

Education Committee Annual Report
August 2021

The Education Committee has met only informally during this pandemic year. However, the committee has provided input to the staff about the various Zoom lectures, particularly those focused on Suffrage in Maine and the Castine Quilt.

Roberta Boczkiewicz joined the committee. She and Alice supported Lisa in leading a walking tour with Heather Trainor's 3rd and 4th grade students in late May.

This season, CHS has sponsored both the docent program at the Abbott School exhibit and a walking tour program similar to that of last year. In both cases the schedule was somewhat shortened from previous years with the exhibit open Friday through Monday from June 11 until August, when Thursday was added. There have been record numbers of visitors to the exhibit. The tours, offered once a day from Friday through Monday, have also been regularly attended.

During the first weeks of the exhibit, there have been two docents, or staff members, for each slot as a precaution about Covid issues. Face masks are used regularly by docents and encouraged for visitors. Social distance is also encouraged. As the season progressed we have moved to only one docent per session except for the times when the cruise ship is in Castine, when the bus from the harbor delivers a particularly large number of visitors at a time. There is a committed team of thirty volunteers completely scheduled through August. The exhibit will be open through October 11, Indigenous Peoples' Day.

A second team of ten guides and staff members is leading both walking and commons tours during the season.

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