



Friends of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum

Fall 2010 Newsletter

Mission of the Friends:

**To Support the Educational Goals and Programs
of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum**

All Friends and Guests are Invited...

**Christmas By The Sea
2010**

**Open House
at the
Ogunquit Heritage Museum**

Saturday December 11

Sunday, December 12

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Obed's Lane, Ogunquit, Maine

*Holiday Exhibits
Refreshments*

Antiques Show Volunteers Needed

Note to Members of the Friends,

Would you like to be more involved in the adventures of the OGUNQUIT HERITAGE MUSEUM and help us to grow our endowment fund?

Every year, the Friends of the OHM sponsor an antiques show at the Dunaway Center in Ogunquit on the third or fourth weekend in September. This show has been going on for 36 years! It used to be run by the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, and became a fundraiser for the OHM five years ago. It is the only major fundraiser that the Friends sponsor, and its proceeds go directly into the Endowment Fund for the Ogunquit Heritage Museum.

If you enjoy looking for antiques, if you like to be involved in an enjoyable show with 18 dealers who are easy to care for, if you like working with an interested public, join us in our planning and execution of this exciting show.

We need volunteers to help seek out and contact new and returning antique dealers from around the state and beyond. If you've worked with antique shows in the past, you would be especially welcome in this effort. We need volunteers to organize the show catalogue and sell ads to local businesses, starting in June. We need volunteers on the weekend of the show to help set up the hall, greet the incoming dealers and help them move their wares into the Dunaway Center, sell tickets to the public both inside the hall and outside in the parking lot behind the center, provide dealers with snacks and lunches, and help them close up shop and pack up their vans at the end of the show.

This is a fun event. Everyone who helps out has a great time, and usually finds something antique that they cannot live without. Join us. Contact FOHM board president, Hank Hokans.

— Susan Meffert
Organizer

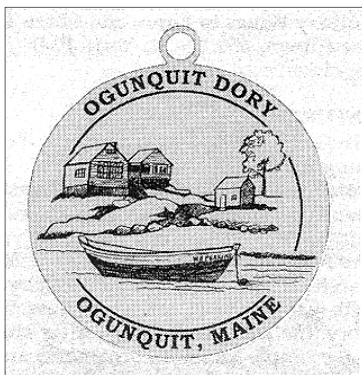


In 2010, about 700 visitors enjoyed the Ogunquit Heritage Museum with all its exhibits. The above room demonstrates how our famous Ogunquit Beach and its dunes had changed over the years.

Antiques Show and Sale . . .



Top: Bernie Speers, front, admires the port & starboard lights now at the Museum. Left: Silver display. Right: Diana Abbott at the food center. Bottom: (l to r) Eileen Dahill, Enid Topchick, and Norman Wilkinson volunteer at the Dunaway Center ticket table.



This year's pewter Christmas ornament, produced by the Chamber of Commerce, pictures the historic replica Ogunquit Dory, W. H. Perkins, from an early scene in the Cove. The Dory was built and launched in 2008 by the Ogunquit Heritage Museum.

President's Letter . . .

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All in all, it's been a busy and productive year and I am pleased and proud to have been a part of all the progress that has been made. As I pass the gavel to our new president, Henry Hokans, I know that, with his fine leadership, the Friends of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum will continue to thrive.

— *Mary Littlefield*
President

Note: Please see page 5 for Mary's complete letter.



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Curator's Report . . .

The summer season opened with a reception for the Friends, which was festive and well attended. It preceded a very successful summer. We had many visitors who were well cared for by our assistant curator, Paula Cummings. She also had help from Ann Hunnicutt and Gail Trust, who volunteered to assist her. The exhibits which were centered on Ogunquit Beach were put together by the Museum Committee, including Stuart and Eva Nudleman, Susan Meffert, Barbara and Peter Woodbury, Ellen Dannert, and Susan Levenson. These people lent some of their personal things and went all over town locating and borrowing other things. It was a supreme effort and we all learned a lot about the history of the beach. Many thanks to all of the people on these committees and to the Friends of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum who supported us.

The end of the summer brought us to the antique show which was sponsored and run by the Friends of The Ogunquit Heritage Museum. It involved hours of work by the members of the board, so thanks to all and especially Susan Meffert who corralled, contracted and took care of the hundreds of tasks managing the Antiques Show.

After the museum closed, we began putting together The Ghostly Tours which was part of OgunquitFest. The night was cold and the sky beautiful. Everywhere you looked there were pumpkins glowing and leaves falling. Charles Cahill, Peter Woodbury, Susan Meffert and Robin Fagerland were our readers and Susan Levenson was our ghost in residence at the cemetery. All in all it was a magical evening!

A major accomplishment this year was the paving of the Dorothea Jacobs Grant Park walkways with bricks. The staff will be delighted as they will no longer be sweeping up the stone dust which tracked into the Museum. This was done by the Town of Ogunquit, and overseen by Eva Nudleman. It looks very pretty and we look forward to complimenting it by having our building repainted in the spring.

Seasons greetings to all of you and I hope you can attend our open house on the 11th and 12th of December.

