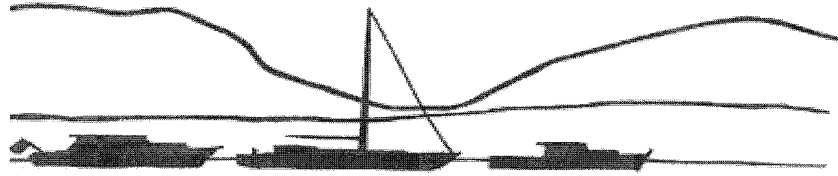


Southwest Harbor Historical Society

August 2022



The Sou'west Voyage

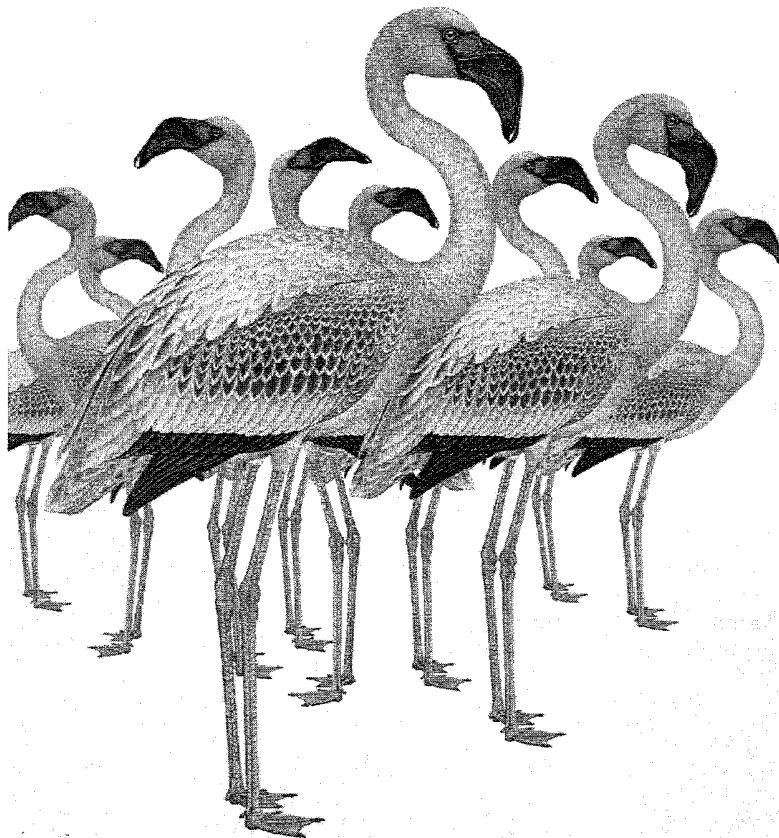
Norwood Cove Greening Island Southwest Harbor Manset Seawall

Do Flamingos Fly?

Bernice Klausky

At the May board meeting of the Historical Society it was voted to have a float in this year's Flamingo parade, with 2021 being our first year of participating in the festival. As the date for the parade approached, an article was published by the MDIslander stating that this was the 25th year of the Flamingo Festival. I thought how could that be— I recall buying my bird and my membership to the Southwest Harbor Yacht and Polo Club more than 25 years ago! So began the search of finding old records and hearing stories and dates about our local Flamingo Festival.

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Presidents Message

In our May 2022 newsletter, I said our goal was to open our building as a museum. I am so pleased to share that we have finally reached that goal with a successful Open House on Saturday, August 13, with over 50 guests viewing several artifacts on exhibit! This was the first time visitors could see our newly installed hanging system in use.

During the Open House, I had conversations with several visitors who were seeking information about their homes in the Manset-Seawall area. So, this event was the beginning of excellent exposure for the SWHHS that will help us grow and expand our offerings to the visitors and residents of MDI.

The workers who installed the hanging system also framed the recently restored stained glass window that faces Seawall Road from the second floor. They also revamped the archival storage room off the vestibule by installing a new floor and new sheet rock. While one of our board members painted the vestibule, the newly revamped storage room still needs a fresh coat of paint.

We were a participant again this year in the Flamingo Festival parade. We thank all who put the effort into our entry, which gave us more exposure in the community. While our presence is expanding in the community, we are receiving more artifacts for our collection. Recently we were gifted with some very interesting vintage clothing.

Of course, any gifted items have to be reviewed by the Collections Committee to evaluate if the items are actually applicable to our history and are relevant to our Purpose.

