

**To our Board, Members and Friends:**

You are amazing! You have held this organization together for seven years. Your on-going interest in and commitment to this project is more than heartening; it's humbling.

Maine's First Ship is a relatively new non-profit organization. Whether you call it membership-driven, grassroots or bootstrap, what you have achieved in a short time is remarkable:

- You have helped form a strong non-profit organization that has credibility. Nearly six hundred of you have supported the project with your memberships and gifts ranging from five to several thousand dollars.
- You have made it possible to create the design of a 17<sup>th</sup> century ship for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and submit it to the Coast Guard in a process gaining high praise from maritime historians and tall ship people around the world. The vessel that will emerge will be a credit to your efforts.
- You are telling the story of the northern colony of Virginia and its vessel in new and creative ways.
- You have created an education program that has its finger on the pulse of the youth of our state and helps overworked teachers meet the requirements of the Maine Learning Results.

You have laid the foundation for our next significant steps:

- We have an agreement to build *Virginia* at the prestigious Maine Maritime Museum.
- We have selected a shipwright for the task of construction.
- We are collaborating with Maritime Maine in a program to broaden an understanding of the heritage of Maine's shipbuilding story.
- We have contracted with Penny Harris Associates, a strong fundraising consultant, to assist us in raising the significant funds for actually constructing, operating and endowing *Virginia*.
- Our Development Committee is already hard at work with Penny Harris to make it happen.
- We will shortly be relocating our office and hiring our first paid staff person to help us manage the many details so necessary to keep a growing organization such as ours on track.

Your support and guidance getting us to this point has been remarkable indeed. As we broaden the scope of our efforts to bring *Virginia* to life and as we bring new people aboard, we know you will continue your commitment to this exciting project. *Thank you, Board, Members, and Friends -- for all you do.*

*Bob Warren*

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My annual dues of \$30.00 are enclosed.  My donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Name: (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to volunteer to help in the following areas:

Research  Vessel Committee  Fundraising  Programs/Events  Clerical

I'd like to order (CIRCLE SIZE)		Qty.		Price		Postage	TOTAL
<i>adjustable</i>	Maine's First Ship Cap		x	\$15.00	+	\$3.00	
<b>S M L XL XXL</b>	MFS logo White Tee Shirt		x	\$15.00	+	\$3.00	
<b>S M L XL XXL</b>	MFS logo Navy Tee Shirt		x	\$15.00	+	\$3.00	
<b>S M L XL XXL</b>	MFS Sweatshirt		x	\$32.00	+	\$3.00	
<b>S M L XL XXL</b>	MFS Blue Polo Shirt		x	\$32.00	+	\$3.00	
<b>S M L XL XXL</b>	MFS White Polo Shirt		x	\$32.00	+	\$3.00	
	Notecards – 4 per pkg		x	\$ 2.50	+	\$0.50	
	VIRGINIA postcards		x	\$0.50@		or 5/\$2	

A Study and Review of the Pinnacle *Virginia's* Concept Design \$10.00 \$1.00  
 Please add \$1 postage for each additional item **TOTAL”** \_\_\_\_\_