

Mainsheet

*The Newsletter of the Woods Hole Historical Museum
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Summer 2011

MODEL BOAT SHOW, April 15 & 16: Big Boats, Tugs and Races



Photos by Jacki Forbes

The 8th Biennial Woods Hole Model Boat Show went off, seemingly without a hitch, on Patriot's Day Weekend. Thanks to all of you who helped make it such a success! We had more exhibitors and models than ever before; almost 70 modelers and their 250 models came to Woods Hole for the weekend, having a wonderful time, telling the public about their boats and their histories. We also had a more exciting line-up of speakers than ever before, coming from Maine, New Jersey, and the Massachusetts north shore, and, by popular demand, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution! The weather was its usual April self, providing more wind than the Eel Pond racers could possibly use. They promise to bring a different fleet next time, one that can "sail in any weather".

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR THE WOODS HOLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND COLLECTION?

Last year our Museum and the Library were the focus of an architectural class at the Rhode Island School of Design, in which the students planned a future for our exhibit and archival areas, integrating them with the Library. Their results showed a wide variety from the possible to the imaginary, yet all stimulated discussion and thought.

Two hundred year old Bradley House is in need of considerable attention, with total renovation possibly required to ensure its future. Since the current archival space in which the documents of Woods Hole's history are stored is woefully inadequate and the exhibit area is minimal, we have joined in with the newly re-formed Long Range Planning Committee (LRP) and are moving forward. The Committee is made up of five representatives each from the Library Board and Woods Hole Historical Collection & Museum. Members are WHPL vice president Shirley Wozena (chair), Nancy Bundy, Vicky Cullen, Jennifer Gaines, Prosser Gifford, Anne Halpin, Margaret McCormick, Paul Ferris Smith, Susan Witzell, with Sarah Elizabeth and Bob Pelletreau alternating attendance.

The LRP committee is charged with working toward better integration of the library and historical elements of the corporation, and its goal will include revitalization of the campus through restoration and possible expansion of Bradley House, including a renewed exhibit area and greatly improved and enlarged archival storage area with state of the art conditions.

One of the basic documents we need before moving much farther ahead is a certified plot plan by a registered land surveyor. Since the plan must include a survey of all three lots and the buildings there-on, we applied to the Woods Hole Foundation for funds to cover the cost. These funds were indeed awarded in early May.

According to its chairman, the LRP committee is making good progress reviewing and planning the Library's and Museum's future needs. The LRP committee would welcome your ideas and suggestions about our future.

A brief history: Bradley House and property were donated to the Woods Hole Library Corporation in 1949. The WHPL Board of Trustees rented the building out for income, and it served as a doctor's office for many years. Woods Hole Historical Collection Committee began in the mid 1970s as a Library committee organized to mount an exhibit in honor of the nation's bicentennial. The committee revamped Bradley House. That original successful exhibit grew to become a strong and popular component of the Woods Hole community expanding to include a museum with annually changing exhibits, a year round archives, a small boat museum, a boat restoration shop and the Yale Workshop.

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Archives Open
Tuesday and Thursday
10—2
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Year Round

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Mid-June—October
Tuesday—Saturday
10—4

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EXHIBITS SUMMER 2011

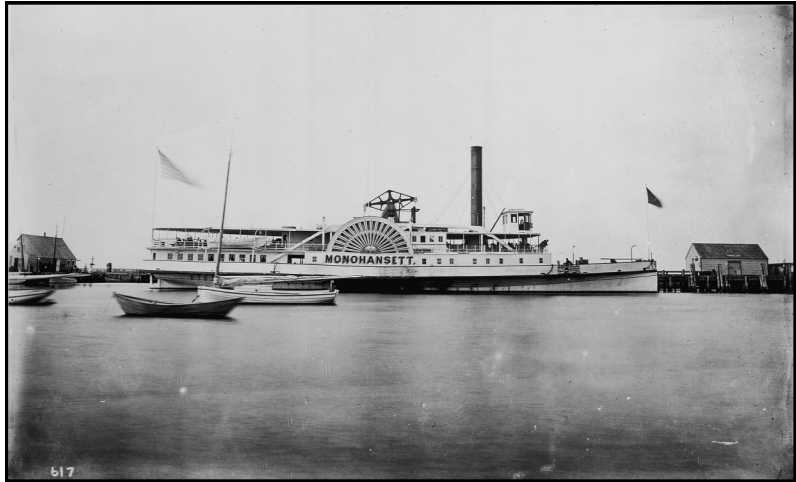
WOODS HOLE AND THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865