We have three more events planned for September and October. While the details are being worked out, I can share with you that on September 17th we will be hosting a program about the late Ralph Stanley, to be presented by his grandson Tim Stanley. There will be three aspects of Ralph's life shared – that as a world-renowned boat builder, his musical talents, and his extensive work as a genealogist. Please watch for an update on the details of what will be an interesting tribute to Ralph and his many talents.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m. at our Museum building.

The last scheduled event will be a program in October about Addison Packing, a sardine processing facility, and seine fishing.

Thank you for your continuing support and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Aimee Williams

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Membership Dues

We changed the membership dues structure starting in 2022 to being on an annual basis of January thru December of each calendar year. This is just a friendly reminder to send your 2022 dues if you have not already done so. Your dues are an important source of income for our annual budget that helps us pay our bills. And, having your dues paid keeps our interesting newsletters coming to your mailbox!

Please fill in the email address only if you wish to receive future newsletters that way. Those who elect email delivery will still receive your newsletter by regular mail in November, since this issue will have your envelope for the upcoming year dues. The date above your name indicates your current dues.

Please list your summer mailing address and winter mailing address if this notice applies to you so we can make sure we send the newsletter to the correct mailing address, thank you!

Officers: Aimee Williams (P), Leslie Watson (VP), Beth Gaiser (Tres), Bernice Klausky (Sec),
; **Board Members:** Anne Welles, Susan Buell, Julie Fernald, Bernice Klausky, Clifford Noyes, Brenda Lawson, and Timothy Stanley.

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Mark Worcester for Annabel D. Worcester

Lawrence Cole for Carolyn Dolliver

William & Kathleen Thurnau for Leslie Thurston

Anne & Bruce Pomeroy for Betty King

Cont. Do Flamingos Fly

I don't recall the flamingos, but I was here to visit my parents with my daughter, and for her newborn daughter to meet her great- grandparents. It was 1985, and parade day! June Sanner and her 6 week old granddaughter Jillian met us and we walked over to see the festivities—I believe they called it a “Wicked Good Weekend”. It was a wicked good weekend anyway, we loved it! Even if we had to cover the baby's ears with a blanket as the fire trucks screamed by.

In time things and names change— and that weekend became Southwest Harbor Days and then into the Quiet Side Festival.

Enter — Nancy Dawson!

Nancy informed me that she and Jon and their two girls were here for the summer. She saw children around the old school house that were having a great time, and wondered what was going on. She discovered SFOA (Summer Festival of the Arts) and enrolled her girls, starting a new chapter in the lives of her family and this community! She wanted to get more involved with local activities and fundraising possibilities.

While shopping one day, she found a barrel full of flamingo whirl-a-gigs, and not one to miss an opportunity she bought every one! That was the beginning of pink boas and flamingos being introduced as the mascot for the Quiet Side Festival. Later came the plastic models.

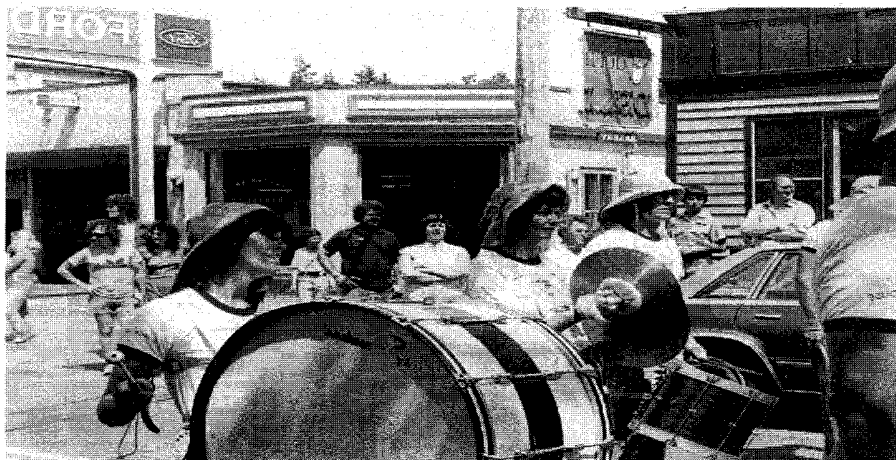
One could buy a bird and a membership to the Southwest Harbor Yacht and Polo club for \$15.00 (Now keep in mind, there has never been an official yacht or polo club in this town and probably never has a polo pony resided here). It was all in good fun and was a resounding success!

As I was walking to my house a friend stopped me on Main St. and asked where I was going with that ugly bird and what I was going to do with it. I explained it was to be placed on my front lawn to show my support for Harbor House. She said she would offer her support but would never have one of those things on her lawn!

