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**Yes, The Atwood Museum/Chatham Historical Society
offices and exhibits are currently closed
but we are working behind the scenes and available to
listen, talk, and share.**

**See below for our updates and feel free to email us.
Staff can be reached by email during normal business hours.**

**We wish you good health and look forward seeing you in
healthier times!**

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"Bringing History To Life"

Dear Friends:

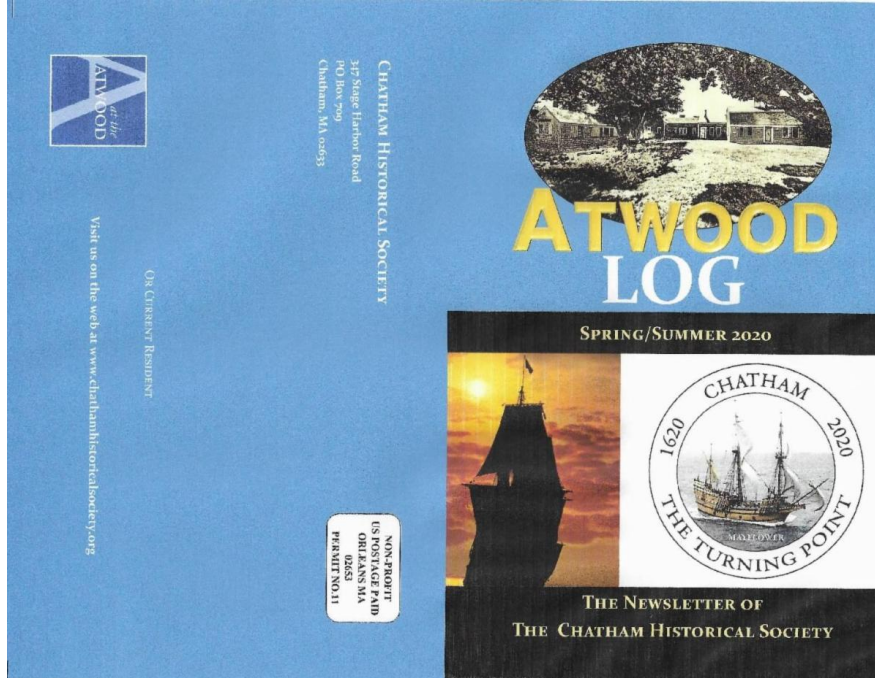
No, this is not a new wing of the Museum! This is a local view of what I get to see as I am working from home. I recently returned from a vacation abroad to a changed world, I realize that we all need to adjust to make the best of this ever-changing environment. This gives some of us an opportunity to rethink how we communicate, learn, share, and explore new ideas. In this e-newsletter, we will provide some ideas of what you can do to learn more about local history by exploring our online museum resources as well as other sources. Additionally, if you want to volunteer for the museum, there are ways you can join us even now by working from home. We have some suggestions listed below and you can also send us your ideas.

Welcome to exploring some of the more virtual parts of our museum.

Best wishes,
Danielle Jeanloz - Executive Director



Spring/Summer 2020 Atwood Log



Did you get your Atwood Log announcing our new Oral History Project? If not, no worries, we will tell you more about our Oral Histories in the next section.

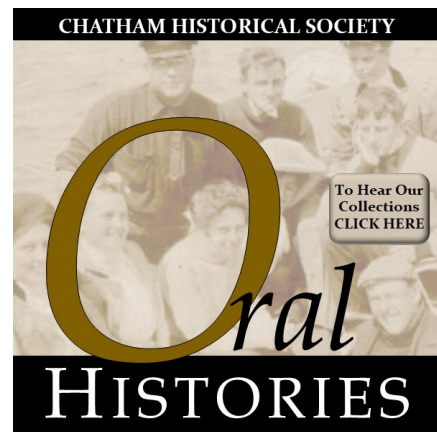
The Atwood Log is a printed publication sent to current and recent members twice a year. The picture above is a copy of what the new Log cover looks like.

If you do not get the Log already, please consider becoming a [member or rejoining](#). We need you!

