

Upcoming Programs

Eubalaena glacialis (The North Atlantic right whale): "Our Whale"
Mark Dittrick of Sierra Club and North Atlantic Right Whale BEACON
December 4, 2014 6:30 pm

Watch artist & biologist create wall mural during final First Friday Artwalk
Mark McCollough
December 5, 2014 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Feeding Strategies of Whales
Meriwether Gill
January 19, 2015 6:30 pm

Scrimshaw & Scrimshanders "How whalers spent their off hours."
Steve Shane
February 18, 2015 6:30 pm

Also, look for these programs (dates to be determined):

March

Film Series
Bones, baleen, & whale ecology

April

Allied Whale
Refuge Office Open House

May

New Artists at MCI Art Gallery

August

Summer Seabird Cruise
New Artists at MCI Art Gallery



The Alfred Godin bronze whale exhibit runs through summer 2015.



Friends of Maine's Seabird Islands

Wild islands for wildlife:
supporting seabirds and scientists.

Friends Bring Visitor Center to Life

The refuge has not yet received any federal funding for exhibits. All the progress on exhibits has come through the Friends via donations and grants.

Come see our progress!

Wall-sized Coastal Map



Thanks to the Quimby Foundation

The map wall has been installed and it is wonderful!

Refuge Overview Film



Thanks to National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and NLT Foundation

Watch the new refuge overview film next time you are at the visitor center.

Interpretive Panels



Thanks to Maine Community Foundation and John T Sage Foundation

Interpretive panels are going up throughout the exhibit area!

Photo Exhibit



The refuge story in pictures! The photo wall display is now installed.

Friends of Maine's Seabird Islands

Our mission is to support the Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge in its efforts to conserve, protect, and enhance the rich diversity of coastal habitats, seabirds, and other wildlife.



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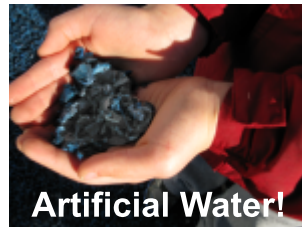
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Progress Continues...

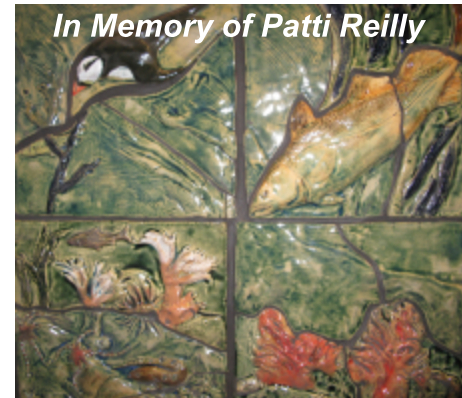
The "Inland Island" and Tile Wall slated for completion in the Winter of 2015.



Inland Island



Exhibit Hall Tile Wall & Mural



Activities at the Visitor Center

Maine Coastal Islands Art Gallery

We are open every first Friday from 5-8 p.m. from May through December. This past year, **225 people** visited our galleries.



Monthly Programs

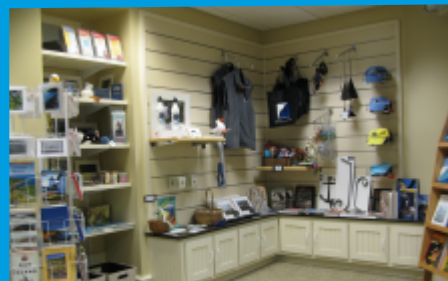


335 People participated in our first year of monthly programming!

Ways to Support FOMSI

- Become a Friend
- Buy Gifts at the Nature Store
- Volunteer Your Time
- Buy Art at the ME Coastal Islands Art Gallery
- Join our Summer Seabird Cruise
- GoodSearch instead of Googling
- Use Amazon Smile & GoodShop when Shopping Online

Need Holiday Shopping Ideas?



FOMSI members enjoy a 10% discount at our Nature Shop.

Books, gear, children's gifts, & more!

Friends Support 2014 Island Interns

Seabird Researchers:

One of the great things about the refuge's seabird restoration work is the field experience it provides for so many young scientists just starting their careers. Our summer island researchers come from all over.

In 2014, FOMSI was able to supplement the allowable volunteer stipends to help the refuge get two well-qualified volunteers who otherwise could not have afforded to work with them.



Check out their blog. Go to:
www.maine.coastal.islands.wordpress.com!



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Extra Help from Some Special Friends, Thank You!!!

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- Davis Conservation Foundation
- Diana & Bill DelGiudice
- Zack Klyver of Bar Harbor Whale Watch
- Maine Coastal Program
- Maine Community Foundation
- Janice and Marc Mondavi
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- Arthur Norcross



Special thanks to our friends at Bar Harbor Whale Watch for an amazing trip to Petit Manan!

Check our website for the 2015 trip date.