

The Atwood Log

AUTUMN/WINTER 2016

The Newsletter of
The Chatham Historical Society



From the Director

Greetings,

It has been a very good year. The number of visitors so far this year has exceeded by 23% over previous years. Many of our volunteers were inspired by the enthusiasm toward our docent tours and exhibits, favorable online reviews, regular socials with all departments and cross-training for multiple roles within the museum. As we add more services and events, we continue increase our volunteer program. Thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters for your fine contributions to this year's successes.

Moving forward to 2017, we will offer two exciting new exhibits organized by our Costume & Textiles Department Chair Janet Marjollet along with the assistance of Barbara Hogan. In the Main Exhibit Gallery, "Windows Into Time: Clothing & Accessories" will capture snapshots of Chatham's history from the 1600's through the early 1900's, with costumes, textiles and numerous objects from our collection that have not been on display to date. The Museum's Costumes and Textiles department currently holds over 1,400 articles. Under Janet Marjollet's direction, following the footsteps of her dedicated predecessors, each item is carefully documented and conserved in museum-quality material.

"Chatham in the Military" will show how a number of wars, from the Civil War to World War I, impacted our community. With the 100th Anniversary of America's involvement in WWI, small New England towns along the coast felt particularly vulnerable. Learn about how Chatham and other small towns coped with uncertainty.

Along with our latest exhibits, we promise you another year of fun and interactive experiences for all ages that will provide new perspectives into our past. In the meantime, we hope that you will celebrate the present with us by joining in holiday activities At the Atwood.

Danielle Jeanloz

Wanted For Next Season's Exhibit

Chatham Historical Society would appreciate borrowing clothing or artifacts from the periods 1700 through 1925. Military items and clothing are of special interest. The loan will be for a period of two years. Please contact Chatham Historical Society at 508-945-2493.

The Officers and other members of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Society express their sincere thanks to several trustees who retired from the board this year. Stephen Daniel, Nancy Yeaw, and Andy Young have provided advice, active service on committees, and various other contributions of time and talent to the Society and the Atwood House Museum for many years. We will miss their presence on the Board of Trustees and wish them well in their ongoing activities.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Chatham Historical Society is to collect, preserve, exhibit and interpret art, decorative arts, artifacts, archives, and places of historical interest relating to the history of Chatham and vicinity; and in so doing provide a record of the cultures and the people of our past and thereby inform and educate succeeding generations.

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Recently Elected Additions to the Board of Trustees

Four new members were elected to the Society's Board of Trustees by the Board at its July meeting, and then approved by the Membership at its Annual Meeting in August. They are Sherie Bush, Stuart Green, Steve Nickerson, and Phyllis Nickerson Power.

Sherie Bush is a former partner in a law firm, where she focused on international finance and commercial real estate. Currently she is the manager of a legal recruitment company. Sherie has a long history of volunteerism, having served as Chairman of the Board and Director of Development of the Atlanta Lyric Theatre, on the Board of the Georgia Academy of Music, and in the development office of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Locally, Sherie is on the Boards of Directors of the Chatham Anglers and Monomoy Theatre.

Stuart Green has broad management experience in for-profit and non-profit environments at middle and senior management level, including, VP with an engineering and consulting firm, VP of Administration & Finance for a

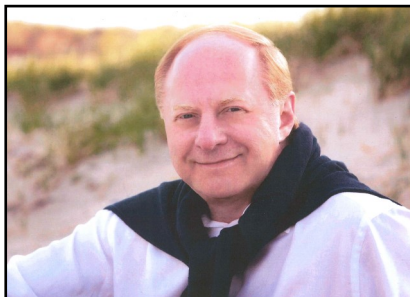
large actuarial firm, and financial and administrative officer of a law firm. His experience with non-profits includes board membership in United Way-funded organizations, Treasurer of Providence Rotary Club, President of the Institute of a Management Accountants' Chapter, and coach for the Newton Youth Soccer league. He has already greatly assisted the CHS in seeking (and obtaining) grants of financial assistance.

Steve Nickerson is a master builder and is carrying on the legacy of his father, Joseph Atkins Nickerson who was Chatham's historian and a president of the Chatham Historical Society. He was born and raised in Chatham.

Phyllis Power has been a past CHS Board member and an Overseer. She has been actively involved in our community, volunteering. Through her real estate business, Phyllis is educating new property owners of the importance of keeping our town historic. She has served on the Board of The Nickerson Family Association for many years, and was born and raised in Chatham.



