

# The Truro Historical Society



## **“Truro, Then and Now”**

For those of you who remember how Truro used to look and for those who don't, the Highland House Museum opens for the season at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, with “Truro, Then and Now,” an exhibition inspired by historical photographs from our collections. Ten local photographers have participated in the making of this exhibit by re-shooting the subjects of these photographs as they appear today. These modern photos are paired with their historical counterparts for display throughout the summer season. The photographers also will showcase their talents by producing pictorial or artistic versions of these historical subjects.

Come to an opening reception from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, to meet the photographers, see the photographs, and share in some wine and light snacks.



Our thanks go to photographers Amanda Reed, Rachael Sokolowski, Jennifer Creech, Rachael Montejo, Buddy Perkel, Rebecca Bruyn, Marian Averbach, Mason Morfit, James Mack, and Fred Gaechter. Special thanks to Fred, our guest curator, and Amanda who helped us plan, format, print, and hang the photographs.

Matted copies of the photographs, ready for framing will be for sale as one of the Society fundraisers this season.

## **"Edward and Josephine Hopper in Truro"**

Edward Hopper is considered one of the most famous and influential American painters. Not many people, even in Truro, know that he and Josephine Hopper spent thirty-six summers in Truro starting in 1930. 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 Gail Levin, renowned Hopper biographer and former curator of the Hopper collection at the Whitney Museum of American Art; local Hopper tour guide Beth Chapman; and Elizabeth Colleary, consultant to the Whitney Museum Hopper collection and expert on Jo Hopper. Dates will be posted on our website at [www.trurohistorical.org](http://www.trurohistorical.org).



**Josephine and Edward Hopper**

Our August 17<sup>th</sup> fundraising event will feature two members of the Whitney Museum of American Art's curatorial staff, Nicholas Robbins and Kimia Shahi. Both played an influential role in developing the Whitney's new exhibition, "Hopper Drawing," which opened in New York on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Last summer and fall, Ms. Shahi conducted research on Edward Hopper in Truro for the exhibition.

The event will include

- wine and hors d'oeuvres catered by Cosmos Catering
- final silent auction bidding on Hopper-themed mini-cranberry boxes designed by Lower Cape artists
- an exhibition and sale of interpretive photos of Truro houses and scenes painted by Edward Hopper
- brief remarks by Mr. Robbins and Ms. Shahi.

We have collected a handful of Edward Hopper's drawings and Jo Hopper's paintings for display 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 [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. Proceeds support the programs of the Highland House Museum.

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



Thank you! The response to our invitation to recreate a cranberry box for our annual gala auction has been great so far, but we still have a few boxes available if you would like to participate. Here's a chance to exhibit your wit, sense of humor, imagination, subtlety, and artistry! We will award prizes in at least a half-dozen categories at our annual fundraiser on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Call BJ Dyche at the Highland House Museum (508-487-3397) to reserve or pick up a box. Boxes should be re-created with Edward or Jo Hopper in mind and must be submitted by August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Native American Room – Phase 2**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 5:00 to 6:30 PM.** "Making and Using Stone and Bone Tools to Live in Truro, ca. 1000 A.D." Gallery Talk and Phase 2 Permanent Exhibition Opening. Dr. Robin Robertson reviews the second phase results of her research, funded by a Mass Humanities Scholar-in-Residence Grant and newly installed in the Native American Room. Mass Humanities announced this spring that Dr. Robertson's project is among their eight favorite examples of successful research grants in the past five years. The installation of the second phase of the

exhibition was supported generously by grants from the Cape Cod Antique Dealers Association and the Truro Cultural Council.

### **Spring Membership Drive**

Check your mail for the THS Spring Newsletter. In June we mail our annual newsletter and membership renewal form. Your membership dues are the second major source of support for our work. As a member, you are entitled to free admission to the Museum and invited to participate at the Annual Membership Meeting in June.

Visit our website at [www.trurohistorical.org/join.html](http://www.trurohistorical.org/join.html) to join online. Or, send a check payable to THS at PO Box 486, Truro, MA 02666.

### **Volunteer!**

We cannot express adequately our thanks to Board Member Alexandra MacDonald for all her years of service as volunteer coordinator at the Highland House Museum. Alexandra has decided to step down, but we now have a new coordinator. Joan Marshall, a longtime resident of Truro and volunteer at the Highland House Museum, has joined the THS team as volunteer coordinator, effective this spring. Keep in mind that this is a great time to get involved with Truro's long history! As a volunteer at the Highland House Museum, you receive a free membership in the THS. Three and a half hours a week at the museum is a small price to pay for all the benefits. We have developed some interesting projects for our volunteers. We could use some help with database entry, contacting program sponsors, researching material for exhibits, preparing our mailings, and other administrative tasks, not to mention running the front desk, managing the Resource Room, or acting as a Museum docent. Contact Joan Marshall or BJ Dyche, Museum Director at 508-487-3397 or email [director@trurohistorical.org](mailto:director@trurohistorical.org).

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June 1 - September 30  
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10:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
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