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On the cover: Terry Tian '13 spent his two week Independent Study learning principles of architecture with local architect Matt Elliott of Elliott & Elliott, Blue Hill. Here Terry shows his project to Head of School Paul Perkinson as Matt Elliott looks on. *Photo by Polly Monroe, Dean of International Relations.*

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Learning to Be Our Best Selves, Singly and Together



On March 6 we welcomed 80 8th-graders to Step Up Day: a day for them to visit the school they will be attending in just a few months. I spoke to these young students right after a superb performance by one of Mr. Orlofsky's jazz combos.

I can think of no better metaphor to explain what we're trying to do here at GSA than to consider why this jazz combo played so well this morning.

Nine musicians playing nine different instruments make up this combo. At different times, each of the nine musicians played a solo, demonstrating great skill and intuition resulting from practice and talent.

At other times, all nine musicians played together. Together, they needed to hit exact notes at exact times. They played, not as nine individuals, but as a single group.

Your experience at GSA will be like this. Each of you will have opportunities to become very accomplished in whatever you are passionate about — whether it's chemistry or writing poetry or welding or painting. We will help you find and pursue your individual interests while you are here.

At the same time, you will learn to work together, to blend your interests and efforts and ambitions with the group. You'll work together as lab partners, or performing in a play, or collecting food donations with other students in your advisory, or discussing a book with classmates to find an interpretation that works.

These are two very different and profoundly important ways of engaging your high school experience: learning to be the best self you can be as an individual, and learning to collaborate and work together with others. Both ways are difficult to master and both will be foundational skills for everything you choose to do after you graduate.

Paul B. Perkinson



THE EAGLE'S EYE

GSA's 2013 Science Bowl Team attended the 13th Annual Regional Competition at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham on March 2. This is the second year we have participated, thanks to generous support from the Bary Lyon Small Fund of the Maine Community Foundation. Captain **William Navarre '13** and teammates **Justin Willis '14**, **Ethan Lowe '16**, and **Harrison Blake '16**, were supported by **Caroline Bull '15**, **Philomena Mattes '16**, and Coach **Jackie Vachon**. Seventeen schools statewide participated. During the final rounds, we competed for third place overall against Waynflete Academy; the battle ended with Waynflete coming in 3rd (38) and GSA 4th (30).



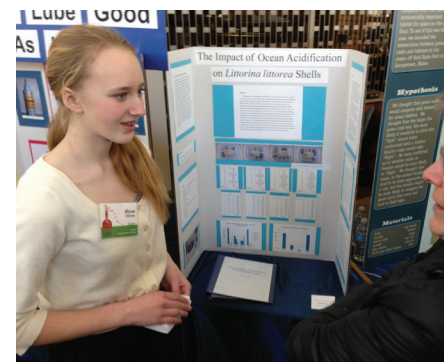
On March 7, GSA hosted its first Community Service Fair. Organized by Dean of Students **Libby Rosemeier '77**, twelve peninsula organizations set up booths explaining the services they provide in the community, and offering information to students about ways they can volunteer to help. Introducing the Fair were GSA Head of School Paul Perkinson and Rob McCall of the Congregational Church. One hundred and fifty students attended the event, signing up to do community service work for the Bagaduce Music Lending Library, Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, Blue Hill Public Library, Blue Hill Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Friendship Cottage, Marine Environmental Research Institute (MERI), Simmering Pot, Tree of Life, The Turnstyle, WERU, Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, and Blue Hill Heritage Trust [pictured].



At an All-School Assembly March 13, GSA Board President **Marion Morris** and Vice-President **Rob Clapp '73** recognized the thirty-five year careers of two GSA teachers: **Katherine Greene** (Art) and **Lou Graceffa** (English). After noting some of the remarkable accomplishments of Katie and Lou, and thanking them for their unstinting devotion and contributions to the life of GSA, Rob and Marion presented each teacher with an original print by GSA senior **Shannon Larkin**.



On March 23, GSA freshmen honors students competed against 200 other freshmen and upperclassmen from top schools in the state at the Maine State Science Fair at Jackson Laboratory. Research projects were impressive and covered a wide range of topics. **Hanna Gutow** received an award from the US Navy for her study of the effects of tidal cycles on microplastic density. **Mikhail Maksimov** received an award from the US Army for his wind blade engineering project. **Alyssa Chesney** [pictured] received the Association for Women Geoscientists Award for her research on the effects of ocean acidification on common periwinkles. Hanna took third place in her category, Energy, Transportation and Environmental Science. The following Thursday, these students and others from **Carol Bennatti's** class presented their work in the GSA Library to parents, trustees, faculty, and staff.



