

# *Winter Harbor Historical Society*

P.O. Box 93, Winter Harbor, ME 04693

June 2017

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Winter Harbor Historical Society Programs

#### ***7:00pm Winter Harbor Historical Society building***

***June 21*** The Winter Harbor Water Company  
speaker Shirley Chase

***July 19*** John M Hayes, Resident Screenplay Writer  
speaker Sanford Phippen

***August 16*** Area Projected Summer Colony Resorts  
(winners-losers) speaker Willie Granston

***September 20*** Sargent Street Then and Now speaker  
Pearl Barto

### Schoodic Marine Center

Sheridan Steele of the Schoodic Institute Marine Center invites members of the Winter Harbor community to meet on June 29, 2017 at 6pm at Hammond Hall to discuss future plans for the marina. Please come and share your visions.

### Downeast Fisheries Trail

Downeast Fisheries Trail offers a web site to help visitors learn about Maine's maritime heritage. The trail has featured Frazer's Point and Henry Cove on their site since their beginning. The Henry Cove description included an oral interview with Dale Torrey done in 1974 by the University of Maine Folklife Department. The video has been removed by the University and we invite you to advocate with us for its restoration by emailing [folklife@maine.edu](mailto:folklife@maine.edu).

### Donations

We thank Weltha Sargent for her recent donation of a letter from Lawrence Cole written two weeks before his death in World War II. She, also allowed us to scan personal photos, which have been featured on our facebook page. The Winter Harbor Historical Society has worked hard to secure our building. Donations are protected with new dehumidifiers and we invite donations to enhance our collection. We can scan personal photos and documents and maintain a digital record for our collection. We would like to create a maritime display, so we welcome artifacts that represent our fishing past.

### Christmas in July

Our fundraisers will include an indoor yard sale at the Winter Harbor Gym on July 15. Please contact us to make donations or to set up a table with your own sale items. [winterharborhistory@gmail.com](mailto:winterharborhistory@gmail.com) or call Debbie Martin at 963-5555. Drop off donations Tuesdays from 10-1pm at the Historical Society.

### Gouldsboro Historical Society Programs

The Old Town House US Rte. 1

July 10, 7pm Wabanaki History in Gouldsboro by Julia Gray of the Abbe Museum

August 7, 7pm The Tragic Life of Philip Shaw, Jr. by Rev. Charles Joy

September 11, 7pm Remembering the Life of Miriam Colwell by Sandy Phippen

October 2, 7pm Young-Webber Hall Old Rte 1 Tucker Mountain Log Homes by Cliff and John Albee

### Franklin Historical Society

July 29, 7-10am Blueberry Pancake Breakfast, Franklin Veteran's Club

### Schoodic Arts Festival

The Winter Harbor Historical Society is sponsoring the presentation of the historic film: **Around Cape Horn**. The film documents daily living and a wild storm aboard the sailing ship, Peking in 1929. The film will be shown on August 2 at 7pm at Hammond Hall.

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### Grover Hardware Store/Laundromat 335 Main Street



Between Rand's Lumberyard on eastern Henry's Cove and Charles Grover's sawmill and lumber finishing business at 335 Main Street, millions of board feet were produced for the new and thriving summer colony on Grindstone and for the hotels of downtown Winter Harbor. Charles E. Grover lived from about 1859 to 1929. He was the youngest son of Captain Nathaniel Grover and nephew of Dr. Nathaniel and Eunice Pendleton, among the town's most prominent and wealthy citizens. Charles' great uncle, Edmund Grover, whose home is described to have been on the current golf course, is known to be a founding family of Winter Harbor. Charles served as selectman for several years and raised his family in the home occupied by Charles and Rose Arnett on the corner of Main Street and Harbor Road. Among other structures, Charles was the contractor for both Hammond Hall and the Winter Harbor High School.

After the Main Street fire of 1922, the Grovers assured the continuation of phone service, by installing a new switchboard in their kitchen, where daughter, Julia served as an operator. Harold Grover assumed the hardware carpentry business and is known to be the foreman in 1958 for the construction of the Capehart Housing (blue capes) off Newman Street for the Navy. Harold's wife, Rilla taught school in both Franklin and Winter Harbor.

The store left the Grover family in 1950, when Rilla sold the building to fellow teacher, Agrandece Healey. The building was transformed to The East Coast Shop; offering handicrafts, a lending library, books, antiques, toys, dishes and gifts. Miss Healey advertised jewelry made from gems from Maine mines and an apartment for 5 in a 1954 Peninsula Gazette. She provided tutoring in English, Latin and French and was a teacher and librarian at Fryeburg Academy during many winters.

The Main Street storefront welcomed photographer, William Sommerville and his wife Priscilla in 1976. The Sommersvilles made a longterm commitment to Winter Harbor, raising their family here, but selling the building in 1985 to Elizabeth and Peter Hjorth of Sorrento. The recession of the 1980's left the building vacant, auctioned and passing through the ownership of banks and investors, including Keith Young and Paul Tracy.

Contractor, Jim McLean of Gouldsboro purchased the building in 1999, providing much needed repair and establishing a laundromat. Marcella Flubacher took on the building and rentals in 2003. The sale to Seaside Partners, LLC of Gouldsboro in 2013 has generated yet one more rebirth for this Main Street structure and we are happy to watch for its next chapter in our history.

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