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OBHS Spring 2007 Newsletter

President's Message

We are entering our fourth year and hope to continue our growth and success. The current Board of Directors and officers will carry on this year and we'll still meet at the historic McKinley Schoolhouse in Pemaquid Falls.

The ongoing oral history project has really taken off this year (see article) and we will continue to interview the elders of our community to glean their memories of the past.

The genealogical group is meeting monthly to uncover their connections to ancestors.

We are still working on the old schoolhouse (our clubhouse). A committee will investigate proper storage of archival materials and building a climate-controlled space in the school.

Check out our program of speakers for the summer in this issue. We have tremendous resources available to us and feel lucky to present this information free of charge.

Pete Hope

Genealogy Group

The genealogy group continues to meet once a month and they are making progress in their search for ancestors of local families. We will be meeting at the McKinley Schoolhouse for the warmer months. Everyone is welcome to come and get the research information available. Call Jeanne Rottner for future meeting dates. If you have any information regarding genealogy of locals, particularly the Fossetts and related families, call Jeanne at 677-2095.

Membership News

Our membership is constantly increasing. We give honorary memberships to our speakers and anyone who has done outstanding work for OBHS. This year we gave honorary membership to Robert Cushing for the electrical work on our building, the historic McKinley Schoolhouse in Pemaquid Falls.

If you have paid your 2007 dues, your membership card is attached to the newsletter. All others will be mailed as received. Dues remain the same (see form).

Officers

Pete Hope, President
Pat Landry, Vice-President
Suzy Collins, Secretary
Kay Hannah, Treasurer

Board of Directors

Marilyn Chadwick
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Our Oral History Project

Taped interviews with local elders are the best way to preserve memories of the recent past. We are amassing quite a collection of these oral histories. Here is a list of those voices we have on tape: Una Brackett, Dan Cheney, Lillian Wallace, Thereas Richards, Thelma Baker, Sterling Crooker, Wintie Hanna Templeton, Harold Davis, Gwen Fossett, Tuddy Reilly Dunlevy, Carroll Leeman, Norman Brackett, Hazel Mahan, Cecil Prior, Bob Hanley, Winnette Brackett, Ronald Yates, Dan Thompson, Olive Wright, Jimmy Brackett, Harnie Hanna, Doffy McCann Preston, Walker Gilbert, William Smith, Leonard Osier and Sylvia Loud Collamore.

These have all been published in the Lincoln County News. At some point we plan to put them out in book form.

If you think of someone who should be interviewed, call Pete Hope, 677-2848 or Suzy Collins, 677-2251, and we will follow up.

Wanted!

For the McKinley Schoolhouse: a solid wood door 32" and 78". It can be somewhat bigger, Call Pete, 677-2848 if you have one.



Sylvia Collamore, Elsie, Chalmer, Wilbur & Herbert Loud

Spring Work Project for the McKinley School

Get out your old clothes for a work session at the schoolhouse Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20 at 9 a.m. Bring a lunch, and we will provide the drinks and cookies. Mainly, we have to paint the interior, so bring paint brushes, roller and gloves. The schoolhouse is on Harrington Road, off of Rt. 130 near Poole Brothers, just before New Harbor. Questions? Call Pete, 677-2848.

A big thank you to Art Gustafson for finishing the installation of a much-needed second door!

2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/ NEW APPLICATION

Name.....Date.....
Dues.....\$10 single membership.....\$15 for family membership
This is a renewal.....or new application.....

(The following information is required for a new application only or if address changed)

Address (local)..... Seasonal.....
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Phone..... E-mail.....

Please give to or mail to Kay Hannah, 13 Devoe Rd., Bristol ME 04539

History in Music, The Grand Design, On This Month

Fort Pemaquid figured in at the end of a long, sad tale for ancestors of local families. It all began when a group of Scots-Irish Presbyterians set sail for Philadelphia in 1740, only to be stranded on Grand Manan Island in the month of November. A scoundrel captain, a horrifying winter on the island, Passamaquoddy rescuers, and the arrival of the few survivors at St. George, Cushing and Pemaquid, are all part of the historical narrative uncovered by Round Pond resident, Julia Lane. Making use of journals, genealogical evidence, court documents, and Native legends, Lane pieced together the story of those who came on a 90-foot ship, the Martha & Eliza. Following several years of research, both in the US and Northern Ireland, Julia and Fred Gosbee, of Castlebay music group, teamed with Heartwood Theater to create a stage version of this fascinazting story.



John Bear Mitchell, a member of the Penobscot Nation and Associate Director of the Wabanaki Center, will perform a number of songs and legends associated with the historical narrative. Local artists will perform a full score written by Lane specifically for the production.

Performance dates are May 11, 12, 18, 19 and 20 at 7:30, with a single matinee on May 13 at 4:00. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 students (18 and under), general admission. For tickets or information, call 207-563-1373 or e-mail heartwoodrtc@adelphia.net or visit www.castlebay.net.

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All New Programs for 2007

All programs held at the McKinley Schoolhouse on Harrington Rd. In Pemaquid Falls

No charge for admission

Sunday, May 13, 6:30: Susan Weber on Scrapbooking. Bring family photos and memorabilia to create a family heirloom.

Sunday, June 24, 6:30: Houston Dodge returns with a History of the Houston Family.

Sunday, July 22, 6:30: Calvin and Margery Dodge on Growing Up in Damariscotta, with old photos of Damariscotta in the Olden days.

Sunday, August 19, 6:30: John Allan on A History of Pemaquid Point Light.

Wednesday, September 5, 6:30: John Neff on the History of Chamberlain and the Long Cove Point Association.