Our wrestlers pulled off a superb season this year. Senior **Jordan Lord** placed 1st in the PVC (Penobscot Valley Conference) tournament, winning the 138-pound class PVC Class C title and the coaches' MVP award for top wrestler of the conference. Jordan then went on to place 1st at Regionals, and 2nd in the Class C States. Jordan graduates with a phenomenal 145 career wins. His teammate **Alex Turanski**, also a senior, earned his 100th win this season as well. Said Coach **Jerome Lawther**, "These two outstanding athletes have set records that will be very difficult to match, much less surpass!"





For their Independent Study project, seniors **Sarah Clifford**, **Ashley Miles**, and **Katy Gray** worked with **Chef Frank Bianco** in the kitchen, learning to develop menus, compute costs, purchase products, and, of course, prepare delicious meals. The girls worked thirty hours each week, and learned to prepare squash soup, chicken stew, vegetable salads, lasagnes, grilled fish, desserts and more. "It's been a great experience, not only for them but for us," said Chef Bianco. "We're going to miss them!"



On March 6 and 7, Drama Club students under the direction of **Moira McMahon** produced Seamus Heaney's one-act play, *The Burial at Thebes*, for the Maine Drama Festival. Performing were: **Nolan Ellsworth** '13 as Creon, **Lorna Stephens** '13 as Antigone, **Mackenzie Tefft** '13 as Ismene, **Chelsey Staples** '13 as Athena and second Messenger, **Jordon Soper** '15 as Tiresias, **Clover Slagle** '14 as the Messenger, **Alex Szwez** '13 as Haemon, **Anna Ludlow** '15 as Aphrodite and Eurydice, **Alex Heilner** '14 as Apollo, **Fionnbharr McMahon-Allwine** '14 as Dionysius, **Nick Szwez** '16 as Zeus, **Leif Lyon-Miller** '16 as the Boy, and **Willem Hilliard** '15, **Jacob Witting** '16, **Adam Witham** '15, and **Stephen Salois** '13 as Guards. **Corey Gray** '15, **Caroline Bull** '15, **Aiden Ford** '13, **Abigail Jakub** '16, **Amber Wiesing** '14, and **Charcy Ye** '15 performed as the Chorus. **Aiden Ford** was Stage Manager and **Keenan Hilsinger** '14 built the set and designed the lighting. **Beowulf Urban** '16, **Olivia Henriques** '14, **Brionna Blodgett** '14, and **Jasper Benson-Sulzer** '15 were part of the production staff. GSA placed second among Class B schools.



On February 4, thanks to the generous support of Downeast Audubon Society, Keith Crowley, Program Director for the Traveling Natural History Programs of the Chewonki Foundation in Wiscasset, spent a day with GSA science students. Keith gave a presentation about animal survival strategies and the environment, and brought along a few live examples: an Eastern screech owl, a little brown bat, and a baby alligator, as well as animal hides, feathers, and skeletons.



In January, teacher **Alden Colby** gave a heat pump to George Stevens Academy, to be used in the Industrial Technology classroom. Students spent a semester studying heat pump technology and learning about refrigeration, vacuums, insulation, fans, electricity, and metal fabrication. The class then made the hood necessary to shelter the heat pump, and drilled through a 10-inch concrete wall to permit the pipes and wires to connect the interior heating unit to the heat exchanger. A representative from Andy's Refrigeration of Franklin spoke to Mr. Colby's class (left) before turning on the new unit. Assistant Head of School **Buzz Moore** notes, "Teachers give so much to their students every day—knowledge, dedication, enthusiasm. And sometimes they go above and beyond, as has Alden Colby by a generous gift that provided a semester-long 'teachable moment'!"

Independent Study : Alumni as Mentors

Twelve GSA alumni volunteered this year as Independent Study and Internship Program (ISIP) mentors. During a two-week period, they guided students' work on self-designed projects in fields as diverse as theatrical singing, teaching, car repair, legal work, video game programming, banking, construction, marketing, and studio recording.

