



Boothbay Region Historical Society

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Dear Friends,

Where has the year gone? Despite the difficulties imposed by COVID-19 restrictions, the historical society has been quite busy since once again welcoming visitors in June. The museum continues to be open all year, Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We hope you'll stop by to browse or ask questions.

With the difficulty of maintaining distance for a crowd, the board has reluctantly decided to again forego our annual **holiday open house**. We invite you to come in to the museum between November 19 and December 16 to check out our holiday sale items and to take a few chances on unique gift basket raffles. You may even find some delicious holiday treats for sale!

On behalf of our trustees and staff, may you have a safe and happy holiday season.

Kay Wilder, President



Trustee Dana Wilson with daughters Lettie and Elise hard at work

2021 Fundraising Events

As always, we're so grateful to everyone who supports our fundraising efforts. After COVID-19 forced us to cancel last year, Capt. Harold Burnham once again offered us a wonderful Windjammer Days cruise aboard the Pinky schooner *Ardelle*. Sadly, we felt it prudent later in the summer to cancel a members-only cruise aboard Capt. George McEvoy's *Nellie G II*. We will definitely try again next summer.

Our July 4th bake sale was a success and our Fall Foliage cheese & sweets sale in October satisfied many hungry folks. Many thanks to our wonderful bakers who make these events possible. If you would like to join the crew, please call or email the museum.



Building & Grounds

Last year, we reported on a multi-year grant from **The Mildred H. McEvoy Foundation** for exterior painting and repairs at the museum. COVID-19 forced us to put these plans on hold. We hope to make headway on these much-needed improvements soon.

Thank you to **Rebuilding Together** for our new front steps and front door repairs! Our towns are so lucky to have these generous folks sharing their time and talents.

Our new **landscaping committee** is creating an easy-care plan for renovating the gardens and general plantings around the museum that will incorporate more heirloom plants. The phase-one cleanout will begin this fall with help from Brian Barter and his crew.



Holiday Raffle

We are pleased to offer this iconic watercolor by well-known local artist Herb Maynard as a holiday fundraiser. The painting is framed and matted (17"x12") and ready for a special spot on your wall or as a holiday gift. The painting, donated by a supporter, will be on display at the museum until a winner is drawn on December 15.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and may be purchased at the museum during open hours, Thursday-Saturday, 10:00-2:00. Or send a check to BRHS, PO Box 272, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538, along with a phone number or email so we can acknowledge your request.

Outreach, Kathy Goldner

Speakers: Despite the pandemic, we were able to present each of our scheduled speakers by Zoom or in-person. We so appreciate everyone who helped make this possible. Watch for news on when recorded versions will be available on our website or at the museum. Zoom allowed us to reach well beyond our area. We look forward to more hybrid programs next year.

Boothbay Adult Education: The society has been approached about participating in the BAE. We are waiting for more details. This would be an exciting outreach program. **Boothbay Region Schools:** We hope to reconnect with third-grade students at BRES once COVID-19 restrictions allow. Teachers Chip Schwehm and Nick Scott will be bringing high school students to the museum as part of their Historical Inquiry and Field Research program.

Museum Tours: Do you have a small group that might like to tour the museum? Please contact us for arrangements and current restrictions.

Scholarship Awards Program: We are currently creating a scholarship fund that will allow us to make an annual award to a graduating senior at Boothbay Region High School. More information to come soon.

100 years ago—December 1921

From the Boothbay Register

The advent of machine-made lobster plugs means fishermen will no longer have to whittle their own plugs.

7-room house on Bay Street for sale: \$1,200.

Christmas gift suggestions from C. J. Marr & Co.

\$1.25-\$4.00 Men's union suits

\$.75-\$1.00 Men's & women's slippers

One-year gift subscription to the Register ... \$2.00

The Steamer *Winter Harbor* is running from Boothbay Harbor, Southport, Isle of Springs, and Boothbay to connect with trains in Wiscasset.

50 years ago—December 1971

From the Boothbay Register

A large barn on Lobster Cove belonging to Robert Branch burned to the ground, with no known cause.

Pork chops sold for \$.68 a pound

The first atomic fuel shipment arrived at Maine Yankee nuclear power station on Bailey Peninsula in Wiscasset. This article explained when activated, rods filled with uranium dioxide pellets provided heat to run steam turbines to create electricity. [Maine Yankee was decommissioned and dismantled between 1997 and 2005.]

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

See our website for more gift ideas or to order online.

Maps:

1885 Boothbay Harbor.....\$5.00

1948 Boothbay Region with house sites (b/w).....\$12.00

Our most popular books:

The Boothbay Region, 1906-1960; Clifford.... ...\$25.00
(currently out of print)

Boothbay Region Historical Sketches II; Rumsey...\$15.00

Boothbay Region Historical Sketches III; Rumsey..\$16.00

Colonial Boothbay, mid-1600s-1775; Rumsey.....\$16.00

Family History of the Boothbay Region; Greene....\$25.00

Hodgdon Shipbuilding and Mills; Rumsey.....\$15.00

Shipping Days of Old Boothbay; Rice.....\$45.00



Large Rockwell map showing 1948 house sites in lower Boothbay region. \$12.00

Members receive a 10% discount

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Boothbay Region Historical Society is to promote interest in the history of the Boothbay region and to preserve the region's history. BRHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

VOLUNTEERS!

Do you enjoy learning about local history? Do you have a few hours to spare on a monthly or as-needed basis to help organize our collections, set up exhibits, or assist our office manager? We are always looking for new volunteers to help us achieve our mission. Please call or email for more information.