

# Newsletter

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A warm welcome to our new JHS President, Mike Neitzke. Mike accepted the 2016 presidency last fall while assisting Herb Mueller with the presidential responsibilities during his failing health. Mike has served the JHS the past couple of years as a board trustee. His work and dedication to JHS are greatly appreciated.

## Letter from the President:

I would like to begin by sending out a very heartfelt goodbye to Herb Mueller, former President of the Jacksonport Historical Society, who passed away in October 2015. We are so thankful for all the time and energy he had devoted to us. His contributions to this organization will always be remembered.

As we've entered a new year, I would like to continue moving forward with development at our museum site. As you know, the Loritz Cabin, as well as the Cote Cabin, are on site. The next step in the process is to erect a storage building.

Over the years many items, large and small, have been graciously donated to the JHS. We would love to have a building to house and exhibit many of these artifacts. Having a building on the museum grounds would alleviate holding the items in storage units and also allow the JHS to acquire what has been so generously housed in community members' homes and property. Currently, we are in the beginning stages of this project and we are eager to keep things rolling. Any donation toward this storage/exhibit building would be greatly appreciated.

Everyone is welcome to attend our board meetings held the third Wednesday of each month from January thru October at 6:30 p.m. at the Jacksonport Town Hall. Programs are scheduled May through October with our Annual Dinner in July. The 2016 Program schedule is near completion as of the publishing of this newsletter. Please see the Program article in this newsletter and mark you calendar. As soon as we receive confirmation on the Annual Dinner plans we will let you know.

Membership information is included with this newsletter. Please remember to send in your 2016 membership dues.

Sincerely,

Mike Neitzke, President  
Eileen Roberts, Vice-President  
Dawn Honold, Secretary  
Mary Kaye, Treasurer

## Trustees:

Randy Erskine  
Les Kiehnau  
Mona Orthober  
Kadie Skippon  
Sue Serrahn

## 2016 JHS Program Schedule

### Door County Barn Quilt Project

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

7:00 p.m. Jacksonport Town Hall



Barn Quilts have become one more of the many attractions in Door County. How did they get started, why, do they have a meaning, and where are they?

Dawn VandeVoort, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Door County UW-Extension will begin with an overview of the Barn Quilt Project in Door County. The program will continue with information from many of the barn owners, including history and stories about the Jacksonport barn quilts. Audience is encouraged to bring their stories, photos, and heritage quilts to share.

### The Hein Family Has Deep Roots in Door County

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

7:00 p.m. Jacksonport Town Hall



Charles &  
Mathilda wedding

Marilyn (Hein) Jome, daughter of Stanley and Marie (Erskine) Hein grew up in Sturgeon Bay. Her heart is still in Door County even though she now lives in Oshkosh. Marilyn continues to counsel part time in her private practice, Hearts Unfolding Counseling. Marilyn was invited to go on a hike on the Door County Land Trust property known as Heins Creek. She was excited to go and see where her great-grandparents, William and Wilhelmina Hein, grandparents Charles and Mathilda Hein and her father Stanley had lived. This inspired her to begin a fascinating research project. Marilyn learned about what drew the early Indians to make the area their home and where artifacts are now stored. Through researching newspaper articles from the late 1800s and early 1900s the Hein family story came to life.

### Jacksonport Historical Society Annual Dinner

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Final confirmations are pending. Watch your email, JHS website and Facebook for this announcement.

### The Cote Family

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

7:00 p.m. Jacksonport Town Hall



Having up to a century of life in the heart of the village of Jacksonport allowed Leona (Cote) Grovogel and Joseph Cote to relay firsthand accounts of the Cote family's Jacksonport history to Les Kiehnau, Terry Magno, and others. Please join the camaraderie as Les and Terry present the Cote Family.

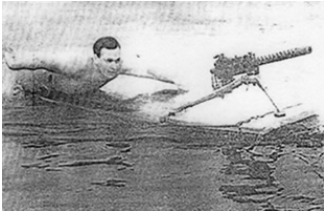
The Gaspard and Selina Cote family entered the Jacksonport scene in 1899. Initially farming at a site on what is now County A, Gaspard also operated a tavern near the center of town. Three of his six children continued to be involved in Jacksonport based agricultural, commercial, and retail enterprises for decades to come. Direct descendants of the family, including long time Jacksonport Historical Society member Jerome (Jerry) Cote, continue a Jacksonport presence today.

