

The SHIPMASTER'S LOG

WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT'S NEXT

Our new **interactive children's exhibits** at the **Cobb House Museum** were busy this summer; visitors sailing a model ship over an antique map of the world in the "footsteps" of Brewster's sea captains, or mailing a postcard (postage on us!) from the historic East Brewster Post Office. More interactive exhibits are planned for next year. Renovation of the outbuilding begins this fall, and we look forward to more collection storage as well as new exhibit space.

At **Windmill Village** we welcomed Chris Dudzik as **Windmill Village Manager**, and he's already proven invaluable. Carolyn Noering steps up this year as **Windmill Guide Coordinator**. Our thanks to Eric Russell for "guiding the guides" this past year.

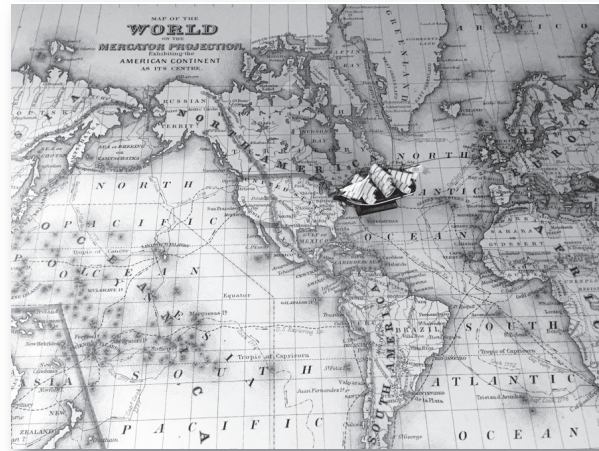


Norah Bourbon, Blacksmithing at Farmers Market

Blacksmith
Norah Bourbon joined us Sunday mornings during Farmers Market hours, and her working forge became an enthralling stop for market

visitors (and vendors!). Thank you all, and a special shout out to former Coordinator Paul Hicks, who continues to answer his phone whenever we call.

Due to increased commitments elsewhere, Sandra Tubman and Leslie Aberle stepped down from the **Board** at the end of their terms in September. Sandra continues as **Development/Events Chair**, but Leslie is also leaving her position as Curating Committee Chair. We have Leslie to thank for spearheading the curating of the Cobb House Museum exhibits – a monumental task -- to take an empty house and turn it into a critically acclaimed museum. Cobb House



Sailing Around the World at Cobb House Museum

Museum docent Anne Miller steps in as **Chair** of our **Curating Committee**, coming to us with six years' experience at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. Thank you, Anne! And a warm welcome to Membership Coordinator Becky Smith, who joined the Board this fall.

We are grateful to Mass Humanities for a grant to our **Archives Department** that will fund preservation and cataloging of more of the photographs in our collection.

The Board hosted the **Volunteer Party** at Crosby Mansion this September, and what a treat to roam the historic rooms as we chatted and sipped, and ate lovely hors d'oeuvres provided by Brewster's own Cape Cod Chef on Call. If



Board Members Sandra Tubman and Patsy Roberts Hosting at Volunteer Party

you weren't able to attend, a heartfelt thank you for volunteering – your contribution isn't only to BHS – it's to the community at large. And a special thank you to Crosby Mansion for the loan of Brewster's "other" showplace.

See you at Brewster for the Holidays!

Sally Gunning, President



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Visit us:

Cobb House Museum

(739 Lower Road, Brewster)

- Saturdays 1-4 PM Memorial Day - Columbus Day
 - Wednesdays 4-7 PM and Thursdays through Saturdays 1-4 PM June 26th – Labor Day
- Admission \$5 –
members and children free

Windmill Village

(51 Drummer Boy Road, Brewster)
c. 1795 Windmill and House Tours,
c. 1867 working Blacksmith Shop

- Memorial Day - Columbus Day: Saturdays, 12-3 PM
- Late June through Labor Day: Friday & Saturday, 12-3 PM
- Mid-June through August: During Farmers' Markets, Sundays 9 AM -1PM.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS -2019

We're looking for Windmill Guides to take a shift:

- Saturdays 12 – 3 PM, Memorial Day through Columbus Day
- Fridays 12 – 3 PM, July and August
- Farmers Market Sundays 9 – 11, and 11 – 1, mid- June through August.

