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MUSEUM MARKS HALLOWEEN WITH ALL SOULS' WEEK ACTIVITIES

KENNEBUNK – In the spirit of Halloween and All Souls' Day, The Brick Store Museum at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk announces its activities for All Souls' Week, leading up to its perennially popular All Souls' Walk. All Souls' Week is made possible by a grant from the Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation.

- Thursday, October 15 at 7 PM - "Six Feet Under: Burial Traditions in the Kennebunks"
With stories and images, Kennebunk Town Historian Kathy Ostrander introduces listeners to the cemeteries of the Kennebunks and the clues they have to offer about burial traditions over the centuries. Learn about various local stonecutters, the imagery appearing on tombstones, and more. The talk takes place in the Museum's Program Center at 4 Dane Street with a suggested donation of \$5/person.
- Thursday, October 22 at 7 PM - "Grandma's Obituary Box: The Use of Obituaries in Genealogical Research and their Role in American Culture"
Obituaries are research tools that help us document our ancestors and bring them to life. In her illustrated remarks, award-winning, certified genealogist Pam Stone Eagleson will show the audience how to glean information and clues found in obituaries, as well as where and how to locate them. She'll provide insight into the role of obituaries in American culture and how they have changed over the past three centuries. As a tie-in with the upcoming All Souls' Walk, Eagleson will even include examples from past Kennebunk luminaries. The talk takes place in the Museum's Program Center at 4 Dane Street with a suggested donation of \$5/person.
- Saturday, October 24 with continuous tours beginning at 1 PM - "6th Annual All Souls' Walk"
This popular narrated historical walk with costumed interpreters begins at the Museum and covers a half-mile loop through Kennebunk's Hope Cemetery. Not too spooky, it's a perfect activity for the

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whole family. Participants visit more than a dozen gravesites and learn local history through the fascinating and often tragic tales of residents from bygone eras. Featured stories include ones about ill-fated sea captains, a Civil War soldier killed in battle, children lost at sea, a Kennebunk girl's calamity atop Mount Washington, a spinster and the doom of her namesake ship, and other Kennebunk notables from the past 250 years. Tours conclude back at the Museum, where guests are invited to enjoy cider and treats while viewing the museum's portraits of those highlighted on the walk. Blooms & Heirlooms of Kennebunk is graciously donating the flowers to be left in tribute at each of the featured graves as the tours process through the cemetery. Tours are offered rain or shine continuously all afternoon beginning at 1PM, with the last tour departing at 4PM. Tickets are \$5 per person; no advance reservations are required unless for large groups.

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The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk's historic district and for more than seventy years has been dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the region's rich cultural and artistic heritage. Its galleries and research archives are open to the public year-round: Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 – 4:30 and Saturdays, 10 – 1. Admission to the Museum is by donation, suggested \$5 per person. Visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 207-985-4802 for further information.