



Highland House

The Truro Historical Society



Cobb Archive

We welcome you to events at the Highland House Museum and around the town of Truro in July 2014, with more to come in August and September. Here is what we have in store for July:

For Children

Archaeological Dig Box. July 8 - Aug 21 (Tuesday/Thursday)

Children from seven to ten years old simulate the excavation of a weetu (summer house), which the Pilgrims explored when they visited Truro in 1620. Working in a "dig box" with child-size tools, the fledgling archaeologists will discover, describe, and record the location of artifacts and draw conclusions on how the Payomets lived here in about 1,000 A.D. Reservations required at 508-487-3397. \$7.00 fee (\$5.00 for family members)

Museum History Hunt

A favorite children's activity (for readers and non-readers alike) is the search for historical objects. Children follow a chart of visual clues to discover artifacts and other items in the museum. All "detectives" receive prizes. Available all day. No reservations required.

Exhibitions

Summer Days of Long Ago in Truro: Old Truro through Vintage Postcards. Through July 11.

A special exhibition of picture postcards from the collections of Truro resident, Dr. Peter Burgess, and the Truro Historical Society documents the beauty and simplicity of Truro life and landscape in the early 20th century. The messages conveyed provide insight into the concerns and emotions of their senders and lend an important human perspective to the period.

Highlights from the Truro Historical Society Collection. July 14 to August 15.

An exhibition of new acquisitions and special items from our collection. Curated by Director Susan Kurtzman with help from our museum assistants, Ellen Anthony and Julie Tarvers.

Highland Evenings Speaker Series (all start at 7:00 PM)

July 9 – Dr. Peter Burgess: Collecting Vintage Truro Postcards

Dr. Burgess presents some highlights of the ongoing exhibition which focuses on postcard images and messages of the early 20th century. Many of them provide views of Truro's unsurpassed beauty, and since their purpose was to convey personal messages, the cards with Truro postmarks enliven history with their heartbeat.

July 16 – Mark and Patti McGrath: A Cape Cod Adventure: Walk the Beaches, Swim the Rivers

In their 70's, Mark and Patti McGrath explored the shores of Cape Cod by walking and swimming the entire perimeter. The walk started as a physical challenge but turned into something far more meaningful than just a walk on the beach. They will discuss the challenges, joys, and favorite places they experienced on their year-long adventure.

July 23 – Dr. Greg Skomal: Sharks in Our Waters

Dr. Skomal, our locally-based and nationally prominent shark expert, will bring us up to date on the ecological significance of the shark population in Cape Cod waters and the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy's first-of-its-kind shark population study. The Society joins in this fundraiser, and the lion's share of the \$15 admission fee will go to the AWSC's research program.

Celebrating the American Songbook (Starting at 7:00 PM)

Thursday, July 24 – Zoe Lewis and the Bootleggers

Zoe Lewis brings her fantastic song and dance review (performed each summer in Provincetown) to the Highland House. Music of the 20's and 30's by the costumed Bootleggers – nothing short of a blowout performance! Tickets \$20. At the door, the front desk of the Highland house, or 508-487-3397.

Wednesday, July 30 – Ukulele Fest

A strum - along! If you don't have a ukulele, you'll have a great time joining the sing-along! All strummers welcome! Donations welcome!

Mondays at the Cobb (Through September 29 - all summer long!)

Explore the Cobb Archive, once Truro's public library. The 1912 Arts and Crafts building has been fully restored and houses our map archive, historic books, photographs, and works on paper. Open **Mondays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** with special events, items for sale, and more surprises!

Truro Historical Society Annual Meeting

Please attend the annual meeting of the members of the Truro Historical Society on Friday, July 18th at the Highland House Museum. The meeting starts at 4:30 PM; refreshments will be served afterward.

You must be a member to attend and vote. You may join or renew your membership in advance at the front desk of the Museum, online at www.trurohistorical.org, or at the meeting (come early.) The agenda for the meeting, including by-law revisions, will be posted on the home page of our web site by July 4.

COMING IN AUGUST

Special Exhibitions: *Highlights from the Truro Historical Society Collections, and Truro Paintings of Milton Wright: 1950 to 2005*

Highland Evening Speaker Series (Wednesdays at 7:00 PM): includes Sebastian Junger, Scott Landry on Disentangling Whales, Outer Cape Chorale, Greg Landry on whale disentanglement, and Chet Lay on Surveying the Outer Cape.

American Songbook Series: Two more song-and-dance events, including Bruce Abbott & Company Jazz Duo and DJ Beth O sock hop.

JOIN THE TRURO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A new membership year began on June 15.

We invite you to become a member of the Truro Historical Society. Your membership dues 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 provides free admission to the museum and full voting rights at the annual membership meeting.

Go to the Join page at www.trurohistorical.org and either pay online by credit card or download and send us a membership form with your payment.

For more information go to www.trurohistorical.org; or contact the Truro Historical Society at 508-487-3397, at thsdirector1907@gmail.com, or at PO Box 486, Truro MA 02666