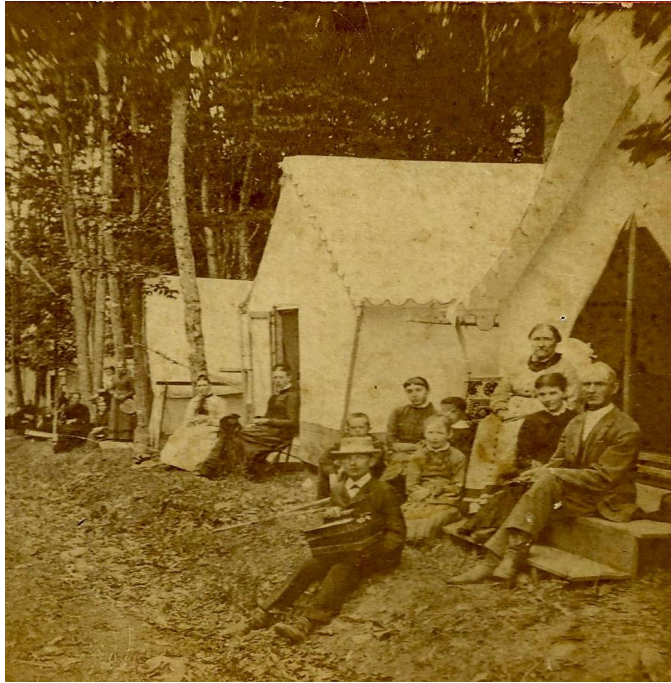


Bayside Historical Preservation Society



“Somewhere in Bayside”

Can you figure out where this is in the village?

Newsletter Spring 2020

President- Joe Reilly . Vice President- Beverly Crofoot

Treasurer- Heidi Von Bergan, Secretary- Pam Williams

Board of directors- Wendy Huntoon, Joy Sherman, Harry

Rosenblum, Cathie Ross, Lisa Webster, Fred Lincoln,

Marjorie Crowley

This is a different kind of Spring here in Portland and across the United States. Usually we here in the northeast are looking forward to the end of the cold weather but this year, we're looking forward to the end of this killer virus. I, for one, am hoping that it is enough under control to have a typical summer time in Bayside. There are, as usual, a full schedule of activities from the BHPS, the Yacht Club and Bayside Arts. All of us hope that the threat of Covid-19 is arrested so that we can enjoy a glorious summer with our friends and neighbors in Bayside. Stay tuned to Dan Webster's site for possible cancellations of any or all activities this summer.

The BHPS has had a terrific year. This is our 25th year of existence, as Dick Brockway pointed out to me in the middle of last winter. You are likely to be reading this on our website which is due to the tireless efforts of Wendy Huntoon. In an effort to become paperless, this will be our last year of mailing out our newsletter, as voted on at our general meeting- assuming County Copy opens before the summer.

Our current board members and officers are: Wendy Huntoon, Harry Rosenblum, Cathy Ross, Marjorie Crowley, Joy Sherman, Fred Lincoln, Lisa Webster, Beverly Crofoot (vice president) Heidi Von Bergen (treasurer) Pam Williams (secretary) and Joe Reilly (president).

This summer we are planning the third "Collector's Day" sponsored by Joy and Rob Sherman. This event will be held in the Community Hall on Wednesday, July 22 from 10 to 3! The next week, on July 29th, we are following up on a suggestion by Steve Trenholm to have a "Stories of Bayside" and pot luck supper event. This would also take place in the Community Hall. One possible topic offered for sharing was "How I got to Bayside". People are encouraged to contact Janae Novotney or Joe Reilly if they would like to be involved.

Cathy Ross and Joe Reilly are looking into a dance-band event to celebrate the BHPS 25th anniversary to be held in the Community Hall in August. More about this later- check Dan Webster's site for upcoming details.

The BHPS is also looking to hire 2 interns to continue cataloging our collections. Contact Wendy Huntoon or Beverly Crofoot if you are interested.

