

# FRIENDSHIP MUSEUM

Still Making History!

## Cemetery Walk

On August 25th, about 40 people gathered at the gate of the village cemetery behind the Methodist Church to partake in a tour that was organized by Margaret Gagnon and Celia Briggs, Friendship’s librarian. Balloons were placed at each grave that we visited and stories were shared by Celia, Margaret and descendants of the folks interred. Following the walk a light lunch was served on the porch of the Annex.

## What’s in your attic?

Don’t “trash Friendship!” We are always on the lookout for hidden treasures. If you have items that you think might be of interest, please let us know. Donations are always welcome but we are also happy to take things on loan. What you have stored away might be something that will help us tell Friendship’s story.

## Future event

Just in the planning stage....Art at the Annex!



## Big Plans for the Annex

We are pressing ahead with the grand plan to make the Museum Annex a usable and user-friendly space. If all goes well, by Friendship Day, the first floor of the Annex will be turned into a space we can use for exhibitions and gatherings.

We are talking to Bubba Thompson about removing the 2nd and 3rd floor add-ons, plus sealing up the roof at the rear of the building. The rickety stairs in the rear will be removed and replaced with a new staircase that will serve as a fire escape. Inside, we will remove old plumbing fixtures and unnecessary kitchen cabinets in preparation for removing walls to open up the space. We will be able to exhibit and store our dories in an enlarged back room, making the first floor usable year-round. With some paint and lots of sweat equity, we hope to have the place looking great by Friendship Day.

In preparation for all the above, the Annex sub-committee chairperson, Margaret Gagnon, will be organizing a work party to



## Meet our new president

Bob Nash is our new president. Having retired full-time to Friendship five years ago, he and his wife, Mary, have been on and off residents in town for almost 15 years. He has a deep interest in the history of Friendship, especially the lobster industry and boat building, along with the broader history of Maine and New England. As a life-long sailor, our Friendship sloops helped attract him to Friendship. Bob grew up in Stratford, Connecticut, a town founded in 1639, whose rich legacy sparked his interest in local history. He spent most of his career working in Washington, DC for the Federal government.

## • Volunteers Welcome

The museum always has need of volunteers. Docents for the operation of the Schoolhouse during the summer, manual labor at the Annex, even composing this newsletter are just a few of the ways you can help. Join us and make a difference.

move artifacts out of harm's way. When this is complete, we will be ready to have our first round of removing cabinets and plumbing fixtures. Volunteers will be needed and welcome.

The museum treasury has the necessary funds to get started. Additional donations will speed up the installation of heating units, electrical work, and a bathroom. We have means to get going, but the more dollars we have, the more we can do and the faster we can do it. No donation is too small—or too large!

## The Museum Store

Last spring, a small group of museum friends gathered to see what could be done to expand the merchandise at the museum store. Many ideas were discussed and when implemented, the sales sky-rocketed! Betsy White's idea, turned out to be our best seller, Friendship glasses with a Friendship Sloop etching. People came to the museum just to purchase the glasses (a great way to get people to visit.) In fact, they were reordered three times! Marcy Simpson did an excellent job co-ordinating this endeavor. Below are Marcy and Pat Winchenbach at the Friendship Village School Holiday Fair, manning the museum's booth.

