

ISLAND INSTITUTE

Dear Member,

I hope you enjoy reading the *Island Journal* as much as we enjoy sharing stories, art, and poetry from the islands and coast of Maine and beyond. We feel privileged to have been able to deliver a quality publication for over 30 years. We are committed to the future of the *Island Journal* as our signature annual publication and are developing a new business model to secure its future.

As with all print publications, we face ever-increasing print and shipping costs, so the cost of producing the Journal and sharing it with members and other readers has increased. This has led us to carefully assess the level of our member benefits to ensure sufficient support for the full mission of the organization. As a result, we will be making a change in member benefits in the coming months.

After July 1, 2015, the *Island Journal* will be offered as a free member benefit starting at the \$100 level. All members will continue to receive 10 issues of *The Working Waterfront* newspaper delivered to their home, a 10% discount at Archipelago, and invitations to special events.

We truly hope that members who have cherished the *Island Journal* will continue their membership in support of our work at the \$100 level or more. For those whose valuable support is less than \$100, we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to purchase a copy for delivery to your home through Archipelago, the Island Institute's retail and online store. We will also share select stories in digital format on our website.

We are very grateful for your support of our efforts to sustain Maine's island and remote coastal communities. We, in turn, will continue our work in the core areas identified by community members: economic development, community development, education, energy, marine resources, and media, including our primary publications, the *Island Journal* and *The Working Waterfront*.

With gratitude,



Rob Snyder
President, Island Institute