



personalized service he provides.

ing the relationship is just as important as building and all of my clients to know and understand that I long haul through all the stages of building and all well. Home ownership involves ongoing aspects of it is renovations, additions, repairs or upgrades. deal with one builder throughout these stages it so much easier for all involved. I pride myself on the people I work with know they can count on me for all their needs." Jon explained.

if a point to promptly respond to their inquiries as honest answers. For example, if I am not sold on a project's durability or functionality, I will let my clients know. If I have to refer them for any other needs I will

make sure it is to a place or person that I trust and know I treat them the way I want to be treated." He concluded "Being able to work with people to bring their dream to fruition is the best part of my work."

Trudo has worked on so many projects on the Kings Highway road along Goose Rocks Beach, it could easily be renamed Trudo Way. In fact, one of his most recent house projects on Goose Rocks Beach will be featured in an upcoming spring edition of *Maize Place & Design* magazine.

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New Faerie Trail Brings Enchantment to the Kennebunks

Faeries are serious business in the Kennebunks.

By Laura Seyler Smith

Through the years the winged, mythical creatures have become a cherished part of Kennebunk's May Day tradition, taking up residence in a special Faerie House Garden at the Kennebunk Free Library. Each May Day (this year May 4), the library hosts a Faerie Festival that is complete with a tea, home and garden home competition, make-your-own faerie crowns, faerie games and crafts.

To complement this popular tradition in town, the Chamber has formed a new Faerie Trail Committee that will create the Faerie Trail of the Kennebunks. The idea is to invite local businesses to create their own small faerie door to place outside on the building, and/or in gardens and homes. We'll create a picture map of the locations, and offer it up to children of all ages who would like to follow the trail around our town. It will also serve as conversation pieces as folks discover them, making the

Kennebunks a unique place to visit.

Doors and more will be as creative as those who create them, meaning the styles can reflect their business niche or not. Anything whimsical and fun is fine!

We will be hosting a free make-your-own faerie door workshop from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the Chamber as part of the May Day activities. Children can make their own doors to take home or donate to local businesses.

There's always been something magical about the Kennebunks, and now we're excited to bring to life this new Faerie Trail of the Kennebunks.

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Creative Coast Construction Owner Jonathan Trudo is with Customers for Life

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Jonathan Trudo of Creative Coast Construction, building part of his life for as far back as he can remember.

When he started in the business, he learned the trade from his father, a contractor in Westbrook. When people ask, I like to tell my earliest memory was when I was 2 years old, sitting on a stool in with my father.

During his childhood and into his adult years, Jonathan lived in the close-knit beach community of Goose Rocks. The community purchased a beach house in 1984 and to this day, the beach house is still here where Jonathan has a solid reputation and ability as a

general contractor.

Shortly after their move, the Trudo family formed Shoreline Construction, when the construction industry in Westbrook slowed down. After working with his father for several years,

Jonathan branched off on his own in 2013 to form Creative Coast Construction, where his family including his wife and three, are involved.

Longtime clients Jane and Bob Garvey have worked with Creative Coast Construction on a few Goose Rocks Beach homes they have owned over the years and they have been so satisfied they have recommended him to several of their friends and family members as well.



The Garveys said they trust Creative Coast Construction with "all aspects of building work and construction and design needs, from the frame to finish work." Jane added, "The quality of Jon's work is unique compared to many other builders. He has a clear vision, works well with designers and sub-contractors, and he is open to sharing and offering his vision, suggestions and solutions all the while always keeping the needs of his customers at the forefront."

She went on to describe a dilemma they had in a specific area of their coastal home when they wanted their fireplace. "Jon came up with a creative solution that was not only aesthetically pleasing but functional and it was cost saving at the same time." She added "He also made sure that the house was built to maximize the view of the beach and marsh views outside from each room."

Trudo said that problem solving and coming up with creative and often-times innovative solutions are one of his favorite aspects of his work. "With the fireplace situation, we ended up converting a window just a little reconfiguring did the trick to keep the homeowner's vision intact. I am glad the Garveys were open to the idea I presented."

He elaborated, "I like every facet of the building trade, but I really welcome a challenge; sometimes it is the best part of my work because that is when my wheels really start turning and the creativity starts to flow and come into play. Building and creating is constantly on my mind, so much so that most nights I even dream about it."

Bob Garvey admires Trudo's penchant for really paying attention to every detail of a project. "Jon pays close attention to his work



and he hands on from start to finish. What I like most about working with him is that he is detail oriented and he thoroughly inspects his projects and does not let anything go or walk away at any point even when the job is completed. He is with you every step of the way and he goes to make sure you are satisfied and that everything is done the way it should. His work ethic and pride in his work is what he said.

Trudo said that making his customers and establishing a relationship of trust is his top priority and is a very important part of his success.

Trudo also understands that he is not only selling his services and master building experience, but he also goes beyond, being friendly, personable to endear himself to his customers for the long haul. Part of his company's brand is the

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