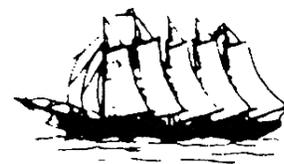


# Waldoborough Historical Society

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## Water Witch Leaves Home and Wins Award!



Lt. Roy Hatch & Ass't Chief Bill Maxwell

Two of our trustees with the help of their fellow firemen's association members dusted off the Water Witch fire engine, loaded it on a trailer, and took it to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Maine Fire Fighters Federation parade on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Our little engine placed third in the Handtub Class B Restored competition and was awarded a handsome trophy. Other than for local parades, our little engine (circa 1776) hasn't left the museum for a competition in over 50 years. The trophy will be on display this summer.

## Museum Opens on Waldoboro Day

On Saturday, June 18, the Museum will open for the 2016 season with a Yard Sale and Open House. Set up for the sale and coffee for participants will begin at 7 A.M. Those who would like to take part in the sale should bring their own table and reserve a spot by calling 832-4421. No charge will be required to reserve a spot, but a donation will be appreciated. The museum will be open and the sale will run from 8 A.M. to noon, and the museum will close at 1 P.M. Members of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association will be available for genealogy questions. For the remainder of the summer, the museum will be open Wednesday through Monday from noon – 3 P.M. We will open for weekends in September and through October 9.

## New Exhibits Planned for 2016



A gift of Light's Ferry (sloop) oars from Chet Merrifield, three 1931 Waldoboro Winter Carnival Awards from Steve Cartwright, a collection of Waldoboro business calendars from our archives, and a Howard Marple RFD Photos display are among some of the new presentations being arranged for this season. A re-organized toy exhibit, a Masonic exhibit, and a door knocker from the Warren Weston Creamer house gift of Richard Wallace will be found in the Barn, while updated and new school photos will be found in the schoolhouse. Our rug collection has been enhanced by the donation of several Waldoboro rugs, and we hope to have a new quilt display rack up and ready for opening.

## E-Mail Newsletters

Please remember to write your e-mail address on your renewal envelope this year as we sent out a fall newsletter to all whose addresses we have on record. These letters update you on Museum activities and save us postage that would make additional communications prohibitive!!

### Time to Renew Your Membership

We have enclosed an envelope for your use as you renew your membership for 2016. Last year's response to our request for donations to help fund the restoration was most gratifying and we appeal to your generosity as we continue to pay down our restoration notes. We have applied for refurbishing grants and for assistance with a sound system to enhance our presentations that involve speakers. Our rug raffle brought in \$380. Please consider, once again, helping us repay our restoration commitment by adding a special gift. Several members pledged to extend their donations over a period of two to three years; pledge responses for 2016 may be included with dues.



Lists of Waldoboro's Servicemen  
Given by Waite Weston Family for  
Historical Exhibit

**More News:** The [Moravian Church Site sign](#) on Friendship Road will be renewed this year by the Old Broad Bay Family History Association as a gift to the community. [An article written by Jean Lawrence](#) on the history of the Waldoboro Fire Department will appear with several photos in the spring edition of *Memories of Maine Magazine*. Our engines will be featured. Trustee Kathie Hills will reprise her [Rug Hooking Presentation](#) on Sunday August 28, and Mark Biscoe will offer a "[Walk Around Waldoboro](#)" tour on Saturday, September 10, at 10 A.M. Town Landing.

### Sitters Needed for June 19 – September 4 Daily except Tuesday

All the Trustees volunteer to sit at least once at the Museum during the summer, but we still need new folks to assist us. No historical knowledge is required, for our buildings' exhibits are well marked. Just be willing to sit once, or more often, from noon to 3 P.M. We had a wonderful group of volunteers this past summer; our volunteers are what keep us going. Please contact Trustee Emeritus Marilyn Andrews (832-4055) if you would be willing to help in this area.

### Museum Offerings and Website

At the heading of this newsletter you will find our website address. We appreciate volunteer Liam Ducharme's efforts as our web manager. Please check out the site, as it lists our e-mail offerings of book items. Postcards, cemetery cd, notepaper, school house video, Firemen's mugs, shirts and history books are available for sale at the Museum. **New this year is the Medomak Fire Engine pin!** On the last page of this newsletter, you will find the 2016 Schedule of Museum Programs. These are open to the public with no admission charge. We also would welcome your attendance at our July 13 Desserts, "Remembering Times Past" panel discussion, and Annual Meeting where we will elect officers. Time: 6:30 P.M. at the Museum!

