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## Video History of Old Town

Although there is some written history of Old Town, this material fails to capture the small items on which make the community unique. Much of this is only recorded in the memory of those that lived the event.

The Old Town Museum has decided it will attempt to capture some of this historical information before it is lost forever. To accomplish this, the Museum would like to record on video tape, items of interest as remembered by Old Town citizens.

Virginia Fortier will be taking the lead in accomplishing this project. It is hoped that many Old Town citizens will volunteer to record their memories of such things as the log drives, leisure activities in earlier years, how Old Town celebrated the end of World War I or travel on the trolley to Bangor.

If you are willing to record some of your memories or know some one who will, please contact Virginia Fortier.

## Friends of the Museum

On May 3rd, Barbara Csavinsky, President of the Old Town Museum Board welcomed citizens who are interested in forming a "Friends of the Museum" group. The idea is to identify a group of people who are willing to assist in a wide variety of tasks which must be done to assure the Museum accomplishes its intended mission. These tasks include helping catalogue Museum acquisitions, assisting in the creation of displays, helping on fund raising, helping staff the desk while the Museum is open and many other items.

Many of the items require only a small amount of time while others may require a greater commitment. It is hoped to be able to match the interest of individual "Friends" with the

need of the Museum

The Museum is a valuable addition to the community and it needs a great amount of volunteer assistance if it is to achieve its full potential. It is hoped the group will continue to grow over the years and is open to anyone who is willing to assist on any of the many items .

# Membership Drive

At a recent Museum Board Meeting, William Osborne announced the start of the 1999 Membership Campaign. It is hoped this years Membership Drive will generate additional income which may be used to reduce the outstanding loans which were required to finance the acquisition of the building which currently houses the Museum. The reduction of these loans would result in saving on the interest which must be paid each year. Additional income could also provide funding for museum acquisitions or the many other items of expense faced by the Museum.

Membership dues will remain the same as in previous

years. The Board expressed hope that the membership drive would be successful. It was also noted that if people desired, they could make donations rather than become members. Membership dues for 1999 are as follows:

Individual	\$20
Family	\$30
Seniors	\$10
Life Member	\$250
Group/Business	\$100

Membership payments should be sent to the Old Town Museum, PO Box 375, Old Town ME 04468.

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## Summer Program and Exhibits

Mark your calendar for June 6, 1999. At 1:00 PM on that day the Old Town Museum holds its Opening Reception for the 1999 season. A part of the program will be the presentation of awards for the Museum's High School Art Competition. Music will be provided by the "Award Winning" Old Town High School Jazz Combo and refreshments will be provided by "Our Neighborhood Club". The Museum has been open since early April, but this event signals the formal beginning of the 1999 season.

There are several new exhibits at the Museum this year. One of the more interesting exhibits is titled

"What's it?". This exhibit designed by Charles Grindle includes a large number of tools or household appliances which are no longer used. The idea is to identify as many as possible. This exhibit will be changed periodically, so even if you know all the items in one exhibit, there will be a continuing test of your memory.

Another new item this year is a rotating exhibit of collections provided by individual Old Town citizens. The first exhibit, a collection of miniature shoes, has been provided by Museum Board Secretary Peggy Manzer.