Sherie Bush



Stuart Green

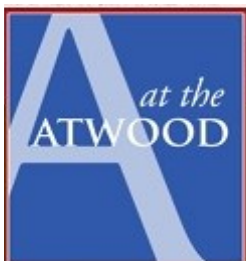


Steve Nickerson



Phyllis Nickerson Power

Come and Enjoy Fun for the Whole Family



HEARTH WARMING AT THE ATWOOD - DEC. 10TH
FIRST NIGHT AT THE ATWOOD - DEC. 31ST

347 Stage Harbor Road, Chatham - 508-945-2493 - www.chathamhistoricalsociety.org

Museum Tours, Fantasy Train Setup. Santa in our Sleigh

Holiday Sale in our Museum Shop Hours: 1:00 to 4:00 Pm Dec. 10th

First Night Hours, Dec. 31st, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; no button required, bus from downtown



Board of Trustees Chairman, Steve Burlingame, enlightens third graders about life during 1752 in The Old Atwood House.



Third graders listen intently about the Nickerson North Beach Camp.



Museum docent, Florence Seldin, shares her knowledge of the Masters of the Seas.



Local legend, Don St. Pierre, describes the rescue of the Pendleton to the Monomoy Regional Middle



Elementary students are fascinated by the overhead lamp in the camp.



All smiles sitting in the bunk beds of the North Beach Camp.



Don St. Pierre poses with a teacher and two eighth grade students visiting from the Horace Mann Middle School in Franklin, MA last May.



Board of Trustees member, Ginny Nickerson, has a captive audience of eighth graders outside the North Beach.

2016 School Visits

The Atwood House Museum was pleased to host visits from several schools during this year. In May we had eighth graders from the Horace Mann Middle School in Franklin, Massachusetts. In late October we had 140 sixth graders from Monomoy Regional Middle School here in Chatham, who had been studying the book, *The Finest Hours*, about the 1952 Coast Guard rescue. At the beginning of November,



Students pose in the main gallery.

fifty third graders from Chatham Elementary School walked over from the school to the museum for a tour. All of the students particularly enjoyed the special exhibit about the Pendleton rescue, especially sitting in the full scale model of the cabin of the Coast Guard rescue boat and watching a video about the rescue.



Eighth grade girls take a "Selfie" with Captain Warren Crosby. Share your favorite pics with us!



Florence Seldin describes the introduction to the Masters of the Seas exhibit to the sixth grade class.

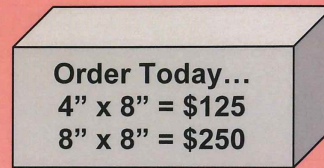


Future Sea Captains from Horace Mann Middle School enjoy their visit to the Atwood House Museum.

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What about a brick for the Atwood House Museum walkway: A Gift for all Seasons—For the person on your list that you never know what to give!



If you have someone on your gift list who has all the “stuff” he or she wants, what about a gift of a brick in our walkway honoring that person, or a brick memorializing a special event in your family’s life? We have bricks honoring parents and grandparents, children and grandchildren, as well as various special anniversaries. We also have a section honoring the military service of family members. Our 4"x 8" brick accepts up to three lines of text and is \$125. The 8"x8" brick will take up to five lines of text. Using upper and lower case print, each line will take 20 characters. Using all upper case letters, each line will accept up to 16 characters. Spaces count as characters. Placement in the Herb Garden is an additional \$50. You may use the form on the opposite page for your order, or call or email the Atwood House Museum for additional forms to be sent to you.

An order form is also available on our web site,
www.chathamhistoricalsociety.org.

Join Us !

Chatham Historical Society members receive free admission to The Atwood House Museum, 10% off Museum Shop purchases, and a complimentary subscription to our newsletter. Our members play a vital role in helping to preserve the rich history and culture of Chatham and the surrounding region. Many members cherish volunteer opportunities at the Museum

Membership Categories

_____ Benefactor	\$2500 +
_____ Captain Atwood Circle	\$1000 - 2499
_____ Heritage Society	\$ 500 - 999
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If you have allowed your membership to lapse, please consider renewal now. If you are an active member perhaps you can think of someone to pass this along to who might be interested in becoming a member.

**Shop the Atwood House
Museum Shop for gifts
for family, friends, and
yourself.**

**We have a wonderful
selection of books, as
well as jewelry, toys, and decorative items.
Our Shop is open whenever the museum is open,
or call the office for special help.**



***A membership to the Chatham Historical Society/
Atwood House Museum also makes a wonderful gift to
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Coming up at
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At the Atwood

Hearth Warming December 10, 2016 1 - 4 pm

First Night - December 31, 2016 1 - 5 pm

Sunday Lecture: January 15, 2017

Grandes Dames of the Dunes by Robby McQueeney - 2 pm

Sunday Lecture: February 19, 2017

**History of the Cape Cod Times and Evolution of the Media Today
by Paul Pronovost - 2 pm**

Sunday Lecture: March 19, 2017

Antiques and the State of the Market Today by Josh Eldred - 2 pm

Sunday Lecture: April 9, 2017

Chatham by Train by John Gulow - 2 pm

Sunday Lecture: May 14, 2017

The Story of the Last Battalion by Tom Baldwin - 2 pm

