

# Boothbay Region Historical Society

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Dear Friends,

2020 has certainly been a challenging time for everyone. In early spring, state guidelines required the museum be closed to the public. In June the rules relaxed a bit, however based on building size and older ventilation the museum was limited to five people inside at one time, including staff. At that point, the board decided to be open for limited hours, by appointment only. We'll stick with this plan for the foreseeable future. Updates will be available on our website and Facebook page, and in our monthly e-newsletters.

As with many other organizations, the lack of summer visitors and fundraising events has drastically reduced our operating income. In an effort to curb expenses, the board voted not to produce our usual six-page fall newsletter. Combining this simpler version with our annual fund appeal has helped us save on printing and mailing costs. We will continue to be as frugal as possible and appreciate your patience and support.

On behalf of the board, we wish you a safe journey through the coming months.

Sincerely,

Kay Wilder, President

## Annual Holiday Open House

The society's annual open house traditionally provides a warm and festive stop for folks enjoying downtown activities during the Harbor Lights Festival. Unfortunately, due to current conditions, we are unable to host this popular event this year.

The museum remains open to limited numbers of visitors and researchers by appointment only. We will miss catching up with friends. Please consider a visit to our website or come to the museum to check out books, maps, and photographs for your holiday gift giving.

We will see you in 2021!



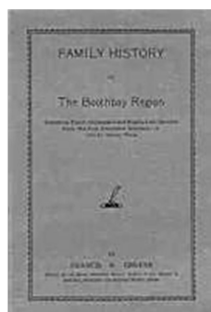
## Holiday Gifts

Office manager Claire Rittershaus is ready to take orders for your holiday gift-giving. Books, maps, and historical photographs can be mailed or made available for easy pickup at the museum. Visit our website to choose from a variety of items, then contact Claire by phone or email: 207-633-0820; [brhs@gwi.net](mailto:brhs@gwi.net).

### Sample gift items



*Shipping Days of Old Boothbay* by George W. Rice  
\$45.00 plus tax



*Family History of the Boothbay Region* by Francis Greene  
\$25.00 plus tax



*Maine Coastal Vessels of the Steamboat Era* by Alden Stickney  
\$24.00 plus tax



1815 Rose Map with key to land-owners. 18'x33'  
\$7.00 plus tax



Dory fishing for mackerel.

Please make an appointment to view our large collection of historical photographs

## Collections by Barbara Rumsey

Being closed for nearly eight months little has been going on in terms of acquisitions. Thank you to the following people who have donated items for our collections over the summer. Anyone wishing to donate artifacts, photographs, documents, family stories, etc. should call the office to arrange a drop-off time. Please be sure to include your name and a short history of the item so we may thank you.

Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District: 1940s-1950s aerial photos of Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor parcels

W. S. French: World War II ration books of Joe Dodge of the Dover Road

Dan Giles: map of the 1914 waterline from Juniper Point to Southport

Karen Nickerson: decorative plywood panels for minstrel shows

Bob Chesebro: early 1900s photos of the region

### **New Trustee**



Judy Wyman Adamson grew up in East Boothbay, near Smugglers Cove. Following graduation from Boothbay Region High School and Cornell University, she worked in the insurance industry in Boston. Years later, after earning a law degree from Western New England University, she set up a private law practice in Boston focusing on real estate law. In 2000, she moved back to the Boothbay region and worked as a real estate broker with Pottle Realty for 18 years. Since retiring, Judy has been an integral part of Rebuilding Together, now serving as recording secretary.

We appreciate Judy's enthusiasm and love of the Boothbay region and look forward to welcoming her in person as soon as possible.

### **Membership Matters**

We are pleased to welcome four new members since April.

Kathy Goldner	Stockton Springs, Me.
Mari Tiwari	Southport, Me.
Coral Barry	East Boothbay, Me.
Edward Wyaman	Buzzards Bay, Ma.

Please consider supporting the society with a gift membership as part of your holiday giving.

### **Outreach News by Kathy Goldner**

**Schools:** The arrival of Covid-19 last winter caused a premature halt to our Boothbay region history program in the BRES third grades. We're in touch with the teachers and hope to continue this popular program during the winter.

**Website:** Our current website is woefully outdated. A new design will maximize our online presence by being cellphone and tablet friendly, enabling online shopping, and much else. With fund-raising opportunities restricted this year, we have applied for grants to fund a complete website redesign.

**Digital news:** Our monthly e-news, which always contains an article on Boothbay history by Barbara Rumsey, has 286 subscribers. Our Facebook page has reached over 3,600 people, and we have 680 followers. Comments on the photographs posted on Facebook are often quite lively!

Lastly, we have been approached by Images of America about publishing another Boothbay history book. We will make a proposal to them this fall.

To sign up for our monthly e-news and be kept updated on society activities, please call or email the office and Claire will get you started.

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