



Friends of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum

Fall 2014 Newsletter

Mission of the Friends:

To Support the Educational Goals and Programs
of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum

Remembering Paul McGowan . . .



Paul McGowan

We want to share a bit of the life of our friend Paul McGowan with you. Paul died during the summer but the impact he had on this community made possible the creation of the Heritage Museum in the Dorothea Jacobs Grant Common.

Paul set the stage for this beautiful place by using his exceptional skills to bring the people together in an effort to create a park rather than a parking lot. They succeeded! The Winn House had been donated to the town from a site which is now the Gorges Grant Hotel and was placed in a corner of the property in question with only ideas and hopes of its usage to hold it up. Once approved by the town to develop the Common, the building was moved and the museum was born. As the museum grew, his involvement in it and the town continued. His home on Cottage Street housed the electricity that he used to plug in the cord that streamed through the woods behind his house lighting the bulbs he attached to a pine tree at Christmas in the park. A master carpenter, he carved the oars that row the Ogunquit Dory as this project evolved.

He had the ability to inspire people and bring together those with opposing views through reason and compassion. He passed along this mantra, "There is a field beyond right and wrong. I will meet you there." His life's work was in education and leadership training where he focused on creating a world for all people that was just and fulfilling. When he was elected as our district's Representative to the Maine State House he worked across the aisle bringing together differing viewpoints. One of his proudest successes was his creation of a task force that examines the incidence of cancer in Maine.

Most recently a dogwood tree was planted in the park in his honor. It will grow and yield beautiful blossoms reminding us of the legacy of his life lived through grace and guts. Take a look at it when you visit and thank Paul
— Bobbi Treen

You are Invited . . .

**Christmas By The Sea
Open House**

Saturday December 13, 2014

and

Sunday December 14, 2014

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Ogunquit Heritage Museum
Obed's Lane, Ogunquit, Maine**

Special Exhibits

Refreshments



President's Letter . . .

Dear Friends and Members of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum:



Wendy Broms Levine

On a cold and blustery December day last year I was out in the neighborhood walking my dog when I was approached by my friend and neighbor Bobbi Treen. She asked if I might be interested in joining the Board of the Friends of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum. My husband and I had recently sold our house in Needham, MA, and moved into his family home...on Obeds Lane across the street from the Museum. I told her that I would CONSIDER it. The following day I received a warm welcome and an agenda for the next meeting! Less than a year later I am composing the President's letter for the fall newsletter. The Board has been saddened by the resignation of Hank Hokans...an amazing and longtime leader of this organization...and his position was difficult to fill. Suffice it to say that I was elected unanimously and unopposed. Thus began a new relationship with a group of people who are tireless, committed, dedicated, and incredibly talented.

Plans for the 40th annual Antique Show...our only major fundraiser...were well underway under the leadership of Pat Dateo and her assistants Marilyn Eimon and Gary Littlefield. I had attended this show every year as a guest without any understanding of the amount of work that went into it. A HUGE thank you to them and their long list of volunteers who unpacked trucks, set up booths, patrolled parking lots, and served lunch. Two events will round out 2014. October 25th the Museum will be a part of the Ghostly Tours and we will be hosting a December reception for our devoted members and friends.

Major kudos to our curator Carole Lee Carroll who works endless hours to make sure that the exhibits are interesting and ever-changing. She is truly a gem and we are unbelievably fortunate to have her. Also to Louise Tragard who leads interesting and enlightening tours of our little gem. I have personally volunteered some time at the museum and am delighted to hear how much people enjoy it. Several told me that they come back every year just to see what themes Carole Lee has chosen as she spends the entire winter changing all of the exhibits! My goal for the coming year is to make sure that our Museum is utilized to its fullest potential.

To this end I have attended some of the Select Board meetings in the hope that we can work together to make the Museum visible, accessible, and a more inte-

gral part of the community. We have also held a joint committee meeting with the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit and its leader Sonny Perkins to brainstorm ways we can work together on fundraisers and future events. The first of these will be a Do You Remember social on Nov. 16th where we will all be treated to hearing the "old timers" remind us of what Ogunquit used to be. In closing I would simply like to say that I am grateful to be a part of the FOHM and its tiny but very committed Board. Serving on it has truly been a pleasure and has allowed me to meet new friends and learn more about my home in this Beautiful Place by the Sea. We welcome and desperately need new committee members with fresh ideas. Our board meets once a month except Jan. and Feb. PLEASE feel free to contact any of us if you have a moment to spare. Wishing you peace and happiness,

Wendy Broms Levine and the Board of Directors

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Museum Chair's Report . . .

We had a successful summer season followed by the annual Antiques Show and the Ghostly Tours event during OgunquitFest. These events could not happen without the good will and participation of the residents and businesses of Ogunquit. In particular we would like to thank The Village Inn, Congdon's Donuts, Revelations, and Jonathan's Restaurant. We appreciate the support that they have given us year after year.



