




The Eastport Arts Center Spring Newsletter

Notes from the Executive Director

Shelby E.H. Greene



Thank you for being a supporter, volunteer and Arts Center enthusiast! We have traveled far as an arts organization and are glad to have you by our side. In 2009, because of your support, we reached the C.F. Adams Charitable Trust challenge by raising \$15,000 in new and increased donations before the end of the year. This allowed us to receive a \$25,000 grant. Reaching this goal, along with using the Arts Center for over 90 events and over 2,000 hours in 2009 has excited us about the possibilities for 2010.

This year will be marked with new challenges and we hope that you will continue to support us by donating, volunteering, and participating in events. With the economy as it is, large grants will be hard to come by and we will be asking donors to reach even further into their pockets to support the arts in Washington County. To make donating to the Arts Center easier, we have added a donation link to our website: www.eastportartscenter.com/donate/. We hope that this will allow us to broaden our donor base and expand the reach of the Arts Center.

Now in my third year at the Eastport Arts Center, I have had the pleasure of watching creativity come alive on stage and canvas, through vocal and instrumental music both with young and old as a muse. I have also experienced how the community supports the endeavors of the Arts Center and the arts around Washington County. It is truly a wonderful experience and I am pleased to play my part. The history of Eastport and the arts are tightly intertwined and have withstood the test of time. This year, two Arts Center constituent programs, the Eastport Gallery and Stage East are celebrating anniversary years (25th and 20th respectively). This is a wonderful accomplishment for both programs and we are all excited to celebrate this remarkable year with them.

This winter, with the success of our summer and fall programming along with working on the

handicapped accessibility project, the Arts Center decided to stay open, which gave the community a chance to experience the arts during the long snowy months. Our events have been met with wonderful enthusiasm with the introduction our new Saturday Word of Mouth Coffeehouse, organized by Eastport youth, and the expanded Sunday Afternoon at the Arts Center Series. We hope that the enthusiasm that has been built over these past few months carries through into the summer season, where we have many entertaining and varied events and programming lined up, including the Rite of Spring Festival (see page 4 for details) at the end of May, art exhibits at the Arts Center's 36 Washington Street building, four Stage East productions, a multitude of summer concerts in jazz, classical and bluegrass and RED MOLLY, a trio that will perform Americana and bluegrass on September 4th, along with Paint Eastport Day, which also marks Salmon Festival Weekend.

I would also like to welcome and introduce seven new members of the Eastport Arts Center Board. From Machias to Calais, these new members represent all aspects of the communities we serve. We would like to welcome, Robert Arsenault (Eastport), Katherine Cassidy (Machias), Beth Seilonen (Calais), Linda Milenkovic (Eastport), Michael Brown (Robbinston), Jim Poffley (Eastport) and Marilyn Conti Mills (Eastport). We would also like to welcome two ex officio members to the Board, Sam Schuth (Eastport) and Tom Rostas (Eastport). We would like to thank all past board members who contributed both time and effort to the success of 2009.

Along with recruiting new Board members, we have completed the first part of our handicapped accessibility project. We have fully installed a handicapped lift to the Arts Center's second floor performance space. We will have a special event later in the springtime to celebrate this addition, along with the unveiling of our handicapped ramp, which will be completed by the end of April.

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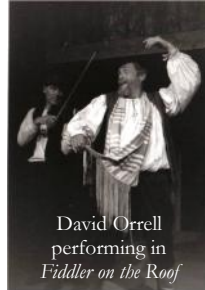
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Stage East 20th Anniversary*Notes from president Dr. Michael Brown*

Stage East celebrates its 20th anniversary

this year with a monthly series of programs organized by Michaelynne Cecire and our archivist Caitlyn Stellrecht, who is managing the extant paperwork, photos and posters from past seasons. The January program featured Joyce Weber who was here when the Cornerstone Theater Company came to town and created a local version of Pier Gynt, out of which Stage East was born. February's program was a staged reading of Joe DiPietro's *Over the River and Through the Woods*. March saw a forum on di-



David Orrell
performing in
Fiddler on the Roof

recting. March 26 and 27 we host the St. Croix Theatre Company's *Come Back to the 5 & Dime*, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean by Ed Graczyk at the Arts Center. Running from April 30th to May 9th, we will present *Greater Tuna* by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard. With a cast of 20, this play is renowned for its satire of small town life. In August, Will Bradbury will direct *The Late Christopher Bean*, an art-scum comedy by Sidney Howard. A murder mystery is scheduled for fall, and a New Year's Eve program will end the year.

