

BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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PHASE III COLD STORAGE AREA CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Beals Historical Society Executive Board is excited to announce that Contractor Dwight Alley will begin construction of the Cold Storage Area building this Spring! It is our vision to bring past history into the present where all who visit will enjoy learning about the efforts of our forefathers.

We feel the new exhibit will enhance the experience of area schoolchildren who visit our center for special tours. We think it's important that Maine's young people know their roots, and that's why we have worked so hard to preserve historical artifacts and documents as well as our fishing boats. Lobster fishing in Maine is a crucial part of our heritage and our human experience as Mainers. On Beals Island, residents have made a living from the sea since our settlement in 1770. Nearly every man on the island has hauled lobster traps at some point or another. The lobster fishing industry is key to our culture. This project seeks

to help students, Mainers and visitors understand the important history of lobster fishing and boat building and to understand how the evolution of the lobster fishing boat shaped the development of one of Maine's most important economic activities.

Our mission is to promote interest in Moosabec Area historical matters, to provide a common ground for those desiring to explore the past and to display artifacts and documents of historical value while keeping the spirit of community alive. This museum will house artifacts that do not require heat to be preserved. We hope to receive donations of all types of fishing equipment as well as other cold storage artifacts. We are "Keeper's of the Past". May we always remember our rich fishing heritage and be responsible caretakers of the artifacts remaining from it.

SPRING/VARIETY TALENT SHOW

We are looking forward to BHS Spring/Variety talent show to be held on Saturday, May 6th. Along with the Gospel Concert this is one of the two largest fundraising events we sponsor. For the Gospel Concert, we had just a handful of people. Much work goes into the preparation and even more work to bring, setup and breakdown the equipment. We have been producing these shows since 2005 and have

enjoyed every one of them so we hope to continue to offer our beautiful, local singing talent for your listening pleasure, but we kindly ask for your support in doing so. We do realize our shows are lengthy but do not mind if people have to leave early. For the May show, we will hold the time to 2 hours. We hope you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

PERSONALIZED BRICK ANNOUNCEMENT

For 2017, BHS will be offering the Patio and Veterans personalized bricks at a reduced rate of \$75 each. The bricks

will be set in time for our Memorial Day program. For more information, please call Carol at 207-497-2675. Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 17 @ 6:30PM
Annual Business meeting/Program

May 6 @ 6:30PM
BHS Talent/Variety Show

May 29 @ 10AM
Memorial Day Program

June 23 @ 6:30PM
Arnie Smith program
Early 19th Century Hay Creek Tide
Mill Project

July 1st for the 4th
To Be Announced

August 18th
To Be Announced

October 21
Gospel Concert

Please mark your calendars as we greatly appreciate your support!

2016 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For 2016, BHS is happy to report a grand total of 183 members, which includes 62 life, 8 new and 112 renewals. Since membership renews with the beginning of the New Year, we hope you will renew your 2017 membership by completing the attached application. Your support is much appreciated, as we could not operate without it! Thank you!

1956 BEALS HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK.

Below you will find a page copied from the 1956 Beals High School yearbook. From the picture and reading, it is obvious that education was considered

to be of utmost importance to the future of Beals students, and it is evident that after graduation their desire to excel continued as they pursued further

education through college and or the Armed Forces. Also, it seems from BHS history that these students were not only

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THE SCHOOL

The basketball boys and cheerleaders, as well as many of our fans, have been asked repeatedly if it is correct that there are only 18 pupils in the student body at Beals High School. The picture on this page presents the students of Beals High School, with Mrs. Alley, the principal.

Although the school enrollments have been small and there are only two members on the faculty, the scholastic standards of the school are held high.

One way of judging a school is by its

alumni. Thirty students have been graduated from Beals High School since 1950. During the past three years, seven alumni have received college degrees. All seven have made the dean's lists sometime during their college courses. Seven more of the alumni from the last five graduating classes are either enrolled in college or have secured post graduate credits. Ten of the thirty have been members of the Armed Forces, and two of the veterans are planning to enter college next fall.

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encouraged to excel in academics, but also to give of their best when it came to excelling in sports as is evident today when we visit the trophy cabinet at the Beals Elementary School. Through this brief article regarding the past history of the life of a Beals student, we wish

to encourage BES students and students everywhere to give serious thought to the enrichment of their minds as they follow their scholastic pursuits. We have reason to be proud of our educational heritage that continues to open doors of opportunity to our graduates.

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BEALS HERITAGE CENTER BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please check one: Renewal New Date: _____

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: _____

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

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

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*