

An E-Update from the
Boothbay Region
Historical Society
Mid-Winter 2017



Combo Deal!

Baked Goods & Yard Sale

This year for the first time, we are holding a combined baked goods sale and yard sale at Hawke Motors on July 15, rain or shine. As always, success for this fundraiser depends on items donated by friends of the society. Please keep us in mind when doing your spring cleaning. Watch for more information in our full newsletter in April.

Current Exhibit—Lost at Sea

The memories of John Hodgdon of Boothbay

The memories of Cap'n John Hodgdon of Hodgdon's Cove tell a first-hand tale reciting the many hazards of a life at sea.

“When one man died a natural death in his bed at home, a good many more sailed away in vessels and never came back. Our oldest son [Lester, born 1850] was lost at sea on a ship bound out of New York, and another son [Marston, born 1855] and the only daughter we had [Mary, born 1853] and her little boy never came back from a trip to South America. She was married to a man that went cap'n of a bark in the South American trade [Alonzo Hodgdon] and her brother went mate with him. She had a good comfortable home but she went to sea most of the time and took the little boy along with them.

One spring, while she was home waiting for 'em to load for Buenos Ayres, word came that yellow fever was bad down there. She hated to give up the trip and we said everything we could think of against her going, so after a while she said she'd just go as far as New York and wait till they was ready to sail, then she'd come home and stay with us while they was gone. Well, when she got there lots of ships was sailing and other wives that she knowed was going along and I cal'late she kind of forgot the danger and her promise to us. She went and she took the fever and died in a hospital in Buenos Ayres. Her brother took it and died there too. And the little feller died on the way home and was buried at sea.”

See more stories like this at our Lost at Sea exhibit.

WE'RE CELEBRATING!

50 YEARS!

This year, the historical society is marking 50 years of commitment to our communities. Starting as a small group of local residents interested in preserving the region's history, the society has become a highly respected repository for thousands of items that tell the story of life in this region. Local historian, Barbara Rumsey, has worked tirelessly to ensure the society fulfills the vision of its founders.

Over the next few months, our anniversary committee will be working on a number of events to mark this milestone. We'll keep you informed through emails and on our website and Facebook pages.

Look for us on Facebook!

Each month, we will update our page with a calendar of events, articles and information on museum collections, exhibits, and general society news. Please take a look, follow us, and tell your friends.



You can find us by typing Boothbay Region Historical Society. Our official page shows this photo of the museum. Please let us know if you have suggestions for regular features.

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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