## Old Broad Bay Family History Association

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Save the date Saturday, August 6, for the annual meeting of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association to be held at the Conservation Building on Manktown Road. The guest speaker will be Cheryl Willis Patten from the Maine Old Cemetery Association. She will describe things that can be done to preserve the stones that mark our ancestors' graves. Watch the newspapers for specific information on this meeting. If you have ancestors from Waldoboro, you might consider joining this group who work diligently to keep Waldoboro's history alive and their genealogy information available to those researching ancestors. For more information: e-mail David Putnam, president, [dputnam925@msn.com](mailto:dputnam925@msn.com)

### April and May Programs: very special offerings this year!!!



**Wednesday, April 13**, will mark our first 2016 program and will feature a Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 P.M. in the Broad Bay UCC's vestry followed at 7 P.M. by "A Tribute to Audrey Bechler: Waldoboro Distinguished Artist." Those attending the supper are asked to bring a covered dish or salad; beverage and dessert will be provided. The photo at the left shows the Museum's 2015 acquisition of Bechler's "Red Glass Lantern"

**Sunday, May 15**, from 10 A.M. – 1 P.M. we will offer a **Quilt Documentation Day** experience for anyone who has a quilt that predates 1960 and would like to have it documented by the Maine Quilt Heritage Association's team. The experience is free, but the Museum will accept donations. Quilts will be registered, photographed, a brief history given and a documentation tag sewn into the quilt. This is a very special experience as it will help determine the value of a quilt for its owner. The documentation is offered by the Heritage members in order that they may gather a listing of the various antique quilts in Maine. Documentation will take place on a first come, first serve basis. The Museum's Barn and Schoolhouse will also be open. Patricia Kristiansen is the chairperson.

### September and October Offerings will be special, too!!



**Saturday, September 10**, will find Mark Biscoe at the Town Landing at 10 A.M. ready to begin to reprise his "Walk around Waldoboro" Tour. Mark had over 30 participants for last September's walk and received rave reviews. The public is welcome; there is no charge; donations to the Museum will be accepted. The Museum will be open, and bottles of cold water will be available after the walk.

**Saturday, September 24**, will find Trustee Jim Derby, well-known barn historian leading a **Barn Tour**. The tour will begin at the Museum at 8 A.M. and will move to several local barns.

**Wednesday, October 12**, a Pot Luck Supper will begin at 5:30 P.M. at the Broad Bay UCC vestry. Jay Sawyer, local artist in metal, will be our featured guest. He will present "Making New Art from Old Items" a program which will explain his work. Kathie Hills is the coordinator for the evening.

## **2016 Calendar of Programs – Waldoborough Historical Society**

### **The public is invited to attend all programs; no admission.**

April 13, Wednesday. “A Tribute to Audrey Bechler: Waldoboro Artist” The event will begin at 5:30 P.M. with a Pot Luck Supper in the Broad Bay UCC vestry. Participants are asked to bring a casserole or salad; beverage and desserts will be provided. The program will begin at 7 P.M.

May 15, Sunday. “Quilt Documentation Day” at the Museum from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. Bring your pre-1960 quilt for registration by the Maine Quilt Heritage team. This service is provided free of charge and operates on a first come, first serve basis. For more information: Patricia Kristiansen (832-4717) The Barn and Schoolhouse will be open during the documentation hours.

June 18, Saturday - Waldoboro Day Museum Yard Sale and Open House. The sale will be held from 8 A.M. to noon with set up at 7 A.M. for participants. Bring your own table and reserve a space by calling (832-4421) Coffee will be ready at 7. No charge; donations accepted. The Museum’s buildings will be open until 1 P.M. OBBFHA members will be present to help with genealogy questions.

July 13, Wednesday – Annual Meeting, with election of officers, and “Remembering Times Past: Panel Discussion” Dessert and beverage will be served at 6:30 P.M.

August 28, Sunday – 1 P.M. “Rug Hooking Demonstration”with Kathie Hills, local hooking expert and museum trustee. The Museum’s Waldoboro rugs will be on display.

September 10, Saturday – Mark Biscoe, Waldoboro historian, will reprise his “Walk around Waldoboro” tour. Meet at the Town Landing at 10 A.M. Wear comfortable shoes! Following the tour, water will be available at the Museum which will remain open until 3 P.M.

September 24, Saturday – Barn historian Jim Derby will lead a Barn Tour of local barns. Participants are asked to meet at the Museum at 8 A.M. The group will tour by vehicles.

October 12, Wednesday – Local metal artist Jay Sawyer will present a program “Making New Art from Old Items” at the Broad Bay UCC on Main Street. The program will begin at 7 P.M. and will be preceded by a Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 P.M. in the vestry. Bring a casserole or salad; desserts and beverage will be provided. Kathie Hills will coordinate.

The Museum will be open Wednesday through Monday from noon to 3 P.M. beginning June 19 through September 2. It will open weekends in September and on through October 9. We feature new exhibits every year!!

Trustees: Tom Jordan, Vice President; Carol Blodgett, Secretary; William Blodgett, Pat Kristiansen, Sue Betts, Treasurer; William Maxwell, Pam Trahan, Jan Cellana, Jim Derby, Richard Wallace, Robert Gault, Jean Lawrence, President; Kathie Hills, Roy Hatch, Scott Lash, Cheryl Lash, Associate Trustees

