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Our magazine, *Chebacco*, is named for a type of boat built in the eighteenth century in Gloucester, Massachusetts and nearby towns. In 1762, Abraham Somes, his wife, and four young daughters sailed in a Chebacco boat to make their home in a place the Wabanaki called Pesamkuk and Euro-American settlers called Mount Desert Island.

We invite you to voyage through the histories of Mount Desert Island in this contemporary *Chebacco*.

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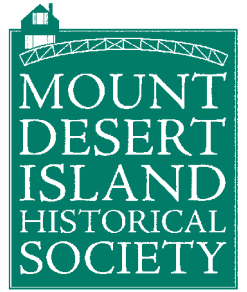
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Chebacco silhouette adapted from a photograph by Len Burgess for the Essex Shipbuilding Museum.

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