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BOOTHBAY REGION
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

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



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Dear Friends

This year's theme for the Historical Society is "Moving Forward." The Society is steadily moving forward with new exhibits, new and returning speakers, new events, and more. Our new trustees, Pat Brunell and Liz Ullrich, bring fresh ideas and a deep appreciation of history and volunteering. We're moving forward with Connie Hartley as our Outreach and Development Manager. Connie has hit the ground running with fresh energy and new ideas, based on many years working at non-profit organizations. As we move forward with new projects, we are also reaching out to local organizations to create joint programs. Watch for more information! We're welcoming new volunteers to help with research, exhibits, collections care, digitization, light maintenance, and more. We're moving ahead with plans to explore how to better use spaces within the Reed House, while assessing new ways to protect our collections from damage due to exposure to sunlight, humidity, and extreme temperatures. Thank you to all who support our mission to preserve and share the region's history. You keep us moving forward!

President

In Remembrance

In remembrance: For many years, George H. McEvoy was a valued friend of the Boothbay Region Historical Society. His quiet support was essential to the successful completion of projects ranging from purchasing equipment to maintaining the 1874 Reed House. George and local historian Barbara Rumsey formed a close bond over their mutual devotion to preserving the history of our communities. Thank you, George, for your friendship and support. We will miss you.

Register Project Update – Volunteers Needed!

We're pleased to announce the effort to digitize all known editions of the Boothbay Register is well underway. Thanks to a grant from the Mildred H. McEvoy Foundation, the historical society and the Register are pooling their collections to capture all available issues beginning with the first editions in 1876. The Maine State Library is generously putting at our disposal a state-of-the-art, large format scanner located at the library in Augusta. Historical society volunteers have been traveling to the library to work on this landmark project. The library has also loaned us a special book scanner to help digitize more in-house items, including our bound family histories.

More volunteers are needed to keep this exciting project moving forward. Your efforts will serve those interested local history for generations to come. To find

Imagine having digital access to 150 years of the Boothbay Register!



A generous Friend of the Society will match up to \$1,000 raised through this challenge! Your donation will help fund assessment, conservation, and specific archival storage for some of our oldest holdings. Some items such as a 1682 Bible translated and annotated in England by John Canne, and a ledger belonging to Sawyers Island resident Joseph Patten, dated 1753-1762, may require professional assistance. Others simply require some TLC from volunteers equipped with the necessary tools, training, and archival materials.

Volunteers needed!



Canne Bible 1682, Marson Collection

We are indebted to our anonymous donor for this wonderful opportunity and appreciate all gifts to the 2025 Matching Gift Challenge. Donate on our website or by check mailed to Boothbay Region Historical Society, P. O. Box 272, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538. Please indicate Challenge Gift on your donation. To volunteer, please contact the office at info@boothbayhistorical.org or 207.633.0820.

**Thank you for investing in the Society's mission to preserve
Boothbay Region history for future generations!**



Membership Dues Help Us Move Forward!

Annual member dues provide a reliable source of income that allows us to budget for regular operating expenses such as necessary museum purchases, regular building maintenance, and utilities. As a thank you, members receive a 10% discount on gift shop items, a semi-annual members newsletter, and early invitations to special events. The 2025-2026 membership year begins May 1, 2025.

***Membership dues help preserve the history of the Boothbay Region.
Thank you!***

JOIN NOW

Join Our Volunteers!



Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes, yet with one feature in common – they enjoy being part of a community. Our community of volunteers helps the society function in many ways that benefit the larger Boothbay Region community. Our current effort to digitize the museum's holdings would not be possible without a dedicated crew of weekly volunteers. Others work on cataloging new acquisitions, inventorying room contents, or applying light conservation to artifacts in need of some TLC. Don't have weekly time to share? How about helping with occasional Facebook and Instagram posts? Or help us plan special events and fundraisers. Or bring us some new ideas! Just contact the office: 207.633.0820, info@boothbayhistorical.org. *Thank you!*



Our 2025 calendar of events is almost full! New speakers, exhibits, and fundraisers.

August 11 Speaker Series: *Dwight & Duane Lewis, retired Southport Bridge tenders. Stories will be shared about the “then and now” in collaboration with the Southport Historical Society.* The presentation begins at 7:00pm at the Southport Town Hall.

September 13 Historic Leach House Tour Fundraiser 4:00pm to 6:30pm.
Save the Date! More details to come!

October 11 Annual Cheese Sale 9:00am until sold out! Always a hit! Pineland two-year aged cheese and yummy baked goods.

October 18 Preserving Family Treasures: *presented by the Society, in collaboration with the Southport Historical Society, and hosted by the Boothbay Railway Village.* Complete details coming later this summer.

December 6 Annual Holiday Open House 10:00am to 2:00pm at the museum. Join us as we ring in the holidays with seasonal treats, gifts, and raffles.

And speaking of calendars: Our creative volunteers are busy designing a Boothbay Region Historical Society 2026 photo calendar titled “The Boothbay Region, Then and Now.” Watch for a publishing date in late August!



Open all year

Thursday through Saturday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Local historian available by chance or appointment

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