

Friends of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum

Spring 2011 Newsletter

Mission of the Friends:

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

Henry Card Remembered . . .

enry Card was one of the last dory fishermen to live in Perkins Cove. He told his stories to friends and tourists alike. The following article appeared in The Boston Herald on Tuesday, February 12, 1953.

N.Y. Visit Worst Experience For Maine Man in 86 Years

By Haydn Pearson

PERKINS COVE, Ogunquit Maine - Henry B.

Card, 86 years old on January 20th, is a quiet mannered, philosophic, unhurried gentleman of the old school. He lives alone in his picturesque, weather-beaten fisherman's house a few



Henry Card

fathoms length from the granite wall that holds the salt water creek in check.

It was one of those cold, bright December days when I rambled down east from the 2,000 mile main road usually called U.S. Route One. Henry isn't as spry as he was 20 years ago and admits it. There was a cheerful wood fire going in the kitchen stove and Henry and I sat, talked and smoked our pipes for a couple of hours.

Myself—I'm a dog man, not a cat man, so I might be a trifle prejudiced. Henry has three cats: Jigger, Millie, and Sarah. Every so often if Henry felt the cats were being neglected, he addressed a few remarks to them.

"Cats are sensitive," he said

"Un - uh," I replied.

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Open House for

2011 Season
at the

Ogunquit Heritage Museum

Saturday June 4, 2011

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Obed's Lane, Ogunquit, Maine

All New Exhibits

Refreshments

Union 1, 2011
Hours:

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Tues - Sat
Through September 30

Henry looked at me. "From the Boston Herald, eh? I've heard about Boston folks. Solid but stubborn."

"I'm not from Boston, Henry, I'm from New Hampshire, and there's a lot of difference."

"Glad to hear it Haydn. From some of the things I've read and heard over the radio, I'd pick New Hampshire ahead of Boston. What did you come and see me for?"

"I want to hear about life in the 1875 – 1895 period."

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[&]quot;Most knowing beasts in the world."

[&]quot;Maybe"

[&]quot;Lots of company."

[&]quot;I'm a dog man."

President's Letter . . .

It is so exciting to work with the Board of the Friends of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum, which includes many who have served for years, and also several new members. One thing stands out dramatically: all of the dedicated work of those who have gone before has now placed the group in strong financial and supportive positions to carry on this work. Our endowment funds are growing each year, thanks to the generosity of Ogunquit friends and neighbors, and we will soon be in a position to use income from this endowment to enhance Museum programs.

Current active issues with which the Board is presently dealing include planning for the Museum opening party on Saturday, June 4 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, where we hope to see many Members and Friends of the Museum. Please plan to take the time to peruse new exhibits (Perkins Cove, Then and Now) and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres with Board members.

Planning for the 37th Annual Antique Show on Saturday, September 17, is well underway, expertly guided by Susan Meffert and Gary Little-field. This show is one of the major sources of revenue for the Friends, and we hope that members will not only help in setting up the show, but also attend and perhaps assist in ensuring success with some timely purchases as well. We will begin soliciting business advertising in the Antique Show program over the next several weeks, and we urge all business owners and friends to consider placing an ad this year. Again, this is one of our most important sources of income to support the programs of the Museum.

The Ogunquit Dory, after 'residing' inside the Museum for the winter, will be moved outside under the direction of Peter Woodbury & friends on Friday, May 20th.

Board member Bob Glidden has finished the bookcases in the building ell and has received warm thanks from all.

We look forward to meeting Friends' Members at the Opening Party on June 4th. Our deepest and heartfelt thanks go to all Friends of the Museum for their continued and varied support of the historically important work done for our community and Town For the Board of the Friends of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum.

Henry Hokans, President

The Cove in the Olden Days . . .





Turn of the century (Late 1800s to early 1900s) views of the old bridge (top) and 'loadin' up hay on the maash.'

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Chairman's Report...

In the fall we had a successful evening with ghostly tours followed by a very well attended Christmas open house. Thanks to members of the Friends of the Winn House Board and the Ogunquit Heritage Museum Committee for their participation which included baking cookies, decorating, greeting guests, and helping to close out 2010. I would especially like to thank Ellen Dannert, who surely knows how to trim a tree or two.

During the winter we dismantled the beach exhibit and Susan Levenson began procuring things we could use for the 2011 exhibit, which will feature the history of Perkins Cove. Once again it has been a very informative venture, and we have all learned a lot about the Cove. We broke down last year's exhibits and are getting ready to reopen in June. Hopefully you will all get a chance to attend the Open House on June 4th.

