



BRICK STORE MUSEUM

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BRICK STORE MUSEUM MARKS BOOK RELEASE WITH AUTHOR EVENT

KENNEBUNK – The Brick Store Museum will host an open house, book signing and question-and-answer session with author Rosalind Magnuson on Wednesday, October 19 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to mark the release of *Trunks, Textiles and Transits: Manufacturing on the Mousam River*. Magnuson’s research for the book was funded by a grant from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The publication is a companion piece to The Brick Store Museum’s popular 2004 *Made in Kennebunk* exhibition, curated by Magnuson and made possible by the Kennebunk Savings Bank Foundation.

Published by Tilbury House, *Trunks, Textiles and Transits* is a 90-page paperback containing more than 100 images of Kennebunk factories, products and the people who made them. Magnuson used corporate records, newspaper accounts and the diaries of town clerk Andrew Walker to reconstruct the diverse manufacturing landscape along the banks of the Mousam River over the course of two centuries. Although Kennebunk is placed in context with other New England towns, Magnuson found much that was unique. Among the detail-rich chronologies, readers will learn what was once housed in the Lafayette Center, why Factory Pasture Lane is so named, what made Leatheroid so popular, and how spiders helped Keuffel & Esser.

Author Rosalind Magnuson is The Brick Store Museum’s archivist and serves as the chair of Kennebunk’s Historic Preservation Commission. She has a Master’s degree in Historic Preservation and is the author of two previous books: *An Architectural Walking Tour of Kennebunk’s National Register Historic District* and *Quiet, Well Kept for Sensible People: The Development of Kennebunk Beach from 1860-1930*. Of her latest release, Magnuson said, “It’s the first comprehensive treatment of Kennebunk’s manufacturing history, and it’s gratifying to see this wealth of material come to light.”

Trunks, Textiles and Transits retails at the Museum for \$25 plus tax. Payment is by cash or check. Museum members receive a 10% discount.

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 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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