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New Committees Formed

Two new committees were recently formed among BLMA directors:

- Exhibit Committee, chaired by Charlotte Head, is charged with the responsibility of evaluating current and future exhibits with an eye to quality, visual focus, and natural history of Beavertail. Plans are already being made to update photos and descriptive labels for existing exhibits.
- Merchandise Committee, chaired by June Luedke Webb, will be responsible for determining new items for sale in the coming season. Works of art, various jewelry (pendants and pins) along with various maps and books are under consideration.

Additional appointments made at a recent Board of Directors meeting were:

- **Publicity** Marilyn Thomas
- Education Nancy Logan
- Newsletter Hugh Bucher
- Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Thomas

"We are a growing volunteer organization, and we are really fortunate that we have dedicated members who are willing to accept important positions," stated Tony Faria.

BLMA Receives Special Donation

Arnold Art Store & The Gallery of Newport recently presented a check for \$1,000.00 to BLMA. The donation resulted from the sale of a painting entitled "Beavertail Light" by Jamestown's renowned artist, John Mecray. Our sincere thanks to *Bill Rommel* for the generous donation.

The December Holiday Craft Sale

was most successful. Over \$1,500.00 worth of merchandise (tees, sweat shirts, hats, mugs, etc.) was sold. This was BLMA's second year of participation in this event. Needless to say, we are very pleased with the results.

Annual BLMA Raffle and Holiday Open House

were both successful events. Over \$1,400.00 was raised by the raffle. Sincere thanks to *the Jamestown Newport Ferry Company, Connie Armbrust, Fern Malouin, Kathy Brownell, Bob Dennis, and Walter Schroder* for their donations. Many thanks also to the volunteers who sold tickets for this important fund raiser -- especially those hearty individuals who braved the sometimes bitter cold outside McQuade's Market. Many thanks also to *Linda Warner* for overseeing the Open House and to *Ann Bucher* for supervising the Raffle.

Memorial Day Parade

BLMA directors recently decided to participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 27. We would like to encourage members to participate wearing their Beavertail Lighthouse hats, tees, sweat shirts, etc. This will be the first opportunity to display our new banner.

Annual Spring Clean Up

The Museum's annual spring clean up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at 9:00 AM. Volunteers are requested to bring their cleaning equipment. There is considerable work that must be done before the Museum can open. If you have any questions please contact *Dave Clem at 423-2827*.

1996 Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Schedule

The Museum will be open Noon - 3:00 PM Memorial Day Weekend (May 25-27), and the first three weekends of June. Commencing June 22 and continuing through Labor Day the Museum will be open daily 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Beginning Saturday, September 7, the Museum will be open Noon - 3:00 PM weekends only through Columbus Day, October 14.

Tidal Pool Excursions Again at Beavertail

We are very fortunate to have *Pat Venable* volunteer her time again in July and August to conduct the Tidal Pool Excursion programs. These one-hour explorations of sea life at Beavertail were very popular last summer and of great interest to all ages. Because they must be held at low tide, the dates and times are variable. Informative posters will be located around town and at the Museum. Articles will also be found in the *Jamestown Press* with the schedules.

The number of participants will be limited to 15 at each session. THERE WILL BE NO ADVANCE SIGN UPS and the first 15 to come will be able to participate. We hope this method will cause fewer problems than happened with advance registrations last year.

New this summer is a guide for interested visitors, *Marine Life of Narragansett Bay, A Guide for Beachcombers*, which has been especially compiled for the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum. Identification guides to the marine life will also be on sale in the Gift Shop.

BE A BEAVERTAIL LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION MEMBER

[]	New or [] Renewal
[]	STUDENT \$ 5.00
[]	INDIVIDUAL 10.00
[]	FAMILY 25.00
[]	SPONSOR 50.00
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Memberships run July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997

Volunteer Areas of Interest

	Volunteer Museum Attendant
[]	Building/Maintenance Committee
[]	Fund Raising Committee
[]	Nominating Committee
[]	Archives Committee

[]	Museum Clean Up Committee	
	(May and/or during Summer)	
[]	Group Tours Liaison	
[]	Publicity/Newsletter Committee	
[]	Oral History Project	
[]	Holiday Open House	
[]	Naturalist Program Liaison	
[]	Other	
Suggestions		

Thank you again for your support. See you at the Museum!

BLMA Officers/Directors

President Anthony Faria
Vice-President Linda Warner
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Treasurer W. Craig Armington

Secretary Alden Walls

Directors June Luedke Webb

David Clem Robert Dennis Nancy Logan Charlotte Head Fred Clarke Diane Faria

CLASSIFIED/WANT ADS SECTION

- **Wanted:** New members for the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association. *Benefits:* Learn more about your community, receive newsletters, meet new people, get discounts on some wonderful gifts and clothing. If you have neighbors and friends who aren't members, please encourage them to apply. Call Nancy Logan (423-3572) for application and *free* copy of our newsletter.
- **Help Wanted:** Volunteer Museum Attendants. Need 28 people per week during July/August serving in 3-hour shifts. *Requirements:* Must be interested in meeting hundreds of people from all around the world and sharing information about life in a lighthouse and a little bit of our history. Call Tony Faria (423-2011) or Bill McCraw (423-1870) or any Board member.
- **Help Wanted:** Tour Group Liaison. Are you a good organizer and publicist? Need a person to contact schools and arrange for class visits to Beavertail as well as special groups who visit. Arrange for volunteer tour guides and keep records of group visits. A special *Discovery Tour Guide* is available for groups and for individuals who come to the Museum. If interested please call Nancy Logan (423-3572).

To learn more about the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association write or call:

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