



Coastal
Senior
College

Enriching lives through the joy of lifelong learning

CSC Officers: 2020-2021
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Issue no.133, March2021 recognizes the work of founding CSC member David Bailey



Sylvia and David Bailey



Dear CSC Members and Friends:

When I last wrote to you we were launching the website and opening our first term as an independent member of the Maine Senior College Network. Winter term was a real success despite some difficulties in starting up the website. I have to admit that our Tech committee (Peter Lehman, Shelly Swazey and Ted Williams) did not get much sleep the night before registration opened. All of us value CSC and have invested a lot of time and effort to make

sure that everything went well. You were patient with the glitches and we did our best to be responsive. Thank you to every one of our volunteer staff and faculty.

Besides Mystery Monday and our very popular Brown Bag lecture series, CSC members are able to take courses at other Maine Senior Colleges and now because of Zoom distance is not a problem. There is a link to the Maine Senior College network website on our website. You only pay for the course, not membership. Check out the available courses.

During Covid we have not reached out to members to volunteer time to help CSC continue to function and grow. Some of our tasks disappeared when we went to Zoom and others changed as we have become more digital. But rest assured, we will ask for your help as we identify our emerging needs.

Here are a couple of ways you can help CSC now.

You have shown a lot of interest in the Brown Bag lecture series each term. We want to continue to develop this valuable member perk. CSC could use help in generating ideas and planning for these sessions; please contact Marketing and Publicity at MP@coastalseniorcollege.org

The Marketing and Publicity Committee also needs help with social media, writing news releases and putting up posters (when we are again out and about). Contact Marketing and Publicity at MP@coastalseniorcollege.org

The Curriculum Committee always needs new courses and new instructors. If you have ideas, contact John Ward at jcw039@hotmail.com.

Remember Spring term registration is open! We look forward to seeing many of you in the Spring term courses and at the Brown Bag events which, as you know, are free to members.

Stay safe!

Maryanne

ANNUAL MEETING ----MAY 3, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Because CSC is now an independent 501(c)3 we are required to have an annual meeting in May to elect board members. In the future we hope to have this election as part of an end of the year celebration when we can all get together and enjoy some social time. This year we will simply have a Zoom meeting for the election and information on how members can access Board minutes and the budget on our website. All CSC members will be sent a Zoom link and the agenda for the election which will take about a half hour. Please come and cast your vote; we need your participation.

The Coastal Senior College Board of Directors met on March 15, 2021 to pass a resolution thanking David Bailey for his contributions to CSC. The following was taken from the text of that resolution:

**BOARD RESOLUTION OF COASTAL SENIOR COLLEGE
IN RECOGNITION AND PROFOUND APPRECIATION
OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY DAVID BAILEY**

“RESOLVED on March 15, 2021, that the Board of Directors of Coastal Senior College, on behalf of its members:

- 1. honors and is grateful to David Bailey for his tireless commitment to the marketing and publicity of Coastal Senior College programs and activities and his outstanding service and unfailing good humor in doing so, and**
- 2. expresses its sincere appreciation to David Bailey for his many contributions to the success of Coastal Senior College and all the lives of members and volunteers that he impacted in a positive way.”**



Courtesy of Kay Tobler Liss

"What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good."

Aristotle

Coastal Senior College has flourished through the years because of the work of many volunteers who teach, assist those who teach, and run the many administrative committees. CSC wishes to acknowledge the work of one of those volunteers, David Bailey. David has been with CSC for many years and his work on the board and on many committees has been instrumental to the organization's success.

Coastal Senior College was organized in the summer of 2001. A steering committee was formed and the first eight classes were offered at Thomaston Academy to 141 members in the spring of 2002. Bylaws were drawn up, instructors were recruited, and publicity was organized.

David Bailey was a founding member of Coastal Senior College. He served as the President of the Board and was on several committees. He worked to expand the number of places in which classes were held from where CSC began in Knox County to Lincoln County, and the real work of Coastal Senior College had begun. As a member of the Marketing and Publicity Committee, David has done every class catalog, outside of the first which was done by David Desjardins at URock, always considering the student's interest and the design of the catalog. He wrote numerous publicity releases

about the CSC classes for the area newspapers. David also taught half a class "Our Travels" using his own slide presentation.

Barbara J. Frederick, a founding member and friend of David Bailey, said:

"David Bailey is a founding member of Coastal Senior College. I remember attending the first organizational meeting called by the director of University College at Thomaston to determine interest in forming a local branch of the Maine Senior College network. From this meeting in July, 2001 the group became a Steering Committee, and then a Board, at which time David became Director of Public Relations. If my memory serves me David helped design our logo in which the two C's (in Coastal Senior College) look like ocean waves. He subsequently became our catalog editor - a position he faithfully held for 20 years. David also served on several committees, notably becoming Board President during 2006-2007. He ranks high among those who have made CSC the significant influence that it is today."

