



A "refreshment" stand on Shore Rd., probably near where Sally and Steve Trenholm's house is now. The stiffest drink they served was Moxie!

Bayside Historical Preservation Society Spring 2023 Newsletter

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President - Joe Reilly
Vice President - Beverly Crofoot
Treasurer - Helen Pelletier
Secretary - Robyn Tamura

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Harry Rosenblum
Joy Sherman
Bob Stetser
Lisa Webster

BHPS President's Report

Yes, it's that time again! We're all excited to get back to summertime in Bayside! The saying is that, "this will be the best summer ever!" The BHPS has some exciting new initiatives this year. BHPS would like to welcome our new treasurer, Helen Pelletier, and new board member Bob Stetser. Helen has taken over the job from long-time treasurer Heidi Von Bergen. Thanks to Heidi for all her years of great service to the BHPS! Helen and member Amro El-Jaroudi have revamped our membership page and website to make it easier to become a member, make a donation, and communicate with the BHPS. Thanks to both of you!!! We'd also like to welcome Robyn Tamura as our new secretary! Robyn will replace long time secretary Pam Williams.

This winter we lost a number of long-time Bayside residents. One in particular was a founding member of the BHPS, Amos Kimball. Beverly Crofoot has written a fitting tribute to Amos in this newsletter.

Once again, BHPS and Bayside Arts will sponsor the community dance on the basketball court on August 4th – look for notices or call Paula Reilly (617-875-9149) to volunteer to help. BHPS will continue its support of the Northport Food Pantry and its work in the community and the work that Pattie Wright and Tim Samway do within Bayside.

One exciting thing that happened this winter is that Art Hall and his wife, Sandy took it upon themselves to rehabilitate the aging historical signs around the village that Dick Brockway made so many years ago. While in the midst of the project, Art noticed that the Al Keith sign on the dock also needed some attention. Art immediately added that sign to his job list. He made a brand new one! The BHPS will proudly hang the old sign in our Museum, Shady Grove on Pleasant St. When you look around the village at the signs you'll notice a great improvement in their condition. Art not only fixed breaks but completely replaced some of the signs. Art will also be making a new sign using the research done by Bob Stetser and Fred Lincoln on the cement block in Ruggles Park. Please make sure to thank Art and Sandy for a job well done when you see them!



Sandy and the old wharf sign.



Art fixin' the signs....thanks, Art!

Another exciting opportunity happening this summer, sponsored by Marcella Christiansen and the BHPS, is an artist's bookmaking workshop to be held in the Community Hall. At this workshop, community members will be able to use their own photos, drawings and objects to make a variety of types of books about their cottage. Marcella will provide some examples of what can be done. Just bring your creativity and enthusiasm and see what happens! This event will happen on June 23/24, 10am-4pm.

Once again, Rob and Joy Sherman are organizing, with the help of BHPS, the annual "Collector's Day", to be held in the Community Hall August 1 from 10am-3pm. A new feature added by Rob and Joy this year will be the addition of a children's area where younger members of our community can show off their collections- no matter how big or small. More details, including how to sign up to participate, are included elsewhere in the newsletter. You will definitely enjoy seeing the collections and talking with their collectors!

Vicky Webster and Robyn Tamura have volunteered to get a "Welcome Wagon" operation going in order to help new members to the community get to know their neighbors, organizations and activities in Bayside. They are interested in like-minded people who would like to help them formulate a plan and gather materials. Contact Joe Reilly (jjvireilly@aol.com) if you'd like to help!

BHPS would like to thank new board member Bob Stetser and board member Fred Lincoln for researching and interviewing villagers concerning the origins and use of the cement block in Ruggles Park. Later in the summer, we hope to have a write-up that explores the Eastern Steamship Lines use of the machinery that was there.

During the third week of August, Kevin Johnson from the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport will be presenting a program on "then and now" photographs from the archives of the Penobscot Marine Museum. He will use Eastern Illustrated glass plate negatives to look at how things have change in the Belfast area and specifically in Bayside. His presentation will be preceded by the BHPS annual meeting. Look for notices with more details.