On August 21, Stage East will hold an anniversary party with founders, early players, and community members. For more information visit www.eastportartscenter.com/stageeast/.

Art Classes for Shead High School Students*At the Eastport Arts Center*

On March 15th, students from Shead High School began a trimester long art class taught by local artists at the Eastport Arts Center. Students will learn about the arts through drawing, painting, collage and sculpture. This collaboration between Shead High School and the Eastport Arts Center arose from funds made available by local donors, Sunspot and JOY JMG United Fund. The funds will be used to purchase arts supplies, operate the program and pay the instructors. The ultimate goal of this class will be to introduce art

into the lives of interested students and creation of an art portfolio. Upon completion of the class, the students will receive 1 credit towards their graduation from high school. Based on this initial program, we hope to resume the program in the fall. This is a wonderful step for Shead High School which has been without an arts program since 2007. We hope, along with many artists in the area, to reintroduce the arts into the lives of local students and inspire them to continue their education in the arts through art school or apprenticeships.

Eastport Gallery Celebrates 25 Years*Gallery Reunion Show*

The Eastport Gallery is launching its 2010 season with an exciting "25th Anniversary Show", June 12th-July 5th, for which it is soliciting work from all of the artists who have ever showed at the Gallery. The Gallery was organized in 1985 and through the years, including the current membership of 27 members, there have been some 70 artists represented by this artists' non-profit cooperative. The Anniversary Show will be celebrating all of these artists and the contributions they have made to the artistic and cultural life of Eastport

and surrounding communities.

Throughout the remainder of the summer season, the Gallery will be mounting the works of its present membership, including four theme shows, each of which will be accompanied by one of the Gallery's short but popular "Gallery Talks". In addition, seven of the members will be having one-person shows, and the much anticipated annual "Paint Eastport Day Auction and Reception" in September, will round out a memorable 25th year.

Grantors from 2009

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Upcoming Events at the Eastport Arts Center March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 buying club 2-4pm PBSO 6-10pm	5	6
7 Stage East 3pm Film 7pm	8	9yoga 4pm 5:15pm	10	11buying club 2-4pm PBSO 6-10pm	12	13Estrings 8-1pm Inter'l Dinner 6pm
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April 2010

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International Dinner a Success!

A delicious end to winter



The Kitchen Crew at the International Dinner 2010.
Photo taken by Francis Schuth

The Eastport Arts Center held its annual International Dinner on March 13 this year, raising \$816 for ongoing renovation work at our facility. The crowd of 60 aficionados of fine dining was gratified by the extensive buffet of international cuisine. There were dishes from France, England, Italy, India, Ghana, Germany and Mexico, and to mark the end of fall. We hope that you can join us in the fall!

jolly conversation, and excellent music furnished by the Pieces of String ensemble. The International Dinner, now a much-anticipated event in Eastport's calendar, marks the end of our long winter, celebrating community and good food. The Arts Center is planning a Harvest Dinner in October to highlight the bountiful crops from our local farms and orchards, and to mark the end of fall. We hope that you can join us in the fall!

Rite of Spring Festival

A week of Events at the Arts Center



Make plenty of space on your calendar for the 1st annual Rite of Spring Festival at the Eastport Arts Center, May 27-31, Memorial Day weekend. These festivities will include music, cabaret, a juried visual art exhibition, lectures, film and flower arranging workshops.

- Performances by Eastport Strings and their special guests from the New England Conservatory of Music .
- A flower arranging workshop with Hilda Lewis of Lewis Flowers, Eastport.
- An artists' cabaret celebrating the essence of the early 1900's with live entertainment, good food, and plenty of laughs.



