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**BRICK STORE MUSEUM OFFERS
SHIPBUILDING ODYSSEY WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES**

KENNEBUNK – Building on the popularity of The Brick Store Museum’s programs for children, the Museum is pleased to announce a family-oriented, intergenerational program for kids, parents and grandparents ages 7 to 107. “Shipbuilding Odyssey” will be held on Saturday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This one-day workshop explores the shipbuilding heritage of the Kennebunks through a variety of hands-on activities.

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required by September 22. The registration fee of \$30 per adult/child pair (\$25 for Museum members) includes a snack and all supplies. Registration forms are available at <http://www.brickstoremuseum.org> or by contacting the Museum at 207.985.4802.

Participants will begin the day at the Museum with Captain Rich Woodman—boat builder and captain of the schooner *Eleanor*—hearing about life in the Kennebunks’ 19th-century shipyards and what it took to build the vessels that eventually sailed trade routes spanning the globe. Each adult/child pair will then go to work to create and rig their own Kennebunk-built model vessel. A test pool will allow the pairs to experiment with their design and the placement of ballast to create a seaworthy vessel. The group will also sing traditional sea shanties with concertina player Rich Gaito, learning the importance that music played in the early shipyards, at launchings, and at sea. After lunch, the group boards a special trolley for an afternoon excursion. The narrated tour will take the group to various historical locales associated with shipbuilding along the Kennebunk River: the sites of the former Bourne & Kingsbury and Titcomb yards, the Landing, and the locks. The day culminates in Kennebunkport with a trial “launching” of all the vessels into the Kennebunk River before returning to the Museum. Participants get to bring home their vessels as keepsakes of the day.

“Shipbuilding Odyssey” is one of a series of outreach programs for 2007 made possible by a grant from The Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation and planned by the Museum’s Education Committee.

The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk’s historic district. Celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, the Museum is dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the region’s rich cultural heritage. Its galleries and research archives are open to the public year-round: Tuesdays – Fridays, 10 – 4:30 and Saturdays, 10 – 1. Admission is by donation, suggested \$3 per person. Visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 207.985.4802 for further information.

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