

OLD TOWN MUSEUM

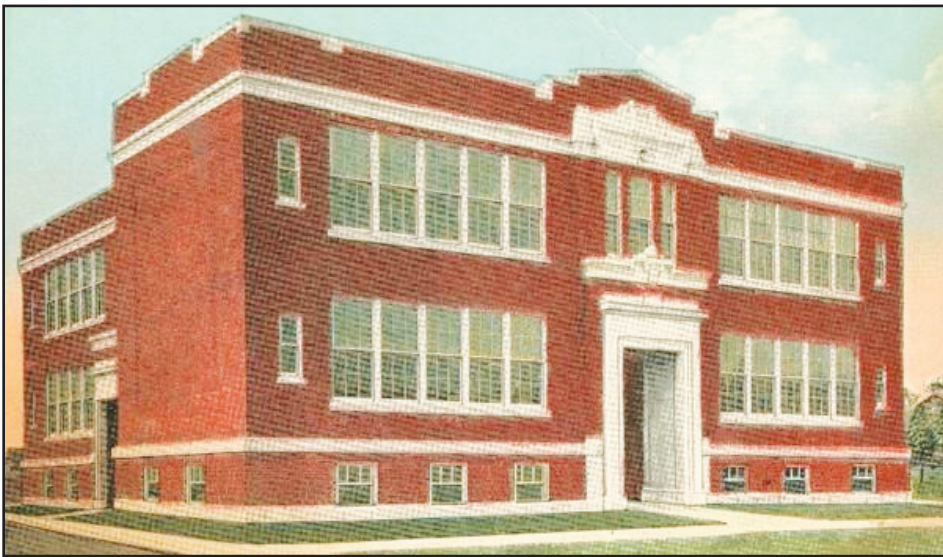
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The Old Town Museum is a volunteer effort dedicated to preserving Old Town's history.



The Old Town Museum will open for the season on Sunday, June 5 with a 2 p.m. program featuring memories of the Herbert Gray School.

Former students, teachers, parents and all interested people are invited to attend. The program is free, the Museum is handicap accessible and light refreshments will be served.

The Museum is happy to announce that it will open for the 2022 season with a program on Sunday, June 5 at 2 p.m. Our initial program this season will feature memories of the Herbert Gray School. The school, once located on Stillwater Avenue in Old Town was the site of many memories for several generations of school children. The Museum has paid tribute to this school by placing the name stones on our side yard and a mural of the school has been posted on the new building the museum has acquired for storage. We are happy to say it makes a very attractive portrait of the former school. All former students, teachers, parents of students and other interested people are encouraged to attend this program. Light refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge at the Old Town Museum; however, donations are gratefully encouraged.

The Herbert Gray School Building was a worthy monument to one of Old Town's most distinguished citizens. When School Superintendent Chase found school conditions congested and the city somewhat in doubt as to how it could finance it, Mr. Gray and others came forward under the name of the Old Town Improvement Co. and relieved the situation. The organization lost no time in getting to work after the Stillwater Avenue site was selected. Shortly, Old Town had a school building "that for the money expended (\$128,000), size and most modern conveniences could not be excelled in the state. The building was constructed of brick burned in Brewer with cast stone finish and was a very attractive building from the street and nearer. It is finely lighted having at least 20 percent of the floor area in windows and all classrooms having lighting so desirable for pupils." C. Parker Crowell and Walter S. Lancaster of Bangor were the architects.

About Herbert Gray: Herbert Gray died on in 1947, at age 93 at his home on 50 High Street. He was born on March 26, 1854, the son of Alexander and Mary (Baston) Gray and at the time of his death was believed to be the oldest resident of Old Town. He was associated with his brother in various business enterprises. He was



Herbert Gray, 1854-1947

associated with the Old Town Woolen Company, participated in founding the Bickmore Company and with his associates started the Old Town Canoe Company. Gray was the last surviving charter member of Tarratine Lodge, I.O.O.F. He was Mayor of Old Town for two full terms, 1894 and 1895.

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Old Town Museum Summer 2022 Hours

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On June 7 the Museum will host students from Old Town Elementary School when some board members will show them the newly organized collections we are fortunate to hold and make available to our young Old Town historians and to history enthusiasts.

Following these programs the Museum remains open for the season. This year we will be open on Wednesdays, Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning June 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on various Sundays for programs. Please stop in and visit and reminisce while enjoying the interesting displays.

Other programs in the works include

Genealogist/Author, Dana Murch discussing his research of his Franco American families, a history of the Old Town/Orono YMCA, a glimpse into oral interviews of local folks done by students at the University of Maine, a look at the history of Victory Field and a belated Maine bicentennial presentation. When we have more information about these upcoming programs we will share on our website and our facebook page. Hope to see you all this summer.

The Old Town Museum is a wonderful place to hold community or civic meetings. We are handicap accessible, and have a fully equipped kitchen and plenty of tables and chairs to facilitate most events.

For more information call the Old Town Museum at 827-7256 and leave a message.

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The Old Town Museum is a 501(c)(3) organization.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Museum, please check here

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