Beverly Crofoot has curated the BHPS special exhibition, "From There to Here," on view throughout the summer in the Community Hall meeting room.

Don't miss the special exhibition of photographs, maps, and excerpts from oral histories illustrating how residents made the journey each summer to Bayside. Organized by Beverly Crofoot, the exhibit, "From There to Here", is pulled from the BHPS collections and is on view in the

Community Hall meeting room throughout the spring and summer during office hours (currently 9am-12pm on Monday and Tuesday and 9am-2pm Wednesday through Friday).

In addition to exploring “From There to Here”, please be sure to visit—and bring your guests!—to Shady Grove, the BHPS museum on Pleasant Street. Shady Grove will be open each Sunday this summer from 2pm-4pm.

And don't forget to join us! Contributions to BHPS—of time, treasure, or talent—help to keep the history of Bayside alive.

Become a member: It doesn't take much to become a member of BHPS, just \$10 a year for the first member of the household and \$5 for each additional individual. (And children under 18 are free!) Your annual membership in BHPS helps support the ongoing operation of Shady Grove, our cottage museum; subsidizes BHPS sponsored community events during the summer; and enables us to acquire new historical materials. That's a lot of bang for the buck!

Make a financial gift: In addition to their membership in the organization, many Baysiders generously support the work of BHPS through additional gifts. These gifts play a major role in the financial health of the organization and are deeply appreciated.

You can [become a member and/or donate to BHPS at our website](#) or by using the form on the last page of this newsletter.

Donate items: The items in our collection at Shady Grove tell the story of Bayside through the everyday lives and experiences of those who have lived in and loved this special community. Nearly all of these items in our collection have been donated by Bayside families and friends. We welcome gifts of Bayside-related historical artifacts. If you are considering this type of contribution, please contact us at bhpsbayside@gmail.com.

Volunteer: Baysiders are generous in volunteering their time and talents to BHPS. If you would like to be involved, please drop us a note at bhpsbayside@gmail.com.

The Old Entryway Made New

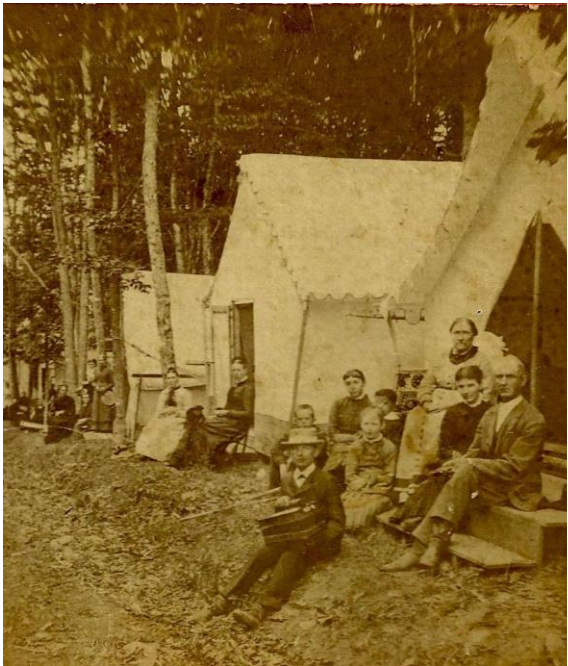
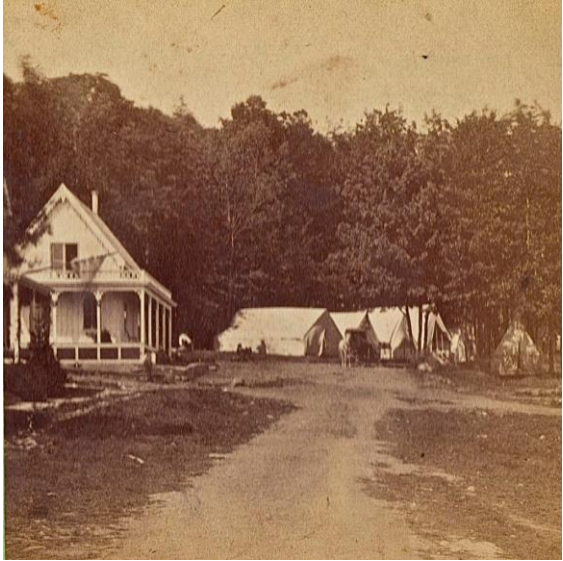
By Beverly Crofoot