We surveyed our alumni mentors to hear their perspectives on this long-standing GSA program. Excerpts from their responses are featured below.

Alex explored various departments of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust under the guidance of Margie, Assistant Vice President of Product Development and former Blue Hill branch manager.

Margie's ISIP: "I studied with a retired research scientist in Penobscot my junior year and did a research paper on 'Nuclear Magnetic Resonance.'"

Margie Austin Gray '81 Alexander Heilner '14

About ISIP: "ISIP is an amazing and unique opportunity for students to get out into the world and really dig into a subject. It's great to have a fantastic time doing something you enjoy, but even more valuable to try something and realize it's *not* what you had thought—lessons learned without wasting time or money."



Sally exposed Mary to a range of experiences in the legal world, from court cases to a law class at Husson University to tours of law firms in Maine.

Sally's ISIP: "I didn't do an ISIP, but I've enjoyed serving as an ISIP mentor in recent years. I've had wonderful students, and it's been a pleasure get-

ting to know them and reconnecting with GSA."

About ISIP: "ISIP is great for students because it gives them a preview of what life is really like. It's also great because it integrates GSA into the community."



Sally Mills '85 Mary Ma '14

Adam DeLong '10 Edward Lameyer '14 & Amy Bolton '14

Edward and Amy rehearsed their original arrangements of songs and produced a set of studio recordings with Adam, who is pursuing a B.S. in Communications with a concentration in Audio Engineering at the New England School of Communications.

Adam's ISIP: "For my ISIPs, I did variations of studio recording each time. I had a mentor to teach me the basics,

and by my senior year could do a full recording more or less by myself."

About ISIP: "I went to college for Audio Engineering in large part due to ISIP. Kids who take advantage of this opportunity for real-world experiences walk away with more knowledge than any amount of schooling can teach."



Weston Brownlow '77

Beck Brownlow '13

Beck worked with his dad, a former contractor, to prepare a building site for a small house he designed during his ISIP last year.

Weston's ISIP: "In 1976, I did a poetry compilation, writing a poem per day with Rob Marshall as my mentor and editor. In 1977, I mentored under Bill Raiten at the Surry Zendo—with Walter Nowick as my meditation instructor—and participated in all aspects of life and work

in that community, including logging and milling lumber, animal husbandry, and gardening. I recall the immersion fondly to this day."

About ISIP: "It gives students a chance to engage with life and follow an interest in a safe and structured environment, and can allow integration into a community that otherwise may be inaccessible to them as novices."

Cammie Fowler Lepper '95 &

Betsy Lepper Stevens '97

Victoria Woodward '13

Victoria spent one week each with Cammie (pictured left), a Pre-K and Kindergarten teacher at Brooksville Elementary School, and Betsy, a 6th through 8th grade special education teacher at Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School.

Cammie's ISIP: "I job-shadowed a teacher and a professional stock photographer. Both were great experiences for very different reasons."

Betsy's ISIP: "My senior year, I worked with Dwayne Carter '80 as a PE teacher. I went

to college for physical education teaching and taught PE for six years before becoming a special education teacher."

About ISIP: Cammie: "It reinforces communication and work skills, and helps students see beyond and outside of high school, which expands their thinking."

Betsy: "Students are exposed to professions they might not experience without ISIP, and they get a chance to 'test out' different jobs."

Dwayne Carter '80

Kiyoshi Kuniyoshi '13 & Bradley Gale '14

Kiyoshi and Brad worked alongside Dwayne in his job as an elementary school Physical Education teacher.

Dwayne's ISIP: "My junior year, I went to Rackliffe Pottery and learned the art of pottery making. I made many items that I still have to this day. My senior year, I worked with Katie Greene on a very large painting. I eventually majored in Industrial Arts Educa-

tion at USM with a focus on graphics and drafting and taught Industrial Arts for two years on Mount Desert Island."

About ISIP: "It helps students figure out which direction they want to go in—and in some cases where they do not want to go, which is invaluable. It also helps them appreciate what adults do and gives them a different perspective."



Sebastian Greene '04 Nolan Ellsworth '13 & Drew Cleveland '13

Nolan and Drew studied theatrical singing techniques with Sebastian, a graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and CAP21 Conservatory (Collaborative Arts Project 21).

