

# Society News

## MOCA ANNUAL MEETING AND CEMETERY TOUR

The spring of 2009 was a busy one for the Historical Society. Along with the Phippsburg Old Cemetery Restoration, the Society hosted the Annual Meeting of the Maine Old Cemetery Association. Almost as soon as the Historical Society 2008 Annual Meeting ended, the Board began preparations for the spring event. The meeting was to be coupled with a cemetery tour of Phippsburg burial grounds.

Lynda Wyman agreed to take on the task of getting a Phippsburg Map with the locations of each cemetery plotted on it. She talked to Cynthia Cygan of the Bath Regional Vocational School. Cynthia agreed that her GPS class would take on the creation of the map as a project. The class plotted the location of each cemetery with gps co-ordinates and marked the location on the map. They printed the resulting map on their plotter printer and the Society now has two copies of the map. One of the maps is on display at the Museum for use by genealogists.

Carol and Charlie Main were assigned the task of making a trifold brochure about the tour which included a smaller map with cemetery locations on it. Included in the brochure also is a list of all 103 cemeteries with a grading system that shows the difficulty of access for each cemetery. The brochure is a nice tool and can be used easily in the field. The brochure is available at the Museum in limited quantities. Thank you to all involved with the creation of these aides.

We stationed volunteer docents at each of the easier to access cemeteries to help people find their way and explain a little about Phippsburg's history. Thanks to all of you who were tour guides at cemeteries.

There were displays set up by the three organizations involved. Attendees had time to explore the displays after registering. Greetings were given by society President, Jesse V. Stufin. The MOCA group had a short business meeting and Merry Chapin presented a short talk about the beginnings of the Phippsburg Old Cemetery Restoration and a list of their accomplishments complete with slides.

We were fortunate to have as our program, Tom Totman premiering his talk about "A Child's Eye View of Phippsburg." Tom has put together pictures of relevant places in Phippsburg to go along with stories written by his uncle Col. John Williams about his childhood memories of life in Phippsburg. The text was taken from the Society publications "Stories of Phippsburg" and read by Tom in a narrative fashion to go with the slides. The program was very well received and Tom will be presenting the talk again at this year's Historical Society Annual Meeting on August 25th. It is well worth seeing more than once!

Lunch at the event was provided by Bisson's Center Store.

The event was very well attended and people seemed to have a good time. Kudos to all who helped to make it so.



# Volunteers' Dedication

PHS is fortunate to have many volunteers who faithfully cover the Museum from early July until late September. Those that cover Monday-Friday: Marie Harvell, Lynda Wyman, Ann Lewis, Lorraine Lowell, Ada Haggett, Martha Silver. Our alternate volunteers (those who step in when needed) are: Aileen Wenzel, Robin Barton, Jean Scott, Gloria Gray, Merry Chapin and Audrey Koehling

As space allows, we will highlight one or two each year in this newsletter. This year featured are:

Marie Harvell, born in Athens, Maine, attended school in Harmony and Hartland. She has lived in Phippsburg since 1959. She worked in an insurance office in Portland, and in Grants in Bath. In 1967 Marie began her career at the Phippsburg Post Office and became postmaster in later years. Her favorite hobby is clogging and belongs to a group that clogs at nursing homes and Maine fairs. She enjoys traveling, crafts, and her volunteer duties at the PHS Museum and the Totman Library. Marie is the Monday volunteer.



Lorraine Lowell, is a Maine-iac. Her pre-school years were spent at the Skolfield family farm in Harpwell. Her father was with the then U.S. Lighthouse Service and her weekends, school vacations and summers were spent at Seguin Island Light. The family also became familiar

with Phippsburg when her father was stationed at Perkins Island Light. She graduated from Brunswick High School in 1949 and the University of Maine in 1954 as a medical technologist. She married Lloyd in 1954 and met her new mother-in-law, Alice Lowell, known to many Phippsburg's school children as "Mrs. Kindergarten." Lloyd was in the Merchant Marine and the family moved to New Jersey and spent almost 30 years there where they raised 4 children. On retirement they moved back to Parker Head to spend summers and have a winter residence in Sun City Center near Tampa, Florida. She always amazes herself when she succeeds in answering the Museum's guests' questions. Lorraine in 2009



does alternate Thursdays at the Museum.

If you'd like to become a volunteer, or alternate volunteer, call Carol Main at 443-6309 or email at [carolmain@suscom-maine.net](mailto:carolmain@suscom-maine.net), or contact any of the Trustees. You can also pick up a volunteer sign-up sheet at the Museum between 2-4 pm weekdays.

