

PHIPPSBURG HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

July 1, 2018

SOCIETY NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Aug 21, 2018

TIME: 7pm

Place: Sportsman's Club

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The board has been focused on the important task of serious renovations to the museum for several years now. There is so much to be done to make it a better site for the long term conservation of our historic collection. The most pressing tasks that need immediate attention are outlined below in the Climate Control and Archiving section of this newsletter.

To gather stories in order to maintain and contribute to our history is the theme of the Annual Meeting of the PHS this summer. We have invited **Jean Scott**, a wonderful, local story teller to share with us her recollections. We are hoping it inspires others to share. Please join us on Tues. August 21 at 7pm at the Sportsman's Club for an evening of memories and refreshments.

IN MEMORY OF ANNE FRISKE THOMPSON

Anne F Thompson long time resident of Phippsburg died on July 10, 2018. Anne moved here in 1986. She and husband, Jack, resided at the Cold Spring Farm property, which is now on the National Historic Registry. Anne lovingly compiled

a wonderful history of the property, doing much of her research at the Phippsburg Historical Society. She made regular donations to the society. Anne will be missed by this community. We are indebted to her for the wonderful contribution that pulls together the history of this great property and the families who treasured it.

CLIMATE CONTROL AND ARCHIVING COLLECTION

In the upcoming Fiscal Year the Society is looking at major building repair and upgrade projects to address climate control issues in the main exhibit space. Experts, who have been consulted, advise three steps to control moisture and temperature in the main building are absolutely necessary to preserve the integrity of the Society's collection of historical documents and artifacts. Each step in the climate control project – basement/crawl space lining and sealing, attic insulation and sealing, and installation of a climate control heat exchanger – carries substantial expenses. Our estimate of the cost for all three steps runs in excess of \$12,000.

We also need to rent a storage unit in a facility that has fire safe, climate controlled, and secure spaces. We need to store documents and artifacts that are currently at risk.

The Society is looking to members and donors continued generous support to realize these necessary improvements. Please consider whether you can make an additional contribution to support the Society in taking measures to insure the treasured collection is available to future generations.

**Checks may be made out to the
Phippsburg Historical Society
P.O. Box 21
Phippsburg, Me 04562**

Other recent developments include: The stained glass panel from St Mary's church in Bath was gifted back to the All Saints Parish in Brunswick to be put in their new building.

Anda Bijhouwer's big harness loom, on loan from the Bijhouwer family, has been accepted by the Maine State Museum. It will have a prominent display venue and much greater exposure to the public.

Dr. Gordon and Charlotte Moore donated an Alton Wallace boat to be a significant part of the planned Phippsburg fisherman's exhibit. It is currently in storage as we continue to work towards this important expansion of the museum.

TRUST RESERVE

In the past there has been some confusion as to what the Phippsburg Historical Society (PHS) has meant by the amount of money that is "set aside" in the Trust Reserve. The PHS Trust Reserve is what is generally known as an Operating or Management Reserve. Below is an explanation of what an "Operating or Management Reserve" consists of:

"An operating reserve is an unrestricted fund balance set aside to stabilize a nonprofit organization's finances by providing a 'rainy day savings account' for unexpected cash flow shortages, expense or losses. These might be caused by delayed payments, unexpected building repairs, or economic conditions.

Reserves should not be used to make up for income shortfalls, unless the organization has a plan to replace the income or reduce expenses in the near-term future. "

In recent years, given the community's generous support, the PHS has not had to use the Trust Reserve to cover on-going annual expenses. The PHS Board is committed to a commonly used Trust Reserve goal - to have enough money set

aside for any major expenses, such as building upgrades and repairs.

Organizations that have contracts or fees with regular and reliable payments don't need as much in cash reserves as organizations, like the PHS, that rely on periodic grants, fundraising events or campaigns, or seasonal activities. The PHS follows recognized standard practices for managing Trust Reserves. Before any Trust Reserve funds are used, the Board must approve the project and expense based on agreed upon policy. All use of Trust Reserve funds is documented and reported in monthly and annual financial statements provided to the Board.

