

Bayside Historical Preservation Society

Spring 2024 Newsletter



2 Views showing a row of cottages by W.C. Tuttle – Where is it? Think about the NYC and NYC location. Answer below

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Hint* the building on the right is Tuttle's Gallery pictured on page 370 of the BHPS book.

It was located on the current Blair Agency site. The two cottages shown above , are on the left.



BHPS President's report submitted by Joe Reilly

Spring is here and Paula and I have opened up our cottage! The dock has been repaired under the careful supervision of Bill Paige and yes, there's lots of work being done around the village. The BHPS has a new mailing address. It is P.O. box 48, Belfast, Maine 04915. Helen Pelletier and Amro El-Jaourdi have fixed some problems on our website-<https://www.baysidehps.org/> thanks you two! And we're just about ready for the summer to begin!

We have three events planned so far. They are described on the current events page but they consist of : a talk, painting display and book signing by Susan Tobey White on July 18, an interesting talk and slide show featuring stereoview glasses given to the audience by Maine State Museum director Bernard Fishman on July 27 and our annual Collector's Day featuring collections from community members including children. Joy reminds all who would like to display their collections to remember to bring them up to Bayside. All events will take place in the Community Hall- watch for posters in the village and reminders on Dan Webster's Bayside site. Our pot luck dinner and general member meeting will take place in August- date to be posted later.

Micah Cohen, Nate's brother, has volunteered to take over the editing and publishing of the New Sea Breeze newspaper. He's looking for article ideas and other folks to help him get the paper off the ground. BHPS is supporting his efforts. BHPS has also republished Harold Hede's walking tour of Bayside to be given out at the Museum on Pleasant St. and at events held in the Village. Harry Rosenblum arranged for the printing to be done.

The BHPS is looking to hire an intern to catalogue our ever expanding collection of photos, cards and ephemera related to the development of our village over the last 150 years. John Dykstra has volunteered to help organize this hire. If there is a person interested please contact Joe Reilly or Beverly Crofoot. (an ideal summer job). Please make sure to visit the excellent photo and object display that Beverly has set up in the meeting room at the Community Hall during NVC office hours. In the room filled with Dick Brockway's models of Bayside you'll see many early photos from the BHPS collection!

We at the BHPS would like to thank the board of the NVC and members of our community for their continued support. We would also like to encourage everyone to participate in the activities offered by the Northport Yacht Club and Bayside Arts as we move through the summer. Bayside is truly a magical place! John Spritz calls Bayside "Brigadoon".

Joe Reilly April 2024

BHPS NEWS

We have a new mailing address! Of course you can always stop by our Cottage Museum named Shady Grove on Pleasant St. any Sunday from 2 to 4 or leave a message in our mail slot in the Community Hall. The new address is: P.O.Box 48, Belfast, Maine, 04915 or <https://www.baysidehps.org/>

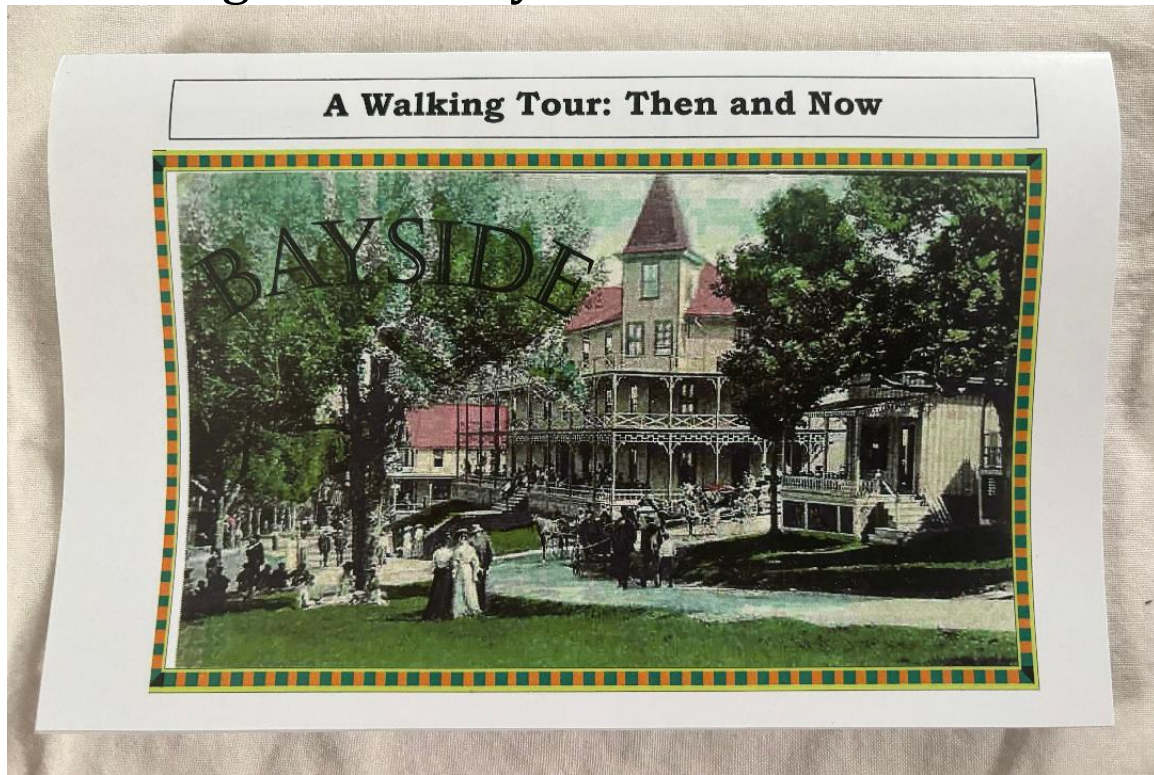
On July 18 BHPS will sponsor a talk by Belfast artist, Susan Tobey White on painting in Bayside and Beyond. She will feature some of her Women in the Maine Fishing Community paintings along with a book signing of her book about the Women. Time- 2 to 4 pm.

