

FRIENDSHIP MUSEUM

Museum Annual Opening

We will open the Museum on Saturday, June 25th. Open days and hours for the summer are yet to be finalized. Please check our Facebook page as the summer approaches. As always, we welcome volunteers to act as docents at the Museum.



Summer Focus on Martin Point

The theme of our special summer exhibition will be the homes and history of Martin Point. Plans are afoot to organize a minibus tour of Martin Point with stops along the way where participants can meet residents and hear about their interesting homes. We will keep you up to date on plans on our Facebook page.



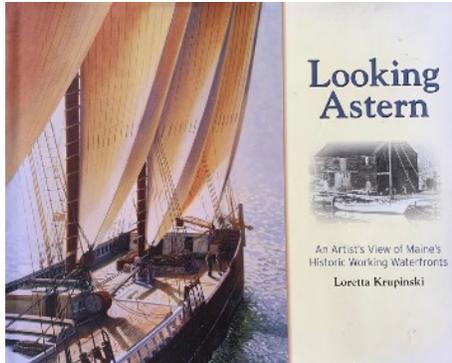
A Great Leap Forward

We are pleased to report that we have made excellent progress on the Museum Annex renovation project. The large room in the rear — the Dory Room — is almost complete. Bill "Strings" Armstrong and some hard working volunteers recently finished painting the trim. Our plumber, Paul Kennedy, has finished installing our kitchen and bathroom fixtures. As soon as we get our water turned on by the town water company, we will have running hot and cold water and an ADA accessible bathroom.

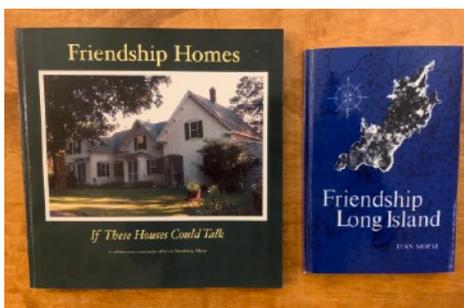
Meanwhile, work continues apace on transforming the large front room. Achorn Electric has roughed in the new wiring and Strings has worked hard on hanging dry wall with the aid of volunteers. Proceeds from this year's fund-raising campaign should enable us to install new windows and complete this second phase of the Annex renovation.

The first results of all this work will be a consolidated display of our marine-related artifacts. We will show off our dories, fishing gear, and navigational tools in the Annex. There will also be lots of wall space for art and photographs. We will have a fun spring putting our displays together.

Museum Store



Margaret Gagnon and Susan Cluff have gathered a collection of new books for sale at the Museum. Among these is a wonderful volume illustrating the work of local artist Loretta Krupinski, "Looking Astern," as well as a selection of titles that will appeal to all ages. In addition, we will be offering fun new items for sale. Of course, our "Friendship Homes" book and Ivan Morse's reminiscences about living on Friendship Long Island are still available. Please check out our offerings on our Facebook page or at Schoolhouse starting in June.



Bill "Strings" Armstrong hard at work in the Annex.

Filling in our "Past Perfect" Database

We have been working over the winter to make the inventory in our Past Perfect database more complete. When we first installed the database, the Past Perfect software company imported the text of our existing inventory of artifacts without any images. Over the winter, we have photographed items in our collection and matched them with the descriptions in the inventory. In the future, after a great deal more work, we hope to make our holdings searchable to the public. Thumbnail images matched with descriptions of our holdings will make the inventory more accessible. We welcome volunteers to help with the project.

Our inventory includes an egg beater and an egg mixer? So, what's the difference? Here are the artifacts in the Schoolhouse:



Egg beater



Egg mixer

Now you know!