This winter, the shrubs were removed from behind the mailbox row in Merithew Sq. without prior notification to anyone in the neighborhood. Rob Sherman was scheduled to trim them and then replace the rustic fence around the park this summer. BHPS and Judy Metcalf have donated monies to replace them as they were planted years ago, by long time resident Bob Aebersold. The larger issue is, should there be a protocol in place for any nonstructural/cosmetic/repair work in our neighborhoods? If you have ideas about this, please contact Joe Reilly or Beverly Crofoot. We will then submit suggestions to the Overseers for possible adoption.

We have some exciting new acquisitions! Two paintings that forever hung in the Cobe estate were purchased for BHPS this fall. During the winter, Harry Rosenblum found 5 copies (a whole summer's issue) of the Wesleyan Grove/ Campground

newspaper- "The Sea Breeze" 1884. We have continued receiving donations of Post Cards from John Dykstra and we have found multiple 19th Century Albumen Photographs of the Campground and environs. Many of these items will be on display in the Community Hall in an exhibit of the Town of Northport to celebrate the town's 150 year anniversary. The exhibit was curated by Beverly Crofoot. It will be on display until the end of July.

Our community is the reason that so many people continue to return to Bayside each summer. While still working on containing the virus the thoughts of Bayside are a source of comfort and hope. The BHPS wishes everyone a safe and healthy spring and we look forward to seeing all of our neighbors this summer.



Looking up Broadway towards Merithew Square. Notice just past the Gnutti porch on the left, that Pleasant St. is not yet there! Broadway is also a dirt road. Circa 1900.

The annual BHPS Membership Application is attached at the end of the Newsletter. New this year, is the ability to join or renew your membership online at the BHPS Website - <http://www.baysidehps.org/index.php/membership/>. Online payment is not yet available, but will be added later on in the year. For now, once you register online, please send your payment to:

Bayside Historical Preservation Society, PO Box 273, Lincolnville, ME 04849

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BHPS member and jack-of-all-trades Rob Sherman had a birthday this last December. It still isn't known how old he really is. Do you remember, several years ago, the exchange his wife Joy and Joe Reilly had at the NVC annual meeting about his age? Both of them were wrong. This time Rob gave a hint: "Next year plus ten and I'll be 100." Some folks still can't compute it—even with paper and pencil.

It might not be worth all the trouble. There is a story told a while ago about a man who reached 100. A visitor exclaimed, "A hundred years old! Wow! That's a wonderful record. I guess you're very proud of him." But a neighbor who perhaps knew him better replied, "Oh, I dunno. He ain't done nothing but grow old, and look how long it took him to do that!" Let's hope Rob's legacy is better than that.

Cake and cookies, and something stronger, and a few gifts were enjoyed at the birthday. Rob's wife Joy gave him an old, used copy of Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People," but Rob thought it had come too late.



This is the rustic fence that Rob will rebuild this summer. On the right is the area of the mailboxes that will also be replanted this spring/summer.

OUR TOWN NORTHPORT

Maine Celebrates 200 year of Statehood

Maine, originally part of the royal charter for the Massachusetts Bay Colony, was granted statehood on March 15, 1820, becoming the 23d state to join the Union. This occurred as part of the Missouri Compromise, an act that balanced the entry of Missouri into the Union as a slave-holding state with the addition of Maine as a free state.

Northport was earlier a part of the tract of land, originally given to forty noblemen, knights and gentlemen, the "Plymouth Council", in 1620 by King James I. This Council made a grant of land to General Samuel Waldo. The Waldo Patent was later acquired by Henry Knox in 1792. In "If These Cottages Could Talk", William Cressey writes that "in 1795, the residents petitioned the Commonwealth of Massachusetts [Maine not yet being a State] to establish Northport as a separate town... The Act creating the Town of Northport is dated February 13, 1796."

On display in the meeting room at Community Hall is a display of holdings from the Bayside Historical Preservation Society, the Belfast Museum and the Penobscot Marine Museum. Photos from PMM's collection of glass plate negatives show Northport from the early 1900s. Some may recognize the Northport Diner, which later became Dos Amigos and is still happily patronized by today's residents as The Hoot.

And who knew that Blue Dolphin Antiques was formerly the original Perry's Nut House?

