



Boys at South Berwick Landing, late 1800s.
Photo from the Counting House Museum archives

Fishes, Flappers & Wily Waters

The Old Berwick Historical Society of South Berwick, Maine, invites you to join us in our series of talks on local history in 2003. Admission is free at most events.

- January 23 - 7:30 pm** (Federated Church) "EXPLORING LOCAL BLACK HISTORY" - Historic preservationist Valerie Cunningham presents early black history of the New Hampshire Seacoast and southern Maine, challenges faced by free blacks in the north, and ways their experiences differed from those of European immigrants.
- February 27 - 7:30 pm** (Federated Church) - "CROSS-GRAINED AND WILY WATERS" - Nick Brown presents slides and tales from the Seacoast's acclaimed new guide to the history and ecology of the Piscataqua region, with pictures from the Old Berwick Historical Society collection.
- March 27 - 7:30 pm** (Federated Church) - "LITHOBOLIA: The Stone Throwing Devil of New England" - Historian and author Tad Baker talks about the important but little-known 1682 case of witchcraft and haunting that started in New Castle, New Hampshire, but would soon spread to Berwick, Maine.
- April 24- 7:30 pm** (Federated Church) - "LOCAL LIFE AND LINGO OF THE TWENTIES" - In anticipation of our May 3 "Evening in Time," Nicole St. Pierre and Peter Michaud will immerse the audience in an interactive presentation about our area in the 1920s.
- May 3 - 7:30 pm** (South Berwick Town Hall) - An Evening in Time - "ROARING TWENTIES SPEAKEASY" -- An uproarious evening to benefit the programs of the Old Berwick Historical Society -- Admission \$20-- Members \$15
- May 22 - 7:00 pm** (Counting House) - OBHS ANNUAL MEETING - New and old historical society members will be treated to a musical performance in the Counting House ballroom and new maritime exhibits in the museum.
- Early August - dates to be announced** - ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG - Maine archaeologist Tad Baker leads our ninth season of exploration of Humphrey and Lucy Chadbourne's 17th century house in South Berwick. Work at the site or in the artifact lab at the Counting House. OBHS membership requested. Information (207)748-0074.
- September 25 - 7:30 pm** (Federated Church) - "COD ABUNDANCE" -- Historian Karen Alexander presents an analysis of codfish distribution in the New England fisheries during the mid-1800s.
- October 23 - 7:30 pm** (Federated Church) - "REBELS IN CASCO BAY: A Daring Maritime Raid in Yankee Land" -- Historian Paul Colburn talks about the night Confederate soldiers came up the coast and boarded the Union revenue cutter Caleb Cushing for an attack on Portland harbor.
- November 20 - 7:30 pm** (Federated Church) - "A COUNTRY LAWYER: Abner Oakes and the Rum Rebellion" - Wendy Pirsig tells how a judicious young Maine attorney handled cases from small claims to arson and murder during South Berwick's frightening crime wave of the mid-1800s.