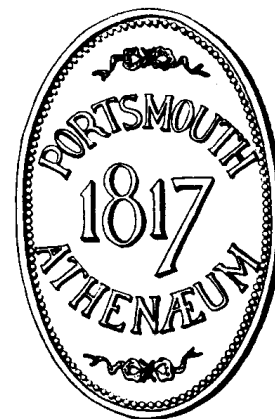


The Portsmouth Athenæum Newsletter

Summer, 2009



Annual Book Sale Planned for October 3

Time once again to begin preparations for the annual Athenæum Book Sale, scheduled this year for Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 9:00 a.m. til noon, at the Sanderson's barn in Portsmouth. Used books can be dropped at the Athenæum or taken to the barn on Sept. 8, 15, or 22 (call 431-2538 for times and directions). Please consider helping out, either by donating or volunteering to transport or sort books. We're also looking for musical accompaniment during the sale and for someone to run a Bake Sale. Contact Carol Lincoln (carol.lincoln@comcast.net) with any questions. Other Committee members include Ellie and Dave Sanderson, and Nancy Grossman.

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Would You Know These Folks on Sight?



At the Athenæum's Annual Meeting in March, it quickly became apparent that the current economic downturn makes leadership of such non-profit groups as ours a choice made by only the only the most dedicated and intrepid of spirits.

The group at left, your newly elected Board of Directors, are such people. They deserve not merely our good wishes and thanks for taking all this on, but hefty donations of our time and assistance in order to get the job done.

Officers include President *Carvel Tefft*, Vice President *G. Patrick Nerbonne*, Treasurer *William Purinton*, and Secretary *Douglas Aykroyd*. They join Directors *Ann Beattie*, *Karen Bouffard*, *Philip Cavanaugh*, *Katherine Clark*, *Frederick Gray, Jr.*, *Susan Hamilton*, *Col. Lionel Ingram*, *Simeon Jarvis* and *Michael Murray*; and with the help of past-President *Wendy Lull* and Keeper *Tom Hardiman*, will help to keep the Athenæum the fabulous seacoast resource it has become.

Next time you pass them on the street, offer to join a committee, help with an exhibit, or simply say thanks.

Events and News for Proprietors, Subscribers, & Friends of the Portsmouth Athenæum

UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY, 2009 - OCTOBER, 2009
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

THROUGH

- OCT. 31 "Selections from the Ogunquit Museum of American Art" on view, Randall Gallery
- JULY 2 Armistead & Louise Dennett host an Athenæum tea, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Reading Room.
- JULY 3 "Art 'Round Town," showcasing works from the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Randall Gallery
- JULY 16 Gallery talk on "Selections from the Ogunquit Museum of American Art" by Ron Crusan, OMAA Director, 5:30 p.m., Randall Gallery
- AUG. 7 "Art 'Round Town," showcasing works from the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Randall Gallery
- AUG. 11 Thomas Deneberg, Deputy Director and Chief Curator of the Portland Museum of Art, lectures on the "Call of the Coast: Art Colonies of New England." 7:00 pm. at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art. Co-sponsored by the Portsmouth Athenæum. (The Portland Museum of Art holds an exhibition of the same title June 25-October 12.)
- AUG. 11 Seventeenth Annual Athenæum Pot-luck Picnic, 5:30 p.m., Seacoast Science Center. Invitations forthcoming.
- AUG. 12 Bus trip to the Ogunquit Museum from the Athenæum. \$30 includes box lunch. Space is limited. Phone early for reservations.
- SEPT. 4 "Art 'Round Town," showcasing works from the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Randall Gallery
- SEPT. 8, 15, & 22 Book drop-off at the Sanderson Barn, 248 Spinney Rd., Portsmouth for the Athenæum Book Sale. Phone 431-2538 for times and directions.
- SEPT. 15 In a meeting of the Piscataqua Decorative Arts Society, Hollis Brodrick lectures on "New Discoveries In Decorative Arts and Artifacts of The Piscataqua Region." 5:30 p.m., Tyco Center, Strawberry Banke. \$10 for non-PDAS members.
- SEPT. 17 Gallery talk on "Selections from the Ogunquit Museum of American Art" by Ron Crusan, OMAA Director, 5:30 p.m., Randall Gallery.
- SEPT. 26 Portsmouth Maritime Folk Festival presents cameo concert performances by various artists. Free and open to the public. 1:00- 5:00 p.m., Sawtelle Reading Room.
- OCT. 1 In a meeting of the Piscataqua Decorative Arts Society, Susan Strickler hosts a special behind-the-scenes session on "Arts of The Piscataqua." 6:00 p.m., Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. \$10 for non-PDAS members.
- OCT. 2 "Art 'Round Town," showcasing works from the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Randall Gallery
- OCT. 3 Annual Athenæum Book Sale. Sanderson Barn, 248 Spinney Road, Portsmouth.

