

# GREAT CRANBERRY ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletters

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# Museum Memos

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## Cranberry House Needs You!

### Beginning Phase 2

With spring's arrival, the sound of bulldozers can be heard at the Cranberry House. Work is now proceeding to make the driveway and parking lot on the north and rear sides. This earth moving work was included in last year's Phase 1 budget, which also included buying and moving the building onto a new foundation next to the Parsonage.

Though the building is structurally sound, its windows, doors, and siding are in poor shape. Your Building Committee feels they should all be replaced before renovation work begins on the interior. Only the original large central window will be retained, as a historical



Cranberry House (rear view) and driveway to Main Road  
(photo taken from back of parking lot)

feature.

Our budget for this year (Phase 2) is \$125,000. This includes new windows, doors, and siding, rebuilding the interior (walls, stairs, electrical, and basic plumbing, though without well and septic,) and adding the outside deck and porch.

We're already on our way, after receiving two grants, and a refund from Verizon. We've applied for other grants, and plan a fund raising event this summer, but the results are uncertain. We may not raise enough money for the outside deck and roofed porch this year.

Cranberry House is in your hands now. What we can finish is up to your generous support. If we reach our budget goal this year, we'll be able to use the ground floor of the building for the Museum and the Multimedia room, where we store archives and do all our printing and videos. Many people are anxiously anticipating the proposed café. And the



The newly-envisioned Cranberry House, with a wrap-around porch covering the side entrance, plus a front deck to accommodate a café, stage, and handicap ramp. There is a full basement with walk-out doors in the rear.

### Grants Received

The Great Cranberry Historical Society recently received a \$10,000 refund from last year's Verizon bill, plus a grant of \$25,000 from the Fund for Commonweal, and an anonymous \$10,000 grant of stocks. These generous donations kick off this year's renovations to Cranberry House, our new Historical Museum and Cultural Center.

outside deck can be used for theatrical or musical events, until we complete the second floor Cultural Center in Phase 3 (2006.) So you see...

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

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We're on the web at:  
[gcihs.org](http://gcihs.org)

Check out the progress on Cranberry House, and all the museum activities this summer...  
on the WEB!

## **BIG EVENT**

Our exciting summer fund raising event will be a one-of-a-kind Art Show and Auction:

## **"Art of the Cranberry Isles, Past & Present"**

This Exhibit and Auction will be held July 28 at the Neighborhood House in Northeast Harbor, Maine.

The Cranberry Isles have a legacy of wonderful artists who came to capture the beauty here. Many more artists followed and made the islands their home. We will be showing Cranberry Isles related art works from private collections.

## **Need a tax deduction?**

## **Give to your favorite Museum!**

We are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. All your money goes to a worthwhile project to benefit the Island, with no administration fees.

Volunteers and gifts are needed for special areas of the Cranberry House. Let one of our board members discuss it with you.

Many thanks to those who gave this year and last!

## **The Great Cranberry Island Historical Society** **Membership Form or Donation Form**

Thank you! Please mail your contribution to:

***Great Cranberry Island Historical Society***  
***P.O. Box 12***  
***Cranberry Isles, ME 04625***

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The Auction will be a prized collection of art, crafts, and gifts. Special island music and food will enliven the day.