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### **Wood, Wind and Water: The Genius of F. Spaulding Dunbar** *Special Exhibit Opening June 15th at the Atwood House Museum*

The 2013 summer season at the Atwood House will open with a powerful exhibit chronicling yachting life in Chatham. The exhibit celebrates the extraordinary talents of boat designer F. Spaulding Dunbar, who came to Chatham and designed remarkable wooden boats ranging from a 12-foot catboat to the extraordinary *Ocean Pearl* created for J. Seward Johnson.

The exhibit has both a visual and historical – and even sentimental – appeal. When yachting came to Chatham over a century ago it added a thread to the story of the town's already rich and longstanding association with sailing vessels, and *Wood, Wind & Water* begins with an overview of these early days.

From this historical context visitors will delve into Dunbar's most significant works, including original drawings that contain detailed layouts for the interiors of several of his most accomplished large commissions. Four vintage Dunbar boats have also been installed on the grounds of the museum.

#### *About the Atwood House Museum:*

As stewards of the region's history and culture, the Atwood House Museum – home of the Chatham Historical Society – strives to educate, inform and enlighten the public, bringing attention and enthusiasm to the Cape Cod community. Located at 347 Stage Harbor Road, Chatham. The Museum is open from June 15 to October 12. During July and August the Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays. During the shoulder seasons (6/15 - 6/29 and 9/3 - 10/12) hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The Archives are open by appointment year round. Admission: Adults \$6, Students 7 – 18 years old \$3, Children 6 and under, free. Members of the Chatham Historical Society are admitted free.

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**Summer Programs**  
*At the Atwood House Museum*

**CHATHAM BY THE SEA HOUSE TOUR**

**Friday, June 28 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Visit a collection of seven beautiful Chatham houses.

*Tickets \$40*

**GIRLS NIGHT OUT**

**Tuesdays, July 2 through August 13 - 7:00- 9:30 p.m.**

Evening fun with themes such as floral arranging and fashion, plus a music night, and an evening with a handwriting analyst. The kick off event on July 2<sup>nd</sup> is entitled "Eat Dessert First."

*\$20 per evening, or \$120 for the series*

**AN EVENING TO REMEMBER**

**Saturday, July 20 - 5:30 -7:30 p.m.**

The Museum's annual summer celebration, with presentation of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual *Bringing History to Life* award.

**DUNBAR CELEBRATION**

**Saturday, August 17**

A day-long program with opportunities to visit the exhibition, tour the Pease Brothers Boatyard, and see some of Dunbar's great designs in Chatham's Mill Pond.

**SUMMER BOAT-BUILDING CAMPS**

**Week-long program offered July 8-12 and August 5-9**

Participants ages 11 – 14 will work with master craftsman Dave Archibald, learning about boat design as they build one of Dunbar's handsome skiffs.

**To buy tickets, register or get more information on any of these programs, call 508-945-2493 or visit [chathamhistoricalsociety.org](http://chathamhistoricalsociety.org).**