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Dear Roma,

Hello Friends!

Fall? How could it possibly be Fall already! While visitors to the islands are slowing down (the **Fall boat schedule** is in effect until October 8th
- <http://www.bostonharborislands.org/ferry-schedule-spring-fall>)

In this issue we have info on upcoming trips and events that are on or about the harbor. When the last issue of Tidings was completed, I did not expect to publish an additional issue for at least a month... well, there are so many activities happening in/on/around the harbor that are interesting, and with our web page that we could not delay this issue! Enjoy!

- **HarborArts Festival** - Sept 22nd
- **Fall Harvest Fest** - Sept 30th
- **Rainsford Island Trip** - Sept 15th
- **Northern Light House Trip** - Sept 29th
- **Stellwagon Bank Science & Educator Symposium** - Sept 29th
- **Boston Harbor Islands Regatta** - Sept 29th
- **Wild Edibles on Spectacle** - Oct 6th
- **Lighthouses of New England** - Oct 15th
- **Dr Joseph Warren - Oct 25th**
- **Mass Memories Videos now ONLINE**
- **War Relic** (poem)
- **Library Outreach Project**

Thank you for reading, and thank you most of all for your support. The Friends are primarily supported by your membership. Our office Coordinator sends Membership Renewal Letters approximately 4 weeks before your membership expires. You can respond by mail/check, or you can renew easily on our [web page](#) - it's instant!

If you were on the harbor and/or visited one or more of the islands this summer and would like to write an account of your experience, please send it to me for an issue of Tidings. We may print your story for all to see!
ChairmanFBHI@gmail.com

Thank you!



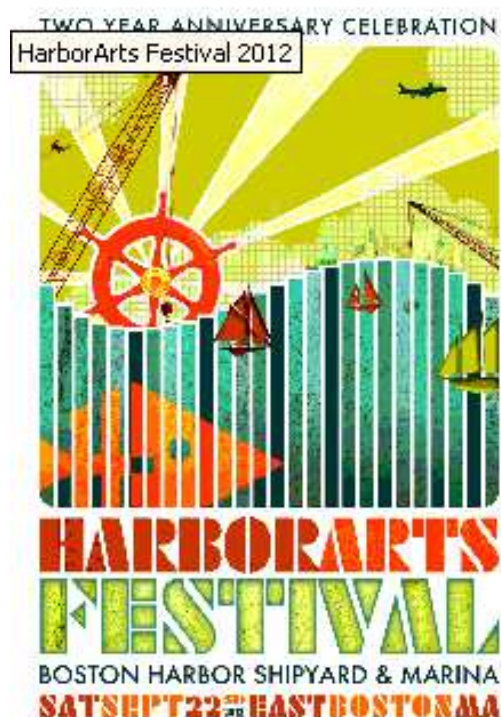
Walter Hope, Co-Chair & President

PO Box 121020, Boston MA 02112 for personal notes, and stories...

HarborArts Festival 2012

SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2012. Noon - 5 PM.

Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina, 256 Marginal St. East Boston.



HarborArts presents HarborArts Festival 2012, the 2 year anniversary celebration of the HarborArts Shipyard Gallery's grand opening; our exhibition of 30 large-scale outdoor pieces of public art by artists from three continents, curated by Randi Hopkins from the ICA. Come enjoy the Artwork, Music, Food & Drinks, Activities, and much more that the HarborArts Community has to offer.

The International Outdoor Gallery is a collection of "art with a purpose." We would like to invite you to engage in this celebration with us and the Boston art community on September 22nd, 2012.

On August 9th longtime Friends Member
Pearl Lang passed away.

A fund raising drive has begun to install a picnic bench in Pearl's memory on

Lovells Island. To donate online please visit our web page:
<http://fbhi.org/in-memoriam.html> or click on [PEARL LANG](#)

The Friends are the fundraising 'lead' and we are joined with other interested organizations that work with the harbor islands.

The beautiful poem written by Marc Albert presented in the last issue of Tidings can be found on our web page at: <http://fbhi.org/newsletter---tidings.html>



Pearl Lang

Fall Harvest Fest at Webb State Park

Sunday, September 30th

- Childrens crafts (pumpkin painting)
- FBHI Merchandise & Books
- Bayberry Candle Making
- DCR Mounted Unit (horses!)



- More!

In cooperation with DCR, Webb Memorial Park & FBHI

Location: River St., Weymouth

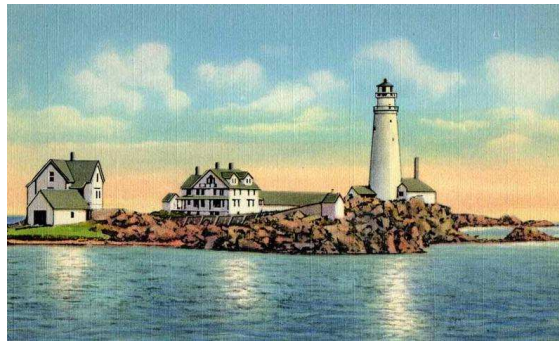
Located on Boston Harbor close to the Boston Harbor Islands, Webb Memorial offers quiet enjoyment and vistas of the harbor and Boston skyline. The park is a scenic peninsula that extends nearly half a mile into Hingham Bay. Recreational activities include fishing, picnicking and walking. A large pavilion with grills is available for rent to organized groups from May through October. The two glacial hills and connecting lowland that form Weymouth Neck and Webb Memorial have been sculpted by natural and human forces for over 12,000 years. The area was used extensively by Native Americans because of its wealth of shellfish, finfish and wild fruits. European settlers used the area primarily for agriculture until the end of the nineteenth century. Boats depart from nearby Hewitt's Cove in Hingham to Boston Harbor Islands.

Park Directions

Webb Memorial is located just south of Boston.

From Boston: Rte. 3A south in Weymouth, left on Neck St.

REMAINING BOAT TRIPS FOR 2012 Season



Boston Light long ago

Rainsford Island Saturday September 15th (departs 10am returns 2pm), boat leaves Rowes Wharf. Boat does not have restrooms and no provisions for food (pack your own lunch). Elizabeth (Liz) Carella photo historian is leading the island walk she brings Rainsford to life with the historical photographs of the people and island buildings.

Boat lands on the beach, a higher mobility is required of participants, feet will get wet as well. **Online tickets can still be purchased at <http://fbhi.org/rainsford-island.html>** Online tickets are **INSTANT** - bring your receipt to the boat.

There is a special VOLUNTEER rate of \$22 for online purchases - thank you Volunteers!

Northern Lighthouse Trip Saturday, September 29th (Departs at 10am, returns 3pm), Boat leaves Boston Harbor Cruises at One **Long Wharf**. Boat has restrooms and a snack bar. Purchase your tickets online from fbhi.org or by mail at FBHI 30 Shipyard Drive #202, Hingham MA 02043 (at least 1 week ahead of the trip). Tickets may be purchased at the dock.

See Hospital Point, Fort Pickering, Ten Pound Island, Marblehead, Gloucester Breakwater, Eastern Point, Bakers Island, Twin Lights on Thatcher Island, Gravels & Boston Lights (weather permitting, route at the captain's discretion).



Stellwagon Bank Science & Educator Symposium

- September 29, Educators Conference Stellwagon Bank Science & Education Symposium at UMASS Boston
- Calling all K-12 teachers. Join us for the latest updates on sanctuary science.
- Activities include interdisciplinary education workshops and a special showing of Ocean Frontiers documentary

To register & learn more about the day:

<http://www.bostonharborislands.org/event-details?rid=1729>



2012 Boston Harbor Islands Regatta NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday, September 29th 2012
Pursuit Race

8th year, the Boston Harbor Island Alliance (BHIA) Regatta features an expertly-designed course that is a pleasure for experienced sailors as well as rookies. A pursuit race that celebrates the harbor, islands and this new national park, we draw over 400 sailors and hundreds of spectators. Capping the day will be a post-race awards bash, hosted harbor-side at the beautiful Fairmont Battery Wharf in Boston's North

End.

to learn more:

http://islandalliance.org/pdf/2012_BHIR_NOR.pdf



Eat That?

October 6 - Wild Edibles on Spectacle Island

Learn the many uses of plants and how to identify them during this plant walk.

10-11 am on Spectacle Island

<http://www.bostonharborislands.org/event->

[details?rid=1835](http://www.bostonharborislands.org/event-details?rid=1835)

Lighthouses of New England



October 15 - **a presentation** by historian

Jeremy D'Entremont at 7 p.m. at the Orient Height Yacht Club, 61 Bayswater Street, East Boston

By the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh



New England Resurrectionists, Dr. Joseph Warren's Head, and a Most Itinerant Corpse

Thursday, October 25, 6 pm

Described by author, historian, and physician **Dr.**

Samuel Forman as "a (mostly) serious talk on seasonally appropriate themes," this pre-Halloween

lecture will share highlights of the strange journey of famed **Revolutionary Joseph Warren's** skeletal remains. Contrary to urban legend, Dr. Warren's skull was never displayed at Old South Meeting House-but his remains have shown up in a considerable number of other locations over the years!

Join us to learn some unusual facts of Dr. Warren's travels after his formative role in the American Revolution and death in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

This program is made possible by funding from the Lowell Institute. FREE AND

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mass Memories Boston Harbor Islands Road Show

VIDEOS

are now
ONLINE

We are very excited to announce that the VIDEOS recorded at the Mass Memories Boston Harbor Islands Road Show in 2011 are now being loaded on the FBHI web page. Visit this page and learn first-hand about the harbor islands - from people who have experienced them first-hand. This is a treasure-trove of information, and you'll hear some wonderful stories about people and their families. Descriptions will be posted online as time permits over the coming weeks. Click on

MASSMEMORIES or go to: <http://fbhi.org/mass-memories.html> to see the videos as well as find a link to the photographs.

Videos from the Mass Memories - Boston Harbor Road Show

Please enjoy the 'living history' and personal stories of people who call the islands 'home' (the # in the video name is the video number) Video descriptions will be added over the coming weeks.



War Relic*

An island fort that played a role in war

is now a scenic ruin where kids play,
instilling hope the same fate lies in store
for conflict installations of today.
Time swallowed history. Now swallows nest
in rooms encrusted with a haunting mood.
Periodic squeals of swallow chicks attest
to begging for and being given food.
Discovering a nest, thrilled children seek
for others, finding more to their delight:
the fort has been inherited by the meek
though formerly it showed a nation's might.
The guns and cannons gone, we're left with fun
of finding nesting birds. Wars ended. They won.
Mario A. Pita

* Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, July 2011

2012 Library Community Outreach Program

This year the Library Community Outreach Program has helped FBHI spread the word about the Boston Harbor Islands National Park & our organization to 18 new communities!



This year, we had displays-up in 28 libraries including spots like Marshfield, Dover, Woburn, Ipswich, Peabody, Swampscott, and East Boston.

The team consists of **Kevin Rogers, Elaine Brockman, Lynn Hildenbrand, & Jackie Ladd**. Two additional volunteers are signed-up for next year also, but we could still use a few more people to help spread the word. Contact info@fbhi.org for information.

See a list of locations that we had displays at in 2009, 2010 and 2011 at [LIBRARY PROJECT](http://fbhi.org/library-legacy-project.html) or <http://fbhi.org/library-legacy-project.html>

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