Nancy was now interested in organizing a Booster Club or some sort of activity for fundraising. The answer— a cocktail party to recognize all volunteers who donated their time, talent, and treasures in support of Harbor House Children's Programs. Those programs included SFOA, Camp Beech Cliff, and MDI Sailing Center. She held this at her home for 10 years, until it became such a large event. It was turned over to Harbor House, where it now continues to be held at the barn in the Causeway Club .

27 years ago it was 1997 and that was the beginning of what we now know as the Flamingo Festival!

Photo of band playing at the festival



Cont. Do Flamingos Fly?

In the early 90's, there was an article in the Bangor Daily that spoke of the infamous Pink Flamingo and its founder Don Featherstone. He was a graphic artist who lived in the Boston area.

Marty Lyons contacted him and asked if he would be interested in being the Grand Marshall for the Quiet Side parade. Don said he would gladly go, and that he and his wife would come dressed in clothes she made in which the material had flamingos. The Harbor House payed for his trip and accommodations for him to take part in the festival.

Don Featherstone created the iconic creature in 1957 but it didn't become popular until 1987! He passed away at the age of 79 some years ago.

Nancy Dawson has a wealth of information about the programs, parades, and countless activities of Harbor House and the involvement of the community.

Marty Lyons was the executive director of the Harbor House for 27 years and retired in 2005. He and Nancy are the go-to people for all the information here, as well as the pictures provided.

On behalf of the Historical Society, I thank them for their time and all their efforts and for their years of making this a very successful local event (Our brains here are already working on some ideas for next year's festival and maybe something at the museum!).

You may have noticed that we do not have any flamingos out by our sign on the lawn. Some were there, but they seem to have spread their wings as they are gone! Last year one disappeared the day of the festival and this year the same has happened. Now— do flamingos fly?

Harbor House Happenings



What a Parade! What a Festival! Thank you all!

"This year's Quieside Festival was a great success!" says the Great Pink Flamingo. "Many of us have new, year-round homes on the island, and the humans — little and big — had lots of fun."

Harbor House would like to extend a very special thank you to the festival organizing committee and to parade coordinator Jennifer Worcester. The efforts of our volunteers was reflected in the number of participants who came out to this year's parade and Quieside Festival activities. Way to go, everyone!

"It was awesome!" adds the Great Pink Flamingo. "People let their creativity run wild and pink — from lighthouses and sand castles to flamingos roasting marshmallows at a campfire. And in true Harbor House spirit, every entry in the parade won a prize."

We at Harbor House also hope that the business people in the community benefited greatly from the weekend of events.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the festivities!

There are still quite a number of flamingos hanging around town and the rest will be back next year.

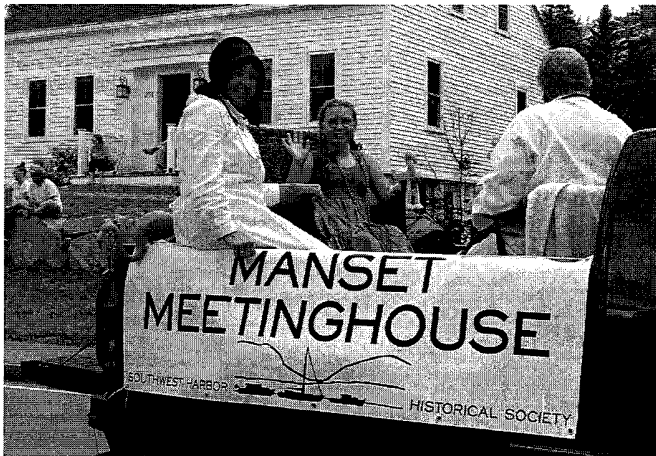


Harbor House Quieside Festival Organizing Committee 2002 (left to right): Mary Anne Griffin, Janice Roberts, Carol Walsh, Nancy Cerrato, Dario DelCastillo, Sharon Howard, Marty Lyons, Ruth Jellison and Felice James. Not pictured: Jesse Morehouse and Jennifer Worcester, parade coordinator.

