

2019 SEASON EVENTS

Enjoy Free Admission to All Exhibits & Events

July 6 – August 31 • 10 AM • Saturday Morning
One-Hour Guided Walking Tours of Castine.
Meet in front of the Abbott School. Or take the Virtual Tour of Castine at castinehistoricalsociety.org.

June 23 • 4 - 6 PM • Open House Reception.
Join us as we kick off the season, view the exhibits, and enjoy light refreshments. Guest Curator Richard Ames will autograph copies of his book, *Risky Business: A Maine Village Goes Global*.

June 25, July 23 & August 27 • 5 PM • Exhibit Talks.
Curator Paige Lilly will lead a discussion on different aspects of *Risky Business: Square-Rigged Ships and Salted Fish*.

July 11 • 7 PM • The 11th Annual Deborah Pulliam Memorial Lecture. Richard Ames, Guest Curator for *Risky Business: Square-Rigged Ships and Salted Fish* will give an illustrated talk on his research for the exhibit and accompanying book on Castine's square-rigged ships and maritime trade in the 19th century. A book signing will follow his presentation. Delano Auditorium, Leavitt Hall at Maine Maritime Academy, Castine.

July 19 • 6 PM • A Concert of Maritime Music.
Join the Castine Town Band for an outdoor concert of 19th and 20th century maritime music in celebration of the Historical Society's exhibit *Risky Business: Square-Rigged Ships and Salted Fish*. Tour the exhibit at 5 PM and then stay to enjoy the concert on the Town Common.

August 8 • 7 PM • Lecture - "Cotton's Ocean: Castine and the Antebellum Cotton Trade." Dr. Stephen J. Hornsby will give an illustrated talk on the importance of the trans-Atlantic cotton trade for the growth of the shipbuilding and ship owning industries in Maine before the Civil War and how Castine fit into this world of oceanic commerce. Humanities Lecture Hall, Bath Iron Works Center at Maine Maritime Academy, Castine.

August 22 • 4 - 6 PM • Annual Meeting & Program.
This Annual Meeting followed by a talk and light refreshments is open to the public. Christopher Timm, Curator of Exhibits for the Maine Maritime Museum, will give an illustrated talk entitled "Maine and the Caribbean: A Plantation? A Paradise?" The Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 86 Court Street, Castine.

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ABBOTT SCHOOL EXHIBITS

June 10 - September 2

Monday - Saturday
10 AM - 4 PM

Sunday • 1 - 4 PM

September 6 - October 14

Friday, Saturday & Monday
10 AM - 4 PM

Sunday • 1 - 4 PM

GRINDLE HOUSE
RESEARCH LIBRARY

Open year-round by appointment



Discover Castine

at the Castine Historical Society



2019 EXHIBIT

Risky Business: Square-Rigged Ships and Salted Fish

Did you know Castine, Maine, boasted a working waterfront with shipbuilding, fisheries, and international trade in the 1800s? The profits from these shaped the town, but not without hardship and loss for almost everyone involved.



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Explore Castine's Rich History

Castine is one of New England's oldest and best-preserved seaside villages—a quaint, coastal gem with a long, diverse history and some of the finest elm trees in America. Learn about Castine's historic architecture, forts, and people on your own, or hit the highlights with our Saturday guided walking tours.

We hope you'll join us!

Exhibitions

Our 1859 Abbott School exhibit gallery provides a window into Castine's extraordinary past. Carefully researched and curated exhibits delve into history in ways that engage families as well as scholars. There's always something new to see when you visit.

The Penobscot Expedition 1779 Making Revolutionary History

In the summer of 1779, British troops landed on Castine's shores to establish a strategic naval base during the American Revolution. Massachusetts authorities immediately sent the largest naval force assembled during the Revolution to oust the British.

Absorb the history when you step into the replica day cabin of the Expedition's flagship and explore all the factors that allowed the British to defend Fort George and inflict a humiliating defeat on the colonists. Discover how Boston silversmith Paul Revere's behavior in battle led to his court martial proceeding.



Grindle House

Visit the Grindle House and delve into our collection of books, photographs, maps, diaries, and artifacts documenting the history of Castine and the region. This beautifully restored mid-19th century Greek Revival home now serves as the Castine Historical Society's research center, collections storage, and administrative offices, and is open by appointment year-round.

Castine Community Bicentennial Quilt The Quilt Worth a Thousand Words

View and learn about the creation of the Castine Bicentennial Quilt, presented to the Castine Historical Society in celebration of the town's bicentennial. The 24-foot wide quilt, which tells the history of Castine, was designed and sewn in 1996 by sixty members of the Castine community.