Sebastian's ISIP: "My senior year, I focused on photography, which I was really into at the time. I went to New York City and took roll after roll of film, capturing the architecture, the people, the energy. I worked on composition and lighting, and took in the grand city I would be living in later that year."

About ISIP: "ISIP allows students the opportunity to work intensively at something that strongly interests them outside of the usual curriculum. Perhaps it's an area they will continue to study or eventually have a career in, or just something that has caught their attention at the time. In any case, it teaches them to work on their own and work with new people, and prepares them for what's coming after they leave GSA."



Cody Varnum '94 Jodi Murphy '14

Jodi spent two weeks with Cody at Blue Hill Garage learning to fix cars.

Cody's ISIP: "I did an independent study at Blue Hill Garage and got two jobs out of it: one at McVay's during high school and college, then the one I have now at Blue Hill Garage."

About ISIP: "It is a great program because students get a chance to actually try a profession and find out if they like it before going to school for it. When students work with me, they get to see that cars are a very complex machine, and electrical and computer skills are a must. Repairing today's cars you have to use your mind, not brawn."



More Alumni-Student Connections:

Jodi Pierce '94, who lives in California and has worked in marketing for over 12 years, served as a mentor to Brionna Blodgett '14. Brionna traveled to CA to learn about freelance marketing, running a business from home, advertising on the web, copywriting, and art directing. As part of her project, Brionna researched locally made and sustainable goods for an online collection.

Larry Gray '79, GSA's computer literacy and business education teacher, served as mentor to Devon Coleman '13. Devon worked on a video programming project that included learning Java and designing and animating models. Devon's goal was to revamp the combat system for the indie game Minecraft to develop the skill sets available to characters.

Kelly Wilson Allen '94, an autism consultant for grades K-12 in Topsham, mentored Maddie Gray '13. Maddie traveled to school with Kelly every day to work with children across the autism spectrum and to meet with their teachers.

Spring Annual Fund Appeal



April 2013

Dear Alumni, Parents, Grandparents, and Friends,

Thank you to all of you who have contributed already to GSA's Annual Fund this year, bringing us more than halfway to our \$225,000 goal. By giving to the Annual Fund, we are helping fulfill GSA's mission as an independent school serving a diverse community of students.

If you haven't yet participated in the Annual Fund, we encourage you to consider a gift before June 30. The state-set tuition GSA receives falls short of the school's operating budget by \$2,200 per student. By making up a portion of that gap, the Annual Fund helps sustain all of the exceptional opportunities GSA offers year after year.

The value of the "GSA difference" is embedded throughout students' experience, from small class sizes and alternative courses to a strong array of co-curricular sports, award-winning arts and music programs, and community mentorships like Independent Study that provide students with important real-world experiences.

To inspire greater participation, supporters of the school have offered special incentives that will increase the impact of alumni and parent gifts:

- For alumni, your participation *at any level* will help us build our percentage of alumni donors; if we reach 20%, a group of friends will donate \$20,000 to GSA. Please show your support with a gift to the Annual Fund!
- For parents, new or increased gifts will be matched up to \$10,000 starting in April as part of a new challenge! More details will be announced soon.

At any level, your gift and participation are deeply appreciated and are important investments in our school and our community. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Taylor
Trustee
Chair, Development Committee

Margie Austin Gray '81
Parent '00
Development Committee

Lisa Haugen
Parent '12, '14
Development Committee



ANNUAL FUND UPDATE as of March 31, 2013

Living Our Mission

ONE GIFT. EVERY YEAR. ANY AMOUNT



Our Goal: \$225,000

Current Total: \$117,185

Monthly totals are cumulative

\$ 2,931	July
\$ 6,495	August
\$ 17,485	September
\$ 22,657	October
\$ 35,191	November
\$ 100,965	December
\$ 106,185	January
\$ 112,790	February
\$ 117,185	March
\$	April
\$	May
\$	June

The 2012-2013 Annual Fund
closes on June 30, 2013

3 Ways to Contribute

BY MAIL

Use the enclosed envelope or send mail to
GSA Annual Fund,
23 Union Street,
Blue Hill, ME 04614

ONLINE

Make your gift through our secure site at
www.georgestevensacademy.org/onlinegift

CREDIT CARD BY PHONE

Call (207) 374-2800 and we'll process your
credit card gift by phone



GSA will receive a \$20,000 gift from a group of generous friends if 623 of 3,116 alumni make a contribution by June 30. With a gift at any level, each alum who participates will bring us closer to the possibility of this much-needed \$20,000 gift.

