

Fall 2007

Mainsheet

*The Newsletter of the Woods Hole Historical Museum
P.O. Box 185, Woods Hole, MA 02543*

Kale Soup and a Thank-you Party for Docents and Volunteers

A late-afternoon party was held October 16th at the Museum to thank all the summer docents and year-round volunteers who help make the Museum run.

Ted Tavares made a delicious Portuguese kale soup and served everyone personally. There were other good things to eat and drink. A great time was had by all and many asked Ted for the recipe for the soup! All docents and volunteers were presented with a blue and white mug featuring the boats in the Museum collection. If you were a docent and did not come to the party, we wish to give you our grateful thanks and we remind you that a mug is waiting for you here at the Museum.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 14th, 2007
AT THE MUSEUM 5 to 7 P.M.**

Please join us!

WINTER EXHIBIT

*Local paintings of Woods Hole will be on display at the Museum for the Holiday Season.
Members will bring in their own favorites to be hung in Gallery 1.*

If you would like to contribute, call the Museum:

508 548-7270

Do come to enjoy this special exhibit.

December 11—15, Tuesday – Saturday 10-2

**The GIFT SHOP will be open
Tuesday, December 11
to Saturday, December 15
10 A.M. to 2 P.M.**

*New item in the Gift Shop, just in
time for holiday shopping —
Blue on white coffee mug featuring line
drawings of the boats in our collection:
Cape Cod Knockabout, Herreshoff 12
1/2, Spritsail and Beetle Cat*



EARLY WARNING!

A Maritime Auction is planned
for next summer.

Save your treasures! We will be
featuring maritime items, antiques
and collectibles of all sorts and we
would love to include your pieces.

STEERING COMMITTEE

of the
**Woods Hole Historical Collection
& Museum**
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Susan Fletcher Witzell

Archives Open

Tuesday and Thursday

10—2

And by Appointment

Year Round

Exhibits Open

Mid-June—Mid-October

Tuesday—Saturday

10—4

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WHALING LOGS BEING SCANNED AND DIGITIZED

The Woods Hole Foundation has given a grant to us and Falmouth Historical Society to have Macy Lawrence digitize whaling logs from Falmouth vessels. Our three whaling logs are those of the whale ship *Hobomak* and cover the dates 1848-1853, 1853-1855 and 1856.

The logs are too fragile to be repeatedly handled by researchers and the images, when printed, will provide ready access to the vast amount of information contained. Macy has already spent three days working with a special rig under rather arduous conditions on this project.

The Museum has received a \$1000. grant from the Willett Foundation Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation. We are grateful for this annual support.

Museum members who were board members or former employees have arranged for us to receive matching funds from the following corporations: ExxonMobil, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, I.B.M. and Saint-Gobain Corporation. Thank you for this extra generosity.

RECENT ACCESSIONS

- *Among a number of items donated by Linda Kohn, we acquired a new William Littlefield oil painting of the area around Dyer's Dock, 1932.*
- *A copy of a witty diary with wry observations on Woods Hole and its inhabitants circa 1900, written by A. J. Davis, a temporary visitor from the Weather Bureau, donated by his great grandchildren.*
- *A tiny cardboard skiff made by Wallace Butler for Fred Fisher, donated by Fred Fisher.*
- *A charming 1808 cookbook donated by Olive Beverly, with the title of:*
THE NEW ENGLAND COOKERY Or the Art of Dressing All Kinds of Flesh, Fish, and Vegetables and the Best Modes of Making Pastes, Puffs, Pies, Tarts, Puddings, Custards and Preserves and All Kinds of CAKES, from the Imperial Plumb to Plain Cake.
- *A DVD of "Hurricane Bob", 1991, filmed by Rick Galat of W.H.O.I. and donated by him*
- *Records of the Hungarian Refugee Committee, 1957, organized by the Reverend Mason Wilson and sponsoring families. Donated by Andrew Szent-Gyorgyi.*

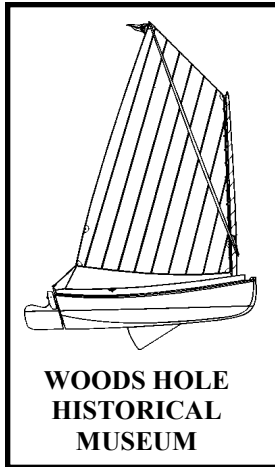
It's long been known that we have an active board and this year's new members prove it more than ever. Becky Lash has tended all the gardens, Brian Elder has cleaned the back ell gutters and Ted Tavares has weed-whacked, made soup and built a boat!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

We are looking for someone to take on the responsibility of coordinating our Conversations and finding people willing to talk about subjects of interest to the community.

CALL THE MUSEUM Tuesdays or Thursdays if you would like to take this on.

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Newest product of the Boat Shop, rowed by Bob Leary.

This pram was built by Ted Tavares, assisted by Bob Spates. This was a project taught by Bob Leary to introduce the boat builders to the new method of "stitch and glue". Although initially distrustful and scornful of this technique, both Ted and Bob learned to appreciate its simplicity, although Ted still says "It's not my cup of tea." When launch day arrived, everyone was impressed with its seaworthiness. In keeping with the newly formalized guidelines of the Boat Restoration committee, it will be sold at market value, offered first to museum members.