



# Boothbay Region Historical Society

Fall 2018



Happy holidays! Although it's been busy at the museum this fall, one project ran into a brick wall. Our regular newsletter, originally planned for early November, was put on hold due to a series of computer issues. After many weeks and many frustrations, we are now almost back on track. In an effort to keep you informed, we have decided to create this simpler version to catch you up on what's been happening. Our popular newsletter version will return next spring.

Winter and the Harbor Lights festival are just around the corner. I hope you will stop by the museum during our Holiday Open House, Dec. 1st 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Besides the beautiful decorations, you can take in two new exhibits, rediscover our collections, and peruse the books, maps, and other items we have for sale, which make lovely Christmas gifts.

If you are thinking about starting a winter research project, whether it's tracing your family tree or another topic you're passionate about, our reference room has a substantial, almost endless, supply of information. We have hundreds of storage boxes of documents and account books, thousands of photographs, early editions of newspapers, databases, maps, town reports, copies of past interviews with citizens, and file cabinets with family birth, death, marriage information, and lots more. Our staff and local historian Barbara Rumsey are available to help you as well.

As you might suspect, managing this tremendous collection is an ongoing task. We are fortunate to have devoted trustees who volunteer their time weekly to accomplish this. However, more volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to help with fundraising events, be a greeter at any of our open houses or speaker events, or help maintain collections, please contact any of the trustees or call our museum. We would love to see you there.

Truly,

President

## **All are welcome! Harbor Lights Open House, Saturday December 1, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

The museum will be alive with holiday decorations, vintage greeting cards, historical photographs, homemade finger foods, hot beverages, and an array of treats. Please stop by to warm up during downtown festival activities. Browse our sale table for the perfect gift and buy a raffle ticket or two for a specialty gift basket.

**Exhibits:** On November 10, we opened an exhibit commemorating the end of World War I. On December 1, an additional exhibit will open highlighting uniforms worn by community members involved in local activities from the early to mid-1900s: Harry Pinkham's band uniform, an early Knights of Pythias uniform with regalia, and a 1930s nurse's cape from St. Andrews Hospital.

### **\*\*\*Rebuilding computer contacts\*\*\***

Although many of the programs lost in a recent computer crash have been restored, it appears all emails and contacts entered prior to the crash have been lost. The best we can do is ask for those who had previously given us an email to send a new message to the office with **"Restore my email"** as the subject. If you had previously signed up for the full-color digital version of our newsletters, please confirm that request in your message. If you would like to be placed on our email list or switch to digital newsletters, simply use **"New email request"** as the subject. We apologize for this inconvenience. [brhs@gwi.net](mailto:brhs@gwi.net) 207-633-0820

## Meet Our New Trustees



**Charlie Bamberg** comes to us by way of Massachusetts with a strong family connection to the region, summering on Ocean Point in his early years. He has proudly called the region his home since 1992 with he and his wife Heidi living in East Boothbay. They have four daughters between them. He has been and is actively involved with many community groups including the Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scouts, Boothbay Railway Village and Bay View Masonic Lodge. His background is in construction and he is now a self-employed construction consultant, servicing clients throughout New England and New York, from concept to completion. His proudest project is the construction of the Ovens Mouth Bridge in Boothbay, but he has built anything during his career from high rise buildings to schools, marine construction to processing plants, hospitals to commercial projects, and high-end residential projects to rapid transit. Charlie brings a love for history and the community he calls home.



**George Friant**, a 48-year resident of Boothbay Harbor, is a member of the last graduating class from the old Boothbay Harbor Grammar School, a member of the BRHS class of 1981, and a 1983 graduate of the former SMVTI in South Portland. After spending many years sailing, he found his niche with Moran Towing Company and now works shore-side overseeing the transportation of bulk commodities like grain, coal, fertilizer, cement and many other “unpleasant” but necessary products from Newfoundland to Corpus Christi, San Juan to Baton Rouge and every port in between. George has been happily married to Stacey Miller and is Dad to Nathaniel, a recent graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music and Kathrynne a student at the Marshal School of business at USC in Los Angeles. Although work often takes him out of town, George feels working with the society is important to help promote cooperation and education so the history of this community can be preserved for future generations.



**Laurie Simmons** is a native of the Boothbay region and has lived here most of her life. Most of her family has lived on the Boothbay peninsula and surrounding areas for generations. Prior to starting work at First Federal Savings and Loan in 2012, she was employed at the Boothbay Region Elementary School and participated in her dad’s local tour guide business for 20+ years. Her husband, Richard, who is also a native, is a local lobsterman. They have raised their three sons here, two of whom have chosen to work and settle in this area and one who calls Boothbay home, but works in NH. Laurie is a second-generation trustee. Her parents, Ron and Jane Spofford, were both longtime members of the BRHS and her dad was a much-admired trustee. They sparked an interest in Laurie to become a part of the historical society. Her dad, Ron, was a wonderful story teller and enjoyed sharing his knowledge of the past. Laurie is excited to learn more about how the region’s past ties in with the present.

Please stop by the holiday open house on December 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to say hello.  
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