Celebrating Phippsburg's Fishing, Boat building and Musical Heritage

The working budget for the restoration and moving of the Fisherman's House is \$75,396. As of July 18, the Historic Preservation Commission and Phippsburg Historical Society have raised \$41,035, including \$18,700 in grants from the Gemini Fund and the Davis Family foundation, private donations, pledges and fundraising events. In June a sold-out concert at the Dromore Bay Concert Hall raised \$3,605 and sales of a handsome lobster buoy poster by Andrea Brand and Jean Scott have added \$1,000 to the fund. \$24,993 has been spent to restore the exterior of the building and prepare it for moving. With \$16,000 currently available, there are sufficient funds to move the house to the historical society property and complete the site work. \$34,035 remains to be raised to fully fund the endowment for the building.

The Phippsburg Historical Society Trustees voted to accept the building's move to the Society Museum

property. We expect the move to take place this fall. The building will not be open to the public until the remaining endowment has been raised. Contributions for the endowment can be sent to the Phippsburg Town Office, [1042 Main Road, Phippsburg, ME 04562](http://www.phippsburgmaine.com) with the note "for the Phippsburg Fishermen's Museum" or to the Phippsburg Historical Society Box 21, Phippsburg, Maine 04562 with the note "for the Phippsburg Fishermen's Museum".

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to our 2017 summer volunteers. Keeping the museum on regular hours, cleaning, filing and being so nice to all our visitors is invaluable.

**Judy Mullins, Merry Chapin,
Kathy Perkins, Sheri Bishop
Sandy Pye, Marie Harvell
Margaret Webb, Pat Haag, Jessie Sutfin
Lynda Wyman**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are always in short supply for the museum. From staffing the museum during the summer, to cleaning, arranging, and helping with cataloging, many hands make light work!

Please contact our Volunteer

Coordinator:

Judy Mullins

OR: Phippsburg Historical Society

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PHS Financial Report July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

The Treasurer, Anna Dienhart, submits the following information as a summary of the Fiscal Year financial activity:

Income

Membership Dues	\$ 690.00
Donations At Door	357.00
Fund Raising	365.00
Sale of Goods	744.81
Annual Appeal Donations	7,221.00
Interest	3.74
Total Income	\$9,381.55

Expenses

Insurance	\$2,059.00
Utilities	2,281.93
Maintenance & Repairs	813.20
Advertising, Printing & Postage	809.77
Office & Archival Supplies	1,671.71
Other Misc. Expenses	238.76
Total Expenses	\$7,874.37

Net Income \$1,507.18

Once again generous Donations made to the Society made it possible to cover on-going operating expenses in the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year. We THANK all our donors for your on-going support. This past year saw one donor make a significant designated contribution to cover the cost of restoring a treasured artifact – a mural depicting the Civil War. That cost is carrying into the next fiscal year, so the Net Income reported here will be used to complete this restoration project.

Donations to Phippsburg Historical Society From

Diane Anderson
Frederica Cushman
Louise Dauphin
Carol & Harry Doughty
Lillian Beard Harley

Jillian & Rodger Herrigel
Thomas Hinkle
Nancy & Joel Justin
Paul & Lorana Pierce
Carole Sargent
DeeDee Bradford

**IN MEMORY of Anda Bijhouwer,
Marlene Totman, Gladys Wallace,
Paul Wallace** by Merry Chapin

**IN MEMORY of Frederick Dayton
Hill** by William R. Freeman, Jr.

IN MEMORY of Peggy Doughty by
Peter Hutchinson

**IN MEMORY of Anda Bijhouwer &
Peggy Doughty** by Elna Joseph
Bijhouwer

IN MEMORY of Richard Gallagher by
Elaine Lowell

**IN MEMORY of Manning & Mullins
Families** by Judy Mullins

IN MEMORY of Peggy Doughty (for
restoration of Civil War Mural) by
Larry and Martha Silver

**IN MEMORY of Dorothy & Newbold
Varian** by Jesse & Doug Sutfin

IN MEMORY OF Jack Thompson by
AnneThompson

IN MEMORY of Phoebe B. White by
John & Kathryn White

Membership Mailing List

Our membership mailing list is seriously in need of updating. Much of the mail we send is returned! We will provide a form at the annual meeting for you to make changes and add e-mail addresses. We would like to transition to e-mailing the Annual Report to save money on postage. You may send your e-mail address to Janice Wright, correspondence secretary: janjanwright@gmail.com

Phippsburg Historical Society has a website and a FaceBook page. Please visit and like us!
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