

The VILLAGE VOICE

Old Stories + New Beginnings



Wishing
You &
Yours



A Happy
& Healthy
Holiday



& Full
Steam
Ahead

INTO 2021

...I am so thankful that communities exist that try hard to create magic for those who live or visit there. Communities that strive to make memories that last a lifetime, that remember that children are our future and what we foster in them is what they will give back. I'm grateful for places like the Railway Village who preserve our past, who help the past come alive again and I'm also grateful for people, like George McEvoy, who had a dream that he brought to life that can be shared by everyone...'

Whitney Wright- Publisher Macaroni Kid Midcoast ME

Moving Forward Into The Past

by Lori Reynolds

2020 has been a wild ride.

We have all faced unrecognizable challenges, and forged ahead with our own version of 'Plan B'. We have witnessed the unimaginable, and conquered the impossible. And despite our distance, we have never had more in common.

The holiday season has presented a new set of challenges, forcing us to make difficult decisions and forego favorite traditions in exchange for a healthier future for all. And yet, we have continued to move forward, count our blessings, help one another as best we can, and keep the faith for brighter days ahead.

We are so proud to be a part of a community that rises above adversity with grace and compassion for one another. And we send our Village Voice with wishes for a happy and healthy holiday to all, and a feeling of excitement for the new year.

We are pleased to report that a lot has happened since our last edition of the Village Voice. We have continued to rebuild our past, as we set our sights on the future. We dabbled a bit in the world of filmmaking (p.4), began developing a new App (p.2), welcomed consigners to the new Iron Horse Antiques & General Store (p.4) and rekindled our Christmas spirit (p.3).

In a nutshell, we began *moving forward into the past*. And our community was (and continues to be) our inspiration. We plan to open the season stronger than ever in 2021, offering each and every one of you, the best museum experience yet.

And we cannot wait to host you again.

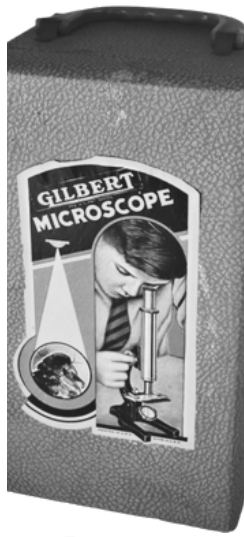


What's NEW In the World of OLD

The Village was thrilled to welcome Anthropologist, Dr. Whitney Lytle to the team in September. In addition to creating new and interactive programs and exhibits, Whitney will be cataloging and curating the museum's entire collection. She has many exciting plans for the museum's future, some of which will be enjoyed as early as next season!

Among them will be the Grand Re-Opening of the Village Toy Shop! With its new design and central location, a peek through the windows will make you feel childlike wonderment as you gaze upon toys from the 18-1900's. Step inside and go back in time to the way children played 100 years ago!

We will also debut the Maine 200 (+ 1) Exhibit. Although Covid derailed our 2020 Maine Bicentennial celebration plans, get ready for our new Maine 200 (+1) exhibit! The new display will commemorate influential individuals and families from our state's early years. Select men and women that helped shape Maine's future will be highlighted with artifacts and pictures from the 1800's.

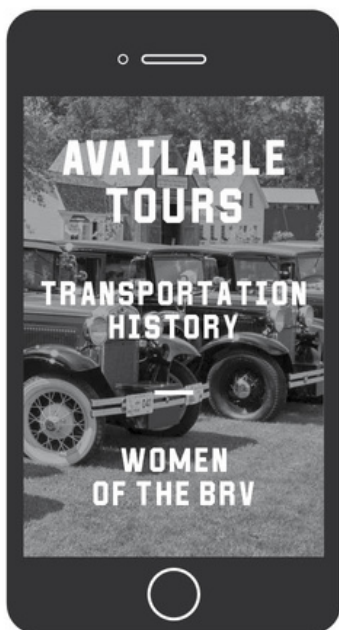


Who's Making History



We are pleased to welcome the newest member of the BRV tractor family, and we wish to thank Dana and Susan Fowle and the Lundquist family for their generosity.

The story behind the tractor:
'This 1936 Cletrac was purchased from the H.F. Davis tractor company in Boston, MA by Louis LaMontagne for his farm in Woburn, MA. The farm, including this Cletrac, was purchased in 1959 by David Lee Lundquist. The farm continued with the help of this tractor until 1980, at which time the land was sold for industrial development. The Cletrac was put in storage until 2001, at which time the Lundquists' generously gave it to Dana Fowle, a neighbor and friend, to restore to its present condition. With the Lundquist blessings, it is now time to donate it to the Boothbay Railway Village for others to enjoy for many years to come'.
Dana and Susan Fowle



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NEW APP!

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Pair your visit to our Maine 200 (+1) exhibit with the Bicentennial Tour on our new app to continue exploring what the Railway Village has to offer! The new app will offer a modern and safe visitor experience and a variety of tours to capture every audience.