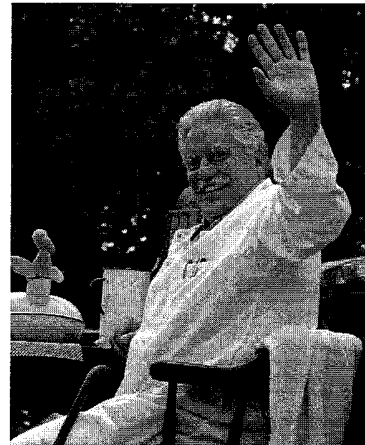
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Flamingo Festival Pictures 2021 & 2022

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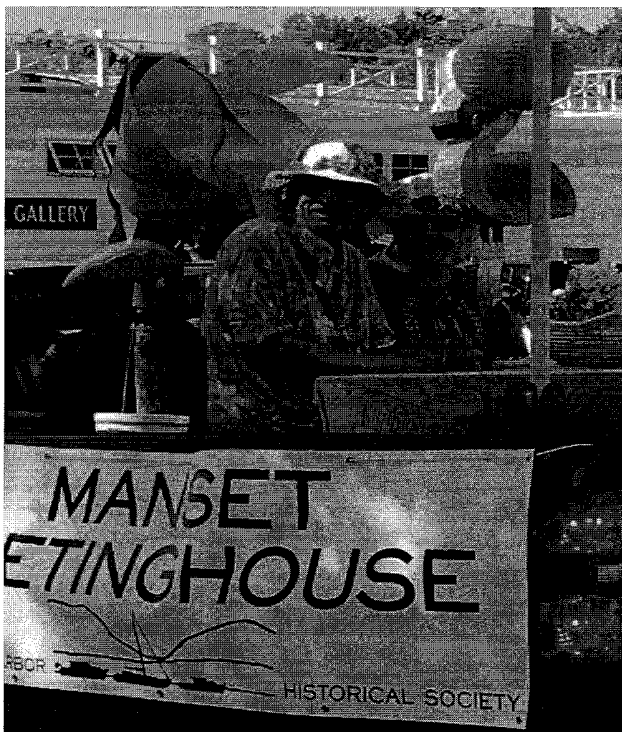


Leslie, her granddaughter Liana, and Dr Tom Adams

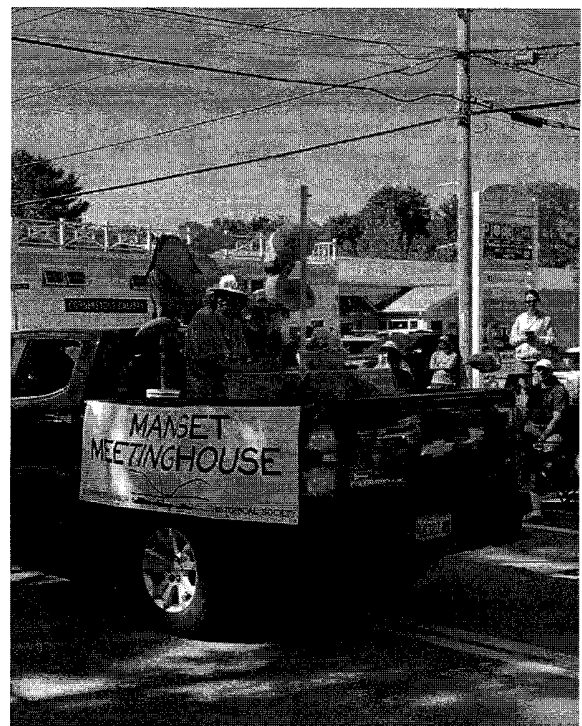


Dr Tom Adams

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Leslie and Clifford Noyes on our float 2022



The newsletter committee has heard from several individuals "We miss you listing residents who have passed".

We will try to resume this on current newsletters. If we have missed someone, please notify us and we will include them in the next issue. Thank you for your suggestion! The following is a list for those that have passed last year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Stevens, Clyde Ray Jr	68	SWH	01/13/21
Mills, David Knight	90	SWH	02/09/21
Gallagher, William L.	85	SWH	02/22/21
Klausky, Shelia M.	85	SWH	03/01/21
Towne, David V.	78	SWH	03/28/21
Benson, David B.	92	SWH	04/07/21
Leach, Norman C.	87	SWH	04/16/21
Chisholm, Samuel T.	67	SWH	06/07/21
Gray, Tyler D.	78	SWH	06/17/21
Lepelley, Edith R.	93	Bangor, ME	06/14/21
Garver, Rachel A.	82	SWH	06/15/21
Carlson, Bruce Sr	84	Springvale, ME	07/11/21
O'Donnell, Micheal J.	63	SWH	07/19/21
DeVisme, Diane J,	69	SWH	08/08/21
Murphy, Micheal W.	60	SWH	08/17/21
Eck, Constance L.	95	SWH	08/18/21
Church, Janice W.	85	SWH	08/21/21
Redlon, LaVerneE.	100	SWH	10/13/21
Barrons, Thomas Dean	60	SWH	10/19/21
Buell, John W.	76	SWH	11/04/21
Closson, Irene L.	73	SWH	11/06/21
Terry, Wilbert	91	SWH	11/18/21
Lawson, Thomas P.	71	SWH	11/25/21
Treseler, Richard J.	60	Surry, ME	12/02/21
Stanley, Ralph W	92	SWH	12/07/21
Twiss, John	70	SWH	12/25/21
Gilley, Edward L.	94	SWH	12/30/21

