

The Truro Historical Society



Annual Meeting

THS Members are welcome to attend the Annual Members Meeting on Friday, July 19 at 5:00 PM at the Highland House Museum. Society business matters will be discussed along with announcements of current THS developments. Light refreshments will be served.

The membership year is from June 15, 2013 through June 14, 2014. If you haven't yet, join now to help support the Highland House Museum and Cobb Archive and to have a voice at the Annual Meeting.

"Truro, Then and Now"



This exhibition of historical and contemporary photographs, which opened on June 1st, depicts changes and, in some cases, lack of changes, over the course of the twentieth century in Truro. The photographs will be on view in the main gallery of the Museum through July 23rd and then moved to the second floor of the Museum for the rest of the season. You can even buy a piece of Truro history, as photographs are available for sale in singles or as then-and-now pairs.

Highland Evenings

Our Wednesday Evening Speaker Series, Highland Evenings, continues with an exciting group of speakers and performers. All events begin at 7:00 PM at the Highland House Museum. Unless otherwise noted, a donation of \$5.00 per person is requested to help organize these events.



July 10 – Dr. Stormy Mayo: Right Whales: A Winter Experience

Charles "Stormy" Mayo, Ph.D., is the Director of Right Whale Habitat Studies at the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies. He was a co-founder of PCCS with his wife, Barbara, and Dr. Graham Giese in 1976. Dr. Mayo has been instrumental in establishing the PCCS as a highly regarded resource for scientific research, stewardship of coastal and oceanic ecosystems, and educational outreach.



July 17– Dr. Greg Skomal: Jaws Revisited!

Dr. Skomal, Ph.D. from Boston University, is a marine biologist, author of *The Shark Handbook*, and senior fisheries expert with Massachusetts Marine Fisheries. As the State's leading shark expert, he has spearheaded efforts to tag and track great white sharks in Cape Cod waters. Speaking for the first time in Truro, he will address the ecological significance of the Cape's shark population and the status of the tag-and-track program. Admission to the event is \$15.00 with the lion's share of the proceeds going to the all-volunteer, nonprofit Atlantic White Shark Conservancy's research program.



July 24 – Gordon Peabody: Coastal Emergency Solutions

Founder of Safe Harbor, a Wellfleet-based company specializing in sustainable strategies for coastal habitat restoration, Mr. Peabody will discuss emergency response lessons learned from this past winter's intense storms and an innovative approach to solving Truro's critical restoration needs.

"Edward and Josephine Hopper in Truro"

July 27 to September 30, 2013



Edward and Josephine Hopper spent thirty-five "working summer vacations" in South Truro from 1930 to 1966. This summer the Society presents a series of events at the Highland House Museum to commemorate their life in Truro.

Saturday, July 27 10:00 AM. Opening of "Edward and Josephine Hopper in Truro" at the Highland House Museum. The exhibition consists of vignettes that explore why the Hoppers came to Truro; their painting regimen and quotidian life; their close, yet often quarrelsome relationship; and how Truro provided the solitude needed to sustain his originality and the light and mediums (land forms and other structures) most conducive to "a synthesis of my inner experience." A handful of Jo Hopper watercolors and oil paintings will be on display. (Adults \$5; students \$4; children under 12 and Members free)

Saturday, July 27 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Opening reception for "Edward and Josephine Hopper in Truro." Enjoy light refreshments and two short videos on Edward Hopper. Open to the public.

Wednesday, July 31 7:00 PM. Highland Evenings speaker, Beth Chapman, on "Searching for Hopper in Truro."

Ms. Chapman grew up in South Truro, and her childhood playground consisted of the five square miles that Edward Hopper memorialized in numerous watercolors and oil paintings. Ms. Chapman will share her photographs of over thirty Hopper houses and scenes in Truro and North Truro, matched with Hopper watercolors of the same, and offer insights into why Hopper chose these as subjects for his paintings.

Wednesday, August 7 7:00 PM. Highland Evenings speaker, Gail Levin, on "The Legacy of Edward and Josephine Hopper." \$5 donation for admission.

Dr. Levin, a professor of art history and American studies at Baruch College and the Graduate Center at the City University of New York, was the first curator of the Hopper Collection at the Whitney Museum of American Art. She is a highly acclaimed art historian, preeminent Hopper scholar, and author and editor of at least a half-dozen significant works on Edward Hopper,

"Edward and Josephine Hopper in Truro" (continued)

including *Edward Hopper: An Intimate Biography*; *Edward Hopper: The Art and the Artist, Hopper's Places (2nd ed.)*; *Edward Hopper as Illustrator*; *Edward Hopper: The Complete Prints*, and others.

Thursday, August 8 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Cranberry Box Design Competition: *Reception and Silent Auction Opening.*

The public is invited to meet the artists who have responded to the call for re-conceiving the (mini) cranberry box with Edward and/or Jo Hopper in mind, and to begin silent bidding on these original and imaginative works of art. Bidding closes on August 17. Refreshments and finger food will be served.

Tuesday, August 13 7:00 PM. Highland Evenings speaker, Elizabeth Thompson Colleary, on "The Paintings of Josephine Nivison Hopper." \$5 donation for admission.

Ms. Colleary is an independent scholar, and has been a research associate and consultant to the Whitney Museum's Edward and Josephine Hopper Research collection since 2002. She has gathered an abundance of new information on Jo Hopper since her talk in year 2000 at the Highland House Museum, and she will share her recent discoveries with us. She will also discuss and autograph copies of her new book, *My Dear Mr. Hopper*, published by the Whitney Museum of American Art in association with Yale University Press.

Saturday, August 17 6:00 to 8:00 PM. "Hoppers in Truro." Annual Fundraiser for the Highland House. See ticket information below. The occasion features the following:

- Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception elegantly presented by Cosmos Catering
- Illustrated presentation by Whitney Museum of American Art curatorial Staff Members who did research in Truro at the Historical Society's Cobb Archive and managed the development of the catalog for the Whitney's new exhibition, "Hopper Drawing."
- Final viewing and bidding on Hopper-themed miniature wooden cranberry boxes re-conceived and designed by local artists
- Opening of an exhibition and sale of photographs inspired by scenes and themes painted by Edward Hopper, as seen through the lenses of talented Lower Cape photographers Peter Romanelli, Charles Field, and Rowland Scherman

Tickets (\$100) for the August 17th reception are limited and are available by calling 508-487-3397, at the Highland House Museum reception desk, and by email at director@trurohistorical.org.

Sunday, August 18 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 PM. Hopper House Tours. A rare opportunity!

J. Anton and Laurence Schiffenhaus generously have made the Hopper House available for three tour groups of six persons. Each tour will last an hour including transport to and from the house and one-half hour on site. Park in the lot across from at the Cobb Memorial Library in Truro Center. We will drive you to the Hopper House and back. Tickets for the tour are \$60. Credit card required at time of purchase. Call BJ Dyche at 508-487-3397 or email director@trurohistorical.org.

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