



TRURO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Take a trip to the past...

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Spring/Summer 2011

Dear Truro Friends,

This past winter, THS volunteers and board members have been working at the Cobb Archive to plan for the summer season. Our board has met regularly under the leadership of Richard Larkin. We have selected a new director to replace Deborah Minsky, to whom we are most grateful for taking us to a new level through four years of innovative leadership.

As we approach the summer season, I want to thank you for your generous gifts last year and report that we have also received support from Truro's Cultural Preservation Commission, Truro Treasures and Seamen's Bank Longpoint Charitable Foundation, the proud sponsor of our *North Truro Air Force Station: Project Sleeper* exhibition.

Alan Efromson donated his time to network all our computers to support our ongoing cataloguing work and research. We are looking forward to internet connectivity between the Highland House and the Cobb Archive this summer. In related work, Henry Lum worked with our website developer to improve communication with members, volunteers, and

visitors, launch an online shop, and enable electronic payments. Please visit www.trurohistorical.org often for updates on our programs and activities.

Please stay in touch. Join or renew your membership in the Truro Historical Society, and be a regular visitor to the Highland House and Cobb Archive.

And, don't forget to add www.trurohistorical.org your favorites.

You are at the heart of who we are and what we do!

Sue Goldstone
President

MUSEUM OPENING DELAYED until June 24th
Beginning June 5, the National Park Service will be restoring the Shipwreck Room at the Highland House Museum. To protect the artifacts, the Museum opening will be delayed until June 24. We are planning a big celebration when we do open and hope to see you there!

WELCOME THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE TRURO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have a new director! After careful consideration of thirty-nine highly qualified applicants, we offered the position of Director, Truro Historical Society, to Barbara J. Dyche.

BJ, a Louisiana native, has lived in Provincetown for the past nine years. She is an experienced fundraiser with strong ties to our community and a genuine love of history. As she puts it, "I have spent the last nine years educating myself on the first 14,000 years of history on the Cape." Her long career in television news and program production, writing and marketing have focused on her local community and demonstrate creative, fiscally responsible solutions to documenting local history issues, the Girl Scouts of America, profiles of cancer survivors and college sports legacies, among others. A committed public servant, she is a vibrant and energetic communicator with strong organizational skills who will provide experienced leadership as we address the opportunities and challenges ahead. Please join us in welcoming her warmly.



Project Sleeper: North Truro Air Station Exhibition

Opening on July 9, 2011

Located high on a bluff overlooking the Atlantic, the North Truro Air Force Station operated as a pioneer and critical element in our anti-missile defense system from 1948 until the early 1980's.

On July 9th we open an exhibition dedicated to the North Truro Air Force Station, sponsored by the Seamens Bank Longpoint Charitable Foundation. From the daily life of the men and women stationed there to the strategic importance of the station in our national defense, this exhibition will feature artifacts, documents, photographs and short films from our own collection, MIT, the National Park Service, and the veterans and their families. As part of this exhibition, we will also digitally record the memories of veterans and Truro residents for our archives. If your life has been touched by the North Truro Air Station, come visit this tribute to a vital part of Truro's history.



New Activity for 2011 - Truro Tours

Cemetery Tour - Cemetery tombstones and monuments tell stories about people: their families, their spouses and how they lived and died. Join Cemetery Commissioner Bob Masson on an informative and entertaining tour.

Pilgrim Walk - Join our guide, Dr. Robin Robertson, on this leisurely walk to Corn Hill in Truro where, in 1620, a party of men from the Mayflower landed and soon discovered a Native American settlement.

Dates to be announced. Please reserve spaces in advance at 508-487-3397, or email us at info@trurohistorical.org for information.

Native American Exhibition

Opening August 4, 2011

This next phase of our Native American room will display an actual Native American "tool kit" and connect the artifacts with the stories of their production and use.

Our exhibition team of Mark Dooley, Diane Messinger, and Cathy Skowron, led by Robin Robertson, has been developing the plan for the addition to this permanent exhibition.

THS Website Updated for Summer 2011

Make sure to check www.trurohistorical.org to:

- Receive regular updates to our schedule
- Become a member online or by mail
- Volunteer to help out at THS
- Make a donation online or by mail
- Stay tuned for an on-line shopping cart of favorite items

Our "Dig Box" is Filled with Truro History

The Children's Dig Box, which simulates an archaeological dig, will be offered again this summer. The dig box is based on a Native American hearth found at Corn Hill and described in *Mourt's Relation*. See www.trurohistorical.org for the dates when your 7-12 year old can become an archaeologist for two hours.



Welcome Volunteers!

A warm hello to all of our valued volunteers and prospective volunteers. We look forward to seeing you this season and invite you to join us at the following volunteer events at the Highland House Museum.

- **Volunteer Orientation and Training:** Wednesday, June 1, 9:00-12:00
- **Volunteer Annual Set Up Day:** Wednesday, June 22, 9:00-12:00

We strongly encourage you to attend, as this will be a very special season of new introductions and exciting announcements. Light refreshments will be served on both days.

If you have volunteered before, please keep an eye out for the annual volunteer letter and scheduling form, which will arrive at your door in the coming days.

If you are thinking about volunteering, we would love to get you involved.

Please be in touch at volunteer@trurohistorical.org or call **508-487-3397** for more information.

Thank you so much for all you do!

Thinking of you with all of our appreciation,

Alexandra MacDonald & Rachael Montejo



Enjoy the Benefits of Membership

As a member of the Truro Historical Society, you help preserve Truro's historical artifacts, maintain the Highland House Museum and Cobb Archive, and strengthen community awareness of Truro's rich history. Membership in the Truro Historical Society is tax-deductible.

Levels of Membership

Individual Member (\$25)

- Free admission to the Museum
- THS Newsletter
- Email updates of THS and Museum activities, meetings and full voting rights at membership meetings

Family Membership (\$35)

- All the benefits of Individual Membership PLUS
- Free admission to the Museum for up to three adults

Contributing Member (\$50)

- All the benefits of Individual Members PLUS
- Free organic cotton canvas tote bag with THS logo

Sponsor Membership (\$100)

- All the benefits of Family Membership PLUS
- Free organic cotton tote bag
- Two tickets to the Celebrity Wednesday Evening Speaker Events (see schedule for dates.)

Patrons of the Society – (\$500)

- All the benefits of Sponsor Members PLUS
- Two tickets to the Society's annual Gala Event and Silent Auction

Volunteer Member – Volunteer members who agree to work one shift (4 hours) per week for 10 weeks through the summer season receive FREE membership that includes all of the benefits of Sponsor Members.

Use the enclosed envelope to join THS today.
Or join online at www.trurohistorical.org

Highland House Museum is Open

June 24 - September 30, 2011 Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Come see our historic maps, books and works on paper at the **Cobb Archive**. Open Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-12:30 throughout the year, or by appointment. Call **508-349-0200**.

Wish List

Donations from our Wish List help us meet our goals with your help!

- Easel and Flip Charts
- 25 Folding Chairs with Cushioned Seats
- Oriental Carpet for the Cobb Archive
- Exterior Lighting for the Highland House
- Computer Projector

Garage Sale!

Once again, Dave and Gwen Spang have agreed to run a Garage Sale to benefit the THS at their home, 16 Shore Road in North Truro.

- Sat. May 28 and Sun. May 29
- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with a rain date of the 30th (Memorial Day).

Bring your donated items for the sale to their house Sun. 5/22 through Thurs. 5/26 from 10:00 to 3:00. For more information call Dave or Gwen at 508-487-6459.