On a beautiful day this past fall, Doug Parsloe and crew repaired the old entryway to the camp meeting - new shingles and strengthening of verticals. We chatted about his family connections to Bayside - Camp Mason on Main Street. William Mason was the engineer on the S.S. Belfast and his wife, Josephine, bought the cottage. His sister Minerva married a Parsloe.



From the BHPS Collections: Tenting in the 19th Century

The first Camp Meeting members who were not affiliated with a town house in Auditorium Park stayed in platform tents. Here are some pictures from the BHPS collection of Tenting in the 19th century. The top left is looking up Broadway from Ruggles Park. How about spending your summer in one of these? If you think our cottages are close now how about living in a tent community? Notice the pants drying on the side of the tent!



A Remembrance of Amos Kimball

by Beverly Crofoot

Amos W. Kimball, of Newburgh, ME, died earlier this spring in Portland. Amos was predeceased by his sister Jane and their parents, Orrin and Mary Whitcomb Kimball.

Amos was an active member of the Bayside community and the Bayside Historical Preservation Society, of which he was a founding member. He was frequently seen visiting with neighbors and passers-by while seated on his cottage porch on Maple Street. His cottage was built in 1894, with the tower added two years later.



In 1997, Amos recounted to Harry Rosenblum his arrival in Bayside: “My first years at Bayside are, as most, who came in infancy, rather sketchy. My mother carried me over the threshold in 1932, and at least part of every summer since, I have been here. Since my residence is only some 25 miles distant in the neighboring town of Newburgh, ME, we were really in a position to come any time we wanted to, and so we might come and stay for two or three hours and then would return to Newburgh. But my date is from 1932, which I find is some 65 years ago.” You can hear more of Amos’ reminiscences on [the oral history page](#) of the BHPS website.

Amos was a lifelong resident of Newburgh and a graduate of Hampden Academy and Husson College. For 40 years, he was affiliated with the Hampden and Newburgh Light and Power Company and Bangor Hydro Electric Company. In Bayside, Amos was best known as an expert on local history. It would be a rare Northport postcard or photograph that he could not identify, and his stories of earlier times are detailed and colorful.

In 1994, the Robinson Ballet choreographed and performed a ballet of Lojosis at the Community Hall. The inspiration for the piece came from Amos, who urged the dance company to create a ballet based on local legend. The legend of Lojosis, published in the SEA BREEZE, tells the story of “the only daughter of the chief of this region whose lodge was located here, somewhere near the site of the Waverley House, and whose canoe and clam shell pile was at the point of land on which our wharf is built. She was a lovely maiden of twenty...and was the idol of the young braves from the Sakwakeag River to Megunticook mountains, but there were two who, though fast friends, were ardent wooers for the hand of the dusky maiden, and, for a while, woman-like, she seemed to be unable to decide upon which she should bestow her charms.”

Amos and his many stories are now a legend unto themselves.

BHPS Collectors' Day Show 2023

On August 1, the Bayside Historical Preservation Society will be sponsoring our 5th annual Collectors Day event from 10am-3pm. It will be held upstairs in the Community Hall with plenty of room for anyone who would like to join us in sharing a collection. We welcome anyone who would like to participate.

This year we would also like to include any children who would like to share a collection of theirs - with a parent or older person to help them set up, of course. (We do this about an hour before the show begins.)

Previous participants are welcome to show their same collection over again (as we always have new folks visiting the show) or to bring a different collection - your choice. Some previous collections have included Christmas gift candles, sewing thimbles, whimsical creations from nature, duck decoys, wood carvings, antique and primitive tools, dolls, and fire trucks, to name a few.

We are very excited to be adding a Children's Corner and hope to welcome some new and younger participants this summer.