Shelly Swazey, former Board President and co-chair of the Marketing and Publicity Committee said:

"David knows a lot about a lot of things. No matter the topic of discussion at M&P meetings, or in CSC classes I have attended with him, David has always offered insights and shared less well known facts and bits of information he has gleaned from his personal interests and career experiences. More importantly, with his kind and generous heart, David really "sees" people. He pays attention. He has a history of recognizing community needs and volunteering to help. His commitment to producing the CSC catalog three times a year over these many years has never flagged."

Board Member and co-chair of the Marketing and Publicity Committee, **Cathy Jewitt** had the following to say about what David brings to his work on the Marketing and Publicity Committee:

"It has been both a pleasure and a great learning experience to work with David on the Marketing and Publicity Committee for the past six years. David's creativity, brilliant wordsmithing, enthusiasm, and sound advice dependably enriched our committee meetings. As a result of David's unselfish and dedicated sharing of both his institutional memories of CSC and his expertise in journalism, Coastal Senior College carries forward the core beliefs that comprised its founding and confidently accommodates contemporary opportunities. Thank you, David"

Not only did David work to make classes available to more people throughout Midcoast Maine, but he took advantage of the many diverse classes being offered. David's thirst for knowledge was evident in the number of classes that he and his wife Sylvia attended.

One of CSC's most popular instructors, **Charmarie Blaisdell** related the following:

"I have two clear recollections of David and his contribution to CSC. David was devoted to CSC and made a major contribution to our developing relations within the college utilizing his talents for communication and design in the Catalog. The Catalog became an integral force in holding CSC member together as we grew with members from two counties.

Over a period of 16 years, David and his beloved wife, Sylvia, were regular students in the courses I taught in Porter Hall in Skidompha Library. David was a presence to my right in the front row! He and Sylvia had traveled extensively and he never failed to have something interesting to say about the history or geography of places mentioned in our reading and discussions. And always conscious of not taking up too much air-time during class, he would "button-hole" me during coffee time or right after class to continue to enlighten me about his observations from his travels."



David Bailey and Selectman Ben Frey working on Newcastle Planning Board

Courtesy of Lincoln County News

Former CSC President, Board Member, editor of the eNewsletter and head of several committees, **Kay T. Liss** contributed:

Memories of working with DB

By Kay Tobler Liss

I worked with David many years – it’s hard to count how many! – but it was roughly between the years of 2008 and 2016 when I was Marketing and Publicity chair and eventually VP and President. David is everyone’s dream production person: once he got all the material (and that was the harder part!) you could count on it being assembled and produced smoothly and expertly. He was infinitely patient with everyone sending the copy to him and then in making whatever proofing corrections had to be made after readers reviewed it. And I don’t think he was ever late to the finish line for our little mailing committee to put the labels and stamps on (yes, we actually did that for many years until we finally went the bulk mailing route) and get it out in time.

I fondly recall one time when I arrived at his house to load the newly printed catalogues into the back of my car to transport up to Rockland for the mailing and my battery went dead – it was a very cold winter day, the kind when you have to stomp your feet up and down to try to keep the blood flowing. David, seemingly always prepared for everything, got the battery going and I was on my way.

He would often say to me, “I would like to *try* to retire from doing the catalogue and would be willing to train someone,” and we did actually find someone, after many years of looking. But for some reason I can’t remember, she did not finish her training. And that was at least back in 2016! So, all hail to David for hanging in there all these years since (not to mention all the years prior to my arrival, back to the beginning of CSC). Bravo for many jobs well done, and thank you for all you have contributed, in myriad ways, to CSC! Love you and Sylvia!

Here’s a link to a video <https://youtu.be/8ed-z83PquY> on Coastal Senior College during which David talks about his role in the beginning of Coastal Senior College.

Outside of the Coastal Senior College, David was active in the Damariscotta River Association now known as the Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust.

Steven Hufnagel, Executive Director of the Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, told me:

"David served on the Board of Trustees of the Damariscotta River Association (now Coastal Rivers) for multiple terms, including several years as Board President. He's also been a volunteer advisor on our Investment Committee right up to present, as well as a long-time water quality monitor through our Tidewater Watch program, which he helped to shape and grow.

A masterful editor experienced in publications, he helmed our River Tidings newsletter for years, conveying the story of our work in a manner both professional and accessible.

Even more important than the titles he held was the nature of his leadership and engagement.

His warmth invited many people to join in the work, encouraged by his enthusiasm for it. He truly valued and supported our efforts to serve the community even more, including through expanded camps and education programs. David has always shown up as a leader and volunteer, and he makes better and kinder whatever he's involved in."

