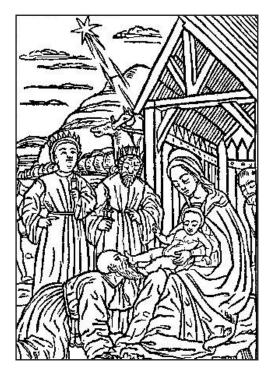


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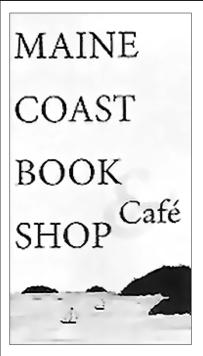
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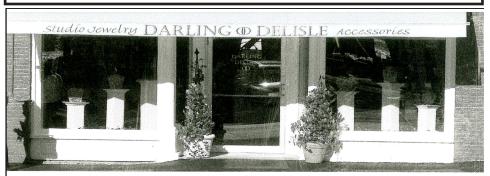
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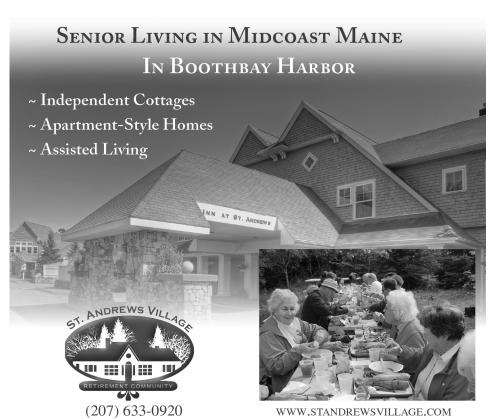
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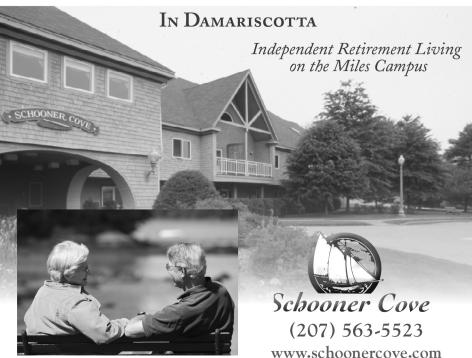


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Ceremony of Lesson and Carols

Friday, December 10, 2010 Second Congregational Church, Newcastle Saturday, December 11, 2010 Bowdoin College Chapel, Brunswick

Reading: Book of Isaiah

Carol: Matin Responsory Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

First Boy: Pam Van Siclen; Second Boy: Ann Creamer Cantor: Del Merritt; Baritone: Richard Francis

Reading: Book of Isaiah

Carol: **People, Look East** Richard Francis, b. 1969

Carol: Out of Your Sleep Robin Nelson, composed 1999

Reading: Book of Luke

Carol: **Salutation Carol** Alan Gibbs. b. 1932

Carol: **So Said the Angel** Peter Skellern, b. 1947

Reading: Book of Luke

Carol: **Joseph, Lieber Joseph Mein** Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Reading: Book of Luke

Carol: Gloria in excelsis Deo Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

Carol: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr. Sir David Willcocks, b.1919

Intermission

Carol: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen arr. Willcocks

Reading: from "Christmas," by George Herbert

Carol: **The Star-Song** Jonathan Dove, b. 1959

Carol: Glory to the Christ Child Alan Bullard, b.1947

Reading: "Ring out, Wild Bells," by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Carol: There Will Be Rest Frank Tichelli, b.1958

Reading: from "December," by John Clare

Carol: **King Jesus Hath a Garden** arr. John Rutter, b. 1945

Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful arr. Willcocks

Reading: from *Hamlet*, Act I, Scene I, by William Shakespeare

Carol: Silent Night Franz Gruber (1787-1863)

Maddy Sherrill, Olivia Vanner

These concerts are dedicated to the memory of Lindsey Merritt who led the singing of "Silent Night" in the 2007 Ceremony of Lessons and Carols

Texts

READING: Book of Isaiah

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

—Isaiah ix: 2, 6

CAROL: Matin Responsory

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, And a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign Over they people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another, Go you out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come To reign over they people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, And a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign Over thy people, Israel?

READING: Book of Isaiah

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

CAROL: People, Look East

People, look East the time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look East and sing today Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish That in course the flower may flourish. People, look East and sing today Love the Rose is on the way.

Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen He for fledging time has chosen. People, look East and sing today Love the Bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch when night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frozen weather Bright as sun and moon together. People, look East and sing today Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East. Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming. People, look East and sing today Love, the Lord is on the way.