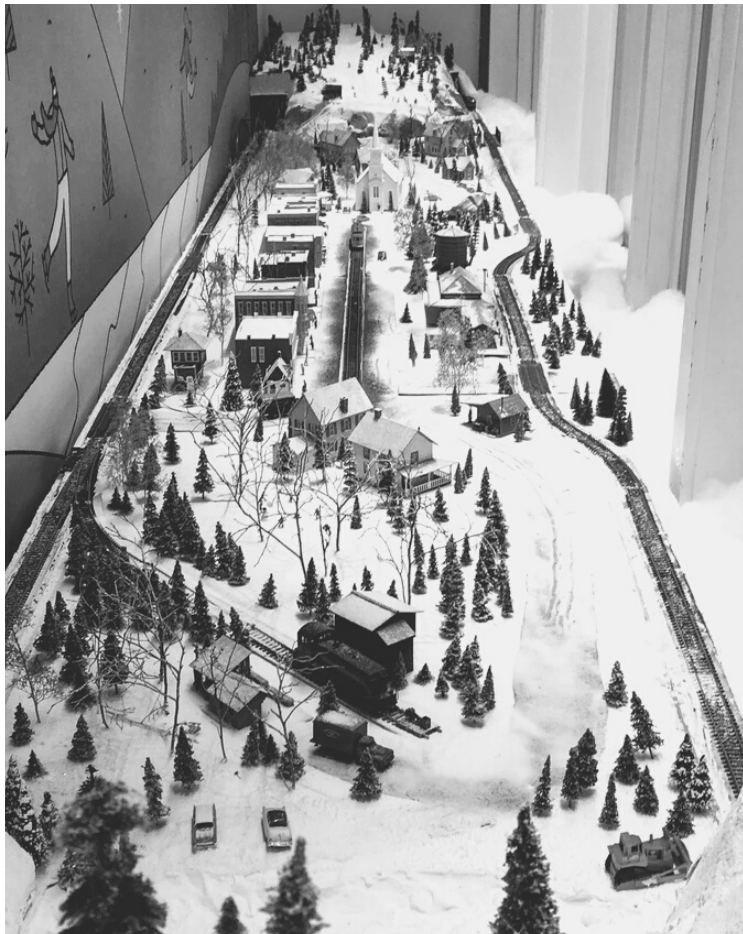
The Village People

Once a year, just in time for the holiday season, the Village People take their show on the road to L.L. Bean...

our talented model railroad team spends several weeks building a model railroad display to be part of L. L. Beans' "Northern Lights" and packs up the entire Winter Village to head to Freeport each year before Thanksgiving. This festive display has been a tradition in the L. L. Bean's children's department since 2015 but like most traditions of the past, this year a creative twist was required. A new magical display was developed and this year is showcased in one of L. L. Bean's 95 Main Street window displays.

The team of Village volunteers, (led by Anthony Lippincott and his wife Lorna, Bob Holland, Bob Bennett and Bob Dexter), worked tirelessly to create the 28-foot-long, winter wonderland. The scene captures the essence and spirit of an iconic Maine Winter, featuring skiers, skaters, rock climbers, snowball fights, and even a few lucky (AND unlucky) hunters! It is a celebration of the outdoor recreation that L.L. Bean has encouraged and outfitted for the past century in Maine, and an absolute *must see* on your Winter Fun To-Do List.

Another spectacular reason to shop local and support Maine businesses!



Meanwhile, back at the Village...

We've all had our share of disappointments this year. For the Village team, canceling the North Pole Express felt a lot like canceling Christmas. The thought of missing out on hundreds of little smiling faces, with eyes as big as saucers when Santa emerged from the North Pole station, seemed almost unbearable.

But once again, we were inspired by our community. As soon as we heard the light show would go on, our Christmas spirit was rekindled, and our crew got busy decorating. Dave, Karen and Josh (pictured above) created a life-size Gingerbread House to add to their impressive light display for passers by to enjoy on their way to Gardens Aglow and Boothbay Lights.

As for Santa, he asked us to pass on an important message to children of all ages...

'Even though the Santa Train never got to leave the station in 2020, the Christmas magic is still all around us. All we need to do is keep believing...'

Until next year, Merry Christmas to all



Iron Horse Antiques + General Store

You may have heard by now that the Village Museum store has an exciting future that will be filled with treasures from the past!

Last year the BRV team decided it was time to bring the store back to its original glory, and began planning the debut of Iron Horse Antiques & General Store.

The team agreed that the store should reflect the museum's mission to showcase Maine history, while offering an opportunity for local antique dealers to sell their collections. In addition to traditional antiques, consigners will feature vintage and repurposed items, as well as art, handmades, and unique finds that relate to Maine lifestyle, from 200 years ago to present.

Although the store does not officially open until next spring, our family of consigners is growing every day! We are thrilled to welcome:

Westwind Antiques & Collectibles of East Boothbay



Like most Antique Dealers, Steve and Eleanor Alley have a passion for all things old. They especially love local history, which makes them a perfect fit for our new store! Their space will feature primitives and nautical items, as well as vintage glassware and all things pretty (as Eleanor describes her collections.)

Lone Pine Design of South Bristol

Laura's pieces are handcrafted and each one unique. They feature semi-precious stones and fresh water pearls, with a classic and vintage look, at an affordable price. Laura loves all things vintage and shoppers will also enjoy checking out her latest finds when visiting her booth.



Runaround Pond Soaps of Durham



Meg makes bath and body products the old fashioned way...natural, healthy and socially responsible! Her line includes soaps, body butters, sugar scrubs, lip balms, and even dog shampoo! We tried out Meg's products and can attest that they do wonders for your skin!



Iron Horse Antiques is currently accepting vendor applications. Space is very limited so contact us soon at Lori.Reynolds@RailwayVillage.org

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