## In Between the Rain Drops

This spring and early summer, Mark Alexander has been painting the back and one side of the Museum building. This sounds simple, but if you remember how many days of rain went along with this effort, you wonder how Mark was able to get the job done. Anyway, thanks to Mark for his work. It looks great!

**INCOME STATEMENT**

7/1/08 to 6/30/09

INCOME/EXPENSES

Income:

**Book Fund**

Fair to The Wind	553.40
Vol. #1	40.00
Vol. #2	500.00
Vol. #3	40.00
Book Fund (Other)	4.00

**Total Book Fund 1,137.40**

**General Fund**

Donation Bowl	152.75
Dues Income	635.00
Sale of Postcards	46.57
Other	<u>1,596.61</u>

**Total General Fund 2,430.93**

**Interest Earned 1,152.39**

**Memorial Fund 3,690.50**

**Sales Tax Income 51.68**

**Income - Other 125.00**

**Total Income \$8,587.90**

Expense

Advertising Expense	30.00
Dues Paid	200.00
Entertainment	41.93
Education	198.20
Insurance	1,418.00
Miscellaneous	55.58
Museum Collection	149.35
Repairs	185.00
Office	1,281.04
Sales Taxes	50.08
Services	420.00
Supplies	801.94
Utilities	<u>250.76</u>

**Total Expenses \$5,081.88**

**Total Income/Expenses \$3,506.02**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 2131.58
BOOK FUND BALANCE	\$ 5437.20
MUSEUM FUND BALANCE	\$44,908.14

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

**The following** is a list of Memorial Gifts received by the Society during the past fiscal year. We thank those who have generously supported the Society through memorial gifts over the years. If you are a Life Member, please consider supporting the Society and the Museum through a gift in memory of a loved one. We really appreciate it and it supports our efforts to preserve, display and interpret Phippsburg's long and rich history.

Ellen H. Staley, Gift in Memory of Jane W. Stevens  
Lawson Beals, Gift in Memory of Robert E. Beals, Sr.

Ann C. Carney, Gift in Memory of John B. Carney  
Jean and Ron Flink, gift in Memory of Anita and Tom Totman, founding members of the Phippsburg Historical Society

Doug and Jesse Sutfin, gift in Memory of Newbold and Dorothy Varian, founding members of the Phippsburg Historical Society

William S. Gilman, Gift to Remember and Honor Bodwell Grange

Karen Gray and Curtis Hewitt

Mr & Mrs E. John White

Charles and Carol Main, Gift in Memory of Anda Bijhouwer

Chuck and Mary Callanan, Gift in Memory of Dot and Newby Varian

Dolores M. Black, Gift in Memory of Robert S. Black, husband

Sarge and Jane Legard, Gift in Memory of Jane W. Stevens

Lloyd & Lorraine Lowell, Gift in Memory of "Bogie" Beals

Mildred V. Rogers, Gift in Memory of John M. Rogers

Unity Circle

James and Linda Totman, Gift in Memory of Bo Allegrin

Anita I. Sweet, gift in Memory of Frederick Sweet

Houghton M. Trott,

Bruce and Patricia Champeon, Gift in Memory of Bo Allegrin

Jane P. Morse, Gift in Memory of John G. and Frances Morse.

Wallace Rogers Baker, Gift in Memory of Phippsburg ancestor Charlotte Amelia (Bowker) Rogers

Kaye Maillard, Gift in Memory of Frank Thomas Allegrin

Carole Pope, Gift in Memory of Frank Thomas Allegrin

Samuel and Regena Roberts, donation

Joan L. Hardy, gift in Memory of Mrs. Brooks Emeny

Faith E. Conger, Gift in Memory of Mrs. Brooks Emeny

Daphne A. Townsend, Gift in Memory of Mrs. Brooks Emeny

J. D. Crane, Gift in Memory of Mrs. Brooks Emeny

Betty Wold Johnson, Gift in Memory of Mrs. Brooks Emeny

Anne Ijams, Gift in Memory of Mrs. Brooks Emeny

## Dues

Society members are reminded that annual dues are due during the month of August each year. We have always been fortunate to have a loyal group of Members and friends. We depend on these donations to pay the Museum bills throughout the year. We thank you all for your continued support as it makes it possible for us to continue the work of our little Society. So remember your dues! If you are a Life Member, consider making a Memorial gift to the Society. Your continued contributions make all the difference to us!

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## President's Notes by Jessie V. Sutfin

When I was a child, my grandmother would tell me that time would go faster as you get older. I had no idea time would go this fast.

A year has passed. The Museum has had many accomplishments. We have waged a battle against a powder beetle infestation at the Museum, we have again put on a successful Victorian Open House and Cookie Walk, providing additional funds on which to operate during the year, we have sponsored one of the town history lectures at the Patten Free Library and we have hosted the Annual Meeting of the Maine Old Cemeteries Association. Thanks to all of those who volunteer their time and energy to make the Phippsburg Historical Society thrive.

