

FRIENDSHIP MUSEUM

Still Making History!

Annual Meeting October 26

We will gather for our annual meeting of the Museum members and townspeople at 10 on Saturday, October 26 in the Museum Annex. Besides filling positions on the Board, we have a number of important agenda items to discuss. We hope you will attend.

Then and Now

Every year the museum changes a display at the schoolhouse. This year we took you on a walk down Main Street as it looks today and how it appeared in the past. Did you know that The Village Grill use to be where the town Office is now? If you missed seeing this display at the Schoolhouse, don't worry, it will be moved to the Town Office shortly after October 14.

Did you know?

Clinton Lawry created the museum sign and logo. Also, he created two of the covers the Friendship Sloop Society's year-books in the 1960s.



Clinton Lawry Signs Return Home

We are excited that three of Clinton Lawry's billboards have returned home to Friendship. His grandsons, Randall and Clinton III, recently delivered the signs to the museum on behalf of the entire Lawry family.

We are thrilled to be able to preserve this legacy. They will be displayed at the Town Office and will soon have a more permanent home at the museum Annex.

Clinton C. Lawry was a Friendship native who actually attended school at the Brick Schoolhouse. He pursued a career as an illustrator in the advertising world. After retiring and returning to Friendship in the 1960s, he painted a series of billboards displayed upon entering Friendship. One of his billboards showed a lobsterman holding a buoy. When winter arrived, our lobsterman had on mittens!

The people of Friendship recognized Clinton's contributions to the town by dedicating the 1970 Town Report to him.



Update on The Annex Renovation

The second phase of The Annex renovation is now complete. Bubba Thompson and crew removed the dormer above the ell at the rear of the building and rebuilt it so it is now weather tight and structurally sound. To complete this phase, the interior walls were removed, thus allowing storage for our three dories. Two new windows were added to the second floor. Many thanks to Caroline and Bill Zuber who bought one of the windows. An added bonus was finally adding a new roof over the entire building.

What's next for The Annex? The first order of business will be the electrical system to make the building safe and functional. After that, heat and water would be great!

Friendship Day 2019

Friendship Day was a grand event, as always. With Brian Woods at the helm of Gordon Winchenbach's golf cart and me as navigator, we towed the Schoolhouse float in the parade. Brian's granddaughters did us the honor of riding on the specially decorated float, making for a graceful tableau in the vein of "Dragons of the Sea."

Meanwhile, our Annex crew had a day of robust sales of museum merchandise. Mary Nash worked nonstop. We recorded more than \$900 in sales, with 27 transactions in three hours! The Brian Woods "Franklin Island Light" poster was our best seller and almost sold out!

Margaret and I escorted many interested visitors through the "construction zone" inside The Annex. Susan and Barry Cluff helped arrange things for the day.

One dad, with his young kids in tow made a beeline towards the back room, where the dories are stored. I heard him explain to them " this was your great, great, grandfather's dory" pointing out the dory from the Foster D. It made me realize how important it is for our town, that we save it's history.

Bob Nash