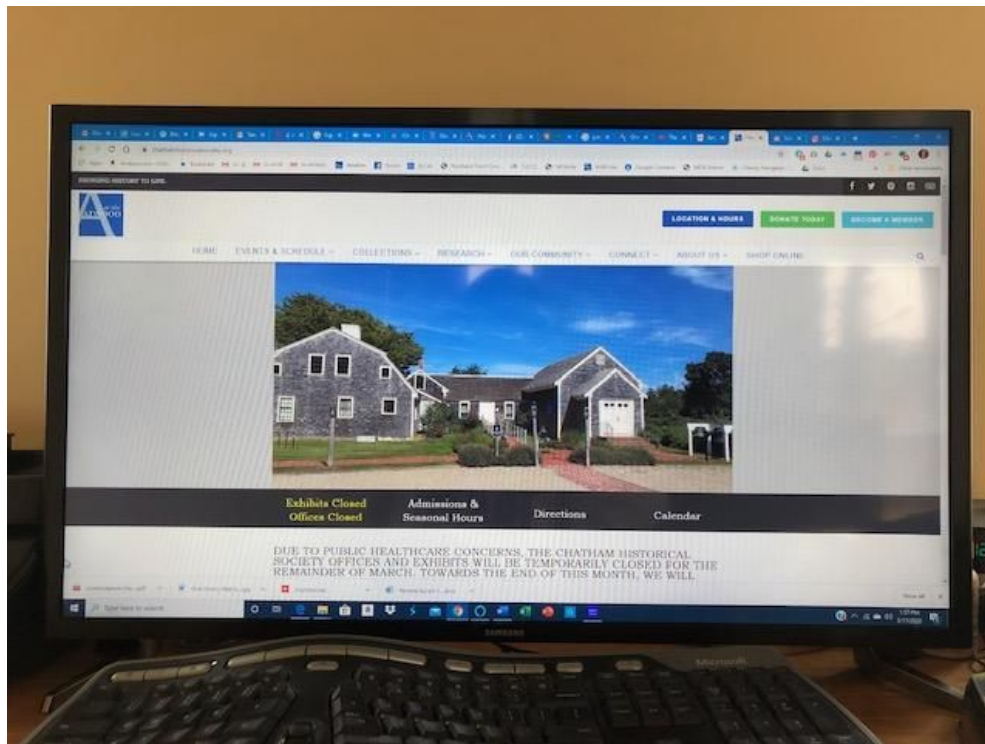


Oral Histories Online

From the Atwood Log:
Recently, we have added a new section to our website at www.chathamhistoricalsociety.org called Oral Histories. The material is in our “Collections” section which can be found on the home page of our website. Thanks to a generous donor, we have digitized and transcribed a series of spoken histories recorded by members of our community in the 1950s-60s. Some of the material includes memories as far back as the late 1800s! More of these histories will be added to our website in the coming year. We hope that you will enjoy experiencing these fascinating snapshots in time. You might want to consider participating in working on your own Chatham, or nearby town, history.



Exploring more Local History Online



Atwood Museum - Chatham Historical Society Website

Explore our online collection through [this link](#) by using the keyword search section. This will give you the opportunity to see what we have in the museum collection.

Study our extensive collection of [nautical charts](#). You can zoom into these charts from all over the world to explore water depths, shipping routes, coastal outlines, lighthouses, and more. Some even show the daily travels of Sea Captains.

Past articles from our column in the [Cape Cod Chronicle](#) are currently in the "About Us" section.

Past copies of the [Atwood Log](#) can be found under "About Us" or "Research" sections.

Seriously, or not so seriously, once you start searching through our website, you will be amazed at what you can find. We have been doing this for years and we add new information and resources all the time!

Other websites that might interest you while you are exploring the past include:

[Eldredge Public Library](#) - Research, resources, databases, and genealogy.

[Cape Cod Museum Trail](#) - Listing of over 70 museums on the Cape.

[Digital Commonwealth](#) - An online Massachusetts library of manuscripts, archives, collections, and organizations.

[NEMA](#) - New England Museum Association - a regional organization representing museum professionals and the museum community in New

England.

[Cape & Islands Historical Association](#) - on Facebook, local events.

[American Ancestors Website](#) - an online repository for more than 1 billion searchable names from America and beyond.

Naturally you can also explore the many other museums and historical societies in our community.

With so many informative resources out there, hopefully some of these will keep you going and inspired. Happy Surfing!



Volunteer From Home

Our volunteers are amazing! But, there is always more work to be done. If you enjoy writing, proofreading, editing, researching, using computers, and updating websites, we may have a project that will interest you.



We will be back together soon, but in the meantime - Virtual Volunteering is what we encourage you to consider.

Contact Danielle at director.atwood@gmail.com if you are interested in finding out more.

Examples of what would be useful:

- Writing articles for our Atwood Log, Chronicle column, and e-newsletter.
- Updating/editing our website with pictures and content, especially old pages, if you have experience with WordPress.
- Create your own oral histories and send them to us.
- Share your knowledge of local history, pictures, and events of the past with us.

[VV - Join our Virtual Volunteers!!!](#)



Sunday Lecture Series

Temporarily Postponed

You surely know this but we want to let you know that we will keep you posted. Our speakers are enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge with you!

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