

BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING PROGRAM

This years Spring program will begin with BHS Annual Business meeting at 6:30PM. Besides electing officers, the business meeting will consist of approving the 2014 budget. For the program, we will listen to an interview conducted by Velton Peabody, Photojournalist, of the late Captain Ronald H. Peabody. We will hear about one of Ron's USCG experiences when delivering the Navy Seals to Mistake Island where they blew up the living quarters of Moospeake Lighthouse. Also Ron will talk about the restoration of his 36' U.S. Coast Guard lifeboat. After this portion of the program, the

audience will be invited to peruse through some of the old newspapers mentioned in the "recent gifts" section of this newsletter. In an effort to raise funds for the "Cold Storage" building project, BHS will sell duplicate copies of the papers.

If weather permits, the program will be held at BHS Heritage Center; otherwise, it will be at the Beals gymnasium, on Friday, March 21st with the business meeting at 6:30PM followed by the program at 7PM. All members and general public are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

RECENT GIFTS

Former BHS President Velton Peabody donated a set of brass running lights, originally from Kenneth Beal's boat, a duck decoy made by Elmer Farnsworth, a large framed portrait of Calista Della Beal, an oval framed portrait of Ami and Mary Lunt Peabody, a framed tintype portrait of Lucy Church Alley Alley Harding and her daughter, Ellen, and a ledger from the Alley's Bay Grocery store owned by his father and mother, Clyde Peabody Sr. and Arlene Moore.

Charles Farnsworth of Addison donated a large collection of newspapers.

The papers originated from the home of Lewis Wass, who was the father of Leander. The collection consists of 1929-1933 issues of "The Observer", which were published in Addison. Also 1895 and 1898 issues of the "Portland Transcript", 1878 and 1898 issues of the "Bangor Daily Commercial", an 1884 issue of the "Eastern Argus", an 1893 issue of "The New York Recorder", 1918, 1935, 1938, 1941, and 1945 issues of the "Bangor Daily News", and a 1940 and 1941 issues of the "Portland Sunday Telegram"

BHS COLLECTIBLES AND BOOK SALE

BHS has small prints of the Old Beals School, MoosePeake Lighthouse, Great Wass Lifesaving Station and Jonesport - Beals Bridge, available for sale only while supplies last, as the company that created the prints is now out of business. The prints are selling for a reduced price of \$15.83, which includes tax. If shipping is required, please include \$2.00.

Also we have two of the MoosePeake

Lighthouse canvas bags to sell. These are also available only while supplies last and are at a reduced price of \$15.83 and a \$2.00 shipping charge.

We continue to sell Tall Barney and His People books. This book contains both the genealogy and tales books researched and written by former BHS President Velton Peabody. The book also sells for \$15.83, but the shipping charge is \$2.50.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 21st at 6:30PM
Annual Business Meeting &
Recorded Interview of Captain
Ronald Peabody.

May 3rd @ 6:30PM
Talent/Variety Show

May 26th
Memorial Day Observance

June 16th
Program meeting

September 19th
Program meeting

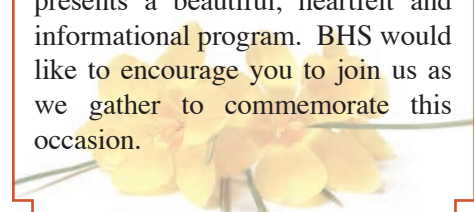
October 17th
Gospel Show

*Please mark your calendars.
We greatly appreciate your
attendance!*

BHS is currently looking for photos, copies or originals, of wooden lobster boats built by Harold Gower or any Beals boat builders. Please include the name of the owner and the year built. Photos can be mailed to: BHS, PO Box 280, Beals ME 04611 or if local, call or email and we will pick up. Thank you!

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

BHS Memorial Day Observance will be held at its Heritage Center, on Monday, May 28th at 10AM. Each year Selectman Daniel Davis presents a beautiful, heartfelt and informational program. BHS would like to encourage you to join us as we gather to commemorate this occasion.



The following newspaper article comes from the April 30, 1930 issue of "The Observer". Much like the local newspapers of today, each town has its own article about the daily occurrences and social events. This article is from "Sealand" or Head Harbor Island as it is known today.

SEALAND

Miss Myrtice D. Cheney, a staff member of the Maine Sea Coast Missionary Society and a teacher in the Deering High School, Portland spent the Easter recess with Mrs. G.M.Muir at the Mission Chapel.

Esten Alley of Portland spent his Easter vacation with his parents.

On Tuesday morning our mission boat "Sunbeam" visited us bringing as guests Commissioner Bertram E. Packard and State Secretary Adelbert W. Gordon of the Department of Education, Augusta, Maine.