Visit www.georgestevensacademy.org/onlinegift or use the enclosed envelope to make a donation.

Rising to the Alumni Challenge: 20% Participation = \$20,000 for GSA

Many thanks if you are among the 158 alumni below who have made a contribution this fiscal year-to-date (July 1, 2012-April 1, 2013).

1934

Madeline Day Snow

1941

Rebecca Bowden Wanbaugh

1942

Wilbur McIntyre

1943

Janice Gillis Cleveland
Lucy Herrick Ledien

1947

Florence Pert Conley
Anne Partridge Kisburg

1948

Jean Howard McIntyre
Douglas Stover

1949

Percy Blaisdell
Ronald Candage

1950

Madeline Clement
Elaine Christy Wessel
Norris Wessel, Sr.

1951

Carroll Nevells

1953

Ferol Bisset Candage
Ron LeBourhis
Thomas Piper
Katherine Keefe Smith

1954

Paul Allen
Joyce Owen Hopkins

1955

Lois Allen Allen
Chandler Duffy
Kenneth Flannery
Patricia Hutchins Flannery

1956

Sylvia Keefe Duffy
Amy Ferguson Gray
Dale Gray

1957

Margaret Leach Austin

1958

Elaine Hatch Peebles

1959

Charles Ferden
Terrance Gray
G. Eckley Herrick
Stephen Michael Maresca
Gail Piper Ogilvie
Janice Woods Prior-Crofoot

1961

Willis Burton
Gerald Butler
Michael Slaven

1963

Peter Clapp
Sandra Grindle Clapp
Edie McVay King
Robert Phillips
Donald Wescott

1964

James B. Farr
Duane B. Gray†
Ruth Clapp Hutchins
Wayne Hutchins
Lawrence Vaughan

1965

Linda Gray Martin
Dennis Rackliffe
Dale Robertson
Annette Lutz Schoof
Nancy LymburnerStoller
David Stover

1966

Linda Gray Blake
Gloria Howard
Joanna Stover Raible
Margaret Dow Rackliffe
Jon Woodward

1967

Marguerite Hutchins Conary
Bruce Grindal
Linette Bridges Grindal

1969

Patricia Leach Astbury
Gerald Blodgett
Kathleen McClure

1970

Michael Astbury
Anne Bridges
Donald Condon
Freida Lowell Peasley

1971

Brenda Lowell Condon
Lionel Howard
Ray Merrill

1972

David Bridges
Joanne Barrett
Edward Turner

1973

Geoffrey Anthony
Patricia Astbury Clapp
Robert Clapp

1974

Marla Atherton
Donald Blodgett
Amy Bartlett Turner

1975

Bryan McVay

1976

Gale Brownlow Flax
Patricia Wardwell

1977

Weston Brownlow
Jennifer Durnbaugh Denlinger
Scott Gray
Maggie Garfield Overton
Teresa Slaven
Terrance Wessel

1979

Jeffrey Allen
Dana Leighton
Deborah Venno Ludlow
Tammy Burke Merisotis
Sharri Venno

1980

Dwayne Carter
David Gray
Vaughn Leach
George Mitsch

1981

Eric Anderson
Robert Baldwin
Trude Allen Beardsworth
Kyle Gray
Marjorie Austin Gray
Mark D. Gray
Ruth Allen Gray
Sally Rankin McVay

1982

Annie Allen
Allison Hill Charles
Leslie Clapp
Martha Garfield
Monica Wiesing Gray
Penny Ricker
Anne Schroth

1983

Leanne M. Bateman
Craig Berry

1984

Robert Curtis
Kristina Anderson Stephens

1985

Jacqueline Blodgett Curtis
Christy Johndrow Gontarz
Sara Billings Leighton
Troy Staples

1986

Toni Grindle Staples

1987

Darrell Gray
Darlene Gray Hatch
Christina Dyer Leaf
JoDee Lymburner
Carolyn Mills Seeganna

1988

Fred Cole
Stephen Peasley
Richard Seeger, III

1989

Jennifer Sittnick Pulvino
Anna Stookey

1990

Isla Dickerson Miller

1991

April Cote Chapman
Lydia Gray Garrant

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Larry Malm
Heather Snow

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Emily Lewandowski Hildebrand
James Hildebrand
James Inglis

