

Mainsheet

*The Newsletter of the Woods Hole Historical Museum
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Fall 2013

Join the festivities at the WHHM Holiday Party

Thursday, December 12, 5–7 p.m.

Enjoy catching up with museum members at this lively event.

The Museum Shop will be open for your holiday shopping.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

A Look Back at the Summer of 2013

What a banner season for the WHHM! Our staff and volunteers greeted more than 2,500 guests from 39 states, 26 countries and 6 continents. Three wonderful exhibits delighted our visitors. We marked milestones in the community including the centennial of the Woods Hole Children's School of Science as well as the 125th anniversary of the Church of the Messiah's stone church building and the Marine Biological Lab. And we hosted a wide variety of walks, talks, demonstrations and workshops for members of the museum, the community, and guests. Phew!

For most of the season Gallery One featured photographs, displays and hands-on exhibits in recognition of the centennial of the Woods Hole Children's School of Science. The exhibit was curated by Dorothea Mautner, past president of the Children's School of Science. At a lively WHHM Conversation on July 30, current WHCSS president Charlotte Moore was joined by her husband, historian Will Moore, and museum director Jennifer Gaines in a lively discussion – filled with wonderful memories of summers at the school. The attendees included approximately 35 women and men, many of whom were former WHCSS students and/or teachers. *Continued on page 3....*



One highlight of the season was a full day bus trip to Mystic Seaport on October 17 to explore the newly restored last wooden whaling ship, the Charles W. Morgan, and to tour the museum. Coincidentally, the foremast of the Morgan was being stepped the very day of this trip. About 30 museum members and guests (shown at left) were greeted by Matthew Stackpole, major gifts officer for the restoration who treated the group to a private tour of the ship. On July 12 over 100 folks attended Matthew's illustrated talk, sponsored by the Museum.

Thank you to our Docents, Volunteers and Interns

Hats off to the 20 docents for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm with our museum guests. Thanks also to Bobby Colburn, docent coordinator, and our 2013 interns: Olivia Voorhis, a student at Pomona College in California and a former WHCSS assistant teacher, and Sam Lagasse, a student at Kenyon College. A third intern, Carlo Bocconcelli, a senior at Falmouth Academy, also assisted at the end of the season.



Above, the Docent and Volunteer Appreciation Tea,, held October 1 in the courtyard.

Check out the new WHHM website!

In early December the museum rolls out our new website. We hope that you will find the new site easy to navigate and jam-packed with all the information you need to keep in touch with us throughout the year. Thanks to Laura Reckford, Jim Green, and Jacki Forbes for creating and maintaining this vital communication tool. You'll find us at www.woodsholemuseum.org. We welcome your feedback on our new look and content.

WHHM Now on Facebook

To get the most current WHHM updates, check out our Facebook page on a regular basis. You will find posts about the archives, upcoming events, and more. Please take a moment to "like" us on Facebook.

Stay up to date with the WHHM via e-mail! We are now sending many announcements about museum activities electronically. Please send your preferred e-mail address to membership@woodsholemuseum.org.

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In Gallery Two the museum paid tribute to the 125th anniversary of the Marine Biological Laboratory with an comprehensive narrative, many photos of investigators and scientists in the lab and on the shore and photos of the fun they had during the summers. One photo included a young Gertrude Stein who studied embryology at the MBL in 1897. An impressive chronological chart listed the 60 Nobel Laureates who were associated with the MBL over the years. In coordination with this exhibit MBL archivist Diane Reilinger led a Conversation about the institution at the library on August 6th.



To close out the season, Gallery One was transformed into a lovely display of biological illustrations by Julie Child and her adult students, many of whom started drawing in recent years. At left a reception for the artists and guests was held in the courtyard on October 3.

New Museum Publication Ready to Hit the Stands

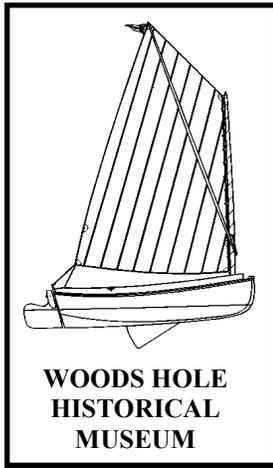
The WHHM is about to launch its next book, *Atlantis Stories*, based on the memoirs of the late Bill Cooper's life at sea. The book tracks Bill through his adventures as a crew member of WHOI's first research vessel, the ketch Atlantis. Although some of these stories have been captured in various articles in past issues of the *Spritsail* and in WHHM Conversations, this volume includes all of Bill's Atlantis stories, as he wrote them and as his wife Judy transcribed them. The editors, Jay Burnett and Arthur Gaines, have illuminated the stories with sidebars and photographs featuring the research, missions, captains and crew.

This limited edition book will be available at the museum in early 2014. Prepublication orders will be available until December 31, 2013 at an introductory price of \$34.95. Gift certificates for *Atlantis Stories* are available for holiday gifts or other special occasions. To order your copy, complete the form on the museum's website www.woodsholemuseum.org, visit the Museum Shop during special holiday hours or contact the museum at 508-548-7270.

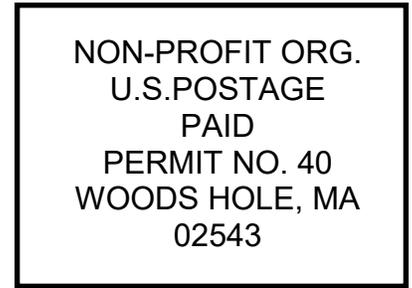
Start Planning Now for the July 2014 WHHM Summer Auction

It's just about time to start surveying your basement, attic, shed and garage for treasures to donate to the museum's next auction. This event is the museum's biggest fundraiser of the year and great fun as well. We are now forming a committee to plan the auction which will be chaired by WHHM Treasurer Jay Burnett,

To make this event a success we need a great committee. Please consider offering your help. In addition to donors we need help picking up and storing merchandise, publicizing the program and staffing the event. The Auction Committee will start meeting in January. Kindly contact Jay at sue-jay@verizon.net or call him at 508-274-7109 to offer your help.



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2014 WHHM Winter Programs

As the days get shorter, we're looking forward to many wonderful winter programs including our popular Craft Workshops and three special Conversations. The Craft Workshops, under the direction of Lauren Leveque, will begin in mid-January on Thursday evenings in the WHPL. This year's workshops include knot tying, drawing silhouette portraits, sewing reversible fabric headbands, spinning wool with a drop spindle, basketry, and seat cushions with piping. A detailed schedule will soon be available at the museum and the library and museum and online at www.woodsholemuseum.org.

Conversations will take place at the Woods Hole Public Library on January 14, February 11, and March 11 from 1 – 2 p.m. January's Conversation will be led by Jay Burnett and Arthur Gaines, editors of *Atlantis Stories*, the museum's newest publication. In February museum director Jennifer Gaines will deliver an illustrated talk about the Boats of Buzzards Bay. Check the website for details on the March program. Conversations are free and open to the public. Please visit our website www.woodsholemuseum.org for additional events.

Museum Shop Open for Holiday Shopping December 12 - 21

Thanks to Bobby Colburn and her team of volunteers, the Museum Shop will be stocked with wonderful hand-made holiday gifts including scarves, mugs, bracelets, aprons, and more. Museum publications, postcards, children's books and more will also be available.

Hours of operation are Tuesday – Saturday, December 12 – 21 from noon – 3 p.m.