

Book Review

Walking Tour of Woods Hole Village, by Susan Fletcher Witzell

Excerpts from a Review in the *Falmouth Enterprise* by W. Redwood Wright:

“Susan Witzell has produced a small gem of a book about the village of Woods Hole which will delight tourists, newcomers and old-timers alike. *Walking Tour of Woods Hole Village* is that and more. Its 88 pages include a clockwise walk around the Eel Pond, the central feature of the village, with a modest excursion up Water Street to Little Harbor. The centerfold is a very clear map of Woods Hole showing the location of the 82 features, mostly buildings, the author has chosen to describe. In addition there is a capsule history of the village as it has grown and changed over more than three centuries, a brief glossary of the architectural terms used in the text, and more than two dozen photographs, most from the archives of the Woods Hole Historical Collection (WHHC).”

“The text has a comfortable, conversational tone, as if Susan were walking alongside and describing the houses and the people who lived (and sometimes still live) in them. There is a sense of neighbors and friends, a community; some names keep cropping up in different contexts; there are stories of success and loss, marriage, children and death, businesses started and ended; and of course the rise of the extraordinary scientific complex that evolved around Eel Pond over the past 150 years.”

“Susan is the perfect author for this helpful little book, having worked with and written about the history of Woods Hole since 1992, when she began

volunteering at WHHC. She is now assistant curator and archivist there and has been particularly interested in the museum’s photographic archive and in historic photography in general. Out of this came an earlier book which she wrote and edited with Jane A. McLaughlin and Mary Lou Smith: *New England Views: The Photography of Baldwin Coolidge (1845-1928)*. Susan has also published a number of articles in *Spritsail* and has created many exhibits for the museum.”

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