2000

Christopher Gray
Justin Kaley
Charlene Spindler

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Debra Robertson

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Jacob Berkowitz
Sarah Clapp
Curtis Jaffray

2003

Mark Clapp
Nicholas Henry

2004

Owen Gilmore
Nikki Betts Jaffray
Cade Overton

2005

Jenny Berkowitz
Daniel Gommel
Tiffany Smith Henry

2006

Ross Bell

2007

Winslow Brokaw
Laura Driscoll Clapp
Julian Davis

2008

Laura Overton

2009

Grace Bell
Rosalind Brokaw
Kelly E. Cutler
Lilian Suber Thorpe

2010

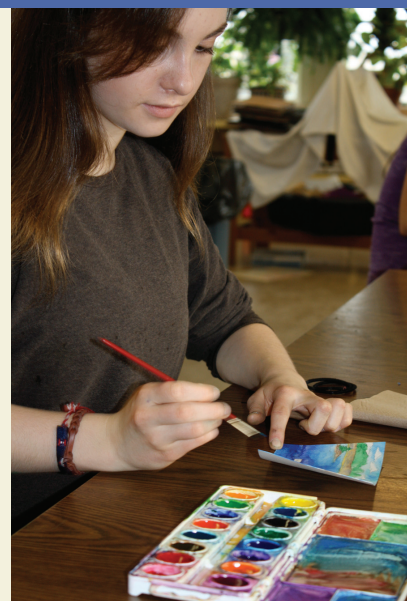
Vesta Davis

2011

Emmett Scott

2012

Adam Hatch
Amanda Moir



Correction and Apology

In the fall issue of *Currents - GSA News and 2012 Annual Report*, we incorrectly identified Elaine Snow Porter, Class of 1959, as deceased. Elaine is in fact very much alive. We regret any confusion this may have caused and extend our apologies to Elaine and her family.



HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2013

“Not Just for Alumni—It’s for
Everyone!”

SAVE THE DATE!

September 27 - 28 - 29

TENTATIVE EVENTS

Students Homecoming Dance

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Alumni Fine Art Show

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“Golden Eagles” Luncheon

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Campus Tours

•

Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer

•

Alumni Reception

•

Tradewinds

Great Pumpkinfest 4K Run

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**Duane B. Gray ’64
Memorial Golf Tournament at
Blue Hill Country Club**

Interested in volunteering?
Contact Jennifer Traub at
(207) 374-2800 or email
j.traub@georgestevens.info

DUANE B. GRAY ’64 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

(Raindate Sunday, October 6th)

- Morning Tournament: Coffee and pastries, 8:30 shotgun start, lunch at noon with awards following finish.
- Afternoon Tournament: Lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1:00 with hors d’oeuvres and awards following finish.
- Separate prizes for both Tournaments: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd net, 1st low gross, closest to pin, longest drive, hole-in-one, and many other prizes.
- Discount for GSA students and young alumni Classes of 2004-2013.

- ALUMNI FINE ART SHOW - CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Submit digital images of your work for
consideration:

- Pieces should be ready to hang (labeled on back with identifying information).
- No larger than 24” x 30” unless you will be delivering and picking up in person.
- 3-dimensional works of art in alternative mediums are welcome.
- No more than five pieces by the same artist
- No single piece valued above \$3,000.

**If you wish to offer your artwork for sale, we ask
that you donate 20% of the proceeds to
GSA’S Annual Fund.**

Submit up to five digital images for committee
consideration. Email or text to Lisa Haugen at
lhaugen@saltmeadowproperties.com or (207) 266-
5772.

Early submissions are encouraged.



Flash! In the Pans + GSA

Community Steel Band Performance Benefitting
George Stevens Academy & Flash In the Pans!

Memorial Day, May 27, 2013 - 7:30 to 9:00 PM

Blue Hill Town Park

(Rain location: GSA gymnasium)

Alumni Class Notes

Larry Merrill '62 reports that February 2013 marked his 20-year anniversary of paddling a kayak every



month in Maine. "The last month I didn't paddle a kayak in Maine was February 1993," he announces. "The waters are less crowded in December, January and February."

