

An E-Update from the
Boothbay Region
Historical Society
Summer 2016



SPEAKER SERIES

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Thursday, September 22, 4:30 p.m. – Ron Richardson
will talk about his adventures aboard the schooner *Blue Dolphin*.

Thursday, October 13, 4:30 p.m. – Laura Honey
will talk about tourism locally and around the state.

Renewed Paintings
by Barbara Rumsey

We've been able to clean two small oil paintings because of the interest and help of five people. Loraine Nickerson, who spent years manning the Humane Society thrift shop, recognized the



paintings as the work of Anson Cross when they were donated there and handed them on to us a few years ago as significant artifacts. Cross ran one of the local art schools on the east side in the 1930s and 1940s. I remember local artist Ruth Gardner telling me she couldn't have learned perspective without Cross's device, a "drawing and painting glass."

Next, members Brenda Bettinson and Cordula Mathias, who've spent their lives in the art world, offered a donation for a worthwhile project. Cleaning and reframing the two artworks seemed a natural to collections worker, Margaret Tew, who pitied the shape the paintings were in. It's always a good idea to listen carefully to her minor brainstorming and advice.

Margaret did the footwork to enlist the help of conservator Bette Pardoe of Alna to clean the paintings and Susan Brackett of Boothbay Harbor Framers to reframe them. We're very pleased to have returned these small but significant works of art to their former dignity. And I thank all involved with the effort for their unstinting assistance.

**Annual Cheese Sale - Saturday
October 8, 2016
Two Chances to Buy!**

This year, we are going back to the Fall Foliage Festival with our classic Grafton Village aged cheddar cheese. We will also once again be taking cheese orders.



Cheese orders: For your convenience, cheese may be pre-ordered by the pound for \$13.00. Simply call or stop by the museum during open hours to place your order. All cheese orders must be received by September 16 with payment and will be available for pickup at the museum on October 7 and 8 between 10:00 and 2:00. *Don't miss out – order now!*

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Fall Foliage Festival: On Saturday, October 8 from 9:00 to sold-out, we will be joining a number of other non-profit organizations in the Town Hall, just inside the gate at the Railway Village in Boothbay. Please note: Pre-ordered cheese must be picked up at the museum, not at the festival. We look forward to seeing you at the Railway Village or the museum.

All cheese profits go directly to benefit the society's mission to promote interest in the history of the Boothbay region and to preserve the region's history. For more information, please contact the museum: (207) 633-0820 or brhs@gwi.net. The museum is open to the public each Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00.

Thank you for your support!



Please stop by and say hello to Jane Johnston, our new Office Manager. Jane moved to Boothbay Harbor in 2013 for a retirement adventure after leaving a career in accounting and human resources at several corporations and the non-profit Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion State Historic Park in Canandaigua, New York.

Jane pitched right in when she joined us in June, and has been working along side Marnie who has been teaching her the ropes. Although it has been a hot summer, Jane has enjoyed puttering around in her beautiful gardens in West Harbor and walking through town. Welcome aboard, Jane

Interested in Volunteering?

- *Become a BRHS greeter.
- *Help maintain museum exhibits, historical photographs, documents, and artifacts.
- *Work on fundraising projects. We are always in need of help with special events.

**Please consider joining our
volunteer crew.**

**For more information, contact us.
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