On July 27, BHPS will sponsor a talk and show with 3D glasses by the Maine State Museum Director Bernard Fishman on the importance of stereoviews in the recording of history in Maine. Time 6:30- 8:30

On August 1, BHPS will sponsor the 6th annual "Collectors Day". First organized by Rob and Joy Sherman, this delightful event brings young and old to the Community Hall to share their own collections. This year we hope to have more children sharing their collections. We define collections as at least 3 similar things. Call Joe Reilly if you'd like to participate @ 617-875-9149.

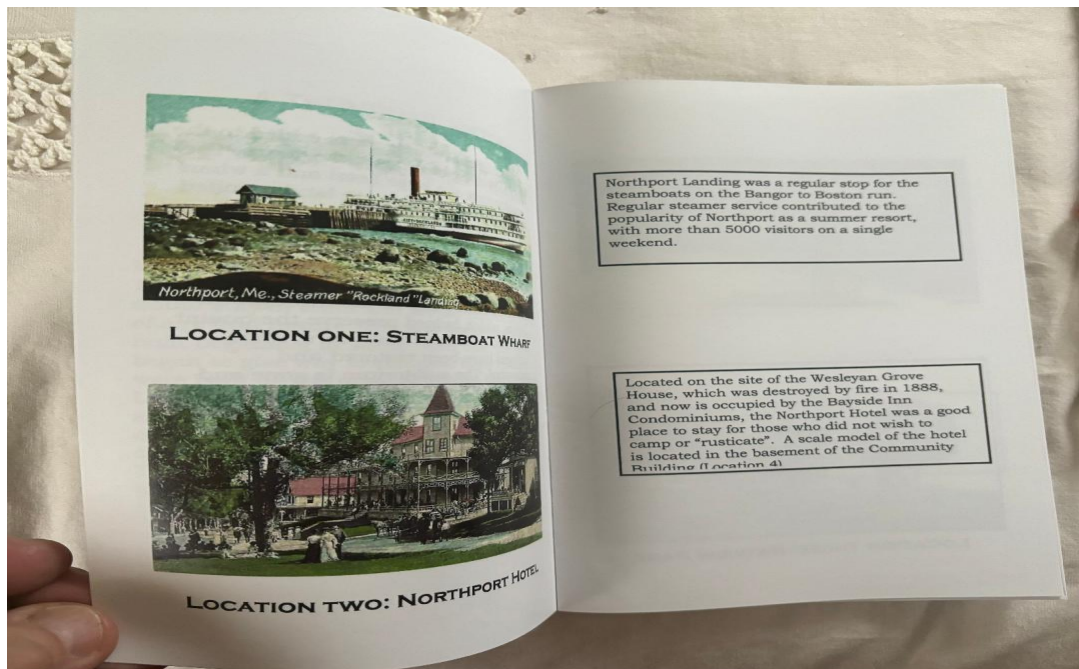


A walking tour of Bayside



BHPS is proud to offer this reprinted brochure

Thanks to Harry Rosenblum for arranging the printing of Harold Hede's "Walking Tour Then and Now". Harold was a long time Bayside resident who lived in the Pioneer Cottage on Broadway. He first issued this when he was president of the BHPS. You can find your copy at the Shady Grove Museum, Blair and Beanies or in the Welcome Wagon packet.