I would like to give special thanks to the employees of Pepsi Cola in Portland, who selected us as their volunteer community project for the year and came in a large group to paint the Winn House last Saturday. They made it a festive occasion and painted the building in record time. Special thanks should be given to Tom Fortier who applied for and arranged this, and to Cliff Marchant and Gene Cyr who led the effort. The look of the house is much improved and we are all very grateful and pleased.

Carole Lee Carroll Chair, OHM Committee



The 'Pepsi Painters of Portland' with a little help from Dr. Pepper and a lot of red paint, covered the entire Winn House on Saturday, May 14 in 4 hrs flat, ahead of the rain.

Accessions . . .

- Notebook containing records of the Winn House Restoration Committee
- DVD of Tom Johnson (Curator of Old York Historical Society) touring and assessing the Winn House prior to restoration
 - -- Given by Marcia Brazer
- Box of vintage slides from the Hans Family
- 26 Pamphlets from the Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce
- 22 Magazines containing articles of Ogunquit interest
- Map of Wells historical sites
- 1978 Town Directory
- -- Given by Marilyn Eimon
- Copy of a letter from Dwight Underwood to the authors of *The Cove*
- Copy of a letter from Dwight Underwood to George Weare
 - -- Given by Fay Fitzgerald
- Etching of Will Haley's apple tree by her father Dohn Cluff
 - -- Given by Audrey Miller
- A box of Christmas decorations
 - --Given by Bernadine Speers
- A cast iron antique shoemaker's 'last' (shoe form)
 -- Given by Norman Wilkinson
- A pair of antique brass port and starboard ship's lamps

--Given by Pete & Barb Woodbury

Thank You All for the Donations!



The Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce's Christmas by the Sea ornament for this year, engraved in pewter, shows the Perkins Cove footbridge with the sailing dory 'Cricket' out for a fairweather sail.

"Well I can tell you a few things. I was born in 1867 right over yonder on what's now Route One, and if you could have seen that road in 1875, you'd never believe the world could change so much in 75 years. In the spring when the stage coaches came along down from Portland to Portsmouth, four or six horses would be covered with sweat, and the bottom of the coach would actually be dragging on the mud."

"I can remember well when the electric car line from Dover, N. H. to Portland was put through. It came first to York Beach, and then was extended up along the coast. I was a young fellow just out of school and I worked making the road bed. Got big pay too, 50 cents a day, from sunrise to sunset. I saw the first auto that ever came into Maine. The Portland papers carried a notice of the event a year ahead of the time the horseless carriage came up the road from Boston. Big crowd from all around came to Ogunquit to see it, and the feller driving her got stuck on that little hill going out of Ogunquit toward Wells. So a bunch of us young fellows had to push him over the rise."

"I was told you went to sea at 16 and were well known for many years as a lobsterman and lobster buyer."

"Yes, I went to sea and was a deck hand for a while, then trawled and seined. I've fished up and down the coast. I hauled lobsters for awhile and then I began going down to Nova Scotia and buying. Brought big boat loads back and sold 'em in Portsmouth."

"What's the biggest change in the lobstering business?"

"Biggest change is that most lobstermen now have power boats and winches. In the old days we set and hauled by hand and had to work near the shore. Now they set 30 fathoms deep and haul up the traps by power. That's the reason I think lobsters are growing more scarce. Years ago when this section was called Pensive Cove instead of Perkins Cove, a lot of lobster boats came in here to unload. Used to be big marshes along this river, but now that the river is dredged, the marshes have mostly gone. Farmers used to cut a lot of marsh hay and their horses wore big leather boots so they wouldn't sink into the mud. Farmers stacked the hay in the summer and hauled it home in the winter when the marsh was frozen."

Endowment Contributors...





"You've had some narrow escapes in your life. What is the toughest one you remember?"

"Hope you'd ask that. All you writer fellers do. Gotta make a big story. Well, I'll tell you something. The worst time I ever had in my life was when I visited New York City. Never saw anything like it. Thousands of people jamming around and bumping into each other. Everybody in an awful hurry. Nobody with time enough to visit. Buildings all too big and on some streets you had to lean backwards to see the sky. I was glad to get out of the place. Here a man has time to think and has room to see the earth around him. Time to feed Jigger, Millie and Sarah. I don't worry about my own food, but the cats have to be fed on time. Smart animals, cats, and lots of company.

-- Contributed by Carole Lee Carroll