Space for Many Events is Limited; Please Call 431-2538, ext. 2, for Reservations

CONGRATULATIONS, WELCOME & THANKS

TO THE FOLLOWING NEW
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Congratulations to the following new Proprietors introduced in previous Newsletters:

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Welcome to new Subscribers. . .

. . .*Stephen Decatur*, retired from the advertising world and now pursuing his interests in New England and naval history, as well as genealogy. He and his wife, Marcia, live in Marblehead.

. . .*Joyce Fitzpatrick*, a retired Assistant U.S. Attorney now living in Portsmouth. She has a background in literature and theater, in addition to law, and appreciates the legacy of the Athenæum.

. . .*William Hazen*, a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army with a keen interest in local history. He lives in Kittery Point with his wife, Marcia Gibbons.

. . .*Lynne Kelley*, retired from the English Department of Phillips Academy, Andover and now living in Portsmouth. Lynne is a researcher and writer and an active community volunteer.

. . .*Jessica Ritzo*, a Project Director of Market Research and Consulting whose family has a long history of association with the Athenæum. She lives in Portsmouth with her husband, Anthony.

. . .*Sheelagh Ryan*, a native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, who's an avid reader with an interest in history. She and her husband, John, now live in Portsmouth.

. . .*Tara Vose*, Collections Manager at Strawberry Banke Museum, and a resident of Portsmouth with a life-long interest in history and language.

Thanks are due everyone who helped in the grueling work of transferring all of our manuscript collections out of and back into the vault during the ceiling repairs: *Douglas & Elizabeth Aykroyd, Richard Candee, Kitty Clark, Ronan Donohoe, Kinley Gregg, Gerry Kelly, Wendy Lull, and Bill & Nancy Purinton*. Also to *Susan Hamilton* and *Ron Cruzan* for their excellent work in hanging our summer exhibit and extra special thanks to *Deb Richards* and *Sally Strazdins* for catering to the multitudes at the opening. Our gratitude to *Sherry Wood* for hosting our July "Art 'Round Town" opening, with help from *Eliza Wood, Ed, Inge, and Tori*. And to *Army and Louise Dennett* for hosting a tea for new Subscribers and Proprietors, with indispensable help from *Sarah Hamill, Wendy Cote, and John and Wendy Mason*.

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 Fitzgerald, Paul *Invisible History: Afghanistan's Untold Story*
 Flynn, Kevin *Wicked Intentions: The Sheila Labarre Murders, a True Story*
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 Giddings, Paula *Ida: A Sword Among Lions: Ida B. Wells and the Campaign Against Lynching*
 Gilder, Louisa *The Age of Entanglement: When Quantum Physics Was Reborn*
 Glass, Julia *I See You Everywhere*
 Goldman, Francisco *The Art of Political Murder: Who Killed the Bishop?*
 Goldthwaite, Richard A. *The Economy of Renaissance Florence*
 Grant, R. G. *Battle at Sea*
 Griffith, Lawrence D. *Flowers and Herbs of Early America*
 Gunning, Sally *Bound*
 Guy, J. A. *A Daughter's Love: Thomas More and his Dearest Meg*
 Hamblyn, Richard *The Cloud Book: How to Understand the Skies*
 Harford, Tim *The Logic of Life: The Rational Economics of an Irrational World*
 Harvard Art Museum *American Paintings at Harvard*
 Hazen, Henry Allen *The Congregational and Presbyterian Ministry and Churches of New Hampshire*
 Heat Moon, William Least *Roads to Quoz: An American Mosey*
 Heskell, Julia *After the Harkness Gift: A History of Phillips Exeter Academy Since 1930*

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- Holmes, Hannah
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Wilczek, Frank
Williams, Greg H.
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On Architecture: Collected Reflections on a Century of Change
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"Let a Common Interest Bind Us Together": Associations, Partisanship, and Culture in Philadelphia, 1775-1840
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GIFTS OF BOOKS

