

2017 Summer E-Update  
**Boothbay Region Historical Society**

72 Oak St., Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538

207-633-0820 [brhs@gwi.net](mailto:brhs@gwi.net)

[www.BoothbayHistorical.org](http://www.BoothbayHistorical.org)

Facebook: Boothbay Region Historical Society



## 2017 Calendar

Watch for more information on our website and Facebook page

September 28: Cmdr. (Ret.) Bill Wilson discusses all things Titanic 4:30 p.m.

October 7: Annual Cheese Sale at the Fall Foliage Festival. Taking preorders now.

Ongoing exhibits: *Lost at Sea*, and *Focus on 50*



### Focus on 50 Exhibit

Most historical societies have a few quilts, fine needlework being a hallmark of a competent woman for centuries. This one with its meticulously painted images is unusually well-done, and the historical society is pleased to have it. Merrill Adams of East Boothbay was a prominent and broadly respected sea captain who customarily sailed to foreign ports. His daughter Cora, born in 1868, made this beautiful quilt, perhaps in 1889 if the satin ribbon sewn into it is an indication. It was donated thanks to Mary Coombs of Boothbay Harbor who told the historical society that her cousin, Naomi Blake Crowder, who was Cora's granddaughter, had some historic Boothbay material. A letter went to Naomi telling her of our interest in Boothbay memorabilia, and eventually she brought the quilt and other items to us.



Cora Adams Blake

### *Is there a "treasure" in your attic?*

*The society's collections of artifacts, documents, and photographs of local historical interest depend almost exclusively on donations, such as the antique quilt by Cora Adams Blake. If you have an item to donate for the enjoyment of future visitors and researchers, please contact local historian Barbara Rumsey at 207-633-0280 or [brhs@gwi.net](mailto:brhs@gwi.net).*

**Annual Cheese Sale  
Fall Foliage Festival  
Saturday, October 7**

**Two sites:** Once again, we will be in the old Town Hall at the Boothbay Railway Village from 9:00 to sold-out, as well as at the historical society from 10:00-2:00. Other items for sale include our new BRHS logo aprons, books, gift baskets, more.



**New this year:** In addition to our regular two-year aged cheddar from Grafton Village Cheese, we are including their popular **Maple Smoked cheese**. Both will be hand-cut in 8oz. and 4oz. packages, priced at \$8.00 and \$4.25, respectively.

**Pre-orders:** We are now taking orders for both cheese varieties. Unlike past years, payment will not be due until pickup. Please plan to pick up your pre-ordered cheese at the museum on Friday, October 6 or Saturday, October 7, between 10:00 and 2:00, as these orders will NOT be available at our table at the Fall Foliage Festival. To order, please call the museum (207-633-0820) between 10:00 and 2:00 on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday – by September 15; or email at [brhs@gwi.net](mailto:brhs@gwi.net). Watch for more on this event on our website and Facebook, and in the Register.

*Thank you for supporting this annual fundraiser. All proceeds go toward maintaining the quality of our collections and the building that houses them.*

**Speaker: Cmdr. Bill Wilson  
Thursday, September 28**

Commander Bill Wilson, USCG (Ret.) will discuss all things Titanic from her construction, launch, and passengers, to her cataclysmic sinking and the aftermath of the tragedy. In addition to his military history at sea, Bill brings a lifetime of Titanic scholarship, published writings, and professional talks to his favorite subject.



Learn what it was really like aboard the empress of the White Star Line. Cmdr. Wilson's programs are always filled with fascinating facts and stories.

The doors will open at 4:10 p.m.. Please arrive early as seating is limited. Light refreshments will follow.

**BRHS NEEDS YOU!**

Do you enjoy meeting new people, helping with events, or tackling research projects? As a small non-profit, we rely heavily on volunteers for short and long-term help.

- ❖ Become a greeter, help researchers and visitors find their way around the museum.
- ❖ Help maintain museum collections and exhibits, assist with light office work, work on newsletters.
- ❖ Plan or work on special events, such as speaker programs and fundraisers.

Please contact Jane for more information:  
207-633-0820; [brhs@gwi.net](mailto:brhs@gwi.net)

**We hope you'll join our crew**

