



Historically Speaking

Bustins Island Historical Society

Remembering and Preserving our Island's Past

Spring 2015

2015 Exhibit: George Blanchard Richardson



President's Message: A Great Summer Ahead

This year your Co-Presidents Wendy Ralph and Patrice Kastenholz have had the pleasure of working with a great Board and the many islanders that make the Bustins Island Historical Society (BIHS) and its museum possible.

Our Exhibit this year will feature longtime island resident, George Richardson, who died in 2013 at age 99. George will forever be remembered driving his Model T around the island for a parade, afternoon joy-ride cruising the strip, delivering brides or grooms as a wedding carriage, or at countless other events. The Exhibit will be entitled "George Blanchard Richardson, 1914-2013, Lover of the Long View." Come join us at our museum opening celebration, Saturday July 4th from 4:00-5:00 PM, in the Ships Inn Museum. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. You will be amazed at the life of this fascinating man.

As most people know, George wrote the original History of Bustins Island, but maybe most don't know that he left the rights to the book to the BIHS. In addition to getting the history ball rolling on Bustins, the book's sale proceeds help to fund our mission to preserve the memory of the Bustins' way of life that we so treasure. The book is in its third printing and is available for sale at the Ships Inn Museum. It makes a great souvenir or Christmas gift for those who love the Island.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday August 9th at 1:00 PM in the Community House. After an ever so brief business meeting, we will present a snapshot of George Richardson and then invite friends, Islanders and Family to share their many stories and memories of George. The BIHS and Richardson family invite all to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Another BIHS development is the Board's decision to allow BIHS members to use the museum for get togethers such as memorial services or other small family events that seek an intimate space smaller than the community house but larger than their cottage. The event use will need to be approved by the board in advance. There will be a small usage fee and the benefit will only be available to members. This is yet another great reason to join the BIHS.

A few last things in closing: the Board wishes to thank the many volunteers who donate their time as docents, to those who lend exhibit materials or donate stuff to the museum, and to those who generously donate funds for the BIHS operations and future. The board hopes that before you throw something at Bustins out, you'll contact a board member to see if it wouldn't be a great addition to the collection. Please keep us in mind if you seek an organization for memorial donations. We are a 401C organization and can accept donations that will be tax deductible.

See you this summer. It's almost here!

Patrice Kastenholz and Wendy Ralph
Co-Presidents, BIHS

Save the Dates

Opening Reception

Saturday, July 4, 2015
4:00-5:00 PM
The Ships Inn Museum

Annual Meeting

Sunday, August 9, 2015
1:00 PM
The Community House

Become a Part of the Bustins Island Historical Society Today

Please join us in helping to preserve Bustins' past! If you are a new member, we welcome you and thank you for your contribution. We extend a special thanks to renewing members for your ongoing support.

2015 Membership Dues

Individual \$15
Family \$25
Contributor \$50 or more

Please send donations using enclosed envelope to:

Lyn McElwee
207 Milford Lane
McCormick, SC 29835

Thank you for your prompt response.

Please consider additional contributions to the these two funds:

1. George Richardson Memorial Fund
2. Ships Inn Museum Window Replacement Fund

Please note the appropriate fund name(s) in your check memo line.

Become a Docent!

Signing up to be a docent is a great way to meet your fellow islanders and learn a bit more about our island's history. Docents open the Ship's Inn museum on Wednesday and Saturday mornings throughout the summer. No experience is necessary. Sign up on The Store porch or contact Janice Boyko: janiceboyko@gmail.com

New BIHS T-Shirts

Our popular T-shirts will be on sale again this summer. Pick some up for the whole family! Shirts are \$18 at The Ships Inn Museum

New Use for the Schoolhouse?

The Board of Overseers has proposed a new use for the Schoolhouse: a charging station/digital work station area with a possible wireless "hotspot."

If this proposal is approved, a team of professionals and volunteers would clean and repair the interior, run electricity to the building from the Community House's solar power system, and install desks or counters with outlets. The Board of Overseers would also set up a system to control and monitor the building's use.

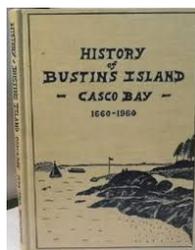
The Historical Society board supports this proposal as it leaves the historic structure and appearance of the building intact.

The Ships Inn Museum Maintenance

Islanders have generously donated a total of \$1,000 toward the Ships Inn Museum Window Replacement fund. After this summer season, museum contents will be protectively stored in preparation for the museum roof and window replacement projects. The Board of Overseers hopes to complete these projects in the off-season.

Every Cottage Should Have a Copy!

Does your cottage have a copy of George Richardson's *History of Bustins Island ~ Casco Bay ~ 1660-1960*? These wonderful books are available at The Ships Inn Museum for \$25.



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*Looking forward
to seeing you on
the island this
summer!*