

BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM NEWS

**The museum will open for the season on Saturday June 8.
Regular hours are Tuesday thru Saturday, 11 AM to 4 PM**

Our website, BelfastMuseum.org, has been refreshed and updated for the 2024 season. Our Facebook page provides both historical items of interest and announcements about the museum schedule. And, last summer a young volunteer created our Instagram account, [#belfastmuseummaine](https://www.instagram.com/belfastmuseummaine). She will be back this summer as our social media volunteer. And, as we have done for the past 22 years, we are looking forward to this summer's student museum intern. It's always a pleasure to work with a young colleague.

BELFAST HISTORY WALKING TOURS

Join Megan Pinette, Belfast historian, on 1 hour + walking tours of the downtown historic district. Learn about the early settlers, waterfront industries, fires, and landmark buildings. Find out which downtown building has been moved twice and survived three fires.

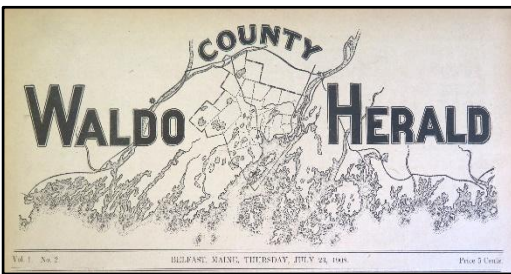
Tours will be held on each Friday in July and August, starting time is 1pm.

We will meet at the Park on Main, next to the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce, 33 Main Street.

We would appreciate a donation of \$10 per person in support of the Belfast Historical Society & Museum.

There will be no rain dates.

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RECENT DONATIONS

An important addition to the museum's newspaper collection is the complete set of bound Waldo County Herald newspapers. The first issue was published July 16, 1908 and the final edition appeared in June 1918. The WCH was published by Edgar F. Hanson, Belfast entrepreneur and multi-term mayor. During this time the newspaper extolled the virtues of "Busy, Booming Belfast."



The Maine State Museum donated this funeral ribbon belonging to Civil War veteran Ephraim Wiley. He enlisted as a corporal in Company H of the 8th Maine volunteers in September 1861 and was mustered out as a captain in February 1866. He was born in Belfast in 1837 and from his service record we find that when he enlisted, he was 24 years old, 5' 10" tall, and gave his occupation as seaman. The Thomas H. Marshall Post 42, Grand Army of the Republic, formed in 1881 by local Civil War veterans. In 1890 they built their Memorial Hall, now Belfast City Hall. This ribbon was worn while attending funeral services for a fellow veteran.

Learn more about Ephraim Wiley online: <https://www.belfastmuseum.org/museum-news/#recent>

Stan Wood, longtime historical society member, donated his model of the *Red Baron*, the fastest lobster boat in Maine. It was made from a BlueJacket Shipcrafters kit and was given in honor of his friend, Royce Tibbetts. Stan recently passed away, at age 100.

