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In 2020, Kate Shaffer, Black Dinah Chocolatiers founder, named for a small mountain on Isle au Haut near Black Dinah Mountain, announced that it will be changing their name. As the business grew, they changed the headquarters which is now located in Westbrook, Maine.

"As our customer base grew, so did our perspective," Shaffer said. "Last fall, we began, as a team, to make a plan to transition to a new name. It was a long-term goal." So, as of July the new name is, Ragged Coast Chocolates. The same great chocolates, just a different name.

When Steve and Kate Shaffer decided to move their hand-crafted chocolate factory from remote Isle Au Haut to the mainland, they chose **Sheridan Construction Corporation.**

In collaboration with architects from the Design Group Collaborative, Sheridan and its design/build partners created a world-class factory. From their location in downtown Westbrook, Ragged Coast Chocolates has created its second consecutive Good Food Award winning truffle - the Maine Mint. (Last year's winner was called Cassis de Resistance)

Converting the old brick industrial building with wood floors into the state of the art factory was both challenging and rewarding.

The exposed brick walls were left exposed in non food environment areas, highlighting the charm of the classic structure. Sheet vinyl flooring, FRP walls, and stainless steel kitchen areas give this facility an ultra clean environment. An upgraded HVAC system was precise humidity control was installed to allow the chocolatiers to create their crafts in a consistent environment, unlike the ever changing conditions of Isle Au Haut.

Ragged Coast Chocolates Westbrook, Maine



Category: Manufacturing

Size: 3,800 s.f.

Designers: Design Group Collaborative