Les Kiehnau, son of Sally and Eugene, grew up in the village of Jacksonport. Although Gaspard's oldest daughter Leona (Exilona Cote) Grovogel was technically Les' great aunt, she always lived with the Eugene Kiehnau family and was

referred to as grandma. Leona was two years old when she and her parents arrived in Jacksonport. She remained a Jacksonport resident until her death, just short of 101 years of age. Leona and her husband William Grovogel were instrumental in Jacksonport's commercial fishing industry. Terry Magno, grandson of Joseph Cote, spent several summers at his grandparent's cherry and strawberry enterprise located at the corner of County A & V in Jacksonport. Joseph (Joe) Cote lived his entire life in Jacksonport. For a period of time in the 1970's Joe also served as Jacksonport's Town Chairman.

### Charles Koulias – A Jacksonport Resident and A Great American on Many Levels

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016  
7:00 p.m. Jacksonport Town Hall**



Charles Koulias in the 1940s aboard a surfboard equipped with a machine gun for beach assault.

Join us along with Gary Rezeau and Shaun Koulias for an entertaining and interesting evening learning about one of Door County's heroes of World War II, and a veteran of the Maritime Unit of the Office of Strategic Services, (OSS). The OSS evolved into the Central Intelligence Agency.

The OSS Maritime Unit was the precursor to the U.S. Navy SEALs, the U.S. Army Special Forces, and the Green Berets.

Charles Koulias' work with the OSS Maritime Unit involved developing equipment and tactics for the first combat swimmer training. His participation in this highly classified project was instrumental in giving the United States a very capable and effective underwater intelligence gathering group of combat swimmers who also engaged in direct action against our enemies in World War II.

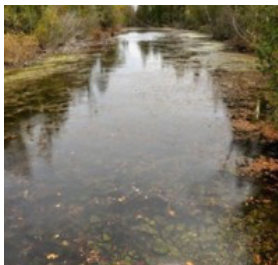
### Frank Butts

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
7:00 p.m. Jacksonport Town Hall**

Many members were disappointed last year when this program required rescheduling. Frank's son, Steve, will present the history of his father's life on Clark Lake and in Door County.

An only child, Frank Butts was born June 25, 1914, to a wealthy Chicago plumbing contractor and his wife Anna. Anna suffered ten pregnancies that ended in stillbirths or miscarriages in as many years, before Frank arrived in 1914. He was a cherished and protected child. At their summerhouse on the north end of Clark Lake, Frank Sr. built a special streetcar track for his son. Its rails were wooden planks with a flange on each side, enamoring Frank to street cars.

Frank graduated from the University of Chicago and received as his graduation present the streetcar and bus lines of Green Bay. He expanded lines in 1957 into Iron Mountain, Michigan and Algoma and Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. In 1958, he took in another 40-mile route to Crystal Falls, Florence, and Iron River in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and was president of Wisconsin-Michigan Coaches. The rise of the private auto sent bus and streetcar lines into decline.



There are many stories to be shared between the streetcar days and his death in 1991 as he was a very unique and interesting individual.

Frank was also a great naturalist and historian and a born teacher. Frank said many times that his beautiful land in the Town of Jacksonport must be preserved for posterity. He was an avid conservationist who wanted the property to be accessible to everyone." On his deathbed in September of 1991, he sold his Logan Creek property to the Ridges Sanctuary.

***If there is a program you would like to see presented or if you are interested in working on the Program Committee please contact Mae Muehl at: [maemuehl@gmail.com](mailto:maemuehl@gmail.com)***



**Jacksonport Historical Society Cherry Fest 2016**  
**Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**



**Mark your calendars and come enjoy  
 Door County's premiere annual family event at Lakeside Park in beautiful Jacksonport, WI.**

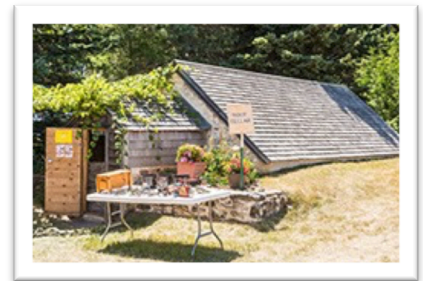


The day's festivities begin with homemade cherry kolaches, cherry pies and cherry sundaes for sale from the bakery booth and a variety of cherry jams, pie fillings, and other cherry products will also be for sale. The lunch booth opens at 10:00 a.m. and features cold beverages, cherry burgers and cherry brats from Door County Custom Meats. Of course, fresh Door County cherries will be available throughout the day.

