

BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



BEALS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTS "MONSTERS FROM THE SEA"

On Friday, March 17, Beals Historical Society will be hosting BES students as they present their project, "Monsters from the Sea". According to Principal Chris Crowley, the project began in preparation for visiting author Mary Cerullo's book, "City Fish, Country Fish" which focuses on the ocean and the complexities of the many ecosystems that it contains. Under the tutelage of BES teachers, students creatively deepened their understanding and appreciation of marine life by working on poetry and scientific research on coral reef and ground fish ecosystems. They made connections with the author and a Downeast Institute scientist in order to learn about their professions, passions, and personal stories. Also the students visit DEI on a weekly basis where they have on-going scientific observation, research and recordings at weekly labs.

The faculty feel that one important outcome of this experience has been a heightened awareness of the importance of responsible environmental

stewardship necessary in protecting our oceans. As part of this awareness, students have collected trash from a local beach. Each classroom has worked together, creating a three-dimensional sea monster from garbage. Their creations will be on display at the Friday presentation.

To quote Mr. Crowley, "As many of our students will make a living from the ocean and with the economy of our communities in the area dependent on this resource, it is our hope that this young generation will embrace these educational opportunities in order to become stewards of the ocean, protecting it for years to come."

We hope you can join us in support of our young people and the project they have researched and created. The program will be held at Beals Elementary School gym at 6:30 p.m. Prior to this time, we invite you to attend the historical society's annual business meeting at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

MAY 6TH FUNDRAISING PLANS

In an effort to raise a portion of the \$7,000 needed for the Cold Storage Area, BHS Annual Talent/Variety show will be held on 5/6/17 but the venue may change. This year there is a strong possibility of BHS having a ham dinner at the Community of Christ Church at

4:30PM. Following dinner would be the talent show. This idea is in the planning stages only. We will make the final announcement at the beginning of April. If this can happen, we would need many volunteers. Please let us know if you interested.

REMEMBERING "REGGIE", BEALS ISLAND'S BEST FRIEND

by *Erroll G. Woodward*

Reginald Dale Woodward was my uncle, the son of Lewis C. Woodward and Rose B. Woodward. He was the

youngest of seven children and he was a miracle child.

When somewhere around three years old, this bright active child was stricken

with a serious case of meningitis. Little was known about the disease at that time and Gram Rose and Grampy Lewis were

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 17 @ 6:30PM

Annual Business meeting/Program

May 6 @ 6:30PM

BHS Talent/Variety Show

May 29 @ 10AM

Memorial Day Program

June 23 @ 6:30PM

Arnie Smith program
Early 19th Century Hay Creek Tide
Mill Project

July 1st for the 4th

To Be Announced

August 18th

To Be Announced

October 21

Gospel Concert

Please mark your calendars as we greatly appreciate your support!

PERSONALIZED BRICK ANNOUNCEMENT

For 2017, BHS will be offering the Patio and Veterans personalized bricks at a reduced rate of \$75 each. The bricks will be set in time for BHS Memorial Day program.

For more information, please call Carol at 207-497-2675.

Thank you!

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told to expect the worst because Reggie would in all likelihood not recover and they would lose him. Reggie was at that time as helpless or perhaps more helpless than a newborn baby.

My grandparents were devoted Christians and believed that through prayer and the grace of God, Reggie would survive. They spent hours in prayer and were determined that they would do whatever was needed to get Reggie onto his feet and walking again. They massaged Reggie's muscles, moved his arms and legs, and placed cushions and pillows around him when trying to help him sit or stand.

Amazingly, Reggie learned again to do the things he had done before being taken sick. He was left with a hoarse sounding voice and was somewhat unstable on his feet. He would develop to adulthood several years behind the normal child. This was great for me, as he made a wonderful playmate and was most always available since we lived next door.

Reggie was not only my playmate, but

he was friend and pal to anyone who would befriend him at all. Unfortunately, he was sometimes the brunt of some "practical joke". His natural love for people never allowed him to turn against any "practical joker" or to do anything mean in return. It was more like that he had the trusting love of a faithful dog for its master.

Eventually, Reggie got to the point where he could do physical work. He carried out chores for Gram Rose. He handled firewood, carried water, and delivered home cooked foods to those around town that Gram feared might be in need.

Reggie had a love for learning and although he had been unable to attend school in the normal sense of the word, he loved to visit the high school, take a seat and dictionary, and copy words and definitions. He became a very good speller and reader, and he had the memory of an elephant as the saying goes. Being fascinated with the sinking of the Titanic, it seems he knew every fact concerning that ship and disaster.

Reggie suffered another painful injury while working in the family lobster

dealership. One of Reggie's duties was to operate the gas pump at the end of the wharf. He lowered the hose nozzle to the boat below, turn on the pump, and pull the hose back when the refueling was finished. One day, somehow, the hose pulled him off the wharf and onto the boat below. Reggie's knee suffered a serious injury requiring that broken pieces be wired together. After healing, Reggie had a slight permanent limp.

Time went by, Reggie was maturing and one day he just gave his choice playboat to a young child who could enjoy it. Reggie had reached young adulthood. So, most of the playing of Roy Rogers, Tom Mix, Jim Beatty and such, was gone.

I returned from serving in the U.S. Navy in 1955 and shortly after, it was learned that Reggie's short thirty nine years of life on Beals Island had ended by a tragic drowning. I remember Reggie and the overflowing crowd gathered at the church for his funeral.

This is my long overdue tribute to Reginald Dale Woodward, the best friend Beals Island ever had.



BEALS HERITAGE CENTER BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please check one: Renewal New Date: _____

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

Name: _____
(Please type or print clearly)

Your mailing address:

Street or Post Office Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

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

- Individual Annual \$10 Annually
- Individual/Life \$200 one-time payment
- Couple Annual \$15 Annually
- Couple/Life \$300 one-time payment
- Senior/65 Annual \$5 annually
- Senior couple/65 Annual \$7.50 annually
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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.

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

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*