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Windover Arts Center remains a haven for young creativity

BY KATE BERRY
SPECIAL TO THE WEEKLY

Mari Abercrombie has always loved art. It's in her blood. She shares that passion with her son, Isaac Fer, as they continue to make Windover Art Center in rural Newburgh a home every summer for kids that want to express their creativity.

The summer art camp runs weekly sessions for kids ages 6-14 all summer long. Activities include pottery, photography, glass bead making, nature studies, theater, felt and fabric art, tie dying, digital

art, painting and drawing, and more.

Windover was started as an art and adventure camp in 1981 by friends of Abercrombie. Her friends couldn't continue running the camp for personal reasons, which led to Abercrombie bringing it to Newburgh in 1994, where it was revamped into the more art-focused camp it is today.

"A lot of Windover is inspired by my parents," Abercrombie said. "Especially my father Thomas Abercrombie."

Thomas J. Abercrombie started at National Geographic magazine in 1956 as a pho-

tographer, spending almost 40 years traveling the globe. He spent two years with Jacques Cousteau as an underwater photographer. He covered the first American expedition of Everest. He was the first correspondent at the South Pole -- the list goes on.

Her father's success in photography is something that Mari admires to this day. Both his drive and compassion for showing the world to others through his own lens are projected through Windover.

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THE WEEKLY QUESTION
Reported at the University of Maine

"What's your favorite place on the University of Maine campus?"



"Fogler Library."
NEHAT DOBRATIQY, KOSOVO



"Jenness Hall. It's where I get most of my studying done."
BANTON HEITOFF, OLD WICK, NJ



"The Bookstore."
MIKAILA JACKSON, MILFORD



"I would say the Memorial Union."
ASHLEE HUSSON, BANGOR



"The Union. It's where everybody gathers."
PHIL ROBB, CORINNA



"The half floors in the library, because not many people know about them."
ALICE LEW, TONOPAH, AZ



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Mari Abercrombie (left) and her son Isaac Fer, the director and assistant director team, pictured at the Windover Art Center in Newburgh in this June 2014 photo.

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