



BRICK STORE MUSEUM

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KENNEBUNKS A TO Z EXHIBITION OPENS AT BRICK STORE MUSEUM

KENNEBUNK – The Brick Store Museum presents *The Kennebunks A to Z*, an exhibition characterized as an alphabetical romp through regional history and the Museum's permanent collections. In beginning with "A is for Abenaki" and ending with "Z is for Zion's Hill," visitors have an opportunity to learn about the people, places, broad themes and events that have shaped the Kennebunks over the centuries. For the complete listing of alphabetical representations, log on to www.brickstoremuseum.org/AtoZ.pdf.

The Kennebunks A to Z is a large exhibition, occupying four of the six galleries in the Museum's historical Main Street complex. Of the nearly 400 artifacts and archival images in the show, many are on display either for the first time in decades or for the first time ever. The exhibition showcases the remarkable depth and scope of the Museum's collections. Paintings by renowned Kennebunkport artists Abbott Fuller Graves (1859-1936) and Louis D. Norton (1868-1940) hold court with the WWI uniform of Kennebunk author Kenneth Roberts (1885-1957), firefighting equipment from the 1947 fire, relics from area shipwrecks, a piece of the famed Lafayette Elm, and Kennebunk's sesquicentennial quilt. A 1950s beach scene represents "S is for Summer," and the history of Kennebunkport's Walker's Point appears as part of the section entitled "P is for Presidential Retreat."

The diversity within *Kennebunks A to Z* ensures its wide-ranging appeal. For long-time area residents, the exhibition is a touchstone to the past and a fresh, playful look at the familiar. For tourists, the exhibition serves as an introduction to the region and an enticement to explore it further. "We hope visitors have as much fun viewing *The Kennebunks A to Z* as we did creating it," said the museum's executive director, Tracy Baetz. The exhibition remains on view through December 2005.

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The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk's historic district. 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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