CAROL: Out of Your Sleep

Out of your sleep arise and wake For God mankind now hathy take. All of a maid without any make; Of all women she beareth the bell. And through a maide fair and wise, Now man is made of full great price. Now angels knelen to man's service, And at this time all this befell.

Now man is brighter than the sun, Now man in heav'n on high shall won; Blessed be God this game is begun

And his mother the empress of helle.* That ever was thrall now is he free; That ever was small now great is she. Now shall God deem both thee and me, Unto his bliss if we do well.

Now man he may to heaven wend; Now heav'n and earth to him they bend. He that was foe now is our friend, This is no nay that I you tell. Now blessed brother grant us grace, At doomes day to see thy face, And in they court to have a place, That we may sing thee nowell, nowell. Out of your sleep arise and wake.

READING: Book of Luke

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.



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CAROL: Salutation Carol

Nowell, nowell. This is the salutation of the angel Gabriel.

Tidings true there be come new, Sent from the Trinity by Gabriel to Nazareth, City of Galilee "A clean maiden, a pure virgin, by her humility Shall now conceive the Person Second in Deity." Nowell, etc.

When that he presented was before her fair visage, In most demure and goodly wise He did to her homage; And said, "Lady, from heaven so high, that Lordes heritage, For he of thee now born will be; I'm sent on his message." *Nowell, etc.*

"Hail, virgin celestial, the meek'st that ever was!
Hail, temple of the Deity! Hail mirror of all grace!
Hail, virgin pure! I thee ensure within a little space
Thou shalt conceive, and him receive that shall bring solace."

Then bespake the maid again and answered womanly, "Whate'er my Lord commandeth me I will obey truly." With *Ecce sum humillima Ancilla Domini;* Secundum verbum tuum." She said, "Fiat mihi."

CAROL: So Said the Angel

He has come to save me, born, he said to set me free. He said he brought glad tidings of comfort and joy to all, Said He came to save us all from such sorrow, So said the angel.

He has come to raise me, born, he said, to make me strong. He said he brought glad tidings of comfort and joy to all, Said He came to love us all as His children. So said the angel.

And He has come to guide me, is born, he said, to lead the way. He said he brought glad tidings of comfort and joy to all, Said He came to hold us all in His mercy. So said the angel.

READING: Book of Luke

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David): to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn

—Luke ii:1-7

CAROL: Joseph, Lieber Joseph Mein

Joseph, lieber Joseph Mein, hilf mir wiegen das Kindelein, Gott der wird dein Lohner sein, Im Himmel reich der Jungfrau Kind Maria, Eya.

Virgo Deum genuit, quem divina voluit clementia. Omnes nunc concinite, nato regi psallite, Voce pia dicite: sit gloria Christo nato infantulo.

Hodie apparuit in Israel, quem praedixit Gabriel, Natus rex, est natus rex.

READING: Book of Luke

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

CAROL: Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Sing my soul, to God the Lord,
All in glory's highest key.
Lay the angel's choir abroad
In their highest holy day.

Crave thy God to tune thy heart Unto praise's highest part. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Amen.



CAROL: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies, With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord. Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb; Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel, Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings; Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Intermission

CAROL: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, For Jesus Christ our Saviour was born upon this day, To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray: *O tidings of comfort and joy...*

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came, And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same, How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name: O tidings of comfort and joy...

The shepherds at those tidings rejoined much in mind, And left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm and wind, And went to Bethlehem straightway this blessed babe to find: O tidings of comfort and joy...

But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay, They found him in a manger where oxen feed on hay; His mother Mary kneeling, unto the Lord did pray; *O tidings of comfort and joy...*

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place, And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace; This holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface; O tidings of comfort and joy...

READING: "Christmas II"

The shepherds sing; and shall I silent be?

My God, no hymn for Thee?

My soul's a shepherd too; a flock it feeds Of thoughts, and words, and deeds.

The pasture is Thy word: the streams, Thy grace Enriching all the place.

Shepherd and flock shall sing, and all my powers Outsing the daylight hours.

Then will we chide the sun for letting night Take up his place and right:

We sing one common Lord; wherefore he should Himself the candle hold.

I will go searching, till I find a sun Shall stay, till we have done;

A willing shiner, that shall shine as gladly, As frost-nipped suns look sadly.

Then will we sing, and shine all our own day, And one another pay:

His beams shall cheer my breast, and both so twine, Till ev'n His beams sing, and my music shine.

CAROL: The Star Song

Tell us, thou clear and heav'nly tongue, Where is the Babe but lately sprung? Lies he the lily-banks among?

