

# The Truro Historical Society



## Spring is in the Air

We are very happy to see signs of spring in Truro. While spring represents the beginning of things to come, the Truro Historical Society gets a head start each year by starting the planning of our next summer season in October – as soon as the Highland House Museum closes. This winter, we've been busy planning exhibits and activities for our community and summer guests to enjoy.

## *Truro – Then and Now*

On June 1<sup>st</sup> the Museum will open with *Truro – Then and Now*, a month-long pictorial tribute to Truro. Photos from the THS archives, circa 1900, will be paired with the same shots re-photographed as they appear today by talented local photographers. The photographers also have been invited to submit "interpretive" photos of the same shots to showcase their artistic talents. All photos will be for sale in limited editions for your collection, and they either will be matted or framed for your convenience.

## Homage to Hopper



Josephine and Edward Hopper spent thirty-seven summers in Truro from 1930 to 1966. In July and August we will present a series of events to commemorate their "working vacations" in South Truro.

Our Wednesday evening speakers will include Hopper experts, such as renowned author and former Whitney Museum of American Art curator, Gail Levin; Beth Chapman, local Hopper tour guide; and Elizabeth Colleary, consultant to the Whitney Museum Hopper collection and expert on Jo Hopper.

Our August 17<sup>th</sup> fundraising event will feature Ms. Kimia Shahi, Whitney Museum curatorial assistant, who recently did the research on Edward Hopper in Truro for the Whitney's major exhibition *Hopper's Drawings*, which opens in New York in May. Our festivities will include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres catered by Cosmos Catering, a silent auction of Hopper-themed mini cranberry boxes designed by Lower Cape artists, and an exhibition and sale of interpretive photos of Truro and nearby houses painted by Edward Hopper. In addition, we have collected a handful of Edward's drawings and Jo Hopper's paintings for display at the event and hope to locate more. If you have any or know of anyone who might be willing to lend some to us for the event, please contact BJ Dyche at 508-349-0200 or at [director@trurohistorical.org](mailto:director@trurohistorical.org). Mark August 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. Tickets for the cocktail fundraiser are \$100 and will be available in June.

## A Call to Artists: Second Annual Cranberry Box Design Competition

If you would like to participate in the Cranberry Box Design Competition, call BJ Dyche at the Cobb Archive (508-349-0200) to reserve or pick up a box. Winners will be announced, and

prizes will be awarded in at least a half-dozen categories at our annual fundraiser. Boxes should be re-conceived with Jo or Edward Hopper in mind and must be submitted by August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Annual Appeal and Spring Membership Drive**

It is still not too late to contribute to our annual fund drive to support the costs of planning and managing the operations of the Highland House Museum and Cobb Archive. Visit our website at [www.trurohistorical.org/donate.html](http://www.trurohistorical.org/donate.html) to donate online or mail your check to THS, P.O. Box 486, Truro, MA 02666.

In May we will send out our annual spring newsletter, accompanied by a Membership Renewal Form. Please remember that your membership dues are also a major source of the revenues we need to conserve the items, objects, and artwork donated to us by and for Truro residents and friends. As a Member, you support the Highland House Museum and Cobb Archive, you are entitled to free admission to the Museum, and you are invited to participate at the Annual Membership Meeting in July.

### **Volunteer!**

As a volunteer, you are entitled to a free membership in the THS. Four hours a week at the Highland House Museum is a small price to pay for all the benefits. Plus, it's fun. We could use some help with database entry, contacting program sponsors, researching material for exhibits, preparing our mail-outs, and other administrative tasks, not to mention running the front desk, managing the Resource Room, or acting as a Museum docent. Contact BJ Dyche at 508-349-0200 or email [director@trurohistorical.org](mailto:director@trurohistorical.org).

**THS  
PO Box 486  
Truro, MA 02666**

Highland House Museum  
Open Monday – Saturday  
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
June 1 - September 30  
508-487-3397

Cobb Memorial Archive  
Open Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
or by special appointment  
508-349-0200