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BOOTHBAY REGION
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

November 2025

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



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Thank you to all the volunteers who came out on Saturday, November 1 to help with our annual fall clean up day! Many hands made great work! We were able to complete a few of the tasks on our long to-do list before the cold weather arrives. This was a great way for our staff, trustees and volunteers to spend time getting to know each other.



Annual Appeal

Dear Friends,

The Society's mission is to collect, preserve, and promote interest in the history of the Boothbay Region through research, exhibits, and programs. The Society serves as a community hub for the historical documents, artifacts, and photographs that bind together past, present, future generations.

How do we collect and preserve these memories? For over 50 years, local historian Barbara Rumsey reminded one and all of the value of "their" historical society and the need to support its efforts through donations of funds or items of local historical significance. Thanks to Barbara, the museum now holds well over 30,000 photographs, documents, and artifacts of local interest. *Your gift to the annual fund will allow us to purchase the necessary materials to store and preserve these treasures and the 1874 Elizabeth F. Reed house for the future.*

How do we promote interest in these collections? By offering free admission, our displays and programs are accessible to everyone. Our historical and genealogical materials, many of which have been digitized, are available for in-depth research. We collaborate with local groups to present programs that are often recorded for YouTube. *Your gift to the annual fund can help enhance our outreach through the purchase of portable audio/visual and exhibit equipment, supplies for school visits, and upgrades to our website.*

Your investment in the Society's mission, at whatever level is comfortable, will have a lasting impact on our ability to connect current and future generations with the people, places, and events that came before.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for supporting the mission of the Boothbay Region Historical Society.

Kay Wilder

President

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Holiday Open House A Vintage Christmas

Annual Holiday Open House

A Vintage Christmas

Celebrate the holiday season at our Annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 6 from 10 am to 2 pm. The event will be held at the museum located at 72 Oak Street, Boothbay Harbor.

Join us for a festive day of vintage decorations, delicious treats, and lively conversation, along with a display detailing history of the 1917-1918 Boothbay Harbor winter freeze. Take a chance to win one of several exciting door prizes and raffles, to include gift baskets along with \$100.00 gift cards! There will be a selection of items for sale to include books, history maps, and our 2026 calendar. Come and share your family stories with us! Tell us what the Boothbay Region Historical Society means to you!

A portion of the proceeds will support the Boothbay Region Historical Society's High School Scholarship Fund.

Please note: Raffle tickets will be available for purchase beginning Saturday, November 22 at 10am. Stop by and make your early purchase.

There is no charge for this event as it is our chance to say thank you to the community for supporting the work we do to preserve and promote the history of the Boothbay Region. For more information contact the office at 207-633-0820 or email info@boothbayhistorical.org Thursday through Saturday, 10:00am to 2:00pm.

We would like to thank our Event Sponsor, Hammond Lumber Company.

Our Friend Sponsors, Ames True Value Hardware, Bath Savings Institution, East Boothbay General Store, Midcoast Symphony Orchestra, Newcastle Publick House, Newagen Seaside Inn, R H Reny, Inc, Robinson Wharf, and Sea Glass Spa for their support of this festive event!

Join Our Volunteers!



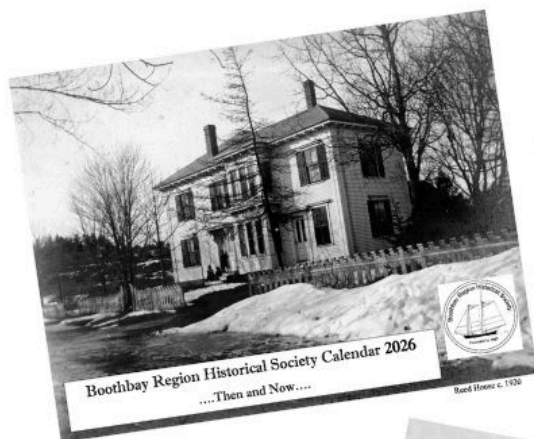
We currently have a need for DIY volunteers to assist our Building & Grounds crew with small repairs, carpentry work and clean up projects.

We are also searching for an amateur photographer to assist the exhibit team, photographing our collection of artifacts.

If you are interested in one of these volunteer opportunities or know someone who would be, please contact the office at 207-633-0820 or email info@boothbayhistorical.org, Thursday through Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm.

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