— Carole Lee Carroll
Curator

Ghostly Tours were Scary and Fun! . . .



'May the Ghouls watch over you!' said Charles Dahill as an introduction and send-off for folks starting out on the Ghostly Tours. The crowds were delighted to hear his original and poetic readings.



'Hankerchief Moody,' rises again from a story in Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Minister's Black Veil. The dark figure of Moody is convincingly portrayed by Robin Fagerlund.



Susan Meffert, under a full moon, tells of ghosts at Ogunquit's Puffin Inn.



Dressed in colonial garb as a pirate gone ashore, Pete Woodbury recites stories of lost children and a mourning mother in Ogunquit's Locust Grove Cemetery. 'Then is the ghosts high noon. Ha! Ha!'



Occasionally seen at Locust Grove, Caroline Moody searches for her lost children. Susan Levenson plays the part.

Do You Remember Blanche?

Here's another story as told by the late Blanche Hutchins Staples, beloved docent, story teller, teacher and major contributor to the Ogunquit Heritage Museum. Transcribed by Bill and Judy Baker.



Blanche H. Staples

I'll tell you a story about my father, Warren Hutchins. He was a skipper of a two-masted schooner and he used to carry cord wood, because everybody heated with cordwood. They carried bricks sometimes, too. Up in Tatnic, there was a sand pit there and they used to fill the

holds of the schooners with sand and take it down to Boston and New York to make into concrete.

In 1898 there was a big hurricane in which the steamship *Portland* went down off Cape Cod; everybody was lost. My father had gotten to Boston Harbor and he knew there was a bad storm coming, so he decided to stay where he was. Something told him to put out two anchors—one fore and one aft. He said that was the worst storm he had ever seen in his life. They lived through it that night and then he went topside in the morning. Every single vessel in Boston Harbor had gone ashore except him. And he said he had dragged from one end of Boston Harbor to the other but he was still afloat.

He was a very good weather forecaster. I would go out lobstering with him occasionally—I'd haul a few traps. And I remember one day we were out—it was foggy—it was so foggy you couldn't see your hand in front of your face and when we got ready to come into the Cove I said, 'But which way do I steer?' and he said, 'I think if you head right in *there* you will hit it.' And heavens! he knew perfectly; he brought it in exactly. And I said, 'But how did you know?' and he said, 'I can tell by the direction of the waves; I can tell by the surf on the rocks; and just instinct, I guess.'



Warren Hutchins, standing, with fellow fishermen (l. to r.) Henry Card, Leonard Perkins, Albert Perkins and Herm Knight, seated.

Welcome New Members . . .

**Marjorie Esau
Gail Greenberg
Diane Thibault
Tracy Smith
Norman and Jeanine Storrs
Benita Braggiotti Carey
Pat Buonaguro
Kerry Ellen Enright**



The *Ogunquit Dory*, W. H. Perkins, sails out in a good wind and fair weather late last summer under the expert piloting of Capt. Chris Woodbury.

Endowment Contributors . . .

Sydney Henderson

In honor of *Elyot Henderson, Rudy Dirks, Alden Shum, George Weare, and Spouses*

Barbara Hilty

Norman and Marcia Beal Brazer

In Honor and Memory of
Dr. George N. Beal, M.D.

Sheldon and Ruth Bramson

In Honor of *Peter and Barb Woodbury* for their
'Neighborly Gesture'

Susan Meffert

With Thanks to the *Friends* who have Ensured
The Continuation of the Heritage Museum by
Establishing the Endowment.

Marilyn Eimon

In Honor and Memory of
Yale Feinberg

President's (Complete) Letter . . .

Following is the complete President's Letter for the Fall 2010 issue of the Friends of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum Newsletter. Somehow it was not published in full in the Newsletter.

As my tenure as president of the Friends of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum comes to a close, I'm pleased to let everyone know that our lovely museum has had a very busy season and the Friends have been active with projects to get the word out about this wonderful place in the heart of our village. One of the best happenings was the installation of new, larger signs that were placed at each end of Obed's Lane and at the entrance to the Common. Since they were installed by our Town Highway Dept., the attendance at the Museum increased considerably. The signs are beautiful and much more visible than the others that were there before. The Friends extend sincere thanks to the Highway Dept. for their help.

In early June, we were pleased to be able to co-host a gathering with the Admiral's Inn at the museum in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours" program. It was attended by approximately 50 people. Refreshments were served and prizes were awarded, which were donated by local businesses. It truly helped to get the word out about our museum and the local history it contains. A fun time!

Also in June, the annual SPRING OPEN HOUSE was held to celebrate the opening of the museum for the summer. It was a fine gathering with several state dignitaries attending. I had the great honor of presenting Peter and Barbara Woodbury a special plaque in remembrance of their dedication and fine stewardship that they have given since the inception of the museum. Without them, the museum wouldn't be what it is today. The plaque hangs on the wall in a prominent spot for all to see when they enter the building.

The one day Antiques Show was held in Sept. and many dedicated volunteers helped to make it an event that ran smoothly from beginning to end. My personal thanks go out to all who work so diligently to make it so.

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