Like many other Museums, the Woods Hole Historical Museum will feature an exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Many local men were often in the U.S. Navy, often as “acting masters” which meant that they had not risen through the regular ranks of the Navy but were experienced ship masters whose service was necessary to the war effort. Calvin C. Childs, Edward T. Dexter and John L. Webster (all neighbors on Parker’s Point, later Juniper Point) served in this capacity. Others who served in the Navy were Henry T. Davis, Sanford A. Herendeen, Sumner Withington and Henry T. Robinson. Henry Besse, Joseph Chadwick, George Washburn and Andrew Shiverick served in the army. The exhibit will feature brief biographies of these men and discuss the Cape’s involvement with the war, the role of local ferries and the issue of commerce raiders on the high seas.

Artifacts will include a woman’s silk dress of the era and many reproduction infantry items including a drum, fife and an infantryman’s uniform, equipment and accessories. A model of the Union monitor New Ironsides will be displayed. Several local men served on this monitor in the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron.

In conjunction with this 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Museum will host a talk by author Stauffer Miller, whose book *Cape Cod and the Civil War* has just been published. **Join us on Monday July 11 at 2 PM.**

A gallery talk by curator Susan Witzell will be given on **Thursday July 22 at 11AM.**



*Local ferry MONOHANSETT used in Virginia during the war.
Photo by Baldwin Coolidge, Courtesy Historic New England.*



THE ART, MUSIC AND OCEANOGRAPHY OF FRITZ FUGLISTER

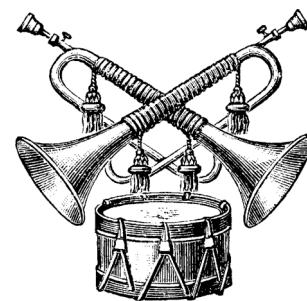
This exhibit promotes the value of art and music as disciplines that are at the root of human creativity. In the life of Fritz Fuglister is found an individual whose “first love was always the free play of an inquiring mind.” His life has been described as one “of simplicity, integrity and imaginative ingenuity.” The exhibition includes elements of personal history, art, music and science. Dr. Phil Richardson has gathered the scientific material, Bill Simmons has organized a concert for August 20 and the Fuglister family has generously loaned us many paintings. Fritz was known as “a good friend and shipmate to all”. Come and learn about this wonderful village resident.

Thanks to WHOI and Joyce Stratton for support of this exhibit.

“His work on the Gulf Stream has really been his most distinguished painting!”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS SUMMER 2011

TUESDAY JUNE 21, 10 to 4	Museum opens for the season
FRIDAY JULY 1, 5 to 7	Opening Party for Members
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2 PM	Civil War talk by Author Stauffer Miller
THURSDAY JULY 21, 11 AM	Civil War exhibit gallery talk by Curator Susan Witzell
WEDNESDAYS IN JULY, 11 to 2	Ships-in Bottles Demonstrations with Gerald Ross
THURSDAYS IN JULY, 9:30-11:30	Creating Little Books with Ruth Bleakley
TUESDAY , AUGUST 2, 4 PM	Talk by Anne Halpin and Dr. Phil Richardson on “The Art, Music and Oceanography of Fritz Fuglister”, Library.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 7:30	Annual Meeting for Members. <i>Guest Speaker: Gerald W.R. Ward, Katharine Lane Weems Senior Curator of American Decorative Arts and Sculpture at the Museum of Fine Arts</i> at the Woods Hole Public Library
TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 11 AM	Gallery Talk on the Art of Fritz Fuglister
SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 8 PM	“House Music”, a chamber music Concert in honor of Fritz and Cecelia Fuglister, Woods Hole Public Library
SATURDAY OCTOBER 1	Museum closes for the season



VOLUNTEERS AND MUSEUM GUIDES NEEDED!

Please call Bobby Colburn to sign up for the summer
508 548-1805

Training for Museum Guides for the new exhibits will be held
THURSDAY JUNE 16, 10:30 AM

We are looking for people to guide walking tours of Woods Hole
Tuesdays during July and August. Call the Museum 508 548-7270.