

Mainsheet

The Newsletter of the Woods Hole Historical Museum
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Fall-Winter 2021

Director's Message

Summer 2021 was definitely better than 2020! We got to see some of you, and greeted about 900 visitors. Rather different than our usual visitor logs that record more than 3,000 visitors from around the world, but we are optimistic that next year will be even better!

This year's new exhibit in gallery two, "Left Behind: Clues to Life in the Past on Cape Cod," a display of Native American archaeological sites, was very well received. Special thanks to our designer, Nancy Driscoll, who did a fantastic job on this project that took many hours of (volunteer!) work, and Holly Herbster, our archaeologist from Public Archaeology Laboratory. And in gallery one, the "History of Woods Hole" exhibit continued, with the addition of a poster on NOAA Fisheries Laboratory's 150th anniversary, designed by another of our talented volunteer designers, Kirsten Karplus. Our poster, "Honoring Jewel Plummer Cobb," featured Dr. Cobb, an African American cell biologist who had a long association with the MBL. Thanks to Ruth Gainer, Rick Strode Designs and the Jewel Cobb Action Coalition for this banner.

This year, our online presence has been invaluable. The Dispatch – we have now produced 56 - is always popular. (See our website for all the issues.) As for our Conversations, we have been able to "host" up to 200 people. All of these have been recorded and are also on our website. These are our most recent:

"Ocean Solutions for a Warming World," by Peter de Menocal, president and director, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; "Celebrating 150 Years of Science at the Woods Hole Fisheries Lab," Jon Hare, NOAA Fisheries Woods Hole director; "Cape Cod Archaeology: Past, Present, and Future," Holly Herbster, Public Archaeology Laboratory; "10,000 Years by the Rising Sea. Wampanoag Homelands on Cape Cod; How post-glacial sea level rise defined prehistoric lifeways on the Cape," Fred Dunford, archaeologist/anthropologist.

Thanks to all of our docents and volunteers who have allowed us to be open to the public this past summer. And last but not least, a huge thank you to our interns Griffin Kerstetter, Dory Amon and Jeremy Duckett. They were a great help and we miss them!

As we approach the giving season, the Museum once again asks for your generosity in supporting our Annual Appeal. Since membership dues account for less than 40 percent of our revenue, we depend on gifts and grants to maintain the high levels of programming, publications, archival and facilities management and staffing. Last year's Annual Appeal was very successful. We used these contributions to build our summer intern fund and support other needed expenditures. Please help us continue our important work in the community by including the museum in your year-end giving. Thank you for your generous support.

Happy Holidays to all!

Deborah G. Scanlon, Executive Director



***Please join us for our annual Holiday Party
Friday, December 15, 2021 4:30 P.M. at Grumpy's Pub***

New Steering Committee Member

Jacob Fricke joined our steering committee this year. He first moved into Woods Hole in 1985, and has been “in and out, but in 2008 I moved back for good. Home is where your heart is and my heart has always been in Woods Hole. I feel so lucky to live here and be involved in the community.”

“My wife Kimberly and daughter Hadley (3.5 months old) and I enjoy sailing and generally messing around in boats in the local waters as often as possible. Kimberly and I are part of the Cape Cod knockabout fleet at the WH Yacht Club.”

Jake works for Holmes & McGrath as a land surveyor.



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Holiday Shopping at the Museum

New to the gift shop is the reusable water bottle, especially popular in Falmouth now that we have banned single use plastic water bottles. Only \$7.50, with our Spritsail logo. Check out our online store for more gift ideas!

Order online and either pick up at the museum or we'll mail your items to you!



Calendar

There are many interesting events in the works. We will send more information via Constant Contact and on our website. Among them:

Museum Holiday Party: December 15 - 4:30 PM Grumpy's, Locust Street, Falmouth. Trivia contest with a theme of historic signs of Woods Hole and Falmouth that are displayed in Grumpy's. Cash bar; snacks provided. More info will be sent soon!

One Falmouth Fundraiser: WHHM is a member of One Falmouth, a group of 14 Falmouth nonprofit organizations that have banded together during the past year and a half. Our first collaboration is a joint televised and streaming fundraiser February 16 on FCTV.

Conversations:

"Filming with Drones in Paradise." January 12, 7 PM (Zoom) : Brian Switzer, Woods Hole resident, former public school teacher, and FAA commercial drone pilot, will share his experiences filming Woods Hole, Falmouth and the area using drones.

"Meet Falmouth's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, Jacqueline Hartman". February 9, 7 PM (Zoom) George Liles (Director of Academic Programs and Partnership in Education (PEP) co-founder and director) will interview Jacqueline (Jacki) Hartman and moderate questions from the audience.

On the calendar this spring will be the history of Woods Hole Yacht Club as club members celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2022.

And we will have a spring Fundraiser featuring vintage wines from wine expert and steering committee member Becky Sue Epstein. Stay tuned for details!



Our intern, Griffin Kerstetter, at the June opening of the new Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum and Cultural Center in East Falmouth, where we had a display of the issues of Spritsail that featured articles on the Cape Verdean and Portuguese community in Falmouth.



