



Highland House

# The Truro Historical Society



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## WE'RE STILL HERE!

A year ago, the Cape Cod National Seashore made two momentous changes to the Truro Highlands Historical District. They terminated concession contracts with the Town of Truro for the Highland Links and with the Highland Museum and Lighthouse, Inc., and for the Highland Light. Fortunately, the CCNS asked your historical society to continue stewardship of the Highland House, which we have operated since 1970 as the Highland House Museum.

Thus we enter the second year of a short-term occupancy agreement at the Highland House, which gives us time to plan much-needed renovation and restoration work. A recently-completed condition assessment and improvement options report, prepared with the support of Truro's Community Preservation Committee, identifies structural and envelope modifications required for the 108-year-old building. It also identifies improvements conducive to museum operations, among them the addition of climate-controlled storage space, handicap accessibility (including an elevator,) better utilities services, and workspace for program and exhibition development.

In the next year or so, we will complete detailed planning and embark upon a capital fundraising campaign, which are prerequisites for a long-term lease with the Cape Cod National Seashore. Built in 1907, the Highland House is a National Historic Register property and an incomparable venue for a local historical society museum. We are convinced that a structurally sound and highly functional building and museum will be a credit to the Town of Truro and its history.

## PREVIEW OF OUR SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR

(Details will be available at [www.trurohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.trurohistoricalsociety.org) on April 4)

**Major Exhibitions:** *Living Legacy: Twelve Portraits and Stories of Truro Elders* opens on June 1, followed by *Draggers, Trawlers, and Traps: A Century of Fishing on the Outer Cape*, which opens on July 3.

### Wednesday Evening Guest Speakers (and Performers):

Philip Hoare, author (*The Sea Inside*) and film maker

Kathryn Miles, author and essayist (*Superstorm: Nine Days Inside Hurricane Sandy*)

Sebastian Junger, author and filmmaker (*The Last Patrol*) (film)

Cynthia Wigren, naturalist and fundraiser, on the conservation of Atlantic white sharks

Ellen Anthony, writer and director, leading Truro elders in a round table discussion

Jon Arterton, musicologist, conducting the a cappella Outer Cape Chorale Chamber Singers

Mark Adams, artist and National Park Service cartographer, on the Cape's changing landscape

*Three others to be confirmed.*

## **PREVIEW (CONTINUED)**

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### **American Songbook Music Series**

Season Opening Dance Party

The Cape Cod Sax Quartet

The Bootleggers Ball with Zoe Lewis

Sing-along with Jon & James

An Evening of Beautiful Ballads with Chev Hardy

The Bruce Abbott Jazz Combo

Late Summer Dance

## **SAVE THE DATE(S)**

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May 15: Philip Hoare: "The Sea Inside -- An Illustrated Talk." (Truro Recreation Center)

June 7: Open House: Free admission to the Museum and the *Living Legacy* exhibition.  
Refreshments.

July 11: Open House: Free admission to the Museum and the *Draggers, Trawlers, and Traps* exhibition. Refreshments.

August 8: Truro Historical Society annual fundraising dinner (Highland House Museum)

September 27: Season Ending Open House. Free admission. Refreshments.

## **VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS**

We welcome volunteers to help staff the Highland House Museum during the summer in two capacities: greeting visitors and introducing them to the many aspects of our permanent and special displays and exhibitions, and working on specific projects relating to preserving and displaying artwork and artifacts in our collection. The typical time commitment is one four-hour shift per week. Volunteers will enjoy an informative orientation program designed to broaden awareness and appreciation of Truro history and the many objects in our collection.

We also have *summer internship opportunities for high school and college students*, and will be glad to work out arrangements to suit capable student-age volunteers. If you know of any in your family or among friends, please let us know.

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