We also need Docents at the Cobb House Museum:

- Saturdays 1– 4 PM, Memorial Day through Columbus Day
- Wednesdays 4 – 7 PM and Thursday through Saturday, 1 - 4 PM, July and August.

No experience necessary – training provided. You may sign on for as few or as many shifts as you like. Also needed: Volunteers to help with the Farmers Market and Special Events.

If you have a few hours to give, please email Joann Moran at volunteers@brewsterhistoricalsociety.org.

NO TIME TO VOLUNTEER, BUT STILL WANT TO HELP?

We're proud to report that through the Cape Cod Foundation, our local community foundation, we've established an Agency Endowment Fund that will protect Brewster's historic treasures and keep them accessible to the public through time. The fund will provide a guaranteed revenue stream, (outside of our annual fundraising efforts,) to help pay our utility bills, landscape our properties, provide repairs and maintenance, care for our collections, and sponsor new exhibits. We are seeking gifts of \$250 or more for this fund.

You may make a tax deductible donation via credit card at: www.brewsterhistoricalsociety.org or by check made out to: BHS Endowment Fund, and mail to:

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Thank you

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Grace Anastasia, and to all of us who so loved working with her at BHS over the years. Grace wore so many hats at BHS, we'd often joke about which one she had on before we'd ask her a question. She served as Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Hospitality Chair, Organizer Extraordinaire and number one go-to Volunteer in the Archives. In her memory, her family asks that you spend time with people you love, as well as reaching out to others whom you may not have seen, or talked to, recently. Nothing could be a more fitting memorial for our friend.

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“BREWSTER FOR THE HOLIDAYS” EVENTS 2018

Windmill and Tree Lighting at Drummer Boy Park, 775 Main Street, Brewster
Nov. 30th 4 PM

Refreshments ~ Music ~ Santa!

Cobb House Museum Open House 739 Lower Road, Brewster
Dec. 1st 1- 4 PM

Our Farmers Market was as big a hit as ever, not only with customers but with numerous vendors who announced that it was their favorite market! We were thrilled to reconnect with old friends and to welcome so many new vendors. Pictured on this page: some of the new additions. Also new this season: a rotating Artisan’s Table, a Children’s Reading Circle offered by Brewster Ladies Library, Voter Registration, and a demonstration by Eating With the Ecosystem on how to prepare underutilized fish species. Vendors interested in participating, please email farmersmarket@brewsterhistoricalsociety.org. Volunteers willing to assist in the BHS booth, please email volunteers@brewsterhistoricalsociety.org.





GOOD THINGS HAPPEN IN THREE'S

As the saying goes, "Good Things Happen in Three's," and the Brewster Historical Society has been lucky to have these three special women as long-time volunteers. Jane Ker, Sylvia Stringer and Nancy Berbrick are sisters, and all three enjoy volunteering at BHS!

When their parents retired to Brewster (Upper Mill Pond) in the 1950's, they built a "Palace" from a mess hall from Otis Air Force base, "in order to entice the children and grandchildren to come and visit." Jane recalls going to early BHS meetings, with her mother, at Brewster Baptist Church - or the Dillingham House - when Hank Andrews was President. Jane and her husband, Bob, built their summer house here in the 1970's, and soon after, joined the efforts to save the Harris-Black House. Both participated in the summer fairs, and Bob became a "miller" at the Mill. Bob also served on the Board, at the time when Hank Foster was the President of BHS.

Sylvia and her husband, Art, moved here in 1983. Art was the Treasurer, also at the time when Hank Foster was President. Sylvia has a keen interest in historical preservation, and loves Brewster. Nancy and her husband, Ken, moved here in the 1990's, and became acquainted with Bill and Eleanor Neilsen, and Bill Saul, all of whom were involved with BHS. Nancy then served on the Board at the time when Marian Wiley was the President. Nancy and Ken were also very active with the Antiques Fair.

All three women became docents at the museum when it was located on 6A. "Docenting is enlightening, informative and pleasurable." Favorite projects include time as docents at the Cobb House, and also the




Three Sisters Lighthouses, Eastham, MA , c. 1900.

Antiques Fair. Jane is inspired by "the interesting members who have become so active in the desire to keep Brewster past and present alive." Sylvia added, "The current leadership and growth of the Society, as well as the energetic work going on, delights me." Nancy commented, "I am proud to be associated with such a wonderful, active, productive and forward-looking group of workers. Because of them, the Brewster Historical Society has blossomed into one of Brewster's greatest assets."

