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*The Newsletter of the Woods Hole Historical Museum
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Spring 2010

EXHIBIT: Woods Hole in 1910 and the 100th Anniversary of the Woods Hole Public Library

The Museum and the Woods Hole Public Library are joining together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the library. Our exhibit this summer will feature photos, clothing and material showing what life was like in Woods Hole village 100 years ago as well as featuring the history of the library.

Photos below and on the back page will be featured in the exhibit— some of these show the other locations in which the Library (Woods Hole Social Library) existed prior to the construction of the present fieldstone structure.

On July 13th, our director will speak about the subject and show photos from our archives at the Library's Annual Meeting.

OPENING PARTY: FRIDAY JUNE 18, 2010 5 to 7 p.m.
MUSEUM OPENS SATURDAY JUNE 19th, 10 to 4.



Asa Shiverick house at the corner of School Street and Main (Water) Street. The Woods Hole Social Library was located in its high basement (left corner of photo) from 1873 to 1878. Asa Shiverick was superintendent of the Pacific Guano Company and a member of the Library's organizing group. The library moved to Liberty Hall (Community Hall) and was there from 1878-1896.



The Woods Hole Social Library moved to a former store on Little Harbor from 1898 to 1910.

The Museum and Library have partnered with the Architecture department of the Rhode Island School of Design. One of their design studios, an upper level course for both graduates and advanced undergraduate students, is spending the whole spring semester designing a project for us. They chose our project from a handful of intriguing options, one from Costa Rica and another from Morocco.

The drive behind our collaboration is the need to expand our archival space (we've run out of room) and to develop a closer relationship with the Library. In order to be eligible to apply for a grant of up to 40% of the cost of new construction, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners requires that the Museum and the Library have a joint entrance. So, since RISD looks for challenging subjects, and we needed ideas, we have come together in this design project.

Early in the semester our representatives compiled a large booklet of data about our needs, then traveled to Providence to meet the students and introduce ourselves and our information to them. In March Professor John Hartmann brought his class to Woods Hole for the day, so they could see our facilities first hand. We had people stationed throughout all our buildings to talk to them and show them around. The students happily prowled and listened and measured. We were even able to get them to Falmouth Town Hall where they heard presentations from the Building and Planning Departments as well as the Historical District Commission. After their day in "real life" they returned to RISD where they proceeded to work on their concepts.

At the end of the semester, they will come back to Woods Hole to present their final projects to us. Hopefully in the near future, we will be able to choose what we consider the best of their ideas and move the project along from there.



RISD Architectural students visit the Museum, March 11th, 2010.

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Archives Open

Tuesday and Thursday

10—2

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Year Round

Exhibits Open

Mid-June—Mid-October

Tuesday—Saturday

10—4

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The Beebe family and guests, including H.H. Fay, at the Beebe's Highfield Hall for a luncheon party, 1880s. It was Fay and E. Pierson Beebe who supported the secession of the Town of Nobska from Falmouth.

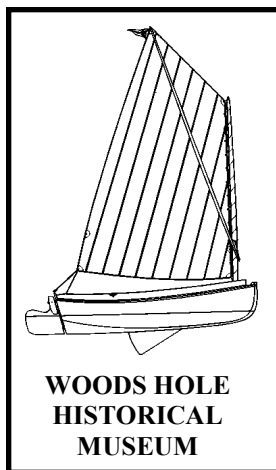
Don't forget the Auction! July 17!

And please don't wait any longer to tell us what you are planning to donate (or sell on commission). The planning committee needs to hear a positive response very soon so we know that there will be enough quality items to make this a fantastic auction. So far we have been offered some intriguing items including among others, a fully rigged sailing dinghy, an upright piano, a wood cook-stove, a lady's writing desk, antique cut glass bowls from Germany, and a luncheon cruise on a 32' wooden cutter. But we need more!

Please call the Museum at 508-548-7270 to tell us your offers.

Just like our last auction in 2008, Phil Stanton has graciously offered to be our advisor and auctioneer, so we can guarantee an exciting and entertaining time, full of delights and bargains; so do mark your calendars:

7/17, Viewing and registration from 9-11 AM, bidding to start at 11 AM.



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about Woods Hole and show them
around our exhibits.**

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Please join us; we'd love to have
you!
Call the Museum to volunteer.**

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*Daylily Sale
Saturday May 8, 10—4
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clumps to members of
Woods Hole Historical Museum
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