

Mainsheet

*The Newsletter of the Woods Hole Historical Museum
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Fall-Winter 2014

Director Recounts Summer Highlights

The Museum's summer of 2014 was a busy time, full of festive events and excitement. We have broken all records. See Arlene's article "Impressive Numbers" on page X.

The first big fund-raising event of the summer was our Auction, which brought in more items and as a result, more money than ever before, thanks to our auctioneer Phil Stanton, who volunteered all his time and talents to the effort. Thanks also to the hard-working Auction Committee, ably led by Jay Burnett.

A week after the auction we had our second big event: a lecture by internationally acclaimed artist and author James Prosek with a reception to follow, prepared and donated by chef Annie Chalkley. James's paintings of ocean fish were exhibited in our second gallery throughout July. He allowed us to sell the prints at the end of the month, so now eight lucky people have the pleasure of admiring those amazing paintings every day. It was a great pleasure to welcome James to the Museum. He was one of the most pleasant, talented, and modest young men ever to visit with us.

Just two days after the Prosek event, we began our Family Boat Building program which ran for more than three very active days. It fully involved our campus, and attracted much attention from passersby. Our third big fund-raiser for the summer was the Oyster Talk and Tasting, which has become an annual event. We delight in introducing our local oystermen to the public, giving them a chance to talk about their work and letting everyone sample the tastes of oysters from the different bays and harbors.

In addition to these three big events were many smaller delightful and informative events. The first was a walking tour led by Gretchen Ward Warren of the historic Michael Walsh roses in Woods Hole. Every Tuesday we offered a walking tour of historic Woods Hole led by Susan Pennington, and every Wednesday in July Gerald Ross demonstrated the art of putting model ships in bottles. The Museum sponsored a talk by Tom Renshaw in the Community Hall about his youth in Woods Hole, and Susan Pennington gave an illustrated talk in the Library about the Provincetown painters. We also had a panel discussion paired with the opening of our August exhibit of photographs by Joan Pearlman and Sally Casper of Woods Hole women over age 75. One of those lively women, San Lyman, was the speaker at our annual meeting. *Continued on page 2....*



**You are invited to attend the WHHM Holiday Party Thursday, December 11, 5 – 7 p.m.
Join the festivities and 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!**

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Arlene Lowenstein, James Prosek and Jennifer Gaines in front of one of Prosek's giant fish. Photo by Bob Grosch.

We ran a new program, in conjunction with the Woods Hole Business Association, of walking tours highlighting the science of Woods Hole, past and present. This tour was led by our interns on four mornings a week throughout most of July and August.

Through the summer, we held several receptions. Of

course, there was our opening party for the summer exhibits, There was also a reception for the Woods Hole women featured in the exhibit, and one for the major donors to our newest publication *Atlantis Stories*. Thanks to these generous donors, the manuscript by Bill Cooper, its editing by Judy Cooper, the writing of additional biographical notes by Douglas Cooper, and not least of all, the editing skills of Arthur Gaines and Jay Burnett, the writing of several more pieces by others, and the design by Barbara Whitehead, we were able to produce our beautiful new volume, in time for a public “debut” of the book in early September.

We ended our long and eventful summer with a new exhibit of nature drawings by the students of Julie Child, with a reception for the artists.

Thanks to all our hard-working volunteers, especially our seemingly tireless Steering Committee, particularly Arlene Lowenstein, Bob Grosch, Jay Burnett, and Liz Moakley (who worked almost every event) who made these events possible. And thanks also to our bright group of three interns, Emily Fang, Carlo Boconcelli, and Guy Knapp, who were full of energy, enthusiasm, and good cheer all summer long. And thanks to Sally Cross who made their presence possible.

Finally we ended our season, as we always do, with a Thank You reception for our volunteers. An additional invited guest was Deborah Cole, the eldest daughter of Paul and Mary Lou Smith. She came to officially announce and present their bequest: a startlingly huge check for \$ 493,240.78. We are stunned at the amount, and very grateful!

For more photographs of our events, go to our website www.woodsholemuseum.org and click on “Highlights.”

Jennifer Gaines, WHHM Director

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Upcoming Events:

The Upper Cape Camera Club will present a special holiday exhibit of its photography of Woods Hole at the Museum in Gallery 2. The photos, which are for sale, will be on display from December 9—13, from 12 to 3 and during the Holiday Party December 11 from 5 to 7.

Woods Hole resident, Beth Colt, the proprietor of the Woods Hole Inn and the Quicks Hole Tavern, will be the featured speaker at the Museum's Conversation program on January 20 at 1 p.m. She will be discussing the old businesses of Woods Hole.



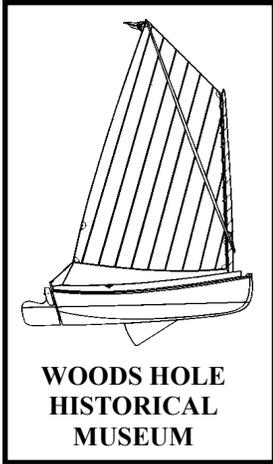
The shuttered Woods Hole Inn (on left) as it appeared circa 1915.

Winter Crafts Workshops

We have begun planning our annual Craft Workshops. We have always found these evenings a fine way to stay alert and engaged through the dark days of mid-winter, a good alternative to hibernation. Barbara Douglass is already planning a new useful basket with a special trim like those used by the Micmac Indians. Steve Wagner is planning a Knot Workshop. We are drafting other craftspeople as well.

Librarians Margaret McCormick and Kellie Porter will lead a session on making small zippered fabric pouches.

For those of you who don't know about these workshops, you are missing one of the best and most interesting series of hands-on programs around. Held between late January and early March in the lower level of the Woods Hole Library, and taught by volunteer crafts people, they are always entertaining and enlightening. Last year the offerings included Silhouette Cutting and Beeswax crafts, to name just two. Be sure we have your email address (send it to membership@woodsholemuseum.org) so we can quickly and easily announce the full schedule to you when it is complete.



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Museum Shop Open for Holiday Shopping December 9 – 13

The Museum Shop will be open for a short holiday season as well as traveling to the Renaissance Fair in the Community Hall on December 6. Museum members are requested to contribute a sample of their handcrafts for sale so we can simultaneously show off our talents and bring some much welcomed revenue to the Museum.

Hours of operation:
Tuesday – Saturday, December 9 – 13, from 12 - 3
Thursday, December 11, from 5 – 7 at Holiday Party