Good Work, Ladies - The Brewster Historical Society certainly appreciates all your hard work!

Pamela Quirinale, Newsletter Contributor

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NOW AND THEN

Crosby Mansion and Foster Square



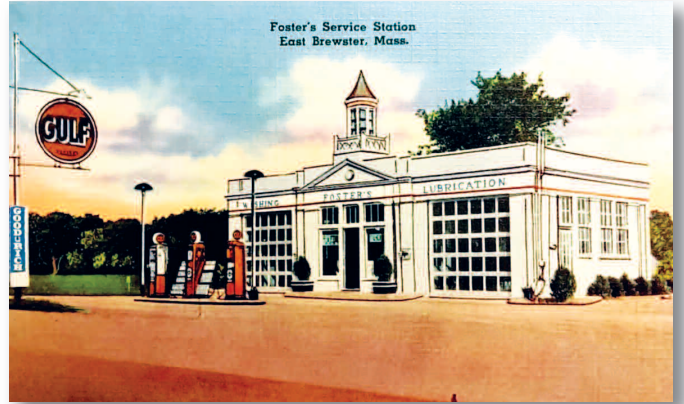
Crosby Mansion Today



Crosby Mansion - aka Tawasentha - circa 1888

The Brewster Historical Society held its Volunteer Thank You Party at the Crosby Mansion this year, and in addition to providing an historic location for our fun, the rental fee helped to maintain the Mansion.

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FOSTER SQUARE

We all know what Foster Square with the new Cumberland Farms looks like. Not everyone knows what it used to look like. Here's a post card from 1930-40. Thanks to the efforts of Board member Paul Daley, BHS was able to rescue the historic cupola. All thoughts on where it should go now are most welcome.




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TREASURER'S REPORT FALL 2018

Although not all of our numbers are in, most of our fundraising categories are comparable to last year. New for this year was our Endowment Campaign. According to our Consultant (pro-bono because he likes what we are doing), the fund has done well in our first year, with the numbers including a gift from an estate. Also significant is the increase in the amount received as memberships -- we now have 804 active memberships. The second year of our Farmers Market has been successful, and has again increased the number of visitors to Windmill Village.

Of course, we have the ongoing maintenance of the Cobb House and the buildings at Windmill Village, but we are proceeding forward with the rehabilitation/restoration of the Outbuilding at the Cobb House. The work will include, within the footprint, additional storage space that is much needed, so that the parts of our collection that are not on display will be more readily accessible. This will also allow for us to continue to receive items that are part of Brewster's history.

To proceed with this without another capital campaign, we received approval of additional Community Preservation Act funds, a grant from a donor who is very interested in our success in the preservation of the Cobb House and wants to see it continue with the outbuilding; and a significant private donation given for the same reason.

Steve Jones
Treasurer



WHAT IS IT?

Eddy School librarian Elisa Bucci looks on with 5th grader Asher Woods, winner of the Historical Society's Annual What is It Contest. Asher is demonstrating the antique ruffler or pleater used to make collars and cuffs for clothing. Asher received a \$50 check from The Brewster Historical Society. Congratulations, Asher!



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AND THE WINNER IS . . .

Congratulations to Erin Smith, Brewster mother of four excited children, the winner of the **Windmill Playhouse** donated by Cape Associates, Inc., as a Society fundraiser. We are deeply grateful to Cape Associates for this lovely gift; to Judy Galligan and her assistants for turning the gift into a significant source of income for BHS; to Paul Sullivan, who transported the playhouse from the Brewster in Bloom Parade to True Value Hardware to the Brewster Whitecaps game to the Farmers Market and finally to Cobb House Museum – no small feat! Our heartfelt thanks also to True Value Hardware and the Brewster Whitecaps for hosting us, and last but not least, to everyone who purchased a ticket in support of BHS!



Levi Perna, (Play)House Inspector, checks out the windmill



Connie Pollard, who donated the portraits of Captain Benjamin Freeman and his wife Betsey, recently paid a visit to her old friend, where he now hangs in the best parlor at the Cobb House Museum.

FROM OUR COLLECTIONS

For the holiday season we showcase these early rolling pins and pestle belonging to the family of Elijah Cobb, currently on display in our new Keeping Room exhibit at the Cobb House museum. The rolling pins were used in making pastry; the pestle was often used with a mortar to grind up spices.



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May 1 – April 30, so 2019 dues will include
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