

Mainsheet

*The Newsletter of the Woods Hole Historical Museum
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Fall 2008

**A SWEET TIME WAS HAD BY ALL at the
“JUST DESSERTS” PARTY, September 25, 2008.**

Docents, staff and volunteers were thanked for their work at the Museum this year.



Cakes were made by Eva Reed (above left) and Sally Casper (above right). Ice cream was served as well as lemonade, tea, coffee and wine.

FRUGAL SKIFF RAFFLE

The Frugal Skiff, constructed by members of the Boat Restoration group, was raffled off October 4th, 2008. Phil Stanton was the delighted winner.

Phil Stanton takes his prize away, right.



*“Just Desserts” photos by Susan F. Witzell
Photo of Phil Stanton by Jennifer S. Gaines*



*You are cordially invited
to our annual Christmas Party
at the home of Nawrie Meigs-Brown
and David Brown
16 Butler Street
Woods Hole (Juniper Point)
Saturday
December 13, 2008
5 to 7 p.m.*

*Parking is available on the street or
at the Naushon parking lot across the road.*



**GIFT SHOP
OPEN FOR
HOLIDAY SHOPPING**

**Tuesday-Saturday, December 9—13
Tuesday-Saturday December 16 –20
10 A.M.—3 P.M.**

*The Gift Shop is expanding its space to
Gallery One to be able to entice shoppers with a
larger selection of merchandise. Please come and see
what we have for
gift-giving
this holiday season!*



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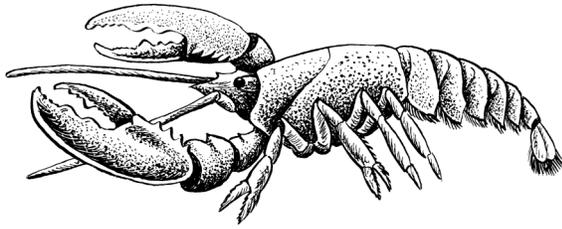
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Tuesday and Thursday
10—2
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Year Round

Exhibits Open
Mid-June—Mid-October
Tuesday—Saturday
10—4

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crack the claws. We did this just moments before guests started placing their dinner orders in the late Saturday afternoon. The three of us functioned as a well-drilled team, dishing the meal, placing the dishes on the dumb waiter and sending them up to the serving crew. Select individuals from Woods Hole, in addition to the hotel guests, were invited and joined our “family” for

Breakwater’s Saturday lobster diner. What was left of the cooked lobster we stripped from the shell which Cook then prepared as lobster a la king for Sunday lunch.

Wendy, the older waitress with the most waiting experience, surprised me by her complaints against one particular guest. Seems this older woman constantly complained about the most minute things. She absolutely hated cucumbers and commanded Wendy to make certain there was never any hint of cucumber about her food. Wendy was almost doting over the woman who did tip her handsomely. She even changed tables a couple times after complaining that she could not abide the pervasive and persistent aroma of cucumbers that she seemed able to detect everywhere she sat in the dining room. After she departed the hotel, I learned that dear, sweet Wendy had seen to it that a sliced cucumber was placed in the poor woman’s drawer (which was obscured by a table cloth) of the table where the poor woman sat. And she moved the same plate of offending slices to each table the woman moved to to escape the smell. She had suffered the unpleasantness loudly but never knew the true source. Nor did I until I detected the odor myself and, while changing the table linens, discovered the plate of shriveling cucumber slices in the normally concealed drawer. That’s when the whole story came to light.

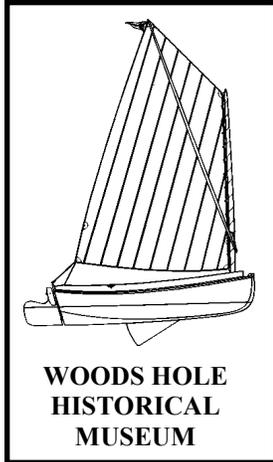
NEW ACCESSIONS

From Dr. Patricia (“Trish”) Morse came photo albums of her grandparents’ families: the Look and Phillips family as well as photos and ephemera of her father’s, U.S. Coast Guard officer Charles Morse. In the photo collection there were large mounted photos of the T.E. Howes store and staff in 1892 and 1895. T.E. Howes was located in several places over the years on Water Street near the Eel Pond bridge.

We have been given two more Littlefield works, both collages. One was originally donated for the Auction, but after the owner, Joanne Tromp, gave permission, it became part of the permanent collection. It is a black and white work, using newsprint and black ink or paint. The second (donated by Ann Martin) is also a collage, made of brown paper and green paint. Both have frames made for them by the artist and Littlefield’s annotations on the back.

A very exciting contribution came from Dr. Elizabeth Gardner, a Fay descendent. It is a small booklet marked “Visitors”. But it does not appear to be simply a “guest book” but rather the “House Book” (1902 to 1931) of the visitors and family coming and going from the various Fay houses. After 1910 there are many entries about the weather, the gardens and especially the roses. It appears that the Book was kept after that date by Sarah Bryant Fay herself rather than a housekeeper. A great gale was described September 23, 1916.

Chris Wooding donated three lace hair decorations, from the period 1870-1890, which would have been worn on top of the piled up hairstyles of the time. She also gave a green leather gathered “purse” which served as a sewing kit and had many tools to repair dainty ladies’ gloves. Another item was a World War II ration book.



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