

St George Historical Society Newsletter

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Hit the Refresh Button

Sometimes when browsing the Internet you have to hit the refresh button to update the web page and see what is new. That is what we're doing with the Historical Society's newsletter. It's been almost 25 years since the last issue of the newsletter, so we felt it was appropriate to "refresh".

For the calendar year 2019 the newsletter will go out to all contacts that we have on our list. Starting in 2020 the newsletter will only go out to members of the Society. If you haven't joined yet, see the news item about dues.

Membership Dues

It was voted by the group in January of this year to set dues at \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a household. The dues cover the calendar year from January 1st to December 31st. An application form can be found on the website at www.stgeorgehistory.com or on the last page of this newsletter. Dues and the completed application form may be sent to **St George Historical Society at P O Box 14, Tenants Harbor, Maine 04860.**

Society Website

Another change that has occurred is the addition of an Historical Society website. It can be found at www.stgeorgehistory.com and you can find all kinds of things there. Right now there are over 1000 pictures of the area.

If you see anything on the website that needs to be corrected, or if there are some things you'd like to see added to the site, please feel free to drop us an email at stgeorgemainehistory@gmail.com and let us know what you would like to see.



One of the collections on the website are scans of glass negatives of buildings in St George. The picture above is the property on Main Street in Tenants Harbor across from the town office / fire station. A sign on the store on the right mentions that all sales after April 1, 1898 will be cash only. This leads us to believe that these glass negatives are from 1898, give or take a year.

Less than half of the buildings have been identified, so if you see one that you recognize, please drop us a line to let us know where the building is or was located.

Historical Society – Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some questions that we hear and the answers that will help clarify what we are and what we do.

- 1) Are there different historical groups within the Town of St George? There is only one historical society – a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization – and that society has several subcommittees that operate somewhat independently with a specific focus. The subcommittees include the Marshall Point Lighthouse Committee, the Schoolhouse Museum Committee and the Andrew Robinson House Committee. Even though the groups have their specific focuses, we all work together to preserve and promote the history of the Town of St George.
- 2) Who is in charge of the Historical Society? The Historical Society’s governing body is a seven-member Board of Trustees. Originally set up with life terms, the trustees are currently in the process of amending things to change that to five-year staggered terms. This will provide for continuity while allowing the opportunity for “new blood” to join in the work. On matters of a day-to-day basis there is a President, Vice-President and Secretary/ Treasurer.
- 3) How is the Historical Society funded? While each subcommittee raises funds for their own purposes, the umbrella group receives funds through dues, donations and at each monthly program we pass the hat for donations. As we begin to take on new projects we will apply for grants and seek private donations to help in the preservation and promotion of local history.
- 4) How does the Society come up with its monthly programs each year? The monthly programs run from April to October of each year. During the winter a planning group meets and discusses feedback from previous programs and ideas for new programs. They set the date (*usually the last Thursday of each month*), the subject of the program, the individual responsible for the program, the venue where the program will be held, and most importantly, whether it will be preceded by a pot luck supper or followed by refreshments.
- 5) Does the Society have any special projects? There is a lot of interest in doing something at the Andrew Robinson House and creating more interest and activity at the Schoolhouse Museum. The trustees are currently talking with the Select Board about the possibility of leasing the Old Library site on Main Street in Tenants Harbor as Society headquarters and a place to display its holdings. Also being discussed are the promotion of current local history books and the publication of new ones. We also are scanning old photos of the area, including old family photos.

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Remaining 2019 Programs

- July 25th** **Tour of Tenants Harbor Waterfront** **Presented by John Falla**
Meet at Town Office – Walking Tour begins at 6:00pm
- Aug 29th** **Medicine in District of Maine (1780-1820)** **By Dr Richard Kahn**
Town Office 5:30pm Pot Luck Supper 6:30pm Program Begins
- Sept 26th** **Shipbuilding & Shipping** **Presented by Dale Pierson**
Ocean View Grange 6:30pm Program – refreshments follow
- Oct 24th** **Port Clyde Waterfront** **Presented by John Falla**
Port Clyde Baptist Church 6:30pm Program – refreshments follow

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2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____ Phone (optional) _____

Type of Membership: Individual / \$10 _____ Household / \$15 _____

Areas of interest _____