Two members of the Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship also wanted to join in this tribute to David Bailey. **Sandy Barth** and **Kate Pennington** said:

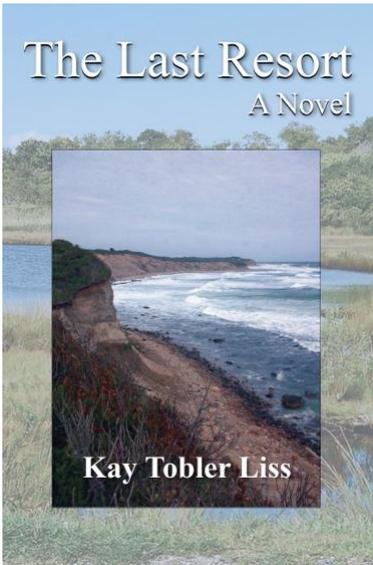
"Fortunately for all of us David has been very generous with his time and financial resources since their move to Newcastle in the mid-1980's. For us in the Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, he served more than one term on the Board of Trustees, was President at least once and Treasurer for at least two three-year terms. I appreciate the opportunity to honor someone I have great respect for."

Last but not least, David also served many years on the Newcastle Planning Board. Selectman **Ben Frey**, who worked with David for some of those years, remarked that David has always been there, attending numerous intown meetings and always working for community government.

In 2015 David was awarded the Lincoln County Spirit of America Award which is a recognition of his dedicated service to the community.

Thank you, David, all you have done is very much appreciated.

Kay Tobler Liss to give Chats with Champions talk
At Skidompha on March 25



Faculty member and former CSC Board President Kay Tobler Liss has been invited by Skidompha Library in Damariscotta to give a Chats with Champions book talk, via Zoom, on Thursday, March 25 at 10 a.m. She will be discussing her novel “The Last Resort,” published in August of 2020.

The book explores our relationship to the natural world and the struggle for environmental and social justice for a Native American tribe. It has been selling “fairly steadily,” the author says, though the pandemic has severely restricted her ability to promote the book in person. She has done a couple of other Zoom book talks in New York, the setting of the novel, and looks forward to doing one locally. Here is a link to the Skidompha website page to read more about it and to sign up:

<http://www.skidompha.org/events/chats-with-champions/> Copies of the book, some signed, are available at Sherman’s Maine Coast Book Store in Damariscotta.

CSC 2021 Spring Courses

If you are logged in as a member, and registration is open, you can use the Register Now button to the right of the course description on the website to register for the course.

Click [here](#) to become a member

CSC 2021 Spring Courses

Tuesdays

Of Wattle, Thatch, and Half-Timbers: Folk Architecture of the World

Instructor: Arne Aho Time: 10:00 - 11:30

Living Well for Better Health

Instructor: Jen Paquet Time: 10:00 - 12:00

The Traditional Stories of Faust and Goethe's Faust

Instructor: Byron Stuhlman Time: 10:00 - 12:00

Wednesdays

Why Is It So Hard to Be Rational?

Instructor: Sara Shute Time: 9:30 - 11:00

Chasing Utopia: Ideal Cities and New Towns

Instructor: Brett Donham Time: 10:00 - 12:00

The U.S. and Maine Economies: Their Post-Pandemic Outlooks

Instructor: Steven F. Fuller Time: 1:30 - 3:00

Memoir Writing - Crafting Your Own Story from a Kaleidoscope of Memories

Instructor: Caroline Janover Time: 3:00 - 4:30

Thursdays

20th Century America: Hub of Modern Art

Instructor: Antoinette Pimentel Time: 9:30 - 11:30

Once Again, Middlemarch - Section A

Instructors: Maryanne Ward & John Ward Time: 10:00 - 11:30

Once Again, Middlemarch - Section B

Instructors: Maryanne Ward & John Ward Time: 1:30 - 3:00

Fridays

A History of Rug Hooking

Instructor: Janet Williams Time: 9:30 - 11:30

"Sweet lovers love the spring": Love and Change in Shakespeare's "As You Like It"

Instructor: Ann Nesslage Time: 1:30 - 3:00

CSC MEMBERS BROWN BAG SERIES

Spring 2021

Local Artists in Their Studios

Members Registration only

Become a member by clicking [here!](#)

Click on a presentation title to read the full description
and register.



Wednesday, April 21: 12:15- 1:15
[Tandem Glass Gallery and Studio](#)



Monday, April 26: 11:00 to 12:00
[John Whalley - Still lives and Landscapes](#)



Monday, May 3: 11:00
to 12:00

**Jacques Vesery - Artist/
Sculptor, Master
Woodturner**

This series using Zoom is offered free to Coastal Senior College members who may also invite one guest. Members can choose to attend as few or as many of the presentations as they wish, but must register themselves and their guest for each program using the new CSC online registration system.

Do you enjoy teaching adults who love to learn?

Do you have an interest in topics that you'd like to share with your friends and neighbors? If so, we invite you to become a member of the Coastal Senior College faculty and our learning community of over 400 members. Our mission is to enrich the lives of seniors through the joy of lifelong learning. CSC is one of 17 members in the Maine Senior College Network (maineseniorcollege.org).

Our 30 plus volunteer faculty include academics, professionals and knowledgeable instructors who graciously teach classes in the liberal arts and sciences, healthy living and outdoor and hands-on learning to those 50 and older in Lincoln and Knox counties. We invite you to discuss teaching opportunities by contacting the curriculum committee co-chair, John Ward jcw039@hotmail.com



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