



# THE YEAR-ROUNDER *a newsletter of* ISLAND HOUSING TRUST

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## Ripples Hill Open House Set

On Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Island Housing Trust is hosting an open house at Ripples Hill to showcase two occupied homes available for viewing by the public. Currently, there are three lots available now to be built on by qualified individuals and families working on MDI. Whether you are interested in building a home or just want to learn more, stop by to see for yourself how beautiful and energy efficient these homes are.

These modestly priced homes were designed by architect John Gordon and all materials and construction meet Maine State Housing Authority's Green Building Standards. The design allows for customizations to meet individual tastes and needs.

### Directions:

Take Pretty Marsh Road off of Route 102. After 1/8 mile, take Beech Hill Road on left. Make the first right onto Farnhams Way (the driveway to Ripples Hill).

For more information:  
[www.islandhousingtrust.org](http://www.islandhousingtrust.org)  
Or call 244-8011.

Children are invited to join an Easter egg hunt that will be held during the open house.



*A Ripples Hill house.*

# Salty Dog Gallery

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Music, wine, food, art & more

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# Lacey and David's Story

BY LACEY YOUNG

I grew up on MDI, in Seal Cove. After high school, I set off for college in Boston. After two years of city life, traveling and numerous teaching practicums, I realized two things: that I was very fortunate to receive the investment and support that my teachers gave me on MDI. The second was that I wanted to be a part of that support system for other island children. That summer I transferred home to the University of Maine.

David and I met at school the following fall. We shared our love for the outdoors, adventure and our hometowns. After graduation, my commitment to supporting students on MDI remained and I took a job at the MDI YMCA working with school-age youth. David had a commitment to the Department of Conservation that took him to the Boston Harbor Islands. However, after a year, David's love for the island had grown too. He spent time visiting Acadia and developed a deep appreciation for both the landscape and the history. He left his job in Boston and moved here with the dream of working for the park service.

Four years later, David and I have just celebrated our first wedding anniversary. I am going into my third year at an island elementary school, where I work in the K-2 Special Ed Department and teach summer school. David is working on his fourth year on the Acadia trail crew. We both love our jobs and feel so fortunate to be a part of the community. We were excited to settle into a home of our own and start a family. However, due to the cost of living on the island we have had to consider moving to Ellsworth or Hancock. It was heartbreaking to think about raising our children away from our family and the community that we both are so committed to. We met with Bill Weir at Bar Harbor Savings and Loan (BHS&L) to discuss our options. He told us about IHT's Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP).

The kindness and guidance that IHT has offered us has touched our hearts. IHT is another symbol of the strong, generous and wonderful community that we have grown to love so much.

*Since the couple's visit to Bar Harbor Savings & Loan, they found a house to purchase in Tremont. They negotiated a purchase price with the seller. The house passed inspections, and the Savings & Loan agreed to commit to a mortgage provided IHT could provide 15% of the total loan-to-value amount. The couple also put a down payment on the property. In exchange for IHT's investment, the couple was happy to accept IHT's affordability covenants on the property.*

## Homeownership Assistance Grants in Tremont



David Schlag and Lacey Young closed on their new home in Tremont in early December at Bar Harbor Savings & Loan. They are pictured here with Joanne Harris, President of IHT's Board of Directors (left), and Bill Weir of Bar Harbor Savings and Loan (right). IHT assisted in the purchase of the home with a Homeownership Assistance Program bridge grant in December 2013.



Traci Patton, left, closed on her new home in Tremont at the Bar Harbor Savings & Loan in late December. She is pictured here at the residence with her partner David Kelley and Roxanne, their dog. IHT assisted in the purchase of the home with a Homeownership Assistance Program bridge grant.

# Salty Dog Gallery Benefit Auction

Join us for a fun evening of good music, hors d'oeuvres, wine, art and more!

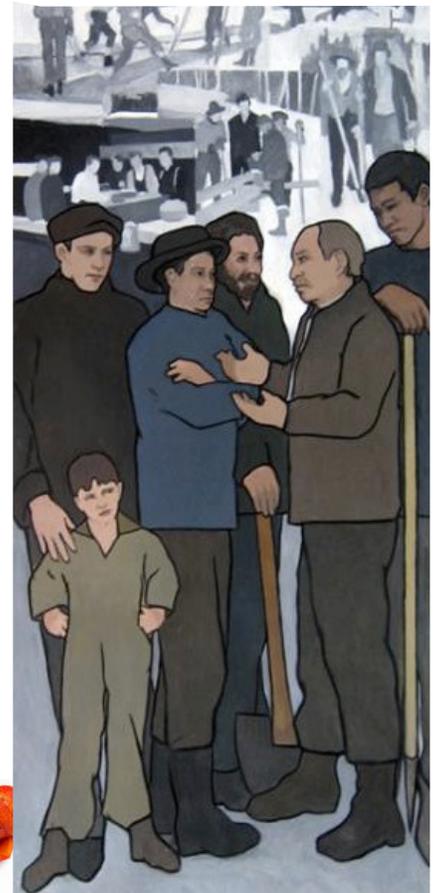
Salty Dog Gallery, located at 322 Main Street in Southwest Harbor, will host an auction on Saturday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m. to benefit the Island Housing Trust. With the sound of Dan Granholm and Friends music filling the gallery, you'll enjoy conversation and an opportunity to bid on a treasury of silent auction items - lobsters, wine, art, boat rides, tickets to shows, and more. Former State Senator Dennis Damon will conduct a live auction of a dozen pieces.

Get a sneak preview of all auction items at [www.islandhousingtrust.org](http://www.islandhousingtrust.org).

This is a unique opportunity to support Island Housing Trust while acquiring something special for yourself. For more information, contact Amy at 244-8011 or [amorley@islandhousingtrust.org](mailto:amorley@islandhousingtrust.org).



*Lindsay Hopkins-Weld painting.*



*You help foster community on Mount Desert Island when you support Island Housing Trust.*

*Judy Taylor Labor Panel poster, signed.*



*Roc Caivano watercolor painting.*



*Bid on a wide variety of art, wine, lobsters, music lessons, and much more!*



## IHT Welcomes Amy Morley as Programs Associate

Island Housing Trust has hired Amy Morley as a Programs Associate. Amy will be responsible for a variety of administrative, programmatic, and outreach efforts on behalf of the organization. “We are excited to welcome Amy to our organization,” said Chris Spruce, Executive Director of IHT. “Her background in nonprofit administration, finance, program management and event coordination will be invaluable to IHT as it moves forward with its existing programs and explores new avenues of growth.”

Amy worked for the Institute for Humane Education, serving as Director of Operations and Events Manager for seven years. Her previous experience includes serving as Bookkeeper at Sustainable Harvest, as Executive Assistant at the Maine Community Foundation, and in a voluntary capacity as a Commissioner with the Conservation Commission in Lamoine. In addition, Amy has seven years of experience working in a public accounting firm in Atlanta. Amy grew up in Bar Harbor, attended Mount Desert Island High School, and graduated from Hampshire College.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to work with an organization that has a lasting impact on the communities of MDI,” said Amy. “Each time IHT creates a homeownership opportunity, it generates results on two levels: it makes an impact in the life of an individual or family; simultaneously, through the use of covenants, it makes progress toward the goal of reaching a critical mass of year-round housing opportunities that are affordable to those working on MDI for generations to come. I look forward to serving individuals and families as well as working with community partners also concerned with preserving a vibrant year-round community on the island.”



*Amy Morley (left) with her sister on Cadillac Mountain.*

