

Mainsheet

*The Newsletter of the Woods Hole Historical Museum
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Spring 2015

New Exhibits for the Summer

The newest exhibit at the WHHM this summer will feature the work of one of our most avid and valuable new volunteers, Tom Chilton. Tom first came into our orbit during the last Auction, where his heavy lifting and trailer became very useful. He joined the Model Boat Show committee where his talents and unfailing good cheer became even more important to the success of the event. Tom and his wife Christie moved from Santa Fe to Cape Cod about a year ago, bought a beautiful house on Ice House Pond, and since then have been trying to retire. Initially, Tom was just trying to satisfy his innate curiosity about his new neighborhood, but the more he learned about ice harvesting the more he became interested in this winter activity. Since we have seen some of Tom's design work on the Model Boat Show and had glimpses of his work as a professional exhibit designer for state and national parks, we were quick to say "yes" when he offered to do an exhibit about ice harvesting. "Historic Ice Harvesting" is open June 20 through August 8.

The exhibits that will follow Tom's also feature ice and snow. The Upper Cape Cod Camera Club will display pictures of Woods Hole during this year's harsh, but beautiful winter season. Paired with these still photographs will be two other records of the winter. The first is a video taken from Brian Switzer's drone from above our frozen village, catching people walking and skiing on Buzzards Bay off Stony Beach, and an ice hockey game on Eel Pond. Also, Catherine Bumpus will be sharing her time-lapse photographs of the ice in Woods Hole Passage as it shifted with the currents in the Hole.



Ice hockey on Eel Pond. Photo by Robert Grosch.

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***Join us for Our Opening Party In the Courtyard!
Friday, June 19 5 – 7 p.m.***

***Catch up with friends.
Be among the first to visit our 2015 exhibits.
Please bring an appetizer to share!***

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Over Labor Day weekend there will be another “quick-change artist” activity, as the photograph exhibit comes down and the artwork of Julie Child’s Nature Drawing students goes up. This exhibit is becoming a popular tradition at the Museum.

In the first gallery, the “Old Businesses of Woods Hole” is back by popular demand, with an expanded section on the Pacific Guano Company. Part of this exhibit will appeal to children, as will the brand new inter-active exhibit outside involving tree trunks and old photographs. Children will be encouraged to build their own “tree trunk timelines.”

Of course, there will be lots of boat activity outside this summer, most notably work on the half-scale model of the *Sultana*, a revolutionary-era schooner. From July 20-23 our Family Boat Building program will be running under a tent on the front lawn as four lucky families build their own boats under the tutelage of master boat builders.

Do stop by! There’s lots going on at your Museum this summer.

Jennifer Gaines, Museum Director

Consider Being a Museum Docent

The docent at the Woods Hole Historical Museum is vital to presenting our outstanding exhibits to the many visitors who seek us out or just stop by. Every summer there are many individuals who perform this essential service in support of the Museum. Most of them serve weekly from the time the season begins until the week of closing. Others are not able to do as much, but willingly cover open time slots to help provide full coverage. There are two sessions for every day that the



museum is open (Tuesday through Saturday) - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Two docents are present to properly greet and inform our visitors.

Normally, one docent is outside and watches over the parking lot, greets visitors and directs them to the Bradley House entrance. This docent also covers the Small Boat Museum and describes the exhibit to the extent of their nautical knowledge. Docents need

not be well versed in this – just a friendly greeting and light conversation is sufficient. If a visitor shows interest, the Yale Workshop is opened for entry to this display.

The other docent is usually inside the Bradley House near the door to welcome visitors when they enter. Visitors are asked to sign the guestbook and often asked where they are from. Guests are usually ready to share this information and often tell of their interest in coming to Woods Hole. This exchange is often one that the docent values – meeting interesting people from many places, far and wide. The chronology of Woods Hole on the wall is pointed out and the current exhibits in the two galleries are introduced, as well as the Woods Hole 1895 diorama.

Last year there were 32 individuals who served as docents, many for the entire 16-week season. However, there is always a need for new docents so that full coverage can be achieved, as well as when a regular docent cannot be there. It is both an interesting and enjoyable activity while providing an essential service to our Museum. If you would like to become a docent, please email Bob Werner at werner7633@gmail.com or call Bob at 508 563-1336. *Bob Werner*, pictured above, *Coordinator of the WHHM Docent Program*.

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Woods Hole Historical Museum Calendar of Events—Summer 2015

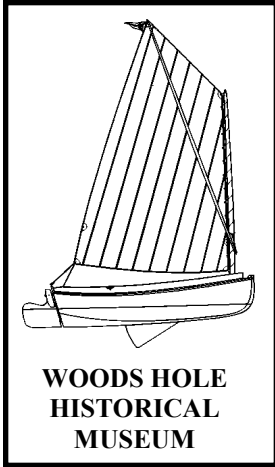
- June 19 **Opening Party:** 5-7 PM. *Members only.*
- June 20 **Exhibits open:** 10-4 PM. Tuesday-Saturday. *Free to the public.*
 Gallery 1: “Businesses of Old Woods Hole.” Back by popular demand, with added focus on the Pacific Guano Company.
 Gallery 2: “Historic Ice Harvesting.”
- July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **Demonstration by Gerald Ross:** The Craft of Creating Ships in a Bottle, 11 AM-1 PM. *Free and open to the public.*
- July 14 **Conversation in the Courtyard: Tom Chilton,** “Ice Harvesting,” 3 PM. *Free to the public.*
- July 20-23 **2nd Annual Family Boat Building:** 8 AM-1 PM, \$1195 members, \$1295 non-members.
- August 1 **Conversation in the Courtyard:** “The Sultana...Part 1,” 4 PM, by the boat builders who are working on this half-scale model of a Revolutionary-era schooner. *Free to the public.*
- August 6 **Annual Meeting:** 7:30 PM.
- August 11 **Exhibit Opening:** Gallery 2: “The Winter That Was: The 2015 Winter In Woods Hole,” photographs by the Upper Cape Camera Club, paired with a video of Woods Hole ice from Brian Switzer’s drone, and Catherine Bumpus’ time-lapse photographs of Woods Hole Passage.
- August 12 **Conversation: Book Talk and Signing:** 7:30 PM. Paul Clerici talks about his book: *A History of the Falmouth Road Race: Running Cape Cod.* *Free to the public.*
- August 28 **Fourth Annual Oyster Talk and Tasting:** 5-7 PM, \$30 members, \$40 non-members.
- September 8 **Exhibit Opening:** Gallery 2: “Nature Drawing” by students of Julie Child.
- October 10 **Galleries close for the season.**

Walking Tours: History of Woods Hole, Tuesdays, July and August, 3:30-4:30 PM with Susan Pennington. *Free to members, \$5 for non-members. Ticketing begins at 3 PM.*

Walking Tours: Science in Woods Hole, Tuesday-Friday, 10 AM, July 8-August 21. Supported by the Woods Hole Business Association. *Tickets \$5 per person or FREE with dated and signed ticket from a member of the Woods Hole Business Association (go to WoodsHole.com). Ticketing begins at 9:30 AM. Tours start promptly at 10 AM. Tour is limited to first 20 guests. No advanced reservations accepted.*

New interactive exhibit for children and their families: “Tree Ring Timelines.”

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