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Monteleon, Marjorie	82	SWH	01/05/22
Evans, Lucretia W	101	Kennett Square, PA	01/13/22
Sweeney, Patricia R.	93	SWH	01/17/22
Higgins, Harriett M	99	Bernard	01/22/22
Bengur, Nevin	97	Baltimore,MD	01/24/22
Wolfe, Penelope S	92	SWH	02/06/22
Brown, Robert C. Jr	60	Trenton	02/17/22
Clark, Dean H	75	Virginia	02/24/22
Mitchell, Janet L	85	SWH	02/25/22
Farley, Claudia L	75	SWH	03/04/22
Kennedy, Patricia L	72	SWH	03/15/22
Crooks, Patrick J.	90	SWH/Bar Harbor	03/16/22
Grant, Margaret T	86	SWH	04/02/22
Benson, Peter T III	97	SWH	04/17/22
Worcester, Warren R.	96	SWH	04/18/22
Matlack, David R	99	SWH/Orono	04/19/22
Burns, James O.	59	SWH	04/26/22
Leighton, Mildred Irene	82	SWH	04/30/22
Haertel, Paul F.	81	SWH	06/05/22

Hanscom, Beverley J.
Carlson, Eleanor Rachel
Smith, Louise

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91 Manset/RI

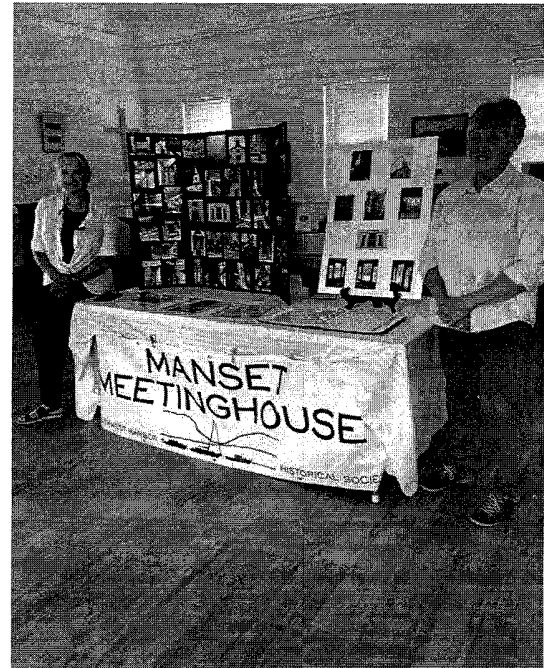
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Manset Meeting House Open House 2022

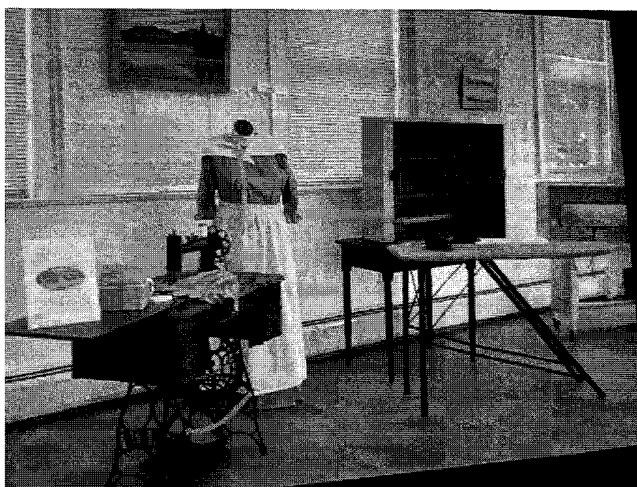
We had our first successful open house for our museum here at the Historical Society on Saturday, August 13th from 12pm - 4pm! Thank you to all who attended to check out our exhibits, and please feel free to pay us a visit to see what we have on display. The following are pictures from the Open House.



Leslie W., Beth G., Aimee W., with Church pew door, bible holder, picture, and hymn board from our archives



Leslie W and Aimee W



Sewing & Laundry Display



Ralph Stanley Display