invites SSC members and the public to their open house celebration for the holiday season. Dressed in period costumes, our hosts will greet us, take us on tours of the building, as the elves (girl scouts) place luscious cookies and cakes on conspicuous tables, and offer cups of hot mulled cider and tea. And guests gather around the old organ to sing Christmas carols. This is an annual event, and is a wonderful way to begin the holiday season!

To kick off the New Year 2014, the program on January 11<sup>th</sup> will focus on “Making a Difference: Giving Back to Your Community”. Patricia Foden will talk about the ENCorps Leadership Corps, a program of the University of Maine Center on Aging, in partnership with Maine Community Foundation. She will point out opportunities for volunteering, and will describe activities that can improve the quality of life for residents of our communities. Jackie Lowe, SSC member, will talk about her involvement in the area Literacy Program, and Wendy Harrington, Administrator of the Maine Seacoast Mission will discuss her

involvement in “Neighbors Care,” a volunteer organization that works on “making a difference” in her community.

Tim Caverly, past supervisor of the Maine Waterways, and author of several books, including “The Allagash Haunting Trilogy,” will speak to our group on January 25<sup>th</sup>, on the topic, “Allagash Tails and Tales.” We will learn things like: How to milk a moose and how to be a part of a UFO abduction on the Allagash Waterway! (I wonder what other surprises he will have to disclose!) After his presentation, he will offer his books for sale and do a book signing. I hope he doesn’t run out of the Allagash Trilogy before I purchase my copy! I am sure the stories will be “must haves!”

And, finally, Betty Duzen will again thrill us with another impression of a US President’s wife, as she does every year, during Presidents Day weekend, on February 16th. This year she will impersonate Bess Truman, wife of “Give ‘Em Hell,” Harry S. Truman. I hope she will tell us what it must have been like during the height of World War II, living in the Truman White House.

This winter, we are focusing on books, as our theme. During Patricia Foden’s program, we are asking members to donate a children’s or young adult’s book for the volunteer literacy program. We will have Tim Caverly’s books available for sale and signing, after his presentation. And after Betty Duzen’s impression of Bess, we plan to have a “Buck A Book” sale. We will ask members to bring books to sell, and in turn buy a few to replace what they are selling. This will be a fund raiser for our SSC scholarship fund.

We are looking forward to a very interesting season!