Or say, if this new Birth of ours Sleeps, laid within some ark of flowers, Spangled with dewlight; thou canst clear All doubts, and manifest the where.

Declare to us, bright star, if we shall seek Him in the morning's blushing cheek, Or search the beds of spices through To find him out?

No, this ye need not do; But only come and see Him rest A Princely Babe in's mother's breast.

He's seen, He's seen! Why then around Let's kiss the sweet and holy ground; And all rejoice that we have found A King before conception crown'd.

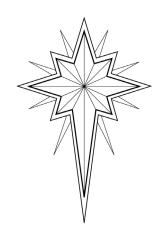
Come then, come then, and let us bring Unto our pretty Twelfth-tide King, Each one his several offering;

And when night comes, we'll give Him wassailing; And that His treble honours may be seen We'll choose Him King, and make His mother Queen.

CAROL: Glory to the Christ Child

Glory, glory alleluia to the Christ Child!

Out of the orient crystal skies a blazing star did shine, Showing the place where sleeping lies a blessed babe divine. *Glory, glory etc.*



This very star the kings did guide, e'en from the East, To Bethlehem where it betide This blessed babe did rest. *Glory, glory etc.*

And for the joy of His great birth A thousand angels sing: "Glory and peace unto the earth. Where born is this new King."

Glory, glory to the Christ Child, This blessed babe divine.

READING: "Ring Out, Wild Bells"

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light; The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind, For those that here we see no more, Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good. Ring out old shapes of foul disease, Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart, the kindlier hand; Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

CAROL: There Will Be Rest

There will be rest, and sure stars shining Over the roof-tops crowned with snow, A reign of rest, serene forgetting, The music of stillness holy and low.

I will make this world of my devising, Out of a dream in my lonely mind, I shall find the crystal of peace, --above me Stars I shall find.

READING: from "December"

Glad Christmas comes, and every hearth Makes room to give him welcome now, E'en want will dry its tears in mirth, And crown him with a holly bough; Though tramping 'neath a winter sky, O'er snowy paths and rimy stiles, The housewife sets her spinning by To bid him welcome with her smiles.

Each house is swept the day before,
And windows stuck with ever-greens,
The snow is besom'd from the door,
And comfort crowns the cottage scenes.
Gilt holly, with its thorny pricks,
And yew and box, with berries small,
These deck the unused candlesticks,
And pictures hanging by the wall.

Neighbours resume their annual cheer, Wishing, with smiles and spirits high, Glad Christmas and a happy year, To every morning passer-by. Milkmaids their Christmas journeys go, Accompanied with favour'd swain; And children pace the crumping snow, To taste their granny's cake again.

While snows the window-panes bedim,
The fire curls up a sunny charm,
Where, creaming o'er the pitcher's rim,
The flowering ale is set to warm;
Mirth, full of joy as summer bees,
Sits there, its pleasures to impart,
And children, 'tween their parent's knees,
Sing scraps of carols o'er by heart.

Thou day of happy sound and mirth,
That long with childish memory stays,
How blest around the cottage hearth
I met thee in my younger days!

—John Clare (1793-1864)

CAROL: King Jesus Hath a Garden

King Jesus hath a garden of divers flow'rs, Where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours. There naught is heard but paradise bird, Harp, dulcimer, lute, with cymbal, trump and tymbal. And the tender soothing flute.

The lily, white in blossom there is chastity; The violet with sweet perfume, humility. *There naught is heard...*

The crown imperial bloometh too in yonder place, 'Tis charity, of stock divine, the flow'r of grace. *There naught is heard...*

Yet 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim The Star of Bethlehem, Jesus. Blessed be his Name! *There naught is heard...* Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete, Make thou my heart thy garden plot, fair, trim and neat. That I may hear this musick clear, Harp, dulcimer, lute...

CAROL: O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, begotten, not created. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation. Sing, all ye citizens of Heav'n above; Glory to God in the highest. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n; Word of the Father now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

READING: from Hamlet, Act I, Scene I

I have heard

The cock, that is the trumpet to the morn,
Doth with his lofty and shrill-sounding throat
Awake the god of day, and at his warning,
Whether in sea or fire, in earth or air,
Th'extravagant and erring spirit hies to his confine.
And some do say
That ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
This bird of dawning singeth all night long,
And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad.
The nights are wholesome then No planets strike, no fairy takes,
Nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is that time.

CAROL: Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.



