



CHEBEAGUE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mission Statement

To acquire and preserve material culture related to Great Chebeague Island and its environs and to share information related to the history of Great Chebeague Island: to create a sense of place and enrich the lives of those with island connections and the general public through exhibits, research, technology, and publications.

This mission will be accomplished by:

- The acquisition, preservation, and display, both physically and digitally, of material objects, documents, photography, oral histories, and videos related but not limited to: the history, geography, genealogy, economics, culture, of Great Chebeague Island and its environs;
- Using its collections to show Chebeague's connection to the communities in and around Casco Bay, the State of Maine, and the Atlantic world.
- Researching, recording, and sharing, both in written and digital form, and through lectures, the story of Chebeague's past so the public will better understand the present as they plan for the future;
- Operating a high-quality archives, a research center, a museum, and a museum shop.

Material culture includes: tools, weapons, utensils, machines, ornaments, art, buildings, monuments, written records, religious images, clothing, and any other ponderable objects produced or used by humans. If all the human beings in the world ceased to exist, nonmaterial aspects of culture would cease to exist along with them.

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