

BHPS 2003 ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE BIRDS

The second Saturday in July, members of the Society were treated to a presentation given by Richard Podolsky on the successful efforts to return the Atlantic Puffin to Maine breeding islands. Beautiful photographs were accompanied by the marine ornithologist's lively narration and inspired several summer boaters to set their horizons farther out to sea in next year's nesting season.

POSTCARDS 2004

A new format for the next set of postcards will make its debut this coming summer. The Directors and Officers hope you will be both pleased and surprised!

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

This Fall I attended two meetings representing BHPS. The PenBayRegional History Conference was held at the Penobscot Marine Museum. This meeting focused on research being done at the museum on the Bay's diverse historic and cultural traditions. Topics included Nancy Alexander's dissertation research on eight 19th century Pen Bay communities and their economic and social interactions, Searsport's historic properties database developed by Don Garrold, Eagle Island by resident Robert Quinn, a 19th century lumber and shipping firm in Ellsworth, Jon Johansen's research in the Bangor Industrial Journal, and Duke Tomlins' tugboats. It was an exhilarating day!

November 11th I traveled to Owls Head for a conference, Preserving Our Midcoast History, sponsored by the Transportation Museum. It was an excellent opportunity for small museums, historical societies, and libraries to gather and exchange ideas and information. And ask questions!

At the Penobscot Marine Museum, I learned of a cruise down-river from Bangor to Belfast aboard the M/V Monhegan on October 19. The day was sunny and cool, not much wind. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity to experience what individuals going to campmeeting at Bayside would have seen and heard.

FREE EXCURSION. The publisher of the Up River News has arranged with proprietors of the steamer Mary Morgan to run twenty grand excursions from Bangor to Northport, beginning Monday, Aug. 1st. Subscribers to the News who have paid one year in advance will be presented with a ticket, good for either of these excursions, free of expense, from Bangor to Northport and return. In describing the route the News says:

We now cast off for the city of Belfast, the next largest place on the river to Bangor. Belfast is noted for its pretty girls, wideawake merchants, handsome residences and beautiful shade trees. Leaving Belfast, Northport campground is soon in sight with its rows of cosy cottages and white tents nestling among the trees. Waverly Hotel stands prominently in the foreground, but upon a nearer view it is found to be well up on the hillside, a large park being in front and open to the water's edge. Thousands of people can be accommodated at Northport. Hundreds of cottages and tents are located on the campground and along the shore for a mile. Nothing is so invigorating as a stroll upon the beach, catching long breaths of the best of Neptune's sea breezes, the odor of the sea

weed and kelp, - picking up shells and pretty rocks, catching tinker mackerel, sculpins, etc., etc. Pen fails to describe the luscious and toothsome clam bake, that any one can have for the labor of digging with a stick a few of these sportive creatures from the mud, heating some rocks red-hot, putting your clams, potatoes, green corn, etc., on them and burying them up with seaweed to cook, while you enjoy a plunge in the serf (sic), the children in the meantime, wading out into the shallow water, fear mingled with shouts of laughter. How shall we try to portray the beauties of the view from the campground. Long Island just opposite, Castine and Fort Point lights in the distance and the broad bosom of the Penobscot Bay stretched before you. It has fitly been compared to the Bay of Naples and must be seen to be appreciated.

FROM THE REPUBLICAN JOURNAL, 7-28-1887

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Jo Huntoon reports that we are in good financial health, with \$7,710. in the general checking account and \$7,076. in the cottage restoration fund. MBNA gave a grant of \$2500. to scan photographs and such for the Bayside History in progress.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

During the foggy weather of the past two weeks a fleet of twelve to fifteen vessels, mostly lumber laden schooners, laid at anchor off the North Shore. Occasionally one or two would get underway, but their places were soon filled by arrival from up-river. Among the early comers was a good sized three-master schooner, which furled everything snug and apparently was in no hurry to depart. When the wind came round to the northeast Monday the whole fleet was soon in motion with the exception of this schooner, and the others were out-of-sight before she set sail. It was thought that the captain or his wife must hail from Northport. Two Belfast schooners, the St. Johns and Nellie S. Pickering, undeterred by the head wind and fog, beat down the bay on Thursday last and proceeded to sea. Our Belfast captains do not let grass grow on the bottoms of the vessels they command.

Republican Journal, 8-4-1887

COTTAGE OPEN HOUSE HELD COLUMBUS DAY WEEK-END

Over sixty Baysiders, friends and donors attended the open house held at the newly restored historical cottage on Pleasant Street. Refreshments were served and conversation was lively. Amos Kimball displayed several items from his collection of Bayside memorabilia including stereo-view cards of Bayside, a Northport Wesleyan Grove campmeeting poster, Methodist hymnal from our campmeeting. Joe Reilly brought a carpet chair, typical of the campmeeting period. (Since that day, BHPS has been given by Bob Smith two beds used by the Scribner family that may find a home in the cottage.)

Although we all had watched the progress made by Rob Sherman, Dick Brockway and their cast of volunteers over the summer, it was gratifying to see the



**Wesleyan Grove
Historical Cottage**

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results without scaffolding, paint cans or other encumbrances. The question on everyone's lips was "What next?" - museum? summer rental! While a committee for 'interior décor' of Joe Reilly, Joe Krulis and Amos Kimball will oversee the first installation of Bayside memorabilia, the first-floor interior still needs a final coat of paint.

This winter Amos Kimball and Dean Cunningham are stripping and painting shutters for the cottage exterior. The rear of the cottage will be fitted with handicap accessible ramp and railing and the front stairs will be upgraded as well. So if you missed your chance to volunteer in the summer of 2003, make a note and help out this coming summer.

It is always difficult to acknowledge those who make donations, whether of time, materials or money. However the officers and directors wish to thank the following persons and apologize to any individuals not mentioned. Without this display of community support, restoration of the Wesleyan Grove Historical Cottage could not have been realized.

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