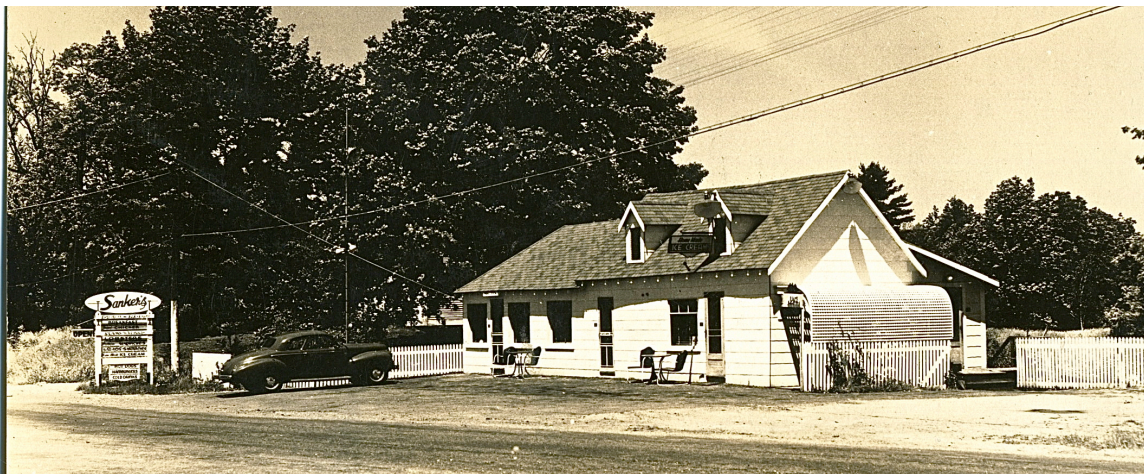
Down East has an illustrated article about some of the 187 surviving buildings built before Maine became a state. One is the Black Horse Tavern built in 1795 on the east side of the Passy.

<https://mainehomes.com/maines-bicentennial-homes/>

Want to see more of Maine's pre-1820 homes? The Maine Historic Preservation Commission highlights one on each business day of this year as part of Maine's bicentennial celebration. Visit maine.gov/mhpc to see the entries, which will also be cataloged in a searchable archive.

On display in the Community Hall articles from the Republican Journal written by Isabel Maresh Morse for her column 'Out of the Past' (beginning in 1988) shed much light on little known parts and many of the old families of Our Town.

By Beverly Crofoot



What is currently called "The Hoot"

An example of 1870s “posh” tent living from the Oak Bluffs Campground on Martha’s Vinyard!



This building is still standing in Northport. Do you recognize it?



During this pandemic, we thought it would be interesting to discover what was happening in The Belfast/Northport area during the 1918 Flu. We reached out to Megan Pinette from the Belfast Historical Society and she sent us this post from the BHSM this past February.

The death toll in Belfast from the Spanish Influenza pandemic in 1918- 1919 was substantial. From History of Belfast in the 20th Century: " In October, 1918 the worldwide influenza epidemic hit Belfast hard. Schools and public places were closed for most of the month, and victims were generally cared for at home so as to not spread the contagion further. Thirty died, the largest number of deaths ever recorded in the city in one month. When the official figures came out for the year, eight had died from influenza directly and 27 had died from pneumonia, which often follows the flu." That was just for 1918, illness and deaths continued into 1919. It's one thing to look at the numbers, here is one of those lost.

Arthur N. Johnson, noted for his fine tenor voice - described in his obituary as " clear, soulful and satisfying voice uplifting us on the wings of song" died , age 30, on September 23, 1918 in Brockton, Mass. He had left Belfast in 1917 to study voice under the direction of Stephen Townsend of Boston. He is buried in Grove Cemetery. He was survived by his parents, his widow Ethel and their young son Maurice.