Auditorium Park Bench histories by Sandy Hall

There are currently six benches in Auditorium Park. Two of them have no dedications. I assume they were provided by the village. The other four all have inscriptions.

1. "In Memory of Alfred C. Malm, Paul A. Morris"
 - I spoke to Dorrie on 5/22/23, and asked her to write up a history of this dedication. Alfred C. Malm is probably her grandfather (great-grandfather?). As their cottage is on the South Thomaston lot, I believe that the Malms may have had some connection with the South Thomaston Methodists and the camp-meeting days. Paul A. Morris was the owner of Unity Cottage when I was a little girl. I believe he was one of the last preachers at camp-meeting. I am hoping that Dorrie will tell us more.
2. "The Martin Family Pew"
 - The Martins have been long-time owners of the Carmel cottage (and previously, of Crow's Nest, in the lower southeast corner of Auditorium Park). Reverend Martin and his wife Genevieve were residents during my childhood. I think they had some association with the Methodists, and perhaps with camp-meeting. I have asked Sheila Murphy, who is the wife of Jimmy Martin, Reverend Martin's son, to write up a history for you.
3. "In Memory of Bernice V. Murch, Rexford Murch"
 - Rex and Bunny Murch were long-time owners of the Eddington cottage. Their daughter Marge (Margaret) married Dick Brockway, and the Brockways moved into the Eddington cottage after Rex and Bunny died. I believe the Brockways donated this bench. When Marge comes back this summer, I will interview her to attempt to get some details.
4. "In Memory of Edna E. James, Lawrence H. James"
 - Edna and Lawrence James purchased Union Cottage in 1939 (signing the papers in mid-winter, 1940). At that time, they were residents of Silver Spring, Maryland. They had previously taken their young family to the Virginia shore for relief from the summer heat. As family tradition tells the story, Granddaddy came up from the sea in anguish with a red jellyfish draped over one arm. He herded the family into the car and exclaimed, "We are driving north until it gets cooler!" It finally got cool at Bayside.
 - The James family (Edna and Larry, Dorothy, Ellie (Eleanor), and baby Norman) rented at various locations around Auditorium Park for a couple of summers, then purchased Union. They only missed one summer after that, the year Ellie was married to Dick (Richard) Lagner, and the cottage was rented.
 - Ellie inherited Union Cottage from her father upon his death in 1984 (? – or 85). Edna had passed away a couple of years earlier. Ellie Lagner donated the bench in her parents' memory.
- The cottage still belongs in the James family, as it was transferred to Ellie and Dick's daughter, Sandy (Sandra) Lagner Hall in 2014. The Halls, Sandy's brother Dean and his family, and Sandy's two daughters, Katie (Kathryn) and Gretchen, continue to enjoy the cottage. Gretchen's two children, Aurelia and Everett, are proud 5th generation



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- *Back row: Holly Lagner, Haley Dionne, Brandy Lagner, Sandy Hall. Middle: Everett Irby, Liam Lagner. Front row: Gretchen Irby, Dean Lagner, Christian Dionne, Art Hall, Aurelia Irby*

Know Your Neighbors

Ralph Robinson was born at the original Waldo County General Hospital in the Fall of 1930. He has been in Bayside a long time. His mother Evelyn was one of three Flanders daughters whose parents, Ralph and Mary Ayer Flanders, bought their Bayside home from Ira Cobe in 1917.

Although he grew up on a farm outside Chicago, Ralph attended schools on the East Coast--Milton and Harvard. He was the captain of the baseball team at Harvard and his enrollment in ROTC sent him on a ship to Korea during the fifties.

Dancing began in Chicago, continued in southern France, returning to tour in 48 of the 50 states and then to Maine where he and his Swiss wife, Jeanne-Marie Aubert established the Robinson Ballet Company in Bangor in the 1970s.