Richard Adams: Eugene Ritzo, *Danger Forward!: Korea, The Forgotten War Remembered* and Philip B. Kunhardt, *The American President*; **Bloomsbury Press:** Hugh Howard, *The Painter's Chair: George Washington and the Making of American Art*; **Boston Athenæum:** *Boston Athenæum Reports for 2008*; **Abby Burch:** Abby Burch, *By His Account Rendered*; **Richard Candee:** *The Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion: The Coolidge Years*; **Deb Child:** *Catalogue of Bradford Academy, 1803-1853, Semi Centennial Catalogue of the Officer and Students of Bradford Academy, A Memorial of Bradford Academy* and Maud Palmer Thayer, *The Beginnings of Bradford*; **Patrick Daley:** *Journalism and Communication Monographs. Vol. 11, No. 1 (Spring 2009)*; **John Evans,** Peter Pagnamenta, Editor, *The University of Cambridge: An 800th Anniversary Portrait*; **Daniel Fernandez,** Daniel Fernandez-Davila, *Architectural Recording Project: 437 Marcy Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, A Documented Case of Victorian Architecture*; **Susan Hamilton:** Tom D'Evelyn, *Accidental Pilgrim*, Madeleine Findlay, *Shaped Water: a Haiku Year and Empty Boathouse*; **Peggy Hodges:** M. F. Bloxam (aka Peggy Hodges), *The Night Battles*; **Linda Hughes,** Charlotte Gonser Russell, *Godfrey and Mary Cline and Their Descendants and Gonser and Baumann families from Baden-Württemberg*; **Philip Kendrick,** James L. Garvin, *Historic Properties Review, prepared for "A Day with the Wentworths": New Hampshire's First First Family, Illustrated Memories of Portsmouth, Isles of Shoals, New Castle, ...*, Charles Penrose, *Ichabod Goodwin (1794-1882) Sea Captain, Merchant, Financier, Railroad President, Civil War Governor*, **GRIST:** *GR eat IS land T ales, Journal of the New Castle Historical Group, Summer 1993*, William Safford Jones, *Colonial Backgrounds of the Piscataqua Region, Map of Portsmouth Harbor Including Historical Points and Landmarks, Area Use Study Report: Northern Utilities Inc., Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Seacoast Life, Winter 1989, Vol. 4, No. 2*; **Courtney MacLachlan:** Ronald Reagan, *The Reagan Diaries* and Elizabeth Strout, *Olive Kitteridge*; **Old Berwick Historical Society:** Andrew P. Peabody, *Memoir of Charles Burroughs, Prepared for the New Hampshire Historical Society* and Hosea Ballou, *Notes on the Parables of the New Testament*; **Dave Sanderson:** *Numismatic Exhibit, City of Portsmouth, N.H. Planning Board, Master Plan: Portsmouth's Future Presence (1991-1993), City of Portsmouth, N.H. Planning Board, Master Plan: Combined Appendices for Master Plan: Portsmouth's Future Presence and Land Use*; **Peter Vogt:** Peter Vogt, *Benjamin Stevens, Harvard A.B. 1740: Liberal Congregational Minister, Dudleian Lecturer, and Almost Harvard President*; **Barbara and Gerald Ward:** *American Furniture: 2008*, Gerald Ward, *The Grove Encyclopedia of Materials and Techniques in Art*, Jeannine Falino et al, *American Luxury Jewels from the House of Tiffany*; Louis Grivetti and Gerald Ward, *Chocolate; History, Culture, and Heritage*, Brock Jobe, *Harbor & Home: Furniture of Southeastern Massachusetts, 1710-1850*; **Charles Wendell:** Martha Dickinson Shattuck, *Explorers, Fortunes, and Love Letters: A Window on New Netherland* and Peter A. Douglas, *Dutch Renaissance: The Story of the New Netherland Project*; **Douglas Wheeler:** Douglas L. Wheeler, *'Fifty-nine Remembers : A Fifties' Tribute to Dartmouth College: Word & Image.*

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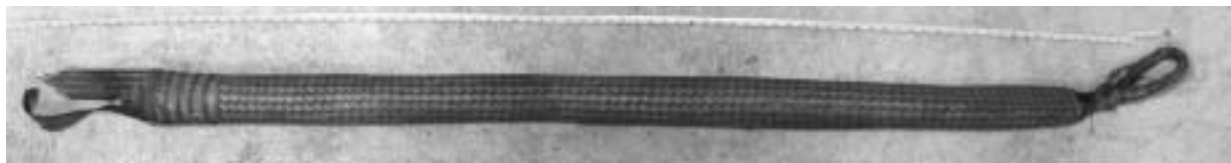
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Can you help identify this basket?

This 72-inch-long basket has apparently been in the Athenæum since the nineteenth century. The only reference to it in the old records is a twentieth-century catalog entry, which links it to a shield and spear from the island of Nias (off the coast of Sumatra), which were given in 1820 by Rev. Charles Burroughs. Early catalogues of the collection list only the shield and spear, so the link with the basket is undocumented. No examples like it have surfaced so far in our searches through other ethnographic collections.

The Art and Artifacts Committee would be grateful for any leads which might help identify the origin of this basket. Please contact Elizabeth Aykroyd, Curator: athartifacts@portsmouthathenaeum.org.