

## From the Editors

The opening article in this 2019 Winter issue of *Spritsail* recounts how the coming of the railroad to Falmouth and Woods Hole after the Civil War impacted agriculture, commerce, and tourism in the area. Paul Dreyer also traces the history of the Falmouth train station on Depot Avenue and how its restoration has benefitted the town and her many visitors.

Susan Witzell presents a biographical sketch of James and Kate Watson and their civic contributions to Falmouth at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. Today we would call them a “power couple.” Dr. Watson was active in church and town activities, and Kate Watson was one of the town’s prominent musicians as well as an early curator of the Falmouth Historical Society.

San Lyman evokes living in Woods Hole during the 1950s and 1960s. She presents her reminiscences in a nostalgic pictorial essay.

Janet Gardner traces the Christmas traditions that have evolved in Falmouth over the past 100 years. She describes the holiday events on the Village Green, the neighborhood celebrations throughout the town, and the growth of the annual holiday parade.

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The white winter moon  
Stuns the cold earth with silence.  
Our pond shines silver.

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Crow lands on white branch.  
Black wings make a snow shower.  
The pine tree glistens.