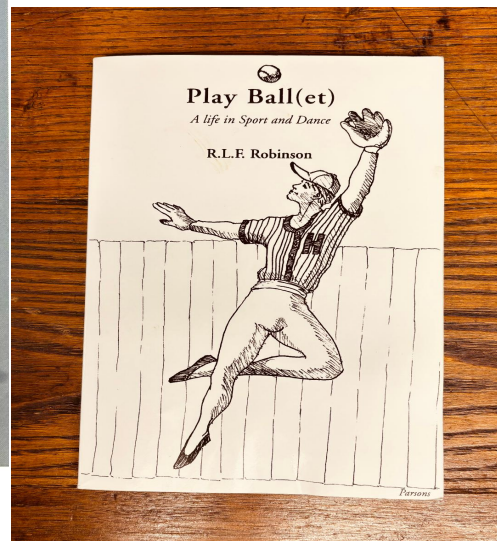
Ralph's daughter Maya is a professional dog trainer. Ralph's nephew Keith and wife Maureen Lynch joined the Robinson Ballet Company and continue to the present time. Their son Ian, also a dancer, is based in Holland .

Play Ball(et), A Life in Sport and Dance, is Ralph's self-published memoir.

“The reader of this small book will become acquainted with the adventures of a baseball player and two dancers who wish to thank all those still contributing to the coffers supporting Social Security and Medicare.



Ralf and Jeanne-Marie in Giselle



BHPS has been given many postcards and other memorabilia over the past few years.

This view of the Bayside Dock (note the large number of people) was given by Ted Lovejoy - from a collection his mother Margaret Bragg Lovejoy made. Two other donors - John Dykstra and Marilyn Duane - have given large collections of postcards. All of these need an energetic person/s to catalog them. First the card is scanned, then entered into the Virtual Archive data base including description and transcription.

Let us know if this project interests you - equipment and work is done in the BHPS room in Community Hall. Thanks to the kindness of a member, this will be a paid position.



A crowded dock in Bayside waiting for the Boston boat in 1910. Looks like they could use Gordon's help with the dinghys and canoes!

NOW SHOWING at the Community Hall in Bayside! An exhibition of photographs, postcards, ephemera from the BHPS collection displayed in the meeting room during NVC office hours'



Bayside Historical Preservation Society

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023

Income	2022	2023
Memberships and Donations ¹	\$5,906.35	\$4,746.61
Books Sales (direct)	\$283.26	\$47.21
Book Sales (wholesale)	\$419.00	\$296.00
Sales Tax Income	\$16.74	\$2.79
Interest Income (Savings account)	\$4.26	\$4.26
Total Income	\$6,629.65	\$5,096.87

Expenses	2022	2023
Annual Meeting	\$187.17	\$51.56
Donations to Community	\$200.00 ²	\$250.00 ³
Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00
Maintenance and Restoration	\$772.54 ⁴	\$573.74 ⁵
Membership fees ⁶	\$35.00	\$35.00
Museum Acquisitions	\$121.22	--
PayPal transaction fees	\$85.25	\$66.28
PO Box Rental	\$166.00	--
Printing ⁷	--	\$147.90
Speaker fee	--	\$125.00
State of Maine Filing Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00
State of Maine Sales Tax	\$10.39	\$16.50
Supplies	--	\$47.80
Utilities ⁸	\$698.31	\$974.89
Website ⁹	--	\$79.00
Total Expenses	\$2,810.88	\$2,875.67

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¹ Total of all donations and memberships.

² Support for Bayside Arts' Dancing Under the Stars

³ Support for NVC Community Hall operations and Northport Food Pantry

⁴ Restoration work at Shady Grove and to village historical markers

⁵ Restoration and maintenance at Shady Grove

⁶ Maine Archives & Museums membership

⁷ BHPS books and newsletters

⁸ Central Maine Power: Shady Grove and Community Hall share

⁹ Donation plug-in

¹⁰ Donation plug-in

Assets

Working Capital 12/31/2023

	2022	2023
Camden National Checking	\$7,322.19	\$9,134.35
Camden National Savings	\$14,196.83	\$14,201.09
PayPal	\$0	\$404.78
Petty Cash	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$21,519.02	\$23,740.22

As we enter 2024, BHPS continues to be in strong financial shape. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$2,221, increasing working capital from \$21,519.02 at the end of 2022 to \$23,740.22 at the end of 2023.

Membership in the organization totaled 128 individuals representing 61 households.

In addition to membership fees and many generous donations, BHPS received memorial gifts of \$725 in honor of Josiah Huntoon in recognition of his lifelong contributions to BHPS and the Bayside community.

We are grateful to Amro and Nadim El-Jaroudi for their IT expertise as we worked to update the website (www.baysidehps.org) and create an on-line mechanism for receiving, processing, and acknowledging membership fees and donations. About half of all memberships and donations now come to us via the website.