Among the many shows available that weekend are:

- A complete musical performance of Igor Stravinsky's earth-shaking ballet: The Rite of Spring, played on the Arts Center's two (count 'em) massive grand pianos.
- An evening of Passamaquoddy stories and music
- Illustrated lectures and films detailing the riotous premiere of that work in Paris in 1913
- A juried show of visual art based on Spring themes.

This 5 day celebration of Spring should not be missed! Please call the Arts Center box office for more information or to inquire about other events: 853-4650

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with the Rite of Spring Festival (and every other aspect of the Arts Center's operation).

Needs include: *ticket-takers, greeters, hosts, reception help, cooks and bakers, stage hands, actors, performers and publicity. Please call 853-4650 to sign up!*

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Our mission is "to stimulate and nurture an appreciation of the visual and performing arts and the creative process, and to provide a home and an environment within the community"



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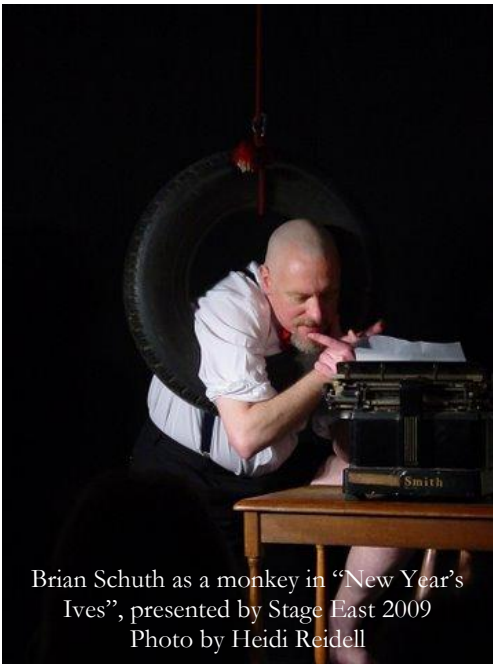
International Dinner 2010
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Pieces of Strings, Francis Schuth, Rosa Bragdon and Sam Schuth along with Reuben Grannis & Dalton Young at International Dinner
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Eastport Strings Children look at the Christmas Tree 2009
Photo by Heidi Reidell



Brian Schuth as a monkey in "New Year's Ives", presented by Stage East 2009
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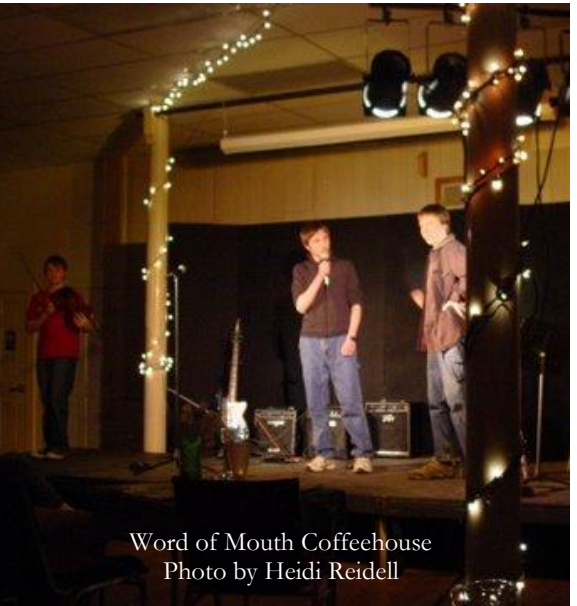
Lou Esposito, director of *Doubt*, presented by Stage East, Fall 2009



Word of Mouth Coffeehouse
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Staged Reading, *Over the River and Through the Woods* (by Joe DiPietro) part of Stage East's 20th Anniversary, Photo by Heidi Reidell



Word of Mouth Coffeehouse
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Holiday Market 2009
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Eastport Strings "Fiddleheads"
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Doubt (by John Patrick Shanley)
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Moose Island Follies, Pieces of String
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