



Belfast Historical Society & Museum

June 2010 Newsletter

Dear Historical Society Member,

The monthly Historical Society meeting on Monday June 21 will also serve as the Annual Meeting, which will include a review of the past year and an outline of our plans for the future. Please plan to attend this important Annual Meeting and Board of Directors election. A presentation of "Belfast in the 1930's" by Megan Pinette will follow.

The Museum will open for the season on Saturday, June 19, and we hope that you all will have opportunity to visit sometime during the summer. Two new exhibits are planned: "Crime and Punishment in Belfast", created by Liz Fitzsimmons, will be on display in the barn; and "Landmarks of Belfast", being developed by Curator Megan Pinette and intern Veronica Penniman, will be on exhibit in the main Museum building.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all of you who so generously supported the summer Student-Intern Program. Thanks to you and the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation the intern program is fully funded for 2010. Veronica Penniman is returning for her second year and graduating BAHS senior Sierra Ventura will be joining us as our new intern. Both will act as Museum docents, conserve and catalog collections, help prepare exhibits and generally participate in all aspects of Museum operations. We simply cannot do without our interns!

Annette Ambrose of Morrill has been awarded the Doris Wilson Hall Memorial Scholarship for 2010. The Scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving BAHS graduating senior who plans to major in history, anthropology, archeology or museum studies in college. Annette will be attending Emmanuel College in the fall and will major in archeology. Her ultimate career goal is teaching or museum curation.

We have had a busy winter and spring with the local schools. We visited BAHS, the Capt. Albert W. Stevens School and the Drinkwater School with presentations on early Belfast, the Civil War, the 1849 California gold rush and World War II. Students and teachers in the Extended Learning Program visited the Museum and participated in a variety of Museum activities. We expect our outreach to the schools to continue to expand.

On the weekend of August 21 and 22 we will participate with exhibits at both Harbor Fest at the Boathouse and Steamboat Landing, and the Civil War Encampment

being hosted by local veterans groups in City Park. You will want to attend both so keep the dates open. Go to our website (belfastmuseum.org) for all our summer and fall programs.

Were you born between 1945 and 1950? If so, you are a potential interviewee for “1968: Gone but not Forgotten,” a program being developed by The Game Loft in partnership with the Belfast Historical Society and Museum. The program, which will take place August 23-28, will involve youth and adults from The Game Loft as well as other groups and organizations from Waldo County. The program will showcase the events and decisions of 1968 and their implications for the lives of Maine people. The Belfast Museum will present a program “Belfast in the 1960’s” at the Library and an exhibit at the Museum. If you are interested in participating in this program as an interviewee please contact the Museum at 338-9229 or email belfastmus@yahoo.com.

Check out [Exploritas](#) and [Tidewater Adventures of Maine](#) and their four day exploration of midcoast maritime history and artistic and cultural heritage. Go behind the scenes at the Farnsworth Art Museum, Belfast Historical Society and Museum, Penobscot Marine Museum and Castine Historical Society. Exploritas is the new program name for Elderhostel Inc., the not-for-profit world leader in lifelong learning. For more information contact Judy Gannon at Tidewater Adventures – 207 323-4857 or gannon.jj@gmail.com; or Exploritas – 1- 800 454-5768 or www.exploritas.org.

The Belfast Museum has some wonderful new acquisitions to report. We obtained by Museum purchase a record of the minutes of directors’ meetings of the Belfast and Moosehead Railroad, 1867-1900. Thanks to the generosity of Arthur and Sara Hayes the book has been beautifully restored by Julie Stackpole. Also by purchase, the Museum acquired four journals containing court records for 1853-1865 and a school record/grade book for the Hayford School, 1907-1911. All are being properly conserved and catalogued.

We’re pleased to announce “Revival Tours- Historic Walking Tours of Belfast, Maine.” They will be offering one hour walking tours on Thursday mornings in the Church Street, Waterfront and Downtown historic districts. The tour group plans on operating from July 1 to October 7. Watch for their advertisements. Take the tour, tell a friend, send your houseguests!

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

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