

Mainsheet

*The Newsletter of the Woods Hole Historical Museum
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Spring-Summer 2018

Message from the Director

Summer! I'm looking forward to sunshine and warm weather but I am also happy to report that Bradley House now has central air conditioning. We will not only provide a welcome respite for our visitors but will protect our valued artifacts in the archives.

Our exhibits this summer are again designed by our talented steering committee member, Tom Chilton. Our new exhibit is **The History of Woods Hole** in gallery one. Using photographs, documents, artifacts, recordings and tools, we will tell the story of whaling, science, architecture, the Coast Guard, hurricanes, ferries, railroads, tourism and local industries. The core of this exhibit will be a timeline describing key people and significant events in the settlement and development of Woods Hole. The time period covered will be the early 1600s to the present.

Man and Mollusk: A History of Shellfishing on Cape Cod will continue this year in gallery two. From the early uses of quahog shells by the Wampanoag Indians to present-day oyster



farming by local fishermen, shellfishing is woven throughout the history of Cape Cod. In this exhibit you will see examples of many kinds of shellfish found in our waters and the vintage tools that were used to gather them. You'll learn how the uses of shellfish, like clams, evolved from being food for pigs and bait for fishing to the delicacies that we enjoy today.

The museum will host talks throughout the summer, as well, to further edify us on these topics. Stay tuned to social media, our Constant Contact emails, and your local newspapers to learn more!

Special events include our biennial Auction on July 14 and our annual Oyster Tasting and Talk on August 24. We will once again have a table for Woods Hole Science Stroll on August 11, and will participate in the Woods Hole Business Association Destination Weekend events on September 15-16. Our walking tours that feature the history of Woods Hole will be offered on Tuesdays at 10 AM, led by Rob Blomberg, and 3:30 PM, by Susan Pennington. Many thanks to our interns and docents for their help, and to our members for supporting us!

Please join us for our Opening Party in the Courtyard!

Friday, June 15, 2018 5 to 7 PM

Catch up with friends.

Be among the first to visit our 2018 exhibits.

Message from the Chair

As I write this message, our dedicated staff and volunteers are readying the museum for yet another wonderful summer season.

As you enter Bradley House you'll be wowed by the transformation of Gallery One. Tom Chilton, Steering Committee Exhibit Chair, and his team are putting the final touches on a new visitor experience that will celebrate the history of Woods Hole featuring items to view, to touch, to listen to and to watch. You'll find treasures from the archives and items on loan from our neighbors and friends.

Also be sure to visit the Boat Shop any Saturday morning this summer to see the progress that the boat builders have made on the *Sultana*, a half-scale model of a Revolutionary War vessel. Chat with the crew about the *Sultana* and other craft on the property.

As always we have several dates for you to save. On Saturday, July 14, we will hold our biennial Auction led by Phil Stanton, auctioneer extraordinaire! Auction Chair Jay Burnett and his team are out and about collecting great merchandise for this event—our most important fundraiser of the year. You'll find lots of treasures and have a wonderful time while supporting **your** museum. If you have items to donate, please email or call the museum. You'll find more information about the auction and other upcoming programs throughout this newsletter and on our website.

In addition to new exhibits and programs, you will also notice the improved air quality in Bradley House. Thanks to the generosity of the Woods Hole Foundation and the Friendship Fund. When summer arrives, the staff, visitors, docents and archives will surely appreciate this building improvement!

As I begin my last summer as chair of the WHHM I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has helped educate, guide and support me as I've steered this sweet ship:

- Executive Director Deborah Scanlon, Susan Witzell, and former executive director Jennifer Gaines.
- Past and present WHHM officers and Steering Committee members
- Docents, museum shop managers, boat shop crew and tour guides
- Mainsheet and Sprintsail editors and writers
- WHPL President Bob Pelletreau, Past President Prosser Gifford and WHPL Trustees
- Our loyal members who year after year support this unique museum with financial generosity and enthusiastic involvement in programs and events

Anchors away!

Arlene Lowenstein
Chair, Woods Hole Historical Museum

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10—2

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10—4

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Calendar of Events 2018

- June 12 **Docent training** , 10:30 AM
- June 15 **Opening Party for museum members**, 5—7 PM.
- June 16 **Galleries open**, 10 AM—4 PM.
- July 14 **Biennial Auction**, 10 AM—2 PM.
- August 8 **WHHM Annual Meeting**. 7— 9 PM, location to be announced. *Members only*.
- August 11 **Woods Hole Science Stroll**, 10 AM—3 PM.
- August 24 **Oyster Talk and Tasting**, 5—7 PM
- Mid-October **Galleries Close**

Walking Tours: History of Woods Hole, Tuesdays at 10 AM and 3:30 PM.

Other events, dates TBD

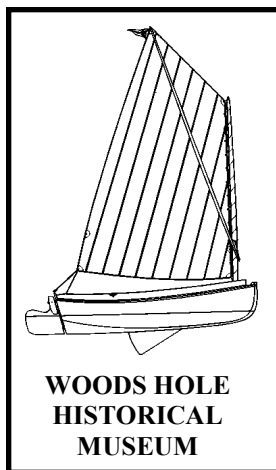
- October **Conversation:** Spiritual Gardening, Cynthia Rose, rescheduled from January 30 and March 13.

Visit woodsholemuseum.org for updates to the schedule and Like us on Facebook!

The museum's major fundraiser, the **Biennial Auction** is coming up this summer and the auction committee is actively seeking donations. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 14. Antiques, maritime items, artwork, collectibles and boats are all welcome. Check your garages, attics, basements, closets, libraries and boat houses to clear out items you don't need and would like to donate. Museum volunteers can arrange to pick up items at the homes of donors. Donations are tax deductible. Auction items will be accepted from now until the gavel falls in July. To make a donation or to arrange a drop off or pick up of items, call the museum at 508-548-7270 or email the auction committee at jayburnett29@gmail.com.

*Jay Burnett with one of the treasures for the auction.
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Membership Renewal—The WHHM Needs You!

We're looking forward to another wonderful summer season at the WHHM. For more than 35 years we have counted on our members to provide the financial support to help keep up our charming property, to offer programming, exhibits, and publications, and to maintain the archives — all making the WHHM a unique place in our community. Please help us continue our fine traditions by returning your membership renewal form — or joining the museum — today. Many thanks!

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