



The Village Green

One Village Green Way Southwest Harbor, Maine

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Program Synopsis - The Village Green Arts Association

The Creative Center at Island Watch (Funded by private donation. Naming rights apply)

Community programming, studios and performances will begin immediately as we reach our designated funding goal for the purchase of **Island Watch**. The Island Watch facility is located on a nearby wooded property above the proposed auditorium. It is accessed by a wooded pathway from the auditorium or by car via town roads. It has stunning views overlooking the Great Harbor of MDI and the Acadian mountain range. This private and idyllic setting will function as a creative retreat for art, music and writing. **Visiting artists, musicians, educators and their families will in turn provide the core stimulus for community arts programming, education and larger performances** at the **Acadia Arts Center** on the **Village Green**. The **Island Watch** will also provide classroom, individual studio space and accommodations. Its programming and financial structure will be modeled after the **Haystack Mountain School**, offering multiple programs throughout the year.

The Acadia Performing Arts Center (AAC) (Funded by private donation. Naming rights apply)

This building will anchor the events on the **Village Green**. Programming begins immediately with the **Village Green Arts Winter Series**. Once funding goals are met, this renovated hall will consolidate performance programming and combine auditorium/multifunction spaces along with a professional stage. It will take its operations cue from successful venues nationwide, drawing from our connections with international artists and local talent. **Programming and events will be in partnership with both the Creative Center at Island Watch and the SW Hbr. Public Library.**

The Village Green Plaza (Landscaping and flatwork funded by Community Grant)

Improvements to this area will include improved pedestrian access for special events, new landscaping, lighting and outdoor spaces. **It will serve as a central hub for community events, library functions and the daily activities of families, professionals and the elderly.** The forgotten pond and park between the **Creative Center at Island Watch** and the **AAC** auditorium will serve as additional green space.

Your generosity supports our community and education programs

We have attracted significant ongoing interest from educators, potential members, volunteers and the MDI community. Your aid and advice will be most welcome. We are a designated nonprofit. We have agreements with landowners in place. All funds earmarked for construction will be placed in escrow. Each phase will have a target ceiling agreement in place with individual donors before their funds are released. As we proceed, there may be naming rights available depending on the donors wishes, individual locations and amounts donated. We also have scholarship programs, education chairs and planned giving components. Please call **207 244 7229** with questions.

Thank you in advance for your interest. Your help in any capacity will provide scholarships, create opportunities for many and enhance our shared future enjoyment of our wonderful island home. We hope you too will join us.

Sincerely,

The Village Green Arts Association Phil Steel, Kevin Buck James Mitchell, James Gray