Melissa Brownlow '73 shares news of an exciting program she facilitates as a kindergarten teacher on Prince Edward Island. The program, called "Roots of Empathy," invites a family with a baby into the class

once per month to talk about caring and planning for the baby, babies' basic needs, and how babies communicate. Through these visits, children see the baby grow and have opportunities to identify with the family and explore emotions. "I love the program because it brings



together babies and families and the classroom, and helps children become aware of each others' feelings through understanding baby development," says Melissa.

Amy Dingey Woodard '76 writes, "I've retired after thirty-one years of working as an anesthetist at Cleveland, Ohio's trauma hospital, MetroHealth Medical Center. I've moved back to the area and now live on the Bagaduce River in Sedgwick with my menagerie of rescued friends...twelve cats, three dogs and nine fish."

Tammy Burke Merisotis '79 was recently awarded her third US Patent from the United States Patent & Trademark Office for her work in the field of Digital Medical Imaging with GE Healthcare. Tammy's post-GSA clinical career started in Radiology at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, and has taken her through many clinical and administrative roles in hospitals across the US. She has been employed by GE for the last ten years,

and currently is part of the consulting arm of GE, Performance Solutions, as the Intellectual Property Manager for Clinical Operations. "GSA was a great foundation for me. I started my interest in the medical field during Mr. Stanko's Advanced Biology class and through the Independent Study Program where I worked at Blue Hill Hospital for my junior and senior years," she writes. Tammy completed her Bachelor of Radiologic Sciences degree in April 2012 from Adventist University and resides in the Myrtle Beach, SC area with her husband and their two children.

Merton "Bill" Bunker '80 PE, CFEI continues to work as a fire protection engineer for the Department of State in Washington, DC. He writes, "We take care of fire protection systems at more than 275 overseas posts. I've been here for ten years, and have traveled to about sixty countries so far. It can be grueling on long flights overseas, but the work is very rewarding. As much as I travel, I miss being in Maine most of all, especially in the summer and fall. I was up in Maine last October for a week. It was wonderful to be home. We single-handedly contributed to a statewide lobster shortage!" Bill shares this family news: "My family is doing well. My wife, Joan, is still an engineer at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC. My daughter, Rebecca, is a junior at James Madison University, majoring in English Education. She hopes to complete her Master's degree in 2015. My son, Eric, is a freshman at the University of North Carolina majoring in Meteorology. He is enrolled in AFROTC, and is having a great freshman year. My brother (**Duane Bunker '83**) still lives in Gorham with his family, and mom and dad (Merton and **Priscilla Heath '60** Bunker, Sr.) are happily retired snow birds."

Rick Seeger '88 has moved to the Silicon Valley area and is currently working at a start-up in San Francisco. He informs us that he is "never leaving California," but recent Facebook activity (www.facebook.com/gsa88) suggests he might be persuaded to return for his 25th class reunion, which **Gary Milliken** is coordinating (see Reunions Coming Up, p. 15). Rick received a masters in Evolutionary Robotics from the University of Sussex in England in 2005. Before that, he attended Carnegie-Mellon University (along with fellow classmate **Mark Andy**) to study Computer Science, and lived in NYC for sixteen years, where he started the web design company Net Theory (<http://nettheory.com>).

Bill Moorehouse '93 has recently relocated with his wife and two daughters from New York City to Palo Alto, CA.

James and Emily Lewandowski Hildebrand '97 are excited to be back in Maine. James writes: "We're living in Orono, and I'm working as an Emergency physician at Eastern Maine Medical Center (EMMC). We had our second child, Katherine Hildebrand



(pictured), on December 7, 2012. Glad to be back close to home!"

After graduating from Cornell University in 2001, **Dr. Susan Rottmann '97** studied abroad in Germany and worked as an Americorps VISTA volunteer in Lewiston, Maine. In 2004, she began a PhD program in Cultural

Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In May 2012, she



completed her dissertation, *Ethical Horizons at "Home" for German-Turkish Return Migrants*. Shortly thereafter she married Ergun Bagci, an industrial engineer, at a ceremony in southern Turkey attended by many of their family and friends. They now live in Istanbul, where Susan teaches anthropology at Bosphorus University.

Luke and Chrissy Beardsley Allen '98 celebrated the birth of their second child, Corwin, in January 2012. Chrissy writes: "Corwin is now a very active and chatty one-year-old who searches out adventure (or, as we call it, trouble) with his soon-to-be three-year-old sister, Adie. We built our first house up on the pine & granite ledges of Luke's childhood stomping grounds in Blue Hill. We both made career moves this year: Chrissy is the Office Manager for Vacation Cottages in Blue Hill, and Luke is the Technology Coordinator for Union 93. Life is happy and busy!"

