### News from the Old Town Museum

Summer, 1999

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## Art Contest Judges

The Old Town Museum is deeply appreciative of the volunteer activities of three local artists, Matt Lewis, Pam Dumphee, and Judy Lacadie Hill. These three undertook the judging of the High School Art Contest.

Judging art contests is not an easy task and the number of submissions did not make the task any easier. The diverse entries and the quality of the high school art made for a difficult task but the judges finally arrived at their decisions.

### Edgecomb Volunteers

Nicole Edgecomb, a 1999 graduate of Old Town High School, attended the Formal Opening of the Museum this year and then became one of the newest volunteers.

The Museum has accumulated many items of historic interest but cataloging these acquisitions was not complete. Nicole was what the Museum needed, a volunteer with computer expertise. Since mid June, she has spent many hours computerizing the records of acquisitions. This will make it much easier to identify specific items when preparing exhibits. Thanks to Nicole for a great job.

# Winners -Art Contest

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If the results of the High School Art Contest sponsored by the Old Town Museum are any indication, the area should be proud of it's young artists. The artwork was on display for several weeks before the winners were announced at the Museum's Formal Opening for the 1999 Season held on June 6, 1999.

High School Art Teacher Charles Johnson had encouraged students to create items for display. Students had the option of submitting items in one or more of the the three art categories which were to be judged. The judging of the submissions was done by knowledgeable local artists. A \$25.00 first prize and three Honorable Mention Certificates were awarded in each of the three categories. The judges reported the selection of winners was not a easy task. The winners were:

Figure Sculpture 1st Prize - Jen Reinzo Honorable Mention - Balakw Cleary, Stephanie Gowan, Shawn Gallant Drawing/Painting/Printmaking 1st Prize - Greg Cole Honorable Mention - Sean Barry, Erica Jarvis, Stacy Meister Masks 1st Prize - Rebecca McFalls Honorable Mention - Jessica Murray, Ann Kucheryavenko, Amber Vars

### Volunteers Needed

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The Old Town Museum is operated by volunteers. Like any volunteer operated activity, there are never enough volunteers to do all of the tasks that should be done.

In this edition of the Mus-News, we have highlighted some of the volunteers who have helped the Museum this year. Most of the tasks needed to be done do not require any special expertise, the only requirement is an interest in the area's history and a willingness to devote a few hours time to make the Museum a more visible place in the community. Sue Gleason, Chair of the Operations Committee, has a need for volunteers to help staff the desk during the hours the Museum is open. There is also a need to assist in creating or setting up displays, helping on fund raising, maintaining the landscaping around the museum property or in publicizing the Museum's activities.

If you are interested in volunteering to help staff the Reception Desk or in assisting in many of the many other tasks required to operate the Museum, please contact Sue Gleason. We are sure you will find volunteering to help preserve the history of the Old Town is a worthwhile activity.

#### The Old Town Museum PO Box 375 Old Town, ME 04468



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### **A New Exhibit**

Harold Lacadie has been developing a new exhibit for the Old Town Museum. Since the Museum opened, it has acquired a large number of old photographs of the Old Town area. It has been difficult to display these in a way which could easily be viewed.

A number of these photographs are now being scanned onto a large capacity computer disk. A computer terminal will be placed in the exhibit area and set to provide an automatically changing presentation of the pictures. It will not require any special action on the part of the person wishing to view the exhibit.

This is only one of the new exhibits that await your visit to the Old Town Museum

## **Membership Drive**

The membership drive is continuing. Membership dues are a follows:

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

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

Donations to the Museum are also gratefully accepted and should be sent to the same address.