COLLECTORS SHOW and ANNUAL MEETING

BHPS held a Collectors Show early in August 2019. Several members displayed what they collect and talked about them with visitors. Mary Ann Stankewicz showed art education books; Barbara Dugin displayed dolls; Joy and Rob Sherman had a collection of pig objects and photos; John Dykstra showed and explained postcard photos of Bayside and its surrounds, which he had donated to BHPS last year; John Palombo displayed rock/stone maps he has created; David Crofoot showed decoys, Joe Reilly had a display of antique pocket maps from the 19th century; and Dick Brockway displayed some of the house and cottage models he has made over the years. Visitors exclaimed that the event was interesting and enjoyable and should be repeated again this year. Who can imagine the range of what people collect?

This was the second year that BHPS has held such a show. It is becoming an annual event. BHPS plans to hold it again in the summer of 2020, probably, again, in early August. Members, and others reading this newsletter, are invited to show their collections. If you don't have them already in Bayside, bring them with you when you come for the summer. Please let Joy Sherman, who has agreed to coordinate the event, know your interest. She can be reached at shermanjoy1941@gmail.com. Once we know who wants to show their collections, a date for the event will be chosen, and collectors, members, and the public will be informed. We hope to see you at the event.

Immediately after the show, PHPS held its annual membership meeting. President Joe Reilly reviewed the activities and achievements that BHPS had during 2018-2019. That information is reviewed in Joe's Annual Report in this newsletter. Also, the officers and members of the Board of Directors were elected for the 2019-2020 year, and that list, too, can be seen elsewhere in the newsletter.

To close the events of the day and evening, members enjoyed cookies and other delectables.



Rob and Joy Sherman with their collection of tools and other oddities!

FINAL TREASURER'S REPORT 1/1/19-12/31/19

General Fund Balance 1/1/19 **\$19,991.49**
Income

2019 Donations	2,727.15
2019 Dues	735.00
Book Sales/Posters/postcards	635.03
Interest Income	10.09
Sales Tax Income	18.97
Total Income	\$4,126.24

Expenses

Advertising	8.97
Entertainment	304.15
Insurance	500.00
Maine Filing Fee	35.00
Membership Maine Archives & Museums	35.00
Miscellaneous	82.96
Mission (museum items)	445.98
Northport Food Pantry Donation	300.00
Rent PO Box	92.0
Sales Tax ME Paid 2019	38.50
Utilities	621.64
Total Expenses	\$2,464.20
Dif	+ 1,662.04

WORKING CAPITAL 12/31/19 Assets

Camden National Checking	\$ 5,494.72 (statement shows \$5683.22 as
Camden National Savings	\$ 16,156.79 \$188.50 check not yet cleared)

Total Bank Accounts \$
Petty Cash 0

General Fund Balance 12/31/19 **\$ 21,651.51** (my balance was off by \$2.02 but will trust banks)

Treasurer's Report 1/1/19-12/31/19

Our members decreased from 140 in 2018 to 91 members in 2019. This was primarily due to the newsletter being sent as an email and some members could not print the form and/or forgot to renew. We hope that the ability to pay online this year will make things easier for members.

The \$5,000.00 grant to Bayside Arts that we had deposited in 2018 was given to them in early 2019. We offered an ice cream social in Community Hall in conjunction with the Collector's Day event, we assisted with Bayside July 4 festivities, we donated to the Northport Food Pantry, and we acquired items for the Museum.

There were 2 memorial donations made in memory of Ellen Hatcher.

Many thanks to the Bayside Community for support. Any math & computer whiz interested in becoming treasurer, contact me!

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi von Bergen, Treasurer



Shady Grove Museum, now located on Pleasant Street
Open Sundays, 2 – 4 pm, during July and August

BAYSIDE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
Membership Application/Payment of Annual Dues

Online Application Form can be found here:

<http://www.baysidehps.org/index.php/membership/>

Name: _____

Winter Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Summer Address: _____

Summer Telephone: _____

E-mail contact: _____

Dues and donations – All dues and donations are tax deductible.

First member of household \$10. _____

Other household members \$ 5.0 Each _____

Children under 18 Free _____

Donation _____

TOTAL _____

Please make check payable to BHPS and mail with this form to
Bayside Historical Preservation Society,
PO Box 273

Lincolntonville, Maine 04849

Please indicate any area of interest you have or ideas for the directors and officer to
consider. How would you like to participate in BHPS?