A very pleasant morning was spent in the classroom and their words of cheer and encouragement to our island girls

and boys gave added vision and greater courage to go on and further achieve in our educational work.

Our Easter program last Sunday evening, April 20, was very pleasing. The children were at their best and the Spirit of the Risen Christ was in our midst, blessing and making glad our hearts as once again we listened to the Resurrection story.

We have reason to be proud as our Easter offering which amounted to \$10.12. Our attendance was 37 from a population of \$53.

The Sunday School work under three teachers is doing a worth while thing for the children.

The boys of our School Improvement League have just finished cutting and piling the school wood for the coming winter.

This is one way in which they earn money for the treasury.

Our school project for the month of May is to clean, varnish and paint the interior of the school. Supt R.L. Brown is supplying the material and the work will be done by the teacher and the children.

Our missionary pastor, Rev. O.J. Guptill has supplied material for dresses for all the girls of Sealand. This will be connected with our class in sewing at school and we plan that they be in readiness for a class picture before the close of school in June.

One of the Sealand girls, Miss Mildred Hoffses is soon to graduate from Portland High School. Sealand had three High School graduates last year.

BEALS HERITAGE CENTER BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Please check one: Renewal New

Name(s) as you wish it to appear on membership card and member roll on website:

Name: _____
(Please type or print clearly)

Your mailing address:

Street or Post Office Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Type of membership *(Please review all types and check the one that applies)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Annual | \$10 Annually | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/65 Annual | \$5 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Life | \$200 one-time payment | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior couple/65 Annual | \$7.50 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple Annual | \$15 Annually | <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$5 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Life | \$300 one-time payment | | |

Over and above dues, I wish to donate _____ for __ operating expenses, __building fund, or __ endowment fund. Receipt and membership card will be sent to you.

Instructions: Please print, complete and mail this application, together with tax-deductible check or money order payable to Beals Historical Society to: Membership Chairperson, Beals Historical Society, P.O. Box 280, Beals, ME 04611

Annual memberships are for the calendar year and expire December 31st.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

With the completion of the Beals Heritage Center, personalized bricks are being used to permanently recognize the contributions of residents, members and supporters. You may purchase personalized bricks for either the Patio Area or the Veterans Monument Park Area.

The Patio brick detail may include family members, any occasion, event, favorite Beals Island or Jonesport past time, place, group, or any creative idea or expression of your choice. We hope to expand the patio across the front of the Heritage Center.

The Veterans brick detail includes the rank, name, war and years of service. It can be for any living or deceased Veteran.

Please feel free to stop by the Heritage Center to look at already purchased and installed bricks.

Bricks are customized to your specifications, and are available for reservation in either 4" x 8" or 8" x 8" sizes at starting prices of \$100 and \$150 respectively. In order to ensure enough time for ordering, delivery and setting, the deadline for placing your order is April 18th.

Attached please find the application to order your brick(s). You may place your order at any time, but payment needs to be received by the order date.

Thank you for your time and consideration of BHS ongoing brick project.

BHS ANNUAL TALENT SHOW
will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, 6:30PM at the Beals gym. An evening of beautiful singing and entertaining talent!



Please remember to renew your membership. It is very important to the operations of the Heritage Center. Thank you.

**BEALS HERITAGE CENTER FUND-RAISING DRIVE
 BUY A BRICK PROGRAM**



The Beals Historical Society is continues its Brick Fundraising Program. The purchase of a brick will enable the continuation, of the heritage center construction, by completing the patio and entranceway of the center and the Veterans monument. Your purchase of a personalized 4x8 *cinnamon colored* brick with *black filled* lettering for \$100.00 is a tax-deductible donation. Or you may wish to purchase an 8x8 brick for \$150.00. With this size brick you may add an additional line or use a logo for an additional \$10. Please join family, friends and neighbors as we strive to complete the construction of the Beals Heritage Center in 2013!

YES! WE'D LIKE TO RESERVE A PERMANENT BRICK.

Please check one of the following:

- Brick Patio
- Veterans Monument

Check here for 4x8 brick for \$100.00
 (standard block lettering included).

Check here for 8x8 brick for \$150.00
 (add an additional \$10 for a logo)

4x8 Brick **SAMPLE**

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Please engrave our brick as follows:

4 x 8 brick lettering-21 spaces or add an additional line for the 8x8 brick

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**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:
 BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 280, Beals, ME 04611**

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Amount Paid: _____

For further information, please contact Carol Davis at (207) 497-2675 or email cfdavis44@yahoo.com.