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*The Newsletter of the Woods Hole Historical Museum
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Summer 2014

WHHM 2014 Summer Season Sets Sail

Plans are well underway for a very exciting season at the Woods Hole Historical Museum. In addition to three new Bradley House exhibits, we are introducing a Family Boat Building Program (see article on page 7), hosting our biennial auction, and presenting a wide variety of talks and social events. Also, in partnership with the Woods Hole Business Association we are offering a new walking tour of the village with a focus on the scientific work being done in our world-renowned institutions.

This season Bradley House will be home to three outstanding exhibits. Gallery One will feature “Businesses of Old Woods Hole,” curated by archivist Susan Witzell. 75 years ago and before there were many businesses that filled the streets of Woods Hole with interesting sights and smells. There were barber shops, blacksmiths, dry goods stores, grocery stores, drug stores, a fish market, buildings from the whaling industry and a fertilizer manufacturing company. Come and learn about these long-gone businesses.

From June 21 – August 1 Gallery Two will feature “Ocean Fishes, The Art of James Prosek,” curated by WHHM executive director Jennifer Gaines. The *New York Times* has called Prosek “the Audubon of the fishing world.” A passionate fisherman, author and noted artist, Prosek’s work features lively colors and images. In his book “Ocean Fishes,” Prosek captures the beauty of 30 of the most pursued game fishes of the North Atlantic. As with his other work, these paintings are the culmination of months of travel to distant parts of the world as well as first-hand encounters with fishermen and scientists. “We are honored to display a selection of Prosek’s magnificent, lively, and life-size paintings of fish, said Gaines.” On Saturday, July 26 the museum will host an illustrated lecture by James Prosek followed by a gourmet reception featuring “savories from the sea,” created by caterer Annie Chalkley. Tickets, which are available at the museum, are \$25 for museum members and \$35 for non-members. *Continued on Page 2....*



*Henry F. Howes – Hair Dresser (Barber),
Water Street, Woods Hole, c. 1889.*

Join us for Our Opening Party In the Courtyard!

Friday, June 20 5 – 7 p.m.

Catch up with friends.

Be among the first to visit our 2014 exhibits.

Check out the new merchandise in our Museum Shop.

Please bring an appetizer to share!

Save the Date: July 19, 2014 WHHM Auction – “The Best Auction on Cape Cod”



Yes, it's that time again! The WHHM 2014 Auction Committee is assembling a great assortment of merchandise for sealubbers and landlubbers alike. This event is the museum's major fundraiser of the year. Proceeds help us maintain and grow our archives, improve our facilities, and deliver great programming to the community throughout the year.

Our auction team, led by chairman Jay Burnett and auctioneer Phil Stanton, is hard at work planning this very special event. “We are seeking antiques, marine items, collectibles, artwork and boats, among other items. Check out your attics, basements, closets, garages, sheds, and boathouses for items that you no longer need,” said Jay. Auction Committee members will be happy to arrange to pick up merchandise at your homes. To make a donation call the museum at 508-548-7270 or



email the auction committee at whhmmedia@gmail.com. All donations are tax deductible.

This year's event also includes a silent auction featuring donations from local merchants who will be acknowledged in our next issue and on our website. In the meantime, consider donating to the auction. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

We've been told that our last auction was “the best on the Cape!” Join us on July 19th and find out why.

OYSTERS! Our Third Annual Oyster Tasting! August 22, 2014

On Friday evening August 22 from 5- 7 p.m. the museum hosts its third annual Oyster Tasting event. In addition to tasting mouthwatering local oysters, participants will see how experts properly and safely shuck oysters. We are delighted to welcome back Peter Chase and Eric Matson of the Falmouth Shellfish Cooperative. Peter and Eric will update us on the status of cooperative and demonstrate how to properly (and safely!) shuck oysters. This event is one of the museum's most popular fundraisers. Tickets will go on sale in July.

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On August 5 Gallery Two will be transformed to showcase “Portraits of the Women of Woods Hole,” photographed and curated by Sally Casper and Joan Pearlman. This exhibit is part of the centennial celebration of the Woods Hole Woman's Club. The photographers have photographed several dozen women over the age of 75 who have greatly contributed to both summer and winter life in the village. Woods Hole Library staff and volunteers also contributed to the exhibit by compiling a collection of one-page biographies about the women.

The photographs and the biographies will be on exhibit into September. Three events will be held to enhance this exhibit including a lively biographical performance by San Lyman at the Museum's annual meeting on Thursday, August 7; a panel discussion with the curators and some of the women on Tuesday, August 12; and a reception at the museum on Thursday, August 15 for museum members and invited guests.

Bradley House, the Yale Workshop, the Boat Barn, and the Museum Shop will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. from June 21 until the end of September. Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the 18 foot Cape Cod Knockabout Penguin (great photo opp!) and practice building maritime skills with block and tackle and knots. Docents will be on site to welcome guests and provide information. See the complete schedule of events on page 6.

WHHM Kicks Off First Annual Family Boat Building Program

The art of building and refurbishing wooden boats is a key part of the fiber of the WHHM. Every Saturday morning “the boat guys” can be found in the back of the Small Boat Building working on restoring small historic wooden boats and building new ones. Now we are bringing boat building to the front of the house, as we introduce a family boat building program for kids ages 10 and up and a parent/guardian.

The program will be led by Bob Leary, former Falmouth High School industrial arts teacher and a master wooden boat builder, and Kathy Denham, member of the museum’s Steering Committee.

The three-day program will be held at the museum and runs from July 28 – 30 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Working under the close supervision of the instructors, each family will complete a 10 foot skiff. The boats will be partly assembled and participants will learn the principals of boat building and general woodworking as they assemble the parts. At the end of the program each family will have a boat that’s ready to launch.

Tuition is \$895 per boat for museum members and \$995 for non-members and includes all materials. Up to three family members may work on a boat including one adult. To register, contact the museum at director@woodsholemuseum.org or call 508 548-7270.



Take a Walking Tour of Woods Hole

This season the WHHM will feature two Walking Tours of Woods Hole. Our historical tour will take place every Tuesday in July and August from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Our veteran tour leader Susan Pennington will take visitors around Eel Pond sharing information about the history of the village. Participants are encouraged to pre-register by contacting the museum by phone or email. Participants should plan to arrive at the museum ten minutes before the tour starts. This tour is free to members, \$5 for others.

Our newest tour, which is supported by the Woods Hole Business Association, focuses on the Science of Woods Hole. This one-hour guided walk around the village features an insider’s view of what is really going on now (and in the past) within WHOI, MBL, the Fisheries and more. These tours will take place Tuesday through Friday from July 1 through August 22 from 10-11 a.m. Attendance is limited, and reservations are strongly encouraged. Tours are free to WHHM members and guests of the Woods Hole Business Association, \$5 for all others. For further information visit woodsholemuseum.org.

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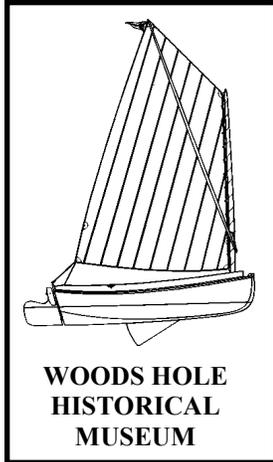
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Membership Renewal—The WHHM Needs You!

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; offer programming, exhibits, publications; and 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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