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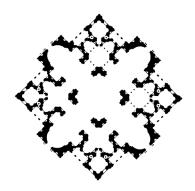
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St. Cecilia Chamber Choir: Christmas 2010

SOPRANOS	ALTOS	TENORS	BASSES
Mary Benner	Judy Falconer	Laurie Asche	Peter Asche
Ann Creamer	Jane Farlow	Richard Bates	Alan Baldwin
Kim Fletcher	Sidney Harvey	Mal Briggs	Sandy Falconer
Sandra Francis	Laura Ludwig	Del Merritt	Richard Francis
Ruth Monsell	Nadine Raley	George Shaw	Scott Ludwig
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Pam Van Siclen	Georgi Thompson	Nan Wilder	Steve White

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Sean Fleming, Judy Falconer, Sidney Harvey, Kit Hayden, Pam Van Siclen, Del Merritt Founding Director LINDA BLANCHARD also directs the Sheepscot Valley Chorus, is Director of Choirs at St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle, and prepares the chorus for the Conductors Retreat at Medomak. She has directed the Bowdoin College Chamber Choir, University of Michigan Residential College Choirs and Orpheus Singers, worked in Maine and Michigan as a church organist and choir director, taught junior high and high school chorus in Maine, taught voice at Bowdoin College, and worked extensively as a musical theater director. Ms. Blanchard earned her MA in Conducting from University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor, and her BA in Music from Bowdoin College. She is recipient of the Susan Winchell Burnett Music Prize and the Abraham Goldberg Prize for Directing. She studied orchestral



conducting with Gustav Meier and Zae Munn, and choral conducting with Theodore Morrison, Jerry Blackstone, and Robert Greenlee.

Organist SEAN FLEMING has been active as an organist, pianist, accompanist and music director throughout Maine, New Hampshire, Michigan and Ohio. In addition to St. Cecilia Chamber Choir, he accompanies Sheepscot Valley Chorus, Lincoln Arts Festival Chorus, Bowdoin Chorus, Coastal Chorale, and Tapestry Singers.

He has worked with the Ann Arbor Camerata, Bowdoin College Chamber Choir, Bowdoin Summer Music Festival Chorus, Downeast Singers, Oratorio Chorale, University of Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan Society, and University of Southern Maine Chorale and Chamber Singers. Mr. Fleming has performed as accompanist in recitals at Bates College, Bowdoin College, Colby College, Round Top Center for the Arts, University of Southern Maine, University of Michigan School of Music, and many other venues. He has been music director or accompanist for over fifty theatrical productions. Mr. Fleming has performed as an organ recitalist in Maine, Michigan and New Hampshire. He serves as organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Newcastle, and teaches clarinet, euphonium, organ, piano, saxophone and tuba. He studied organ with Ray Cornils, John Doney, Michael Lindsey, and Gerald McGee, and piano with Michael Lindsey.

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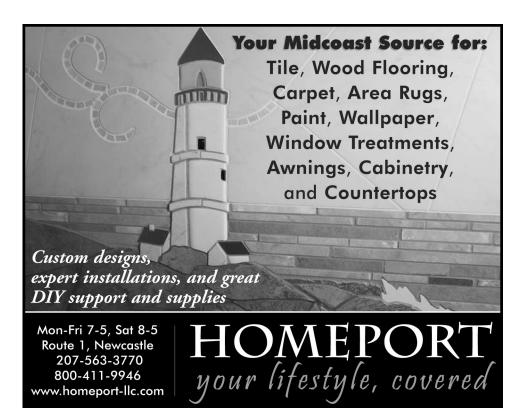




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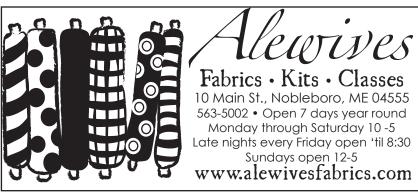
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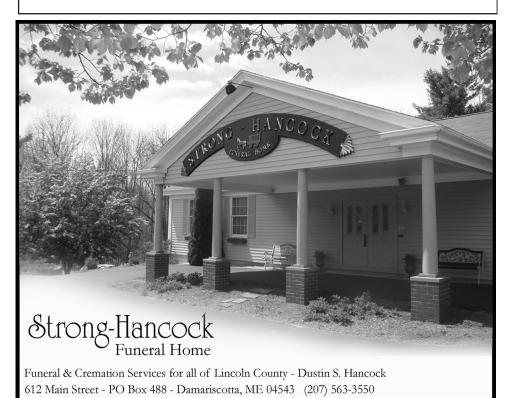
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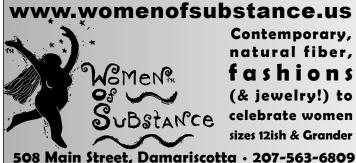


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