Our docents gathered for a lovely dinner, thanks to Bill Wheeler, at the end of the season. Docent coordinator Chris Polloni expressed our thanks to the group.

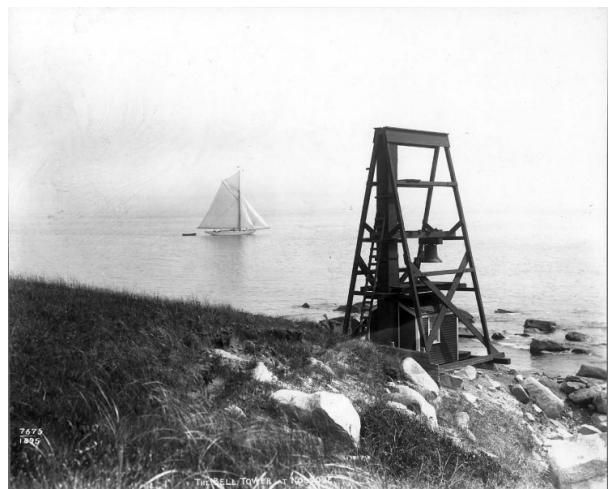


Sailor prepares to rig a spritsail boat in Eel Pond. 1890

Photographs taken by Baldwin Coolidge in the 1890s. These images and many others can be seen in our book, **New England Views: The Photography of Baldwin Coolidge (1845-1928)** edited by Susan Fletcher Witzell, Jane A. McLaughlin and Mary Lou Smith.



A spritsail at the dock in Little Harbor with a paddle wheel boat at the Lighthouse Service dock. The Church of the Messiah is in the background. 1895

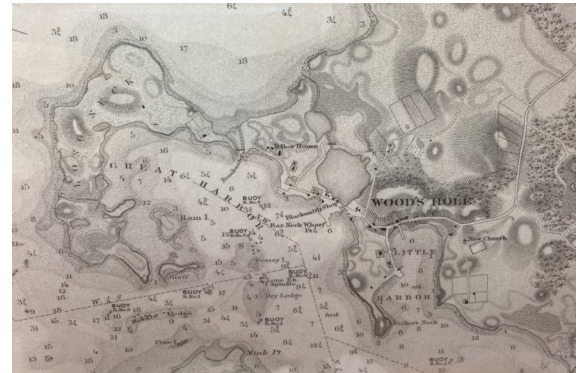


A cutter in Vineyard Sound passes by the Nobsque Bell Tower. 1895.

Antique Nautical Chart Donated to the Museum

The museum was given a generous donation of “A Chart of the Harbor of Wood’s Hole Massachusetts Including Sailing Directions” dated 1857. This original chart is in excellent condition. The donor, Linda Kohn, is a member who used to reside in Woods Hole and now lives on the West Coast. She donated it in memory of her husband, Henry I. Kohn. “Thanks for bringing us to Woods Hole - Linda, Annabel and Lars”

The museum would like thank her and our other members for their generosity and continued support.



The framed 1857 chart hangs on the wall outside the reading room at Bradley House. Detail shows Great Harbor. Detail shows Great Harbor.

Message from the Chair

As we come to the end of the 2021 season, I am reflecting on how the staff, interns and volunteers of the Woods Hole Historical Museum have innovated and transformed our beloved museum in important ways.

With the pandemic still very much with us this year, the museum continued with two major programs put in place in 2020: the Dispatch e-newsletters, giving special history insights about the village; and Conversations on Zoom, giving access to village-related lectures from anywhere in the world.

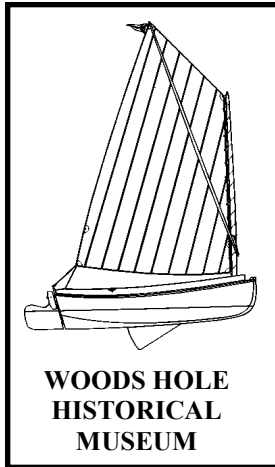
I hope you have had an opportunity to enjoy these new features. While the pandemic has lessened the number of physical visits to the museum, the Dispatch and the Zoom Conversations have served to bring Woods Hole history to people who love Woods Hole but may not have been able to make it to the village this summer.

Those who were able to visit the museum in person this year enjoyed a wonderful selection of exhibits. In addition to our always evolving “History of Woods Hole” display, we premiered our exhibit, “Left Behind: Clues to Life in the Past on Cape Cod.” We also have a banner honoring Dr. Jewel Plummer Cobb, marking the occasion of a village road being renamed after this distinguished Woods Hole scientist. Our volunteer tour guide Rob Blomberg continued to offer the ever-popular Woods Hole Village walking tours throughout the summer.

As always, our small but important museum is enhanced by our dedicated volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to be a summer docent, an event volunteer or a member of one of our committees. This is a fun way to meet people and support your local museum.

Thank you for being a friend of the Woods Hole Historical Museum. We appreciate your support!

Laura Reckford, Steering Committee Chair



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