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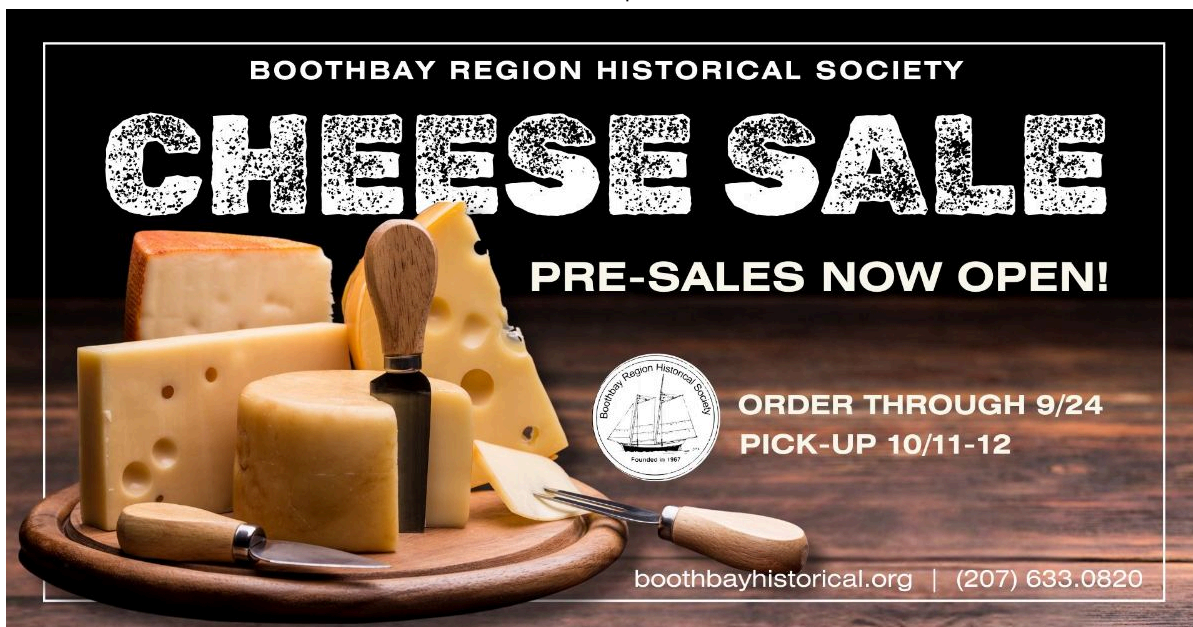
Researching and preserving our history, so your stories will not be forgotten.



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*Early photo of boys playing football, looking northeast to Weymouth House.
(Boothbay Region Historical Society, Tibbetts Collection, BHSS078-1)*



Back by popular demand: Cheese and Bake Sale

Pre-Orders Open Now!

Pre-orders open until September 24, 2024

Pick-up October 11-12, 2024 10am-2pm

Bake and Cheese Sale October 12, 2024 9am-2pm

We're holding this year's **Cheese and Bake Sale on Saturday, October 12th from 9am-2pm** at the museum, 72 Oak Street, Boothbay Harbor, Maine. We'll have a variety of delicious baked goods for sale, and the star of the show: Maine-produced, 2-year-aged, extra sharp cheddar. Perfect for mac and cheese, sandwiches, snacking, and gifts!

We're offering a discounted price on pre-ordered cheese (see below). We will have some cheese for sale on the day of the bake sale at the regular price of \$10.00 per half pound and \$20.00 per pound. **Cheese pre-orders are encouraged** to make sure we order enough cheese for everyone. Sorry, no pre-orders on baked goods.

Pre-order: Open now through **9/24/2024**

Special pre-order price: **\$9.00 per half pound and \$18.00 per pound**

Pick-up: Order now, pick up Friday, October 11 between 10am-2pm or Saturday, October 12 between 9am-2pm, during the bake sale. Pick-up at Boothbay Region Historical Society, 72 Oak Street, Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

Ways to pre-order:

- Click on the link below to [purchase online](#).
- Call (207) 633.0820 to order by phone.
- Stop by the museum Thursday-Saturday between 10am-2pm to place an order in person.
- Mail a check and a note with your name, phone number, email, and the amount of cheese you'd like to (check must be received by September 24, 2024):

*Boothbay Region Historical Society
P.O. Box 272
Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538*

PRE-ORDER HERE



EXHIBIT OPEN!

A Look Back: 150 Years of Life in the Boothbay Region

Thursday-Saturday, 10am-2pm

Is it possible to fit 150 years of history into one room? Well, our Exhibit Committee has given it a darn good try! Our new exhibit, *A Look Back: 150 Years of Life in the Boothbay Region*, takes Elizabeth F. Reed's birth in 1874 as a jumping off point to tell the history of our area over the last century and a half.

The exhibit includes a history of the Reed family who built the house, and a display exploring Elizabeth's involvement in the women's social and activist group, the Monday Club, using newly cataloged records in the collection. Also included are sections on historic mills, the ice industry, lobstering, and other industries that help define and support the growth of our area. From books to branding irons, paintings to plummets, signs to shoes, this exhibit has

something for everyone. Stop by to check it out during opening hours, Thursday-Saturday, 10am-2pm. *A Look Back* will be on display through 2024-2025.



Collections Preservation Work

With tens of thousands of photos, thousands of historic documents, and hundreds of artifacts, caring for historic items is a big part of our mission. This expensive, skilled, and time-consuming work often goes on unseen in the quieter months of the year.

Being housed in a historic building makes collections care even more challenging. Luckily, last year's Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) Report identified several collections-related tasks that will improve how we care for these important pieces of our heritage. Key to this effort is preservation and storage, which not only helps protect items, but also allows us more space to carefully curate exhibits for you—telling a larger variety of rich stories through rotating and permanent exhibits.

Most recently, volunteers have begun undertaking gentle preservation, packing, and storage of historic documents and framed art. Large portraits of Birdene Shackleton, long-term teacher and postmistress of the Bayville post office; and Rebecca Park, Birdene's great-aunt stalwartly overlooked the exhibit room. They've been removed from the walls, dry brushed and gently cleaned, before being wrapped in archival quality foam. They're enjoying a well-earned break in storage, which will save them from exposure to light and give us a chance to add something new to the walls they previously occupied.



Collections Volunteers Wanted

The preservation work mentioned above is just one of many collections projects that are in process or on the horizon. Our digitization project continues as scanners are making headway into our genealogical files. We are moving images and information into our new, state-of-the-art collections database. Artifacts and original documents are undergoing light conservation work and rehousing to preserve them for years to come. All of this work is being carried out by volunteers!

If you're interested in volunteering to work with our collections on any of these tasks, we'd love to have you. We'll provide the training and scheduling is flexible. Most volunteers work a single 2-hour shift per week. If you'd like more information or want to chat with someone about volunteering, contact the Society's office manager, Jane Johnston at (207) 633.0820 or info@boothbayhistorical.org. Help us bring the past into the future!

I'M INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING



*Open all year
Thursday through Saturday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

Local historian available by chance or appointment

ADMISSION IS FREE

