

The Truro Historical Society



Highland House Museum

From June 1 through September 30 each summer, the Highland House Museum is open for the enjoyment and education of all those who pass through our doors. It has been a wonderful season for all of us involved with the Truro Historical Society. Our members, volunteers, and supporters have helped in spreading the word of our commitment to preserving and presenting the fascinating history of our beloved Truro. Our Board of Directors would like to thank you for your community spirit and financial generosity in supporting the work of the THS. Although the museum is closed for the season, our work continues at the Cobb Archive. We will be researching and planning all new exhibits and programs for your enjoyment when the museum reopens in June of 2014. We have some marvelous surprises for you next year. So stay in touch and watch for our emails and mail-outs for a preview of good things to come.

A Short Summary of 2013 Exhibits

“Truro, Then and Now”

Our opening exhibit this summer was “Truro, Then and Now.” For those of you who remember how Truro used to look, and for those who don't, this was an opportunity to marvel at the changes in the Truro landscape, or in some cases, very little change over the last 100 years. This exhibition was inspired by historical photographs of Truro. Ten local photographers participated in the development of this exhibit by re-shooting the subjects of these photographs as they appear today. These modern photos were paired with their historical counterparts, all easily recognizable Truro landmarks.



North Truro Depot
ca. 1910



Truro Center panoramic
ca. 1930



Millstone Cottage
ca. 1910



Post Office Square
ca. 1910



Grozier Square
ca. 1875



Congregational Church
ca. 1900



Town Hall
ca. 1900



Grozier Square
ca. 1930



Grozier Square
ca. 1900



Highland House
ca. 1910



Christian Union Church
ca. 1909

Our appreciation goes to photographers Amanda Reed, Rachael Sokolowski, Jennifer Creech, Rachael Montejo, Buddy Perkel, Rebecca Bruyn, Marian Averback, Mason Morfit, James Mack, and Fred Gaechter. The THS extends special thanks to Amanda Reed, who formatted the photographs for the exhibit, and to Fred Gaechter, who served as Guest Curator.

"Edward and Josephine Hopper in Truro"

Edward Hopper is considered one of the most famous and influential American artists. Not many people, even in Truro, know that he and Josephine Hopper spent thirty-seven summers in Truro from 1930 to 1966.



Josephine and Edward Hopper

The Hopper exhibit has been one of our most popular features this summer. It was multi-faceted and offered something for everyone. Included in the exhibit were:

- A condensed overview of the Hoppers' life in Truro that addresses their painting regimen, daily life, and accomplishments
- "Hopper Reimagined," an exhibition and sale of Hopper-inspired photographs by Nancy Bloom, Charles Fields, Peter Romanelli, Rowland Scherman, and James Veatch
- "Hopper Redux," an exhibition of interpretive works by twelve lower Cape artists inspired by the Hopper House and landscape

Our annual gala fundraiser on August 17 was quite a success with over 100 guests attending the big event at the Highland House Museum. All enjoyed delicious food, good company, and gallery talk by curatorial assistants from the Whitney Museum of American Art on Hopper's life in Truro. The silent auction brought out the competitive spirit of all those who participated.



Native American Room – Phase 2

Phase 1 of our Native American Room, installed three years ago, was funded by a Mass Humanities Scholar-in-Residence grant. Mass Humanities announced this spring that Dr. Robin Robertson's project is among their eight favorite examples of successful research grants in the past five years. The installation of Phase 2 of the exhibition has been generously supported by grants from the Cape Cod Antique Dealers Association and the Truro Cultural Council and has allowed us to complete the current exhibit of the Rose Farm Collection with protective Lucite display cases. We continue to add to this exhibit to enhance this fine example of the Lower Cape's Native American heritage.

Our THS Volunteers

Keep in mind that this is a great way to get involved with Truro's long and colorful history! As a volunteer at the Highland House Museum, you receive a free membership in the THS and meet hundreds of new and interesting people. The historical facts that you will learn about Truro will make you love it even more. Three and a half hours a week at the museum is a small price to pay for all the benefits. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the 2014 season, contact Joan Marshall, Volunteer Coordinator, or BJ Dyche, Museum Director at 508-349-0200 or email director@trurohistorical.org.

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10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
June 1 - September 30
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10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
or by special appointment
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