

## **WE MOVED!**

Sunday, September 30 was the day of the BIG MOVE.

Volunteers had been painting trim, basement walls and the floor to make it ready. This time of year it's hard to find helpers but we had a willing and ample crew, 3 trucks and 3 cars to carry it all. How did we get so much? The weather co-operated, cool and clear, and everything went smoothly.

Photo of fire escape and other?

The panels had been hung two weeks before, so we had an idea where things should be placed. Our contractor, his carpenter and the electrician came last week to finish up details and the floor

You will be pleased to see your museum in its very own home next year. Everything fits in so well and looks more attractive.

We do have a problem however. It appears it will be necessary to complete the handicap lift before we fully open, and use the second floor and the bathroom facility

Sorry to be back again with the hat out but we must raise enough money for the lift to open. The budget for the handicap lift is \$25,000. We have a start, let's finish it.

### **Grant Received**

Kathryn Davis, Northeast Harbor just sent us a gift for \$10,000. This is a Challenge Gift to raise enough for the handicap lift. Will some of you who haven't given consider adding to this fund? Or can others dig deeper?

Great plans are underway for varied programs for 2008. An events committee have great ideas for you, but we need the lift to open. Please do what you can to help now.

Other gifts have been received, earmarked for specific use. The landscaping and planter, gas heat for the basement and first floor, restoring the museum floor, an ice cream freezer for the Café, necessary chairs and furniture, all have been paid for by generous donors. Now we need to finish paying for the handicap lift.

### **Two Grand Openings planned for 2008**

In order to include all our summer residents and guests, we are planning two special events. Sunday, July 27th, with a special musical event planned by Geoff Wadsworth. The following Saturday night, August 2nd will be a Grand Opening reception for "Art of the Cranberries," an exhibit including artists from all the islands, plus a small art auction of selected pieces.