Travis Bannister '01 has been working with Enterprise Rent-A-Car for the last six years. He writes: "I have run several branches across the state of Maine and am currently the Manager of the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport Location, overseeing Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Alamo Car Rental, and National Rent-A-Car. We are always looking for new employees and provide a great internship for any college students looking for a unique

Business Management experience that can eventually turn into a lucrative career.”



He invites alums to contact him at Travis.R.Bannister@erac.com.

Marisol Trowbridge '01 is excited to share the launch of PUZZLE Apparel, a new venture that she says “finally brings me back in touch with my Maine roots.” PUZZLE is a fashion brand of Maine-made apparel that incorporates unique handcrafted elements from Maine artisans. Mari-



sol was recently a finalist in the Harvard Social Enterprise Conference “Pitch for Change” competition, and is currently a semi-finalist in the ongoing Dell Social Innovation Challenge, and Johns Hopkins University Business Plan Competition. Follow PUZZLE’s launch on www.puzzleapparel.com. Marisol invites Maine textile artists and craftspeople who would like to collaborate with PUZZLE to contact her at marisol-trowbridge@gmail.com. In May she will graduate from Johns Hopkins

School of Advanced International Studies (along with fellow GSA alum **Jake Berkowitz '02**) with a masters in International Development.

Meghann Shepard '03 is currently a stay-at-home mom with two children, ages seven and two-and-a-half. She is taking online classes toward a business degree.

Sam Guilford '05 is living in New Orleans and working with the St. Bernard Project (www.stbernardproject.org) as part of the Americorps service program. In his position as a site supervisor, Sam leads teams of volunteers in the rebuilding of damaged homes and communities.

Megan Staples '12 writes: “I am in school at the University of Maine at Farmington studying Community Health Education, and I absolutely love it! I’m almost finished with my first year, which I cannot believe. I’m applying to be a Community Assistant in my dorm (also known as an



RA). I’m currently doing my practicum, which I also love. For that, I am doing a wellness program for the faculty and staff here at UMF.”

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Interested in planning a reunion? We can help! Call or write Jen at [j.traub@georgestevens.info](mailto:j.traub@georgestevens.info) or (207) 374-2800.

## REUNIONS COMING UP

### 1967

The Class of 1967 will gather at Chris Piper Lamb’s home in Penobscot on Saturday, June 15 at 2:00 pm for a 46th class reunion. If you did not receive a personal invitation, it means we do not have your current address or phone number. We are currently looking for **Gerry Fowler, Ralph Staples, Deirdre Taylor, and Barbara Williams**. If you know their whereabouts, please contact us. Email or call **Chris Piper Lamb** at [mobilehome334@msn.com](mailto:mobilehome334@msn.com), (207) 539-4674 or (207) 890-4481 or Belinda Carter at [bjc@maine.rr.com](mailto:bjc@maine.rr.com), (207) 657-4475 or (207) 831-0056 for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!



### 1972, 1973, 1974

(Above) Class of '73 and '74 friends gathered at Marlintoni’s to plan a joint reunion. Clockwise from left: **Trisha Snow Splan '74, Sally Bridges (wife of Lenny Bridges '73), Diane Peasley Harmon '73, Sharon Astbury Grindle '73, Donna Wood '73, Joan Alley Wardwell '73, and Vernetta Ryan Bannister '73.**

A joint reunion for class years 1972, 1973, and 1974 is planned for Saturday, June 15 starting at noon at 718 Castine Road and continuing into the evening at Danny Murphy’s pub on the waterfront in Castine. For more information, contact 1973 Class Agent **Joan Alley Wardwell** at (207) 326-4198.

### 1988

The 25<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Class of 1988 is set for Saturday, August 17 at Barncastle Restaurant + Hotel in Blue Hill. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/gsa88](http://www.facebook.com/gsa88) or contact Gary Milliken at [mrdeejay04640@yahoo.com](mailto:mrdeejay04640@yahoo.com) or (207) 266-0742.



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**Tian (Daisy) Zhang '13 and Hungtung (Bean) Siu '13 host the South Korea booth at International Night on April 6.**