



CHEBEAGUE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AUGUST 2023

150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, August 13th under the tent at the CIHS Museum

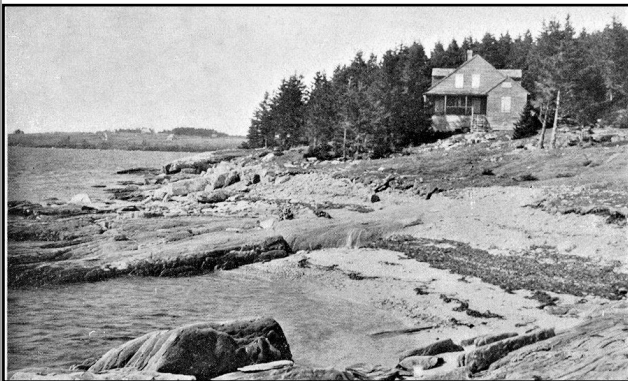
The tickets are going fast for this exciting event—but there is still time to get yours and join us! The afternoon festivities (1PM to 3PM) are free and will include a rededication of the building, entertainment, remembrances, activities for kids, book signings, music, refreshments and more. Evening activities (5PM to 9:30PM) cost \$85 per ticket and will include an old-fashioned lobster bake with entertainment provided by a jazz band with a nationally known vocalist. BYOB. More information is available on Facebook and our website. Tickets may be purchased at the Museum Shop in person or by calling 207-846-5237 during regular museum hours.

JULY MYSTERY PHOTO ANSWER



Tad Runge was the first to recognize July's mystery photo as the summer home of the former Portland Female Orphan Asylum. Founded in 1832, the Asylum was headquartered in Portland. In the 1890s the orphans camped on Chebeague at the shore now known as Sunset. In 1897 the Asylum bought an 18th century farmhouse and barn from Sarah Strout, whose ancestors bought it in the 1840s. The Asylum built the three and a half story orphanage as well as a gazebo next to the original house. John and Lucy Small bought the orphanage and farmhouse in 1914. John Small cut off two floors of the orphanage and used what remained as a shop where he

built many boats and punts. The Smalls sold the place to Emery Ross in 1956. His widow, Elizabeth, conveyed the property to her brother-in-law and sister, Richard and Priscilla Ross, in 1983. The Smalls' boat shop (what was left of the former orphanage) became known as the "Bungalow" and still stands. Richard Ross, known as Poochie, lived on the property until his passing in 2022. The property is now owned by Darren Mansfield. *Submitted by Donna Damon*



AUGUST MYSTERY PHOTO

Where is the house? Who owned it? What happened to it? Finally, what is in the background on the left? Email answers to chebeaguehistory@gmail.com.

ELLSWORTH MILLER MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

**7 PM on August 28th at the ISLAND HALL
and on ZOOM**

Please join us for our August lecture "The Portland Gale of 1898". The presenters will be Cap Leonard and Bill Danielson. You can join us in person or on Zoom by going to zoom.us and selecting Join a Meeting. Meeting ID is 829 6247 6056. No password is required.

MUSEUM HOURS:

**TUESDAY—SATURDAY: 11AM –4PM
SUNDAY: 1PM—4PM**

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