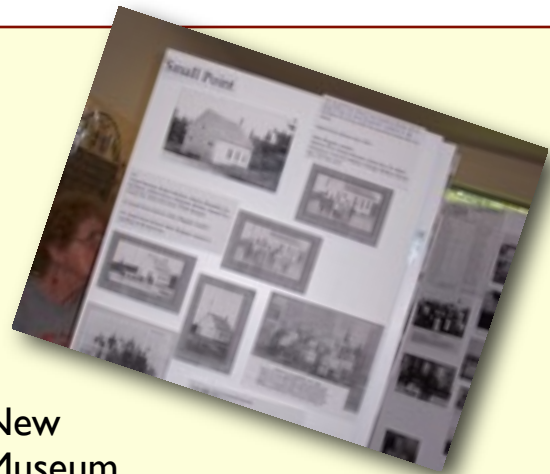
Our new map and brochure of Phippsburg cemeteries should make the Museum the first stop for genealogists doing research in Phippsburg.

Don't forget to check out our website often, [www.phippsburghistorical.com](http://www.phippsburghistorical.com). New things are added to the website often and you won't want to miss them.

Our Victorian Cookie walk, always a festive occasion, will be held again this year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. If you would like to bake cookies for that event, we would love to hear from you. But either way, we hope to see you there.

Finally, I'd like to invite you to visit the Museum. Refresh yourself with our rich history here in Phippsburg.

See you at the Annual Meeting, and of course, the Cookie Walk.



## New Museum Displays 2009

Lynda Wyman has worked over the spring to put together a new museum display based on the old one room schoolhouses of Phippsburg. There are many pictures including one of each schoolhouse. Lynda has also pulled data from old town reports so she has been able to include names of teachers at each school as well as salaries, school budgets and various other school related data. Lynda and Merry Chapin worked on the final presentation resulting in a display that is a must see for every one in Phippsburg and beyond. Thanks to Lynda and Merry for doing the work to put this display together.



## 2008 Victorian Open House And Cookie Walk



We hope to  
See you on November 28, 2009

### Two Friends Lost

During the past year, the Phippsburg Historical Society has lost two good friends. Barbara "Bobby" Cox Emeny died on February 15, 2009 at the age of 99. Mrs. Emeny was a long time supporter of the Phippsburg Historical Society. She and her sister Mrs. Harriet Hansen were descendants of the Lee Family which owned what is now the Fiske farm on Old Ferry Road. Even after the family sold the property to George Fiske, the two sisters used to come to Phippsburg during the summer and stay at the Small Point Club. Mrs. Emeny is remembered fondly by those who knew her over the years as was her sister. She will be missed.



On April 14th, 2009, Charles E. "Bud" Wyman died at his home in Phippsburg. Bud was born in Phippsburg and graduated from Morse High School. After retiring as Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Bud and Margaret returned to Phippsburg to live. He enjoyed square dancing, woodworking and Cony High School sports. He was a distinguished World War II veteran serving in the U. S. Army Air Corps as a Flight Engineer and Tail Gunner during 58 bombing missions. Among his many decorations was the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He was a tireless worker at the Phippsburg Historical Museum and his work is evident throughout the building. He built stations, finished display cases, donated artifacts and whatever else he was asked to do.



## ***PHIPPSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING***

*August 25, 2009*

Please join us on August 25th, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Club on Route 209 in Phippsburg for our Annual Meeting. A short business meeting will precede the program. Our Speaker this year is Tom Totman who will present, "A Child's Eye View of Phippsburg" using pictures and text written by Col. John Williams about his experiences as a child in Phippsburg. This is a program worth seeing more than once!

Refreshments will be served immediately following the speaker.

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# NOTICE OF SOCIETY DUES

**JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

**Society Dues are due annually, unless you choose to become a lifetime member. All dues are placed in the General Operating fund and are used to pay expenses incurred by the Society during the fiscal year.**

Checks should be made payable to the Phippsburg Historical Society and mailed to: Phippsburg Historical Society, c/o Elizabeth B. Morse, P.O. Box 21, Phippsburg, ME 04562

Membership Classifications:

Sustaining Member	\$10.00 per Person
Family Membership	\$20.00 per Family
Patron	\$50.00 per Person
Life Membership	\$500.00 per Person

Name & Address:

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### The Museum Fund

**These donations are used to maintain the Museum Building. All donations are carefully recorded and are tax deductible. A record is kept of those in whose memory donations are made. Checks should be made payable to Phippsburg Historical Society, P.O. Box 21, Phippsburg, ME 04562**

**Name of Donor:**

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