Most especially, we are grateful to all those who continue to support the work of BHPS and, in the process, help to keep alive the history of this special community.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Pelletier, Treasurer

January 2024

Beverly Crofoot found this little article on line!



Stories From Maine is in Northport.

Suggested for you · 13h · 🌐



Northport Campground. Penobscot Bay. Northport, Maine. 1908.

The steamer City of Rockland, landing at Northport Camp Ground on Penobscot Bay.

The City of Rockland was a paddle-wheeled steamship that operated between Boston Massachusetts and Maine's ports. She was 274 feet in length, weighed about 1,700 tons, and was driven by a 1,600 horsepower steam engine and 25' paddle wheels.

The City of Rockland was an accident prone ships known to be a cursed ship. In the end she was treated like a New England Witch and burned to the waterline near Salem Massachusetts.

Image courtesy of the Library of Congress.

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This poem about Bayside was with things from Bragg/Lovejoy collection

BAYSIDE

A wide expanse of open water - sometimes blue and sparkling with pure white froth - sometimes ominously leaden - and often lost to view in, a shroud of quiet grey fog.

Tall sentinel oaks and stately ash trees.

Rows of gingerbread cottages - lonely in winter and loved in summer

The Community Hall - twice as tall as need be.

Dogs of every breed, mostly mixed, at large and free to chase cats - walk purposefully from one place to another - or simply lie down and bask in the middle of the road.

Mail boxes in untidy clusters - some neat, erect and newly painted - some rusty and askew.

Small casual garden patches and primly planted window boxes - tenderly nurtured.

A wharf looking desolate one day - alive and gay the next.

A rocky beach with wonderful flat stones for skipping - beach glass - clam and mussel shells for gathering and seaweed that's fun to snap.

Summer Sunday sailboat races with spanking white sails and colorfully striped spinnakers.

A cannon shot to start the races sends the dogs scurrying for home and makes the babies cry in fright at the loud bang.

Upside-down dinghies drawn up along the beaches and bulkheads.

Bobbing red balloon mooring markers a few yards out.

Squawking herring gulls sliding on the air currents and dropping clams on the rocks beneath them.

Passing lines of black cormorants skimming the surface of the Bay with uncomfortable looking crooks in their long necks.

An early morning jogger flashing by so rapidly as to be seen almost in retrospect.

Fishermen, young and old, accomplished or novice, lined up at dusk along the wharf's edge - hoping for a good run of mackerel - and often getting it!

Couples headed for the Community Hall to square dance on a Tuesday evening.

The scent of lilacs and wild roses and pine needles with an occasional whiff of deep frying doughnuts or meat being charcoal grilled in a neighbor's yard - the smell of wood smoke and newly mown grass.

The sound of distant chain saws, power mowers, hammers, twittering birds, barking dogs and young men playing on the basketball court in the Park.

Children squalling delightedly on the slide or seesaws or trying to touch the clouds with their toes from the swings.

Ladies on porches in white wicker chairs knitting, sewing, exchanging recipes or just chatting idly as they watch the passing scene.

Teenagers in their souped-up jalopies displaying their prowess by rounding corners on two wheels and causing the ladies in the white wicker chairs to shake their heads and go "tsk-tsk".

The "Sunset Brigade" on the wharf after dinner each evening from early June 'til September - bundled in woolens against the wind or chilling fog - or sleeveless on rare warm nights - They watch the vivid changing colors and dramatic patterns of sunset - or a fog bank rolling across the Bay to envelope them - they swap stories and experiences - they learn to know and care about each other.

In summer - local people and people "from away" - doctors, teachers, plumbers, lawyers, carpenters, and Jacks-of-all-trades - and a happy mingling.

Mostly people who would take secret pleasure in answering the question "What did you do on your vacation?" with a smug "Nothing really!"

They are, also, mostly people who are "hooked" on Bayside!

Barbara Webster

10-11 March 1985.

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**BAYSIDE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
BHPS is Hunting for Members!**



Become a 2024 Member!

Name: _____

Winter Address: _____

Telephone _____

E-mail address: _____

Summer Address: _____

Summer Telephone: _____

First member of Household still only \$10 _____

Other household members: \$5 each _____ *Children under 18 are free*

Please list the names of all household members here or on the back.

Additional Donation _____

TOTAL _____

All dues and donations to BHPS are tax deductible.

Make check payable to BHPS and mail with this form to our NEW ADDRESS:

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