

THE SOCIETY

The kickoff of THE MAINE HERITAGE FUND, the Society's major capital funds campaign, was held at Portland's Barridoff Galleries on the evening of October 21st. To celebrate the occasion, a special exhibition, ART TREASURES OF THE MAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, was opened to the general public. Consisting of twenty-eight paintings and artworks chosen for their aesthetic and documentary value, the exhibit provided the public with a rare opportunity to view and appreciate a small but representative sample of some of the finer works contained within the Society's important collection of Maine art. Although many of these works have been individually displayed at large museums throughout the state, this was the first time they have been collectively shown.

With the campaign now officially underway, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Edward Y. Blewett, president emeritus of Westbrook College, has agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman of THE MAINE HERITAGE FUND. He will be assisted by Carleton G. Lane and Richard A. Spencer. Mr. Lane, former president of Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, will direct the Founders division, while Mr. Spencer, an attorney with the Portland firm of Drummond Woodsum Plimpton & MacMahon, will coordinate the Friends division. Mr. Spencer's team captains are William E. Hannum, Joan S. Hayden, Dougald MacDonald, Jane S. Moody, and Jotham D.

Pierce. In the course of the next several months, all members and friends of the Society will be contacted and asked for their support.

The goal for the campaign has been set by the Standing Committee at \$450,000, a figure we believe is both realistic and attainable. To facilitate the achievement of this objective, a three-year pledge period has been implemented.

In recent months, the Society has been the recipient of several important gifts. In July, we received a \$5,000 bequest from the estate of the late Eva B. Southwick of Falmouth Foreside. Miss Southwick was a Life Member and a long-time friend of the Society. The family of Alex M. Burgess, through Dr. Samuel B. Burgess of Needham, Massachusetts, presented two reverse paintings on glass of Captain Parker and Rebecca McCobb of Phippsburg, Maine. These exquisite portraits were done in 1818 by the noted Massachusetts artist Benjamin Greenleaf. Mrs. Marguerite J. Jenkins of Westbrook and Mrs. Eulalia Connors of Milford, Connecticut, have presented the Society with portraits of Joshua and Deborah A. Haskell of Topsham, Maine. Painted in 1856 by Philip Spooner Harris of Bath, the Haskell portraits make a fine addition to the Society's extensive portrait collection.

Miss Cynthia J. Murphy has recently joined the staff as library assistant. She replaces Mrs. Julieanne B. Irving who resigned in April. Miