



Friends of the Winn House

Newsletter

Fall 2006

The Ogunquit Heritage Museum, 86 Obed's Lane, Ogunquit, Maine
www.ogunquitheritagemuseum.org

The Mission of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum is to Preserve and Share the History and Culture of Ogunquit.



You're invited...

Christmas by the Sea

Open House at the Winn House

Sat & Sun, Dec 9 and 10

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Victorian tree, warm cider and

Goodies.



Antiques show volunteers, (l to r) Barb Woodbury, Diana Abbott, and Grace Littlefield serving food donated by Walter Griffin.



OgunquitFest's Ghostly Tours began at the Winn House with ghostly apparition Barb Woodbury and Robin Fagerlund as guides.

Curator's Report . . .

2006 was a banner year for the Museum. We had over 600 visitors; we have a wonderful web site, www.ogunquitheritagemuseum.org designed and maintained by Jordan Freedman; we completed and heated the ell; we have running water and a bathroom; Paula Cummings charmed all our visitors for her third year; our education program is headed to the 4th & 5th graders thanks to Carrie Charpentier and Robin Fagerlund; our exhibit team, Carole Lee Carroll, Ellen Dannert, Susan Levenson and Susan Meffert, created fantastic exhibits; and the Littlefield Library moved back to the Museum. We have received many new archives and photos from Pat Pope, Nancy Glendenning, Ruth Endicott Freeman, Mike & Helen Horn, Bob Perkins, and Jean Wallace-Fearon. We also received 2 paintings by John Neill generously donated by Carol Card Kobus. We had good reports from those who visited, especially Scott Stevens, executive director of Old York Historical Society, who called the museum "A gem." With grateful support of the Friends of the Winn House, we look forward to another big year for the museum where we will join the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Playhouse.

We received many loans of artifacts for our exhibits; Hal Laurent, Tom Wismuller, Susan Meffert, Wini and Paul Mason, Stuart Nudelman, Nathan Hamilton, Bob Perkins, the Baptist Church, Nancy Glendenning and the Peter Woodburys. Thank you for sharing your treasures.

The completion of the Ell was a major step for the Museum. We now have a warm place to meet and store our collections and a place where we can work year 'round. Our special thanks go to our volunteer workers, Dennis Sayward and his son who donated their time and all the fixtures for the bathroom. The Mike Johnson family, all electricians, and George Yorke and Chris Woodbury donated their time pulling wiring and setting up electrical boxes. Dry wall was hung by the timely teamwork of Denis Latulippe, Ed Lohoski and friend Nick, and Pete and Chris Woodbury. Gary Littlefield finished the job and also gave his time to supervise all phases of the work and lend his special touch.

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From the Bridge . . .

In writing for this edition of the Newsletter, it occurred to me that we have so much to share. This year marked many new adventures for the Friends of the Winn House – a harbinger, I believe, of many more to come.

Perhaps our biggest new challenge of this year was the Ogunquit Antiques Show. Undertaking any week-end-long event is a tremendous feat and this year the Friends adopted the 32nd Annual Antiques Show with only a handful of volunteers and less than half the necessary planning time. However, through the wonderful efforts of all of our volunteers the show was a success! This new effort is an important part of growing our funding and being prepared to financially maintain our educational efforts. Plans for the 2007 show begin early next year – I welcome you to become a part of this great show. From setup to takedown, there are many ways to help!

Building on past success, the 'Do You Remember' series continued with a recent feature on the 75th Anniversary of the Ogunquit Playhouse and the Ghostly Tours braved the rain to tell spooky tales at Ogunquit-Fest. From the theatre to the more surreal, introducing our village's important and influential past to the community is a large part of a museum's role. I invite you to join us at these events to experience the remarkable interest in learning about Ogunquit and to see how your many wonderful donations educate others.

Looking towards the future, Barb and her wonderful team continue to create educational exhibits. An exciting project coming to fruition is the educator kit for classroom study. With this new children's programming, a great opportunity exists to share Ogunquit's arts, architecture and seafaring history with generations to come.

In a way, that is the true gift of a local historical museum—the sharing of our past with you. The Winn House is, after all, made possible by community involvement. As you enjoy the Ogunquit Heritage Museum, please accept our gracious thank you for your assistance and your support.

Allyson Cavaretta
Chair

Announcement:

The Museum will be closed for the Winter.
But the office in the new Ell will be open
Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Open Dec. 7 & 14. (Closed Dec. 21 and 28)
Check for other closures at:
www.ogunquitheritagemuseum.org or 646-0436

Charting Ahead

Do You Remember? Keep a lookout for our next event and join us to hear and share stories of Ogunquit.

Strategic Planning.

Looking forward for the Friends: This winter the Friends of the Winn House will be planning for the next steps of supporting the Museum. If you are interested in participating, please contact Allyson at 646-9661. We welcome your input as we look to the future!



Fisherman's Exhibit in the new Ell

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Do you Remember? ... The Theatre



Carol Shuttleworth: 1951 apprentice. On stage with Lillian Gish. 'Learned poise...'



Betty Dixon: Remembers Gloria Swanson in her Rolls Royce.



Ian McKenzie: Delivered posters for the Apprentice Theatre.



Ellie Asherman: Happy memories at the Apprentice Theatre.



Brad Kenney: Executive Artistic Director, Ogunquit Playhouse.

Ogunquit Heritage Museum Curator Barbara Woodbury with Henry Weller, Ogunquit Playhouse business manager for 50 years (both at right) and Susan ('I was an usher at age 12...') Meffert hosted the 5th "Do You Remember?" session at the Baptist Church in Ogunquit on October 28. Many people in the audience were actors, stage hands, set designers, Playhouse and Apprentice Theatre staff—and ushers—at the Theatre. Many stories were told about John Lane and the Hartwigs. Almost everyone had something to say. Jordan and Muriel Freedman videotaped the session and Joe Mauro wrote news articles. (Videos will be available at the Memorial Library and the Museum in the near future.) Some speakers are shown at left. Below: Richard Littlefield (left edge) relates how he loaned props as a teenager, and was rewarded with a special seat—front row, center—for several performances. He remembers getting dressed up for the occasion.

People who fondly remembered their experiences at the Ogunquit Playhouse and Apprentice Theatre were: Carole Lee Carol, Barbara Hilty, Helen Horn, Monty McKenzie, Sylvia Rubin, Brad Searle, Pete Woodbury and others.



WISH LIST

The museum will always accept interesting items that tell about Ogunquit's history, including furniture. We also accept items on loan.

For our Capt. Winn Room: Maritime items, such as sextant, compass, spyglass, ship's clock, sea chest items, info on Ogunquit-built ships, log books, cargo manifests, ship deeds, stories about sea captains, plans for ships and half-models.

For the Art Room: A drop leaf table. Stories and pictures of Ogunquit artists and their studios. Always paintings!

For 'Do You Remember?' Room: Stories of Ogunquit families, such as the Hoyt family, the George Smiths, tourists, and famous visitors.

For Fishing Exhibit: Dory information and pictures, fish mongers, and types of fish caught.

For Archives: Photos, items and clippings about life in Ogunquit, hotels, and summer borders.

We feel very proud to be the keepers of Ogunquit history and to share it with our visitors.



Wedding on the Winn House lawn in September. The new Mr. & Mrs. Paul McGowan were joined in marriage.

Membership Rolls . . .

Builder

Blanche H. Staples

Sponsor

Norman and Marcia Beal Brazer
James Nadeau
Peter R. and Barbara A. Woodbury

Patron

Dave O. Adams
Adrian and Ellie Asherman
The Beachmere Inn
Muriel Brazer
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Single

Sally H. Alexandre
Wyatt Littlefield Baker
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Paula S. Cummings
Martin and Fay Fitzgerald
Arnie Ginsberg
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Zana M. Littlefield
Deborah J. Marathon
Susan D. Meffert
John Miller
Betty Staples
Michael B. Staples, Riverside Hotel
Stephen and Linda Williams

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Also exciting was the joint project with Easter Seals to employ Shawn Morrison, to transcribe all the videotapes of "Do you Remember?". This will allow us to publish some of the great stories. Shawn worked diligently once a week all summer. This year we had two "Remember" sessions, our usual spring sharing and one in the fall that was dedicated to the Ogunquit Playhouse and Apprentice Theatre history.

We invite all of you to come share a glass of mulled cider and cookies and feel the Christmas spirit for Christmas by the Sea on December 9 and 10. We'll have snowmen, beautiful decorations and an authentically decorated 19th century tree. The Open House is Saturday and Sunday, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your strong support of the Museum. Without you, we could not accomplish our goals to serve the community and preserve the history of Ogunquit. The Winn House Committee recently voted on a new mission statement which appears on page one of this issue.

*Barbara Woodbury
Volunteer Curator*

Wanted: Studio Apartment or Cottage. Not too expensive! For Paula Cummings, our museum coordinator. Summer of 2007, June 1 - Oct 1. Call Barb at 646-0436 with your suggestions and FMI.

