

FRIENDSHIP MUSEUM

Still Making History!

Our 55th year!

The school house will open on Saturday, June 29. This summer the museum will be open on Tuesdays through Sundays. We will be closed on Mondays.

Hours: Tue-Sat 1-4 Sun 2-4

Come and join us on the gala opening.

Sharing

Bob Nash and Margaret Gagnon teamed up with Friendship's librarian, Celia Lash Briggs, and presented to the Village school a timeline of Friendship history. We covered the early shell middens to Friendship Day celebrations. The children were terrific and very well behaved. We ended the talk by giving each child the booklet "History of Friendship" written by C. William Vogel.



Maine Community Fund Grant

Our computer specialist, Mary Nash, applied for a Maine Community Foundation (MCF) grant to fund our project to digitize our holdings using Past Perfect computer application. We were very pleased to receive word from MCF that her proposal was approved and that we were awarded \$2388 to purchase Past Perfect and maintain it for the next two years. Once the latest version is released, Mary will press ahead with our digitization project. The Friendship Library and the Friendship Sloop Society will also have access to our data.





Beautiful New Poster

Thanks to our friend, artist Brian Woods, we have a beautiful poster of Franklin Island lighthouse available to sell this year at the museum store.

Friendship Lobster Wharves

President Bob Nash has taken on a project to gather the history of the lobster wharves of Friendship. He took inspiration from Sally Merrick's work with the Friendship Village School 6th students on the Jameson & Wotton Wharf. Bob plans to interview wharf managers and lobstermen and try to piece together how Friendship Harbor came to look and operate as it does today. Bob will appreciate all the help he can get on this big (and he hope not too long term) project.

THE ANNEX

The latest project to transform the Annex is about to begin. By the end of June, Coastal Builders, Bubba Thompson and his hard working crew, will begin to make the building weathertight and usable year-round. Repairs will begin on the roof, changes made to the rear roofline, and walls removed in the rear of the building on the first floor to open up the space. We hope by Friendship Day we will have a first floor area suitable for public gatherings and a large storage/display space in the rear for our dories. The large room in the front of the building will get a coat of paint and some general sprucing up. We will put out a call for volunteers for the painting project when the time comes.



