



## Ebb and Flow

Robert Shetterly's *Americans Who Tell the Truth* portraits will be on exhibit during November at the Gallery Within, Reversing Falls Sanctuary. An opening reception will be held Saturday, Nov. 5 from 2 to p.m. Shetterly will hold an informal discussion of the series and respond to questions of those portrayed at 4 p.m. Shetterly's says the "portraits look at content-based art and enable conversation about political ethics, the necessity of courageous citizenship, the maintenance of democracy and the obligation of artists in society."

Rob began painting these portraits in January, 2002 to "protest how the US was being propagandized into the war against Iraq. There are now over 220 portraits." The portraits, and the stories of each protester in the series, seem as pertinent to this present moment as they have ever been.

Please see an attached poster in a separate emailing. You can read more about *Americans Who Tell the Truth* at [www.americanswhotellthetruth.org](http://www.americanswhotellthetruth.org)

On Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. one of the subjects of Rob's portraits, Sherri Michell of the Penobscot Nation, will be with us to speak about her work.



Photos: Rob Shetterly and "friend"  
Rob Shetterly and Friends

Photos Courtesy of Pat Wheeler



Thanks to a grant from the Maine Community Foundation, Reversing Falls Sanctuary obtained the services of Ames and Associates of Bangor to do a survey of the work needed to preserve the building and to sustain its usefulness for the future. We were surprised to learn from their architectural historian that the building is an excellent example of “Stick Eastlake” construction and, in his opinion, a good candidate for inclusion on the National Historical Register. The work that needs to be done entails considerable expense. The steeple, as you see in the next photo, needs immediate attention. More details will be forthcoming over the next few weeks.



Thanks to Daksha Baumann for writing the grant to the Maine Community Foundation.

On Sunday Oct. the 16<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday Oct. 23, RFS hosted two remarkable programs. On the 16<sup>th</sup> we had a Shaker Meeting with Shaker songs and a Shaker dance, beautifully led by Jackie Pike. The Shaker arrangement of women and men separated and facing each other, and the Shaker music with Anne Parker on mountain dulcimer and Lin Parker on guitar, created just the right atmosphere. But what blew me away was the “conversation.” We have had many profound and enlightening conversations over the years, but in the Shaker Meeting we opened our spiritual lives to each other at a new level of depth. From the whole experience we learned some things we will want to keep in mind as we continue to develop and grow as a community.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> Monique Fowler brought her play, *Elizabeth Bishop in Brazil* to Reversing Falls Sanctuary. Monique is the founder of the Bagaduce Theater, which, after only one full season, has become a major cultural institution in Brooksville and the region. It was our privilege to see her at Reversing Falls as author, director and actor in a brilliant production. In gesture, tone, movement, expression, irony — I could go on here — her portrayal of Bishop was perfectly realized. The talk back that followed showed just how fully she engaged the audience. Monique promises an opportunity, perhaps next summer, to see the play she has written about the relationship of Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Lowell. You won't want to miss it.

Note: *Friday Community Sings suspended for now. Watch for announcement*

### Coming Events

Sun. 10/30, 4 p.m. Fred Van Liew speaks on Restorative Justice and Peace Circles

Sat. 11/5, 2-5 p.m. *Americans Who Tell the Truth* Opening Reception  
At the Gallery Within, Reversing Falls Sanctuary  
4 p.m. Artist Rob Shetterly talk

Sun. 11/6, 4 p.m. Women's Circle

Thu. 11/10, 8:30: a.m. Priceless Yoga  
9 a.m. Labyrinth Walk

Sun. 11/13, 2-4 p.m. *Americans Who Tell the Truth* exhibit open to the public.  
Sherri Mitchell speaking about her work.

Thu. 11/17, 8:30 a.m. Priceless Yoga  
9 a.m. Labyrinth Walk

Sun. 11/20, 4 p.m. Lecain Smith will present a film and forum,  
*Escape Fire: The Fight to Rescue American Health Care,*  
a film by Velcrow Ripper

Thu. 11/24, Thanksgiving Day

For more information [www.reversingfalls.org](http://www.reversingfalls.org)