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**AUGUST 2024**

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*Marie Antoinette house, built in 1791, included in **Queen Marie Antoinette & Boothbay Area Links to France and Other Places** talk on August 8, 2024.*

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### **Summer Speaker Series**

## ***Queen Marie Antoinette & Boothbay Area Links to France and Other Places***

***Presented by Chip Griffin***

***Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 4:30pm***

***Co-hosted by Friends of Southport Historical Society  
Southport Town Hall, 361 Hendricks Hill Rd, Southport***

People have long been fascinated with Queen Marie Antoinette's dramatic 1793 beheading in a white death robe at the guillotine in France. This notoriety has prompted interest in her background and life. But did you know that she also had remarkable connections with Boothbay region sailors and sailing vessels?


In the last talk in our Summer Speaker Series, historian Chip Griffin explores these stories, which include transatlantic shipping and fishing. And of course, this discussion wouldn't be complete without including the Marie Antoinette house in our own backyard!

***This event is free. Donations are greatly appreciated.  
Space is limited. [Pre-registration is required.](#)***

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BENEFITING BOOTHBAY REGION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Mapping Maine

Sunday August 18 at 5:30pm  Hosted by Harbor Theater

*The Romance Map of Maine*  
BOOTHBAY WOMEN AND PICTORIAL MAPMAKING IN THE 20TH CENTURY

*Maine on the Map*  
SPECIAL SHOWING OF THE MPBN "FROM THE VAULT" DOCUMENTARY

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## ***Mapping Maine: A Boothbay Region Historical Society Fundraiser***

***Sunday, August 18th at 5:30pm (doors open at 5:00)***

***Hosted by HARBOR THEATER***

***185 Townsend Ave, Boothbay Harbor, Maine***

For the second year in a row, Boothbay Region Historical Society is fortunate enough to partner with Harbor Theater, bringing you special historical programming in their wonderful cinema setting. This year we are celebrating Maine's (and Boothbay's) cartographic history with a program entitled, ***Mapping Maine***.

This packed evening includes a special abbreviated viewing of the MPBN "From the Vault" documentary, ***Maine on the Map***, originally shown in 1996. The film focuses on early maps of Maine and includes the personal collection of Dr. Harold Osher, who donated his \$100 million collection to the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education, located in Portland, Maine, in 2018.

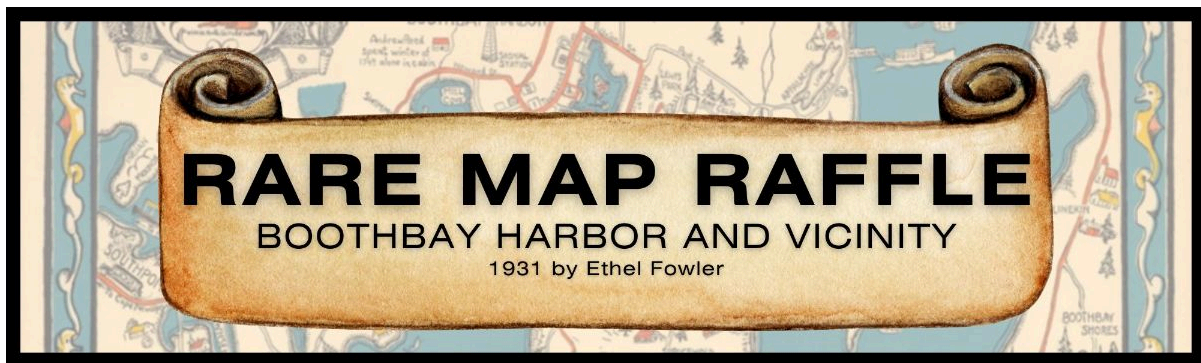
Bringing the topic of maps into the present day and Boothbay region, the film will be followed by ***The Romance Map of Maine: Boothbay Women and Pictorial Mapmaking in the 20th Century***, presented by **Libby Bischof, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Osher Map Library**. This talk uses a beautifully illustrated 1936 map of Maine, compiled by Boothbay schoolteacher Grace F. Dodge, and summer resident Alice Fowler, and illustrated by Mildred Greene to discuss the concept of pictorial maps, which rose to popularity in the

20th century.

***Tickets: \$30 each***  
***Includes beverages and light refreshments***

## TICKETS

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During our ***Mapping Maine*** fundraiser, we'll have high-quality, full-color prints of [A Romance Map of Maine](#) available for \$10.00 (tax included). And we're also offering a special chance to win another beautifully illustrated map, a rare copy of the 1931 [Boothbay Harbor and Vicinity](#) produced by Ethel B. Fowler. (Retail values for this hard-to-find map range from \$70-\$200!) **Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10** and can be purchased online, by calling (207) 633.0820, or stopping by the museum Thursday-Saturday, 10am-2pm.

*Please note that this is an electronic raffle so there are no physical tickets needed. Event ticket purchase is not required to enter the raffle. The winner will be chosen at the end of our fabulous Mapping Maine event.*

## RAFFLE TICKETS



### Exhibit Opening Soon! ***A Look Back: 150 years of Life in the Boothbay Region***

Have you enjoyed the last few months of research articles about the Monday Club, written by historical society, Julia O'Brien-Merrill? We've heard from many of you that it provided an entirely new perspective on what was previously thought to be just a social club for fussy old ladies. Instead, Julia's work shows the close connections the women formed and the important work they did in the community and beyond.

The Monday Club is just a small part of our new exhibit ***A Look Back: 150 Years of Life in the Boothbay Region***, which opens soon. The exhibit coincides with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Elizabeth F. Reed, Monday Club member and previous owner of our museum building. Also included are artifacts, photos, and archival documents examining life, industries, and families in late-19<sup>th</sup> century Boothbay. Stop by and take a look Thursday-Saturday, 10am-2pm.



We just added the sold out talk, [\*The Rice Brothers of East Boothbay\*](#) with Jon Dunsford to our YouTube channel. Make the most of rainy summer days by watching this or any of our YouTube uploads!

## WATCH ONLINE

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*Open all year*

*Thursday through Saturday*

*10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

*Local historian available by chance or appointment*

ADMISSION IS FREE