Enjoy live music from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by two local bands playing a mix of blue grass and country songs. Picnic-table seating will be available around the tent; bring folding chairs or blankets for additional seating for the day.

As in the past, a juried arts and crafts fair will run during the day, featuring a wide range of artists and craftsmen from all across the Midwest selling a variety of top quality items; so plan on getting some gifts for holidays and birthdays.

The Historical Society Review Booth, set up in the Erskine Rest Area, will feature a Jacksonport family memorabilia collection provided by society members. All nine books published by the historical society in the "Jacksonport Through The Generations" series will be for sale. The restored Erskine Root Cellar, also located in the rest area, will be open to the public for viewing.



The third annual Cherry Fest Car Show is on display from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Erskine Rest Area, and spectators can vote for a People's Choice Award that will be presented at 3:00 p.m.

Take a ride in a horse drawn wagon; and tour the Loritz Cabin at the Jacksonport Historical Society's new site at the south end of town.

Be sure to purchase your raffle tickets for sale at the Loritz Cabin and the Erskine Root cellar until 2:00 p.m., with the drawing at 3:00 pm. Raffle tickets will be available from Maifest, May 28, 2016 through Cherry Fest. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Maifest, JHS Programs, as well as through JHS board members and various locations in Jacksonport.

All proceeds from sales in the festival benefit the nonprofit historical society. For more information, visit [www.jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org).

***JHS expresses its gratitude and appreciation for all of the hard work provided by the many, many great volunteers that worked to make Cherry Fest 2015 a success. So many are returning volunteers that dedicate a Door County summer day to the success of this annual fundraiser. We could not be done without you. THANK YOU!***

*Photos of Cherry Fest 2015 by Tina M. Gohr*



## EXCITING NEWS!!!



The Loritz house was open to the public for the first time on May 23-24, 2015.

If you weren't able to stop by, this is what you missed. It will be open again for **Cherry Fest on August 1, 2016. Stop by and learn more about the Loritz family.**



## 2015 Raffle Tickets Sale a Success

The Jacksonport Historical Society sold raffle tickets to help raise money for repairs and improvements to the Cote and Loritz cabins located at our museum site property. Tickets were sold from Maifest to CherryFest with slightly more than \$3,000 raised, which helped with needed repairs, etc. We felt that the raffle was a success and plan on doing another raffle this year. In addition to the winners, the following list shows the many and varied types of prizes that were included:

