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## ***OPENING PARTY At the Courtyard FRIDAY JUNE 19th, 5—7***

**MUSEUM GALLERIES OPEN TUESDAY JUNE 23, 10 to 4, Tuesday through Saturday.**

**Gallery 1: Woods Hole Potters**, featuring Anne Halpin, Ann Newbury, Tessa Morgan, Ron Geering, Joan Lederman and Hollis Engley This exhibit has received a grant from Cape Cod Potters Inc.

**Gallery 2: “Eel Pond Bridge, Eel Pond Bridge”** - a multimedia exhibition about the draw-bridge, featuring both the past and its recent reconstruction. Some of the technical aspects of the exhibit have been aided by the volunteering of engineers and scientists at WHOI. This exhibit has also received a grant, from the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod.

### **WOODS HOLE MODEL BOAT SHOW A RESOUNDING SUCCESS**

The weather for the Seventh Biennial Woods Hole Model Boat Show on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> was as near perfect as is possible for a Woods Hole April weekend. More than 150 model boats – both static and radio controlled -- were on exhibit in six buildings along Water Street. All day Saturday the American Model Yachting Association ran a regatta of radio-controlled model sailboats. Sunday's informal racing was curtailed when the wind whipped up and several boats had to be rescued after capsizing.

In the Boat Shop, volunteers helped children assemble and decorate models of a Sprit-sail or Bermuda, which they then sailed on a large pool that had been cleverly constructed on the Museum's lawn. The kids also got to play with charming radio-controlled model tugboats. A small crowd was gathered during most of the weekend to watch the fun.

In the Community Hall AMYA had a fine array of model sailboats on display. Visitors also found half-hulls and delicate gunboats built for duck hunting nearby. At the hall's entrance was stationed the elegant six-foot tall sailboat *Deborah* that Philip Hale, owner of the Martha's Vineyard Shipyard, had successfully sailed from the Vineyard to Woods Hole for

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the show. The Firehouse's large warships, tug-boats and dazzling radio-controlled speedboats attracted an admiring audience, too. The Candle House and MBL Club housed a wide variety of boats and ships, from replicas of historic vessels - including several from the Civil War -- to flotillas of lovely sailboats.

In the Library incredible models of some of the great luxury liners that have plied the Atlantic were exhibited next to delicate tiny workboats. Of special interest on the west window bookshelf was Tom Hale's fine model of *HMS Beagle*, with excellent documentary information. Steam-propelled models were exhibited in the Museum, including an astonishing model of

Captain Nemo's submarine from Jules Verne's *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*.

In a final flourish, a Soling that had been meticulously hand-built and painted by Fred Abbe was raffled off and Gale Clark held the winning ticket. Preparing for the Model Boat Show pulled in volunteers from throughout the whole village, and from the Falmouth High School Honor Society. It was truly a community project; practically everyone in town can take a bow for the show's success.

At the show's close, more than one exhibitor called it the best show yet....

**See you in 2011....**

## **FROM THE ARCHIVES and Out to the World!**

*The Archives has been involved in two special projects. The Library of Congress's National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) is in the process of encouraging all libraries and archival collections to list their holdings on the Library's website where they can be available to the world for research. Susan Witzell and a group of volunteers have been working since January to update or write new catalogs for our family, organizational and institutional collections. The first batch of catalogs went to NUCMC May 19th. This is an ongoing project which will continue throughout the year. Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped with this project: Enid Sichel, Kathy Newman, Sandy Klein, Anne Edwards, Betsy Farnham and Judy Clark.*

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*NOAA has initiated an oral history project which makes interviews and lectures on the subject of the Fisheries available on their website. They had a number of our Oral History Collections Interviews and Conversations transferred from audio tapes to digital files (MP3) which are now in the process of being uploaded onto their website. Included are interviews with Captain Louis Doucette, Loretta Doucette, Ken Shepherd, Frances Shepherd, Henry Klimm, Pete Fisher, Marty Bartlett, a panel discussion on Sam Cahoon's and a lecture on the haddock fishery by NOAA scientist Russell Brown.*



## ***SUMMER EVENTS COMING UP***

### **BOATBUILDING DEMO DAYS**

**July 16, 17, 18 Thursday-Saturday 9 to 3**

**Visit of the Catboat *Sarah*: Sign up for a Sail  
During the week of June 20-27**

**Pottery Demonstrations and Gallery Talks**

### ***ANNUAL MEETING***

**Thursday August 6, 2009**