Please contact Joy Sherman if you are interested or if you need more information. shermanjoy1941@gmail.com, cell phone: 352-215-3557



Rob and Joy Sherman with some of their great collections.

Taking a Stroll Down Memory Lane!

Some community members have been interested in talking about sidewalks in Bayside. If we stayed with historical precedent, here's what they might look like! This is from Bayside resident W.C. Tuttle's Stereoviews of Belfast Bay showing a sidewalk in either Belfast or Castine in about 1880.



Bayside Historical Preservation Society

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022

Income	2021	2022
Membership Dues	\$735.00	\$1,065.00
Donations	\$2,107.80	\$4,841.35
Books Sales (direct)	\$188.84	\$283.26
Book Sales (wholesale)	\$370.00	\$419.00
Sales Tax Income	\$11.16	\$16.74
Interest Income	\$4.83	\$4.26
Total Income	\$3,417.63	\$6,629.65

Expenses	2021	2022
Annual Meeting		\$187.17
Donations to Community	\$1,400.00 ¹	\$200.00 ²
Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00
Maine Filing Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00
Maintenance and Restoration	\$92.18	\$772.54 ³
Membership Maine Archives & Museums	\$35.00	\$35.00
Museum Acquisitions		\$121.22
Newsletter	\$122.14	
PayPal transaction fees		\$85.25
PO Box Rental	\$134.00	\$166.00
Printing (50 copies of book)	\$2,136.38	
Sales Tax ME Paid	0	\$10.39
Utilities	\$692.29	\$698.31
Total Expenses	\$5,146.99	\$2,810.88

Gain/(Loss)	(\$1,729.36)⁴	\$3,818.77
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¹ Support for Northport Food Bank, Bayside Playground Fund, and Penobscot Museum photo collection.

² Support for Bayside Arts' Dancing Under the Stars

³ Restoration work at Shady Grove and to village historical markers

⁴ In order to reprint copies of *If These Cottages Could Talk*, expenses exceeded revenue in 2021. Funds from working capital were used to cover these expenses which are expected to be recouped in future years from book sales.

Assets
Working Capital 12/31/2022

	2021	2022
Camden National Checking	\$3,508.18	\$7,322.19
Camden National Savings	\$14,192.57	\$14,196.83
PayPal	\$0	\$0
Petty Cash	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$17,700.25	\$21,519.02

After two years of pandemic social distancing, Bayside and the Bayside Historical Preservation Society enjoyed an active summer with many more opportunities for communal gatherings and activities. As a result, BHPS flourished. Our membership increased to 143, and members were generous in donating time, talent, and treasure to the organization. These contributions are evident in our 2022 general fund balance. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$3,818.77, increasing the working capital from \$17,700.25 at the end of 2021 to \$21,519.02 at the end of 2022. As we enter 2023, the organization is in strong financial shape.

2022 marked the end of Heidi von Bergen's long tenure as treasurer of the organization. All of us on the Board are grateful to Heidi for all she has done – and continues to do — to celebrate and sustain all that is good about Bayside. I am especially grateful to her for being the best neighbor anyone could hope for and for always being available to answer numerous questions as I have transitioned into the role of treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Pelletier, Treasurer
January 2023

Join Us!
BHPS is Hunting for Members!



Become a member or renew your annual membership today. It's easy and your tax-deductible dues remain historically low! \$10 for the first member of your household and \$5 for each additional member. Children under 18 are free.

[The membership page on our secure website](#) offers an easy and quick way to complete your annual membership and/or make a donation. Or feel free to print and complete this form. Checks should be made payable to BHPS and sent to:

Bayside Historical Preservation Society
PO Box 273
Northport, ME 04849

*Name(s): _____

Winter Address: _____

Telephone _____

E-mail address: _____

Summer Address: _____

Summer Telephone: _____

First member of Household \$10.00 _____

Other household members \$ 5.00 each _____

Children under 18 Free

Additional donation _____

TOTAL _____

*So we have a complete list of our members, please include the names of all those you are including in your household membership.