Carole Lee Carroll

During the year we have been working to strengthen our ties with The Historical Society of Wells & Ogunquit and the other four arts organizations in Ogunquit.

We hope this will improve our ability to attract more visitors to the Museum. We also hope to devote extra time to making sure our accessions and archives are properly archived and stored.

Lastly I wish to thank Louise Tragard, our museum coordinator for her good work and the town of Ogunquit for its continuing support.

40th Annual Antiques Show . . .



Endowments . . .

In memory of **Adrian Asherman** from Ellen Asherman

In memory of **Patricia Beagan** from Pat Buonaguro

In memory of **John Drzewiecki** from Isabel Drzewiecki

In honor of **Marilyn Eimon** from Jay & Marybeth Petschek

In memory of **Dr. Perry Eimon** from Marilyn Eimon

In memory of **Martin M. Fitzgerald Jr.** from Marilyn Eimon

From Daniel J. Franklin

In memory of **Dr. Jack Gallagher & John David Gallagher** from Georgiana Gallagher

In memory of **Beverly Hallam** from Mary-Leigh Smart

In memory of **Beverly Hallam** from Marilyn Quint Rose

From Sherwood B. Lee & Barbara K. Lee

In honor of **Wini & Paul Mason's** 70th anniversary from Marilyn Eimon

In honor of **Mary E. Mott** from Marilyn Eimon

From Carolyn Morton

In memory of **Stuart Nudelman** from Diana Abbott

In memory of **Stuart Nudelman** from Norman Brazer, Jr. & Marcia Beal Brazer

In memory of **Stuart Nudelman** from Muriel & Jordan Freedman

In memory of **Stuart Nudelman** from Ray & Kay Hamlin

In memory of **Stuart Nudelman** from Louise & Henry Hokans

In memory of **Stuart Nudelman** from Marilyn Quint-Rose

In honor of **George & Harriet Smith** from Susan Meffert

In memory of **Eugenia Souza** from Marilyn Eimon

In memory of **Manuel Souza** from Marilyn Eimon

From the Blanche H. Staples Testamentary Trust



When Ogunquit Was an Island . . .

Until about the mid 1950s any one living in Ogunquit didn't have to leave the environs of the Village. Everything a person might need was within reach on Main Street.

Ogunquit was a Village Corporation within the town of Wells. This of course all changed when Ogunquit became a Town in 1980, but until the 1950s it was all here.

Ogunquit could boast four grocery stores. There was the A&P, which was owned by Bill Sherburne. It was located in the Clark Block where the Harbor Candy Shop is today. At the other end of the block, known as the Littlefield Block was the First National Store, which had managers appointed by their general offices. Today it is the Village Food Market. We had a Red & White store, owned by Willis (Bill) Littlefield with the help of his wife Alice, and was located in the Jacobs Block between the Community Trust Co., and Bessie's Restaurant. The other store was probably the best known. It was the C. L. Maxwell's Grocery and Hardware Store, located on the corner of Route 1 and Berwick Road. They were famous for delivering groceries, and their hardware section had almost any kind of pot and pan, seeds, and fertilizers. You could buy a shot gun, rifle and of course shells. They delivered twice a day. You could call in your order in the morning, and it would be delivered mostly before noon. If you forgot something, then you just told the driver you needed something. It would be delivered that afternoon. Most of their accounts paid by the month. Ogunquit had three garages that sold gas. The shell station was located next to today's Village Inn. It had been run by Erborn Hilton, and later owned by Mac Keyes. Jacobs garage had mechanics, and sold Fords. Hutchins garage also had good mechanics, and sold Chevrolets. Both Hutchins and Jacobs sold fuel oil, and Hutchins also sold cord wood for fireplaces and furnaces.

Ogunquit had two barbers. There was Ted Crotty and Trapper Warren, both located on Main Street. Next to Ted Crotty's was a beauty shop for the ladies. These shops were next to the Post Office, and on the other side was Towers Drugstore, which had a lunch counter, and almost every morning during the off season you would find the same people having coffee, and donuts or muffins. Flo was the mainstay behind the counter, and today she is famous for her hot dog stand in Cape Neddick, and her secret sauce. There was another hardware store that was run by Earl Kennedy. Earl was an electrician. His store was located on Shore Road, on part of the Jacobs Garage property, just about where the entrance to the Fleet Bank is today. There were doctors here then, who made house

calls. Dr. Gerald Smith who had his office just off of Shore Road, down a lane across from Stearns Road. Dr. Tower had his office on Beach Street, and Dr. Matioska's office was almost across the street from Hutchins garage. Dr. Smith charged \$5 for a house call. Ogunquit had a dentist, Dr. Filson, whose office was in his house on Scotch Hill.



Downtown Ogunquit about 1946 (Photo courtesy of Ellen Dannert)

Shackford & Gooch from Kennebunkport delivered fresh seafood each Friday. They had fish, scallops, clams and other seasonal fish like mackerel. Cushman's Bakery from Portland had all sorts of breads, cookies, donuts and cakes. Bernard's Bakery located on Shore Road also delivered. Alvah Bernard was the primary baker, and his brother Gilbert delivered every week. Besides bread and donuts, they specialized in éclairs, napoleons, fig bars, hermits and turnovers. Joel Perkins had milking cows, and delivered milk. This was before homogenized milk, so the cream rose to the top, and it was easily whipped. Burton Dodge and his son Ellis delivered fresh meat weekly. They had a refrigerated container on the back of a pickup truck. They had hamburger, hot dogs, roasts, steak and whole chickens. Special orders were a specialty, so you could order a turkey or a rib roast either by phone or in person to be delivered the following week. They also had butter and eggs, and an assortment of canned goods.

There were plumbers, carpenters, masons and an appliance store for radio and TV repairs. Today there is a dentist at the same location as Dr. Filson and one auto garage next to the Village Inn. There is a beauty shop, carpenters and a plumber. The only doctor is Ruth Endicott who now only handles her regular patients. The drug store has no lunch counter. There is one self service gas station. Gone are the barber shops, electrician, and new car dealers. Instead of one bank, there are now three.

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Accessions . . .

Mike Boutet

A large framed tinted photograph of the Winn House done by Kristine Kostis

Carole Lee Carroll

Book; Vital Records of Wells Maine 1619-1950 Transcribed by the Wells Records Committee

Jean Wallace-Fearon

2 Letters to Elinor Jean Wallace from Dr. Elmer Tower at the War & Navy Departments (1943)
A World War II ration card for Elinor Jean Wallace

Anne Henderson Finucane

A portfolio of 24 drawings by Henry Strater
A framed etching of the Ogunquit Square Theatre by Richard Lahey
A photograph of an artist group painting a nude model
2 letters from Robert Laurent to the Hendersons (circa 1950s)

A 1987 Barn Gallery photograph by Beverly Hallam
2 John Dirks Christmas cards

1 Christmas card from the Laurent family

A photograph of Rudy Dirks & Robert Laurent

1 photograph of the Artists Ball (1948)

Photographic Antics – a handmade book by George Kunkle about his Ogunquit friends

Dr. Ruth Endicott Freeman:

An unframed print by Herbert Richardson (1956) which resembles Cecil Perkins

Jim Humi

A 32 page document listing the descendants of William Littlefield, Jr.

Patricia Mitchell Ireland

Four lampshades & 2 tinted paper forms for lampshades by Minnie Ireland

One plate used to transfer a drawing onto the lampshade paper forms

3 Ireland family scrapbooks

A Minnie Ireland notebook and a diary

One pair of white baby shoes

6 small framed paintings & 1 framed tinted photograph

A selection of photographs featuring the Sparhawk and Sachem Hotels and the Ireland family

A group of Sparhawk & Ogunquit brochures

1995 Historical Society of Wells & Ogunquit Calendar featuring Wells hotels

A 1921 poem by Edith Lovall Thomas written about Ogunquit

A small sign for the Hilite Studio, Littlefield Lane, Ogunquit

Tom Lynch

A framed hand written poem from Henry Strater to George Weare (Aug. 1936)

Susan Meffert

A 44 page brochure (1962) featuring 24 color plates of Henry Strater's recent works.

A press release from the Rehn Galleries promoting the exhibit featured in the brochure above

A letter from Mrs. Walt Kuhn to Brenda Kuhn (1954)

2 postcards from Henry Strater to Brenda Kuhn (1958)

Susan Meffert & Carole Lee Carroll

A sketch of George Weare by Richard Lahey (Aug. 1936)

Linda S. Perkins

A postcard of the Blue Porch, at 52 Maine Street, Ogunquit owned by Bessie & Harry Lee Perkins.

A genealogy document for this line of the Perkins family

4 vintage Ogunquit postcards

An original photograph of Harry Lee Perkins on a Perkins Cove Boat

An original photograph of Harry Lee & Bessie Perkins
3 copies of photographs of the Blue Porch & the Perkins family

A copy of a 1986 newspaper article about the Seasons Motel constructed on the site of the Blue Porch

A *Life* Magazine article (1957) featuring Virginia Payne who played Ma Perkins on the radio. It includes a photograph of 17 other Perkinses in town.

Jeff Stadmiller

A framed trapunto design which pictures two pheasants (26" by 20½ ")

Leonard Wyman

25 copies of a booklet celebrating the 300th anniversary of Wells, Maine (1653-1953)

Tom & Carol Young

A glass top display case

Museum Reopens June 2015 . . .



When Ogunquit Was an Island (Cont. from page 4) . . .

With the advent of Pease AFB, a mall was built, and shopping centers were developed. It cost less to drive 15 miles to Portsmouth to buy groceries and other essentials than to buy locally. Next came the Wells Shopping Plaza and Shop & Save. This was the death knell for the island of Ogunquit. For better or worse it will never be the same.

— Charles Littlefield Seaman

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Paul McGowan Remembered . . .



Ghostly Tours . . .

