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**Great Cranberry Island Historical Society**  
**Cranberry Island Home, Art & Garden Tour**  
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**Frequently Asked Questions**

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1Q. *What is the Cranberry Island Home, Art & Garden Tour?*

1A. The Cranberry Island Home, Art & Garden Tour (HAGT) is a one-day event sponsored by the Great Cranberry Island Historical Society to introduce summer visitors to the beauty of Cranberry Island, including its many historic homes, gardens and a chance to view the artwork of several local artists. In addition, the Preble-Marr Museum containing the collection of the Great Cranberry Island Historical Society will be open to the public.

2Q. *How many stops are there on the tour and what are some of the most interesting things to see?*

2A. Several nineteenth century and contemporary homes will be open to tour as well as wonderful island gardens. One of the gardens is included in the Archives of the American Gardens of the Smithsonian Institute. In addition, on the day of the tour, there will be concerts held throughout the day in the island's Congregational Church which was built in the 1860's.

3Q. *Since I can't bring my car over to Cranberry Island, how will I visit all eight of the stops on the tour?*

3A. Because the island is less than two miles in length—and all of the stops on the tour are no more than a mile and a half walk from the town dock—you can probably enjoy the walk to each of the stops. However, shuttle transportation will be available.

4Q. *How do I travel to Great Cranberry Island?*

4A. Special ferry boats will be departing from Northeast Harbor municipal dock, the Southwest Harbor upper town dock and the Cranberry Island dock in Manset, which is across the harbor from the town of Southwest Harbor. The first Northeast Harbor boat leaves at 9:45 a.m., while the first Southwest Harbor Boat leaves at 10:30 a.m. The last boats leave for Northeast Harbor at 4:30 p.m. and for Southwest Harbor at 4:45 p.m. For a complete boat schedule, please visit [www.gcihs.org](http://www.gcihs.org)

5Q. *One of the tour stops is the Heliker-LaHotan Foundation. What am I likely to see?*

5A. John Heliker and Robert LaHotan were nationally recognized artists from New York City who purchased a nineteenth century sea captain's house and boat yard on Cranberry Island. Mr. Heliker's work has appeared in exhibits at the Carnegie Institute, the Brooklyn Museum, the Corcoran Gallery and the Whitney. Mr. LaHotan's works are in many major museums and private collections, especially in New York City. The Foundation is dedicated to the artistic vision of the two painters who were its founders. It is engaged in a variety of projects that perpetuate their legacy including a residency program for painters and sculptors. Its grounds, gardens as well as studios will be available to tour.

6Q. *What will the Cranberry House's Preble-Marr Museum feature this summer?*

6A. The theme for this summer's exhibit is the history of the Cranberry Isles, a group of five islands which were incorporated into the Town of Cranberry Isles in 1830. Those islands include Great Cranberry Island, Little Cranberry (usually referred to as Islesford), Sutton, Bear Island and Baker Island.

- 7Q. *What else should we plan to do if we come to Cranberry for the Tour?*
- 7A. We think the eight stops will probably fill your day, but there is also a one-mile hiking trail leading to Whistler's Cove. At the end of the trail you can hike the scenic back shore with expansive views of the Western Way channel and Mount Desert Island.
- 8Q. *Are there any stores on Cranberry Island?*
- 8A. Cranberry House, the home of the Historical Society and the Preble-Marr Museum, has a gift shop, and less than a ¼ mile up the road, is the Whale's Rib, a popular gift shop and gallery celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the island. In addition, there is a general store adjacent to the town dock.
- 9Q. *If I want to leave the island earlier than the Historical Society chartered boat schedule, how can I reach the mainland?*
- 9A. You can also take one of the normally scheduled ferryboats to either Northeast Harbor or Southwest Harbor, with schedules on the Cranberry Island website <http://cranberryisles.com>. However, this may result in a higher ferry ticket charge.
- 10Q. *What does the Tour cost?*
- 10A. The Historical Society is offering the tour at a cost of \$20 per person in advance. On the day of the event tickets will cost \$25. In addition, the Historical Society has arranged for discounted ferryboat passes. They will be available for \$15 in advance, but increase to the full fare of \$24 on the day of the Tour. Tickets can be purchased in both Southwest Harbor and Northeast Harbor as well as on the website of the Historical Society [www.gcihs.org](http://www.gcihs.org)