- The Rushes – 3-night stay \$400 value---**George Kelly**
- Sunrise Shores – 2 nights/off season / \$350 value---**Mike Madden**
- Square Rigger Lodge – 2 nights midweek—Sept-Oct 2015 or May-June 2016 / \$178.00 value---**Rich Sommer**
- Simon Creek Winery – 1 case wine / \$180 value – **must be 21 to win** ---**Dennis Slyfield**
- Kurtz Corral – Gift card / 2 wooded walk rides / \$105.<sup>50</sup> value---**Joan Roberts**
- Bley's Grocery – Meat package / \$75.00 value---**Jeff Brouhard**
- Door County Carpet One – Cotton Rug, approx. 3' x 4' / \$75.00 value---**Melissa Horstkelter**
- 3 - Baileys Woods Campground – 2-night water & electric site (\$64.00) along with
  - 3 - Welsing's Foodland – Gift certificate for fresh meat (\$10.00) / Total value \$74.00 each - **3 individual winners**---**David Furjanic, Mark DeYoung and Pat Glen**
- Plum Loco Animal Farm – A year family pass / 2 adults & 2 children / \$56.00 value---**Mary Leist**
- Jacksonport Historical Society – Fred Erskine Photography Book / \$50.00 value---**Wayne Bretl**
- Grizzly Tours – Gift certificate / 15 minute flight---**Sharon Brungraber**
- Mayberry Carriage - Gift Certificate / 30 minute private carriage or sleigh ride---**Fred Klein**
- Jacksonport Historical Society –Jacksonport Dock poster by Bayard Michael, unframed / \$40.00 value---**Char Mueller**
- Mike's Port Pub – \$15.00 Gift certificate and T-shirt / \$35.00 value---**Brad Basar**
- Kate Kapolnek - ABC Door County children's book (\$15.00) along with
  - Roger Kuhns - "Didn't See That Coming" book (\$19.00) / Total value \$34.00---**George Berger**
- N.E.W. (Valmy) Threshere – 4 weekend admission tickets / \$32.00 value / Aug. 14, 15 & 16, 2015 only---**Wayne Bley**
- Mr. G's Logan Creek Grille – Gift certificate / \$30.00 value---**Jo Wahlen**
- Jacksonport Craft Cottage – Audrey Off watercolor / "The Root Cellar" / \$30.00 value---**Dave Daul**
- 2 - JJ's of Jacksonport – Gift certificate / \$25.00 each - **2 individual winners**---**Elsie Friday and Rebecca Weinert**
- 2 - Waseda Farms – Gift certificate / \$25.00 each - **2 individual winners**---**Josh/Christine Rezeau and Alyssa Suchy**
- Donny's Glidden Lodge Restaurant – Gift certificate / \$25.00 value---**Scott Brauer**
- Valmy Happy Hour – Gift Certificate / \$20.00 value---**Kim Pallex**

**Special thanks to Sue Serrahn for soliciting these contributions. Thank you to all the Jacksonport and area businesses that donated to our raffle. Please remember to patronize them when planning a stay, dining out, or shopping for yourself and others.**

## JHS Donations 2015

### General Operation Fund

Keith Birnschein, Door County Custom Meats,  
Gene and Patricia Bitterberg,  
Lee Bley, in memory of Irene Marshall  
Roy and Elizabeth Gill  
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hardin  
Daniel and Donna Kimminau  
Lampert Lumber on behalf of Dick Birnschein  
Mike and Mae Muehl  
Paul and Bev Ozburn  
Jerold Winzenz  
Phyllis Zatlin  
John and Cheryl Zima

### Everett Roberts Endowment Account

Robert Onan Trust

### Cabin and Grounds

#### ***Timberman (\$10-\$99)***

#### ***Fisherman (\$100-\$499)***

Marie Hein, in memory of Fred and Gertie Erskine

#### ***Pioneer***

### Museum Fund

Barbara Bechtel  
Sam Hope and Elizabeth Meyer

#### ***Timberman (\$10-\$99)***

Tom and Cathy Kaiser

#### ***Fisherman (\$100-\$499)***

Kay Krueger, in memory of Edward Krueger  
Henry and Marilyn Spille  
Don and Carolyn Weber  
John and Cheryl Zima  
Phyllis Zatlin

*Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time and talent. **There are so many of you.** Please know how much you are appreciated. Without your help, JHS hopes and dreams would not become realities.  
**THANK YOU SO MUCH!***

### In Kind Donation

#### **William Anderson**

Two storage units at Port Storage for storing some of JHS Artifacts

#### **Diane Doyle**

Four crab apple trees

#### **Leslie Goulet**

Framed photograph of Mary (Anderson) Johnson and her sister Lena (Anderson) Harris.

#### **Family of Elmer and Ellen Husby**

Original township of Jacksonport plat map mounted on fabric 1899.

#### **Joe and Sue Jarosh**

Wooden chair from Jacksonport Town Hall, metal headboard and footboard.

#### **Dale and Jane Kasten**

Bersted Foresteria Toaster circa late 1930s, 2 quart blue/green mason fruit jar with zinc lid.

#### **Jim and Nancy Logerquist**

Andrew Logerquist's farm tools, display cases, Jeanette (Stieglitz) Logerquist wedding gown (1951), historic papers, living room tables, rocking horse, Bible.

#### **Joe and Jeanne Majeski**

Logging tools, corn planter and corn sheller, ice hooks.

#### **Tom and Virginia Maher**

Antique tools circa 1900, washboard.

#### **Steve and LeAnne Olson**

Christmas wreaths (for the Log Cabin and Loritz home.)

#### **Paul and Bev Ozburn**

One crab apple tree

#### **Dennis and Darlene Raniewicz**

Wrenches and wood working tools circa 1915-1935.

#### **Deborah Logerquist Schumacher**

U.S. flag and solar light.

#### **Sturgeon Bay Florist**

Flowers at the Root Cellar

#### **Dan Volasek**

Two crab apple trees

#### **In Memory of Jean Whilden**

One crab apple tree

## Memorials

### **IN MEMORY OF BOB BIRNSCHEIN**

Jan Birnschein

### **IN MEMORY OF HELEN BUECHNER**

Mike and Barb Madden

### **IN MEMORY OF TOM CASSIDY**

Jane and Bill Dicus

### **IN MEMORY OF DAN CARMODY**

Barbara Bechtel

### **IN MEMORY OF MIKE AND MARGARET ERSKINE**

Randal and Kambra Erskine

### **IN MEMORY OF WALTER ERSKINE**

Eugene and Marjorie Junger

### **IN MEMORY OF MARIAN HALSTEAD**

Joe and Sue Jarosh

### **IN MEMORY OF ELMER AND ELLEN HUSBY**

Ralland and Mary Rohr

### **IN MEMORY OF EUGENE KIEHNAU**

Les Kiehnau

Robert Onan Jr

### **IN MEMORY OF SALLY KIEHNAU**

Robert Onan Jr

### **IN MEMORY OF JOE LECLAIR**

Jerry & Judy Cote

Mike and Barb Madden

Eunice McCormick

### **IN MEMORY OF COL. BEN LOGERQUIST**

Joe and Sue Jarosh

### **IN MEMORY OF ALBERTA BARNSTORFF LOGUE**

Terry and Evelyn Logue

### **IN MEMORY OF ART MUELLER**

Lee Bley

### **IN MEMORY OF JOHN AND MARY SANTARELLI**

Darlene Santarelli

### **IN MEMORY OF FRED WEITERMAN**

Barbara and Kenneth Adams

### **IN MEMORY OF ROY DECKER WOLDT**

Lee Bley

## **HERBERT MUELLER MEMORIALS**



Herb served as a JHS Trustee and was JHS President when he passed away October 21, 2015, at home with family at his side.

Herb was a trusted mechanic and community leader in Egg Harbor and Jacksonport. He found joy in the grease and grim under the hood of classic cars and loved restoring antique cars to their full glory. He was rarely happier than when he was behind the wheel of a freshly reborn engine driving out of his shop or to a car show.

Thanks to all who contributed to his memorial fund. JHS received a total of \$2090.00. All monies will be put towards the museum fund as per Char Mueller.

Nancy Anderson  
Lee Bley  
Jim & Karen Ash  
John & Vicki Bley  
Ken Bittorf  
Jerry & Judy Cote  
Toni Christenson  
Arvin & Judy Dexheimer  
Dennis & Sue Dietrich  
Miriam Erickson  
Janis Giblin  
Janet Gilson  
Marcella Giesseman  
John & Karen Haen  
Tim & Tammy Kroll  
Dale La Violette  
Pete & Marlene Larson  
Bob & Karin Lutz  
Kristin & Rod Mac Rae  
Mike & Barb Madden  
Tim & Sheila Moureau  
Tom & Cindy Mueller  
Doug & Teri Mueller  
Paul and Bev Ozburn  
Peter & Mary Paul  
Karen and Shawn Peterson  
Dave & Yolanda Ploor  
Ralph & Mariann Radtke  
Joyce Risser  
Arnie & Diane Schleicher  
Bill & Jean Schleicher  
Glen & Judy Siebert  
Rev. Bill & Alice Shepherd  
Chris & Heather Stuedemann  
Margaret Jo Wahlen  
JHS Board members

## OBITUARIES - 2015

Martin (Marty) Manson  
8/18/1931 - 1/3/2015

Harriet (Simon) Batrich  
12/18/1923 - 1/25/2015

Irene (Tanck) Marshall  
3/15/1927 - 2/7/2015

Thea Jay (Leasum) Peterson  
1923 - 3/5/2015

Marian Halstead  
1955 - 3/8/2015

Eugene Kiehna  
3/28/1928 - 5/15/2015

Raymond Hogan  
4/14/1933 - 6/5/2015

Marie (Wulf) Mikels  
4/19/1928 - 8-21-2015

Daniel Brauer  
2/26/1936 - 9/30/2015

Herbert Mueller  
4/22/1943 - 10/21/2015

Joseph LeClair  
9/15/1918 - 11/13/2015

Irene (Jonas) Flok Vertz  
1/25/1920 - 12/21/2015

## Celebrating 75 Years In Door County



In August 2015, I had the pleasure of celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of our family's cabin in Door County with my Barnstorff cousins.

We were all introduced to Door County by our grandparents, Hermann and Johanna Barnstorff, who purchased the land and built the first dwelling in 1940. Our grandparents and parents, all who have since passed away, shared the wonders of Door County with each of us, and now the fifth generation of our family is in line to experience those same wonders.

We are all fortunate to be able to call Door County our home away from home,

Terry Logue  
Grandson of Hermann and Johanna Barnstorff  
Son of John and Alberta Barnstorff Logue

*Photo cutline: Alberta Barnstorff sits on the foundation of the Barnstorff cabin which was constructed in 1940.*

If you have a Jacksonport story you would like to share, please send it to: [maemuehl@gmail.com](mailto:maemuehl@gmail.com)

## Books & CDs

*JACKSONPORT THROUGH THE GENERATIONS*  
Volumes One Through Nine

**Book price: US \$22.25 including shipping**

**DVD of individual family presentation price: US \$19.75 including shipping**

*FRED ERSKINE — Jacksonport's Photographer*  
**Special price of \$50.00 plus \$10.00 shipping and handling per book**

*Remembering the Great War: Letters from the Front*  
**\$8.50 including shipping**

Available on our website: <http://jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org>



## MEMBERSHIPS / CONTRIBUTIONS

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Current Annual (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) Memberships Dues may be paid at this time.

\$15-Individual Annual Membership Dues:

\$35-Sustaining Individual *Thanks for your extra support*

\$25-Family

\$50-Sustaining Family *Thanks for your extra support*

\$60-Business/Corp./Professional

\$100-Sustaining Bus./Corp./Prof. *Thanks for your extra support*

### Volunteer Opportunities

I/we would like to help the JHS with:

Cherry Fest

Farm Market

Program Coordinator

Fundraising Committee

In-School presentations

Board of Trustee

Membership Committee

Artifact cataloguing

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Writing

Mailing newsletters, etc.

Make your check payable to **Jacksonport Historical Society, Inc.**

5418 Sylvan View Circle Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

**Donation: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

For JHS, Inc. Operating Fund

Or

Jacksonport Historical Society Museum Fund

Timberman \$10-\$99

Fisherman \$100-\$499

Pioneer \$500-\$999

Settler \$1,000-\$1868

Society of 1869 \$1,869-\$1,999

(Jacksonport Township officially became organized)

Historic Benefactor \$2,000-\$4,999

Please maintain this donation as my endowment

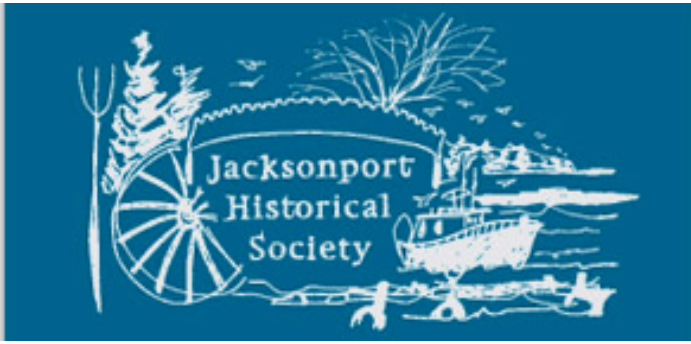
Museum Benefactor Over \$5,000

(my donation is maintained in perpetuity, only the annual interest earned is used.)

Contact us to discuss including the Society in your will or estate.

100% of your donation goes to the Jacksonport Historical Society, Inc.

We are a 501c (3) organization under the IRS and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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