

# BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

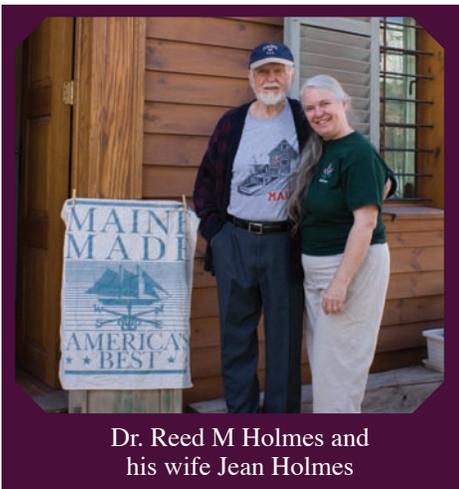
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## AN EVENING WITH DR. REED HOLMES

Beals Historical Society is pleased to host Dr. Reed Holmes, historian and storyteller with long roots in Maine, and his wife Jean, who holds a Masters degree from Hebrew College in Judaic studies. Reed and Jean reside in the original, but restored, Maine Friendship house in the Jaffa Colony. Their presentation will consist of a new DVD video on the transformation of the 1866 Jaffa Colony, from a forgotten corner to a prominent, attractive neighborhood, which the Mayor refers to as the "Pearl of Tel Aviv". Many Israelis visit the

Maine Friendship House museum every week and are thrilled by the story of this courageous group of Mainers, who had the faith and vision to come to a faraway land to assist the return of the Jewish people. The preservation, which the Holmes started in the 1980's, has now blossomed with all of the older buildings in the Colony now being rescued and restored. The presentation will also consist of a picture of the bark they sailed on, the Nellie Chapin, and an antique pressed flower book. They will tell about the many contributions made by the colonists, and read from letters sent from Jaffa. Colony genealogy, compiled by Leonard Tibbetts, will be available to check family history. Those attending are encouraged to bring photos, genealogy, or artifacts. Also available for purchase will be copies of the book, *The Forerunners*.

The presentation will be held on Friday, September 9, at the Beals gym, beginning at 7PM. Light refreshments will be served. Donations to BHS heating fund will be much appreciated.



Dr. Reed M Holmes and his wife Jean Holmes

## 2011 BHS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

More than ever BHS is counting on you to join or renew your membership. The general operating fund depends on your support and with the opening of the new Heritage Center, fuel and electricity costs will increase. Currently we have 107 renewals, 21 new and 57 lifetime memberships for a total of 185 members.

Please check to see if you still need to renew your membership. Plus it is more cost effective to send your newsletter via email. If this is a possibility, please send your email address to [cfDavis44@yahoo.com](mailto:cfDavis44@yahoo.com). BHS greatly appreciates your continued support!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 9, 7PM at BES**  
Update On The Jaffa Colony

**October 22, 6:30PM at BES**  
Gospel Talent Show  
Steamed hotdogs and goodies will be sold. Admission: Adults: \$5 and Children under 12: \$2.  
Hope to see you there!

*Please mark your calendars.  
We greatly appreciate your attendance!*

## BHS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please help us reduce the cost of mailing the newsletter by sending your email address to [cfDavis44@yahoo.com](mailto:cfDavis44@yahoo.com). Thank you!!!

## WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

I've been to a lot of places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito, either. I hear not one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips, thanks to my family and friends. I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump and I'm not much into physical activity.

## Condolences Extended

*BHS would like to offer deepest sympathy to members Anthony Beal, Sr., Angela Mooney, Holly Davis, and their families. Our prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*



## AN ISLAND KID NEEDN'T BE HUNGRY

By Erroll (Sonny) Woodward

Growing up on Beals was a great life. There were always things to do. Most of them were the things most kids grow up doing. I played Tag, Hide and Seek, marble games, and many of the other usuals.

The greatest thing about island life was the water that surrounded us. The water was cold, but we swam until blue. Both boys and girls learned to row a boat. Going to another island for a picnic was a thrill, as we could go exploring without getting lost. We island kids spent many hours fishing from a boat or wharf.

It seems that boys develop gigantic appetites during and after all the games of the day, and it wasn't always possible to just go home and satisfy such a terrific hunger whenever it occurred, and this seemed to be constant. We had to have nourishment just to get home. Fortunately, food was in and around the ocean just for the taking. All we needed were some matches, a tin can to cook in, a little driftwood for fuel, and whatever living food the ocean provided. All of those things could be cooked and eaten on the spot where the fire was safely built. Sometimes we dug clams to feed on, or maybe "conkles"; also known as periwinkles or sea snails. We even, on occasion, resorted to the lowly sea spider. These were a kind of crab, but the legs were so skinny there was very little meat in them, defeating the purpose for cooking them.

At the right time of year, the land also provided food. We could search for bunchberries, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries and even wild cranberries. The cranberries were not a favorite, though, as they were usually quite sour, but once in a while they would be ripe enough to eat without resulting in a mild case of lockjaw.

The all time favorite for nibbling was dried fish, especially harbor pollock. These were caught while fishing, wherever you happened to be. Sometimes we fished in the harbor and sometimes in the bay when out lobstering with an uncle, grandfather, or dad. The fish were usually six to eight inches long to be a keeper. They were cleaned, heavily salted overnight, and hung on a clothesline to dry. Sometimes flies laid eggs on the fish, which turned to maggots. At that time in the drying process, the ultimate treat was being created. Huge quantities of black pepper were dumped into the affected parts, the maggots disappeared, and cheesy fish was the result. When thoroughly dried, the skin was removed and baked to a crisp in the oven. Then the flesh was cut in strips from the bone and eaten. Many dried pollock and other dried fish were stored for use during the winter when fresh fish were not readily available.

All of these foods a person could find once they became old enough to forage. There wasn't any need for an island kid to go hungry.



## BEALS HERITAGE CENTER WELCOMES YOU



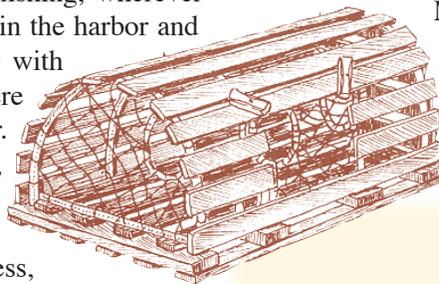
Experience the island's unique culture through its interesting exhibits and the valuable resources of its archival collections.

The archival collections offer research opportunities in various areas, such as local boat builders and genealogy. BHS has a series of large pictures depicting one of Beals' boat builders working on a boat, with descriptions, of the task at hand. The genealogy resource includes various books, a large collection of obituaries and wedding announcements, and an Alley family scrapbook. The resources available also contain audio DVD's, CD's and cassette tapes of people from the past talking about early shipping, early life on Beals, and the legends and artifacts of national folklore hero Tall Barney. Research possibilities also include a compilation of over 2000 pictures, as well as, a collection of yearbooks, town reports and much more.

You may visit the Heritage Center from 2-4PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of October. BHS is currently looking for volunteers to open the Center from 10-Noon and from 1-2PM. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carol at 497-2675 or email [cfDavis44@yahoo.com](mailto:cfDavis44@yahoo.com).

## GOSPEL TALENT SHOW

Mark your calendars for the GTS to be held on Saturday, October 22, at 6:30PM. Steamed hotdogs and goodies will be sold. Admission: Adults: \$5 and Children under 12: \$2. Hope to see you there!



## OFFICERS

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*Vice President:* Christopher Crowley

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*Newsletter Editor:* Carol Davis

*Newsletter Designer:* Laura Brady

*Publicity Chairman:* George Davis

*Website Manager:* Mark Hall & Laura Brady

# BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## BEALS HERITAGE CENTER FUND-RAISING DRIVE *BUY A BRICK PROGRAM*

The Beals Historical Society is now ready to begin its Brick Fundraising Program. The purchase of a brick will enable the continuation, of the heritage center construction, by completing the patio and entranceway of the center and the Veterans monument. Your purchase of a personalized 4x8 *cinnamon colored* brick with *black filled* lettering for \$100.00 is a tax-deductible donation. Or you may wish to purchase an 8x8 brick for \$150.00. With this size brick you may add an additional line or use a logo for an additional \$10. Please join family, friends and neighbors as we strive to complete the construction of the Beals Heritage Center in 2011!

### YES! WE'D LIKE TO RESERVE A PERMANENT BRICK.

Please check one of the following:  Brick Patio  
 Veterans Monument

#### 4x8 Brick SAMPLE

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\_\_\_\_\_ Check here for 4x8 brick for \$100.00 (standard block lettering included).  
\_\_\_\_\_ Check here for 8x8 brick for \$150.00 (add an additional \$10 for a logo)

#### Please engrave our brick as follows:

4 x 8 brick lettering-21 spaces or add an additional line for the 8x8 brick


PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 280, Beals, ME 04611

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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For further information, please contact Carol Davis at (207) 497-2675 or email [cfDavis44@yahoo.com](mailto:cfDavis44@yahoo.com).

# *Beals Heritage Center*



## **Beals Historical Society Membership Application**

Please check one:  Renewal       New

Name(s) as you wish it to appear on membership card and member roll on website:

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(Please type or print clearly)

Your mailing address:    Street or Post Office Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership (Please review all types and check the one that applies)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Annual       | \$10 annually          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Life         | \$200 one-time payment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple Annual           | \$15 annually          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Life             | \$300 one-time payment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/65 Annual        | \$5 annually           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior couple/65 Annual | \$7.50 annually        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student                 | \$5 annually           |

Over and above dues, I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_operating expenses, \_\_building fund, or \_\_ endowment fund. Receipt and membership card will be sent to you.

**Instructions:** Please print, complete and mail this application, together with tax-deductible check or money order payable to Beals Historical Society to:  
Membership Chairperson, Beals Historical Society, P.O. Box 280, Beals, ME 04611

*Annual memberships are for the calendar year and expire Dec. 31.*