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Maine Coast
STONE
SYMPOSIUM

Event Schedule

August 1 - 31

Built with Stone: The Story of Granite, Slate and Limestone in Maine On view daily inside the 1847 Boothbay Town Hall. The exhibit looks at the geology of granite, slate and limestone, and traces the history of commercial quarrying in Maine, including its transportation by ox, sail, and rail. Free with Museum admission.

August 1 - 21

Don Justin Meserve Sculpture Raffle Two sculptures by the late Don Justin Meserve have been selected as prizes for a raffle during the Maine Coast Stone Symposium. Best known for artworks carved in granite and basalt, Don Justin Meserve (1938 - 2010) loved to demonstrate sculpting methods, particularly at the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium, where he completed a massive installation piece for the waterfront at Winter Harbor, and at the J.C. Stone Symposium in 2010. Tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Thursday, August 3

Portrait of a Granite Schooner Captain Illustrated Talk John R. Anderson will share the sometimes-harrowing adventures of his grandfather Captain Anders Anderson during an illustrated talk at the Museum. In 1880 Anders Anderson left his family farm in Sweden at the age of sixteen. He sailed around the world for six years, and in 1886 settled in Stonington, Maine to work in the granite quarries on Crotch Island. Eventually he returned to the sea and became a schooner captain, brought his brother and three sisters to America, married a lighthouse keeper's daughter, and raised six children in Rockland, Maine. For much of

his career he sailed Maine granite southbound from quarries including Clark Island, Vinalhaven, and Somes Sound. 1847 Boothbay Town Hall at the Museum, 7 pm, \$5 suggested donation

Saturday, August 5

J.C. Stone Open House

J.C. Stone owners Jaime and Kathy Carle are opening their Stone Center and production facilities for tours from 10 am - 2 pm. Guests will be offered an exclusive behind the scenes look at modern granite production in Maine. There will be demonstrations by a variety of artists and artisans including dry stone wall building, pizza oven construction, sculpture and more. J.C. Stone is located at 545 Jefferson Rd (Route 17) in Jefferson, Maine. Admission to the open house is free. For more information contact J.C. Stone directly at 207-549-4729.

Saturdays & Sundays, August 5, 6, 19, & 20

Slate Carving Demonstrations John R. Anderson Maine Stone Workers Guild member Jon Doody will be visiting the Museum to share his love of stone carving. You'll find him near the 1847 Boothbay Town Hall and the Spruce Point Chapel between 10 - 4 on each date. Free with Museum admission.

Tuesday, August 8

Cabot Lyford, Maine Master Illustrated Talk Cabot Lyford was highly regarded by peers and critics alike as one of the finest stone carvers in New England. Cabot's daughter, Julia Lyford Lane, will present a discussion of his inspiration and techniques sharing slides and anecdotes about his artistic legacy. 1847 Boothbay Town Hall at the Museum, 7 pm, \$5 suggested donation

Wednesday, August 9

Illustrated Talk with Maine State Geologist Maine State Geologist Robert Marvinney will present "A Brief History of a Billion Years of Earth Time as Recorded in Maine's Rocks and Minerals." His presentation will give light to why granite is abundant here in Maine and why our granite is unique and so often sought out by sculptors. 1847 Boothbay Town Hall at the Museum, 7 pm, \$5 suggested donation

August 11 – 21

Artists working At the heart of the Maine Coast Stone Symposium (MCSS) is the 10-day sculpture symposium. Visit often to watch the participating artists create sculptures from blocks of Maine granite provided by J.C. Stone. Featured artists are Dick Alden, Lise Becu, David Curry, Mark Herrington, Isabel Kelley, William Jacobs, Myles Chapin, William Royall, David Sywalski, David Randall, Dan Ucci, Andreas von Huene and special guest Kamu Nagasawa from Japan. Free with Museum admission.

Tuesday, August 15

Artist Illustrated Talk Meet Mark Herrington and learn more about his work and the creative process. Mark will take a traditional approach with a slide presentation of his work and time for questions. 1847 Boothbay Town Hall at the Museum, 7 pm, \$5 suggested donation

Thursday, August 17

Artist Illustrated Talk Andreas von Huene has prepared a special talk specifically about the apparatus and specialized equipment he creates to allow him to push the boundaries of physics with his daring sculptures. Dick Alden will share slides of his work and discuss process and inspiration. 1847 Boothbay Town Hall at the Museum, 7 pm, \$5 suggested donation

Monday, August 21

Tour Dragon Cement in Thomaston Maine's famous "Lime Coast" ran from Thomaston to Lincolnville, Maine. In 1836 Thomaston was the biggest producer of lime in the United States. Dragon Products is the last Thomaston operation to quarry limestone and the only remaining large cement production facility in New England. Tickets are \$30, discounted to \$25 for BRV members. To make reservations, contact the Thomaston Historical Society at 207-354-2295.

Monday, August 21

Gala Celebration with the Artists On the final night of the artists' residencies there will be a Gala to celebrate their work. Guest will be among the first to see the completed works and have the opportunity to visit with the artists in person. This elegant evening will be catered by Stone Cove Catering with passed hors d'oeuvres highlighting Maine products including local lobster and crab, Bristol Creamery cheese, Ducktrap Farms smoked salmon, and Pineland Farms steak. The Gala also features cocktails made with Split Rock Distillery spirits, Boothbay Craft Brewery beers, and an oyster bar featuring Glidden Point Oysters. Live music will be provided by Barney Balch and his band. Tickets are \$75 each and can be reserved online or by phone 207-633-4727.

Tuesday, August 22 & Wednesday, August 23

Carving Stone Leaves Demonstration Maine Stone Workers Guild Member Obie Buell will be demonstrating making stone leaves using upcycled offcuts from the local stone industry near the 1847 Boothbay Town Hall and the Spruce Point Chapel between 10 – 4 both days.

Wednesday, August 23

Bringing Artists Together: An Inside Look at Creating Sculpture Symposia Since 2007, Maine has been home to both international and domestic gatherings of stone artists that have created both public art and works now in private collections. Join us for a panel discussion with some of the artists, hosts, sponsors, and planners who have made some of these events possible. 1847 Boothbay Town Hall at the Museum, 7 pm, \$5 suggested donation

Thursday, August 24

Art and Architecture of Stone Join us for a conversation with artisans, designers and contractors about the art and architecture of stone. Using photographs and artistic renderings as a guide, "Art and Architecture of Stone" will be an open discussion between Rick Nelson, a Maine licensed architect, Arek Galle, a landscape architect, and Dan Ucci, a stone mason/artist. 1847 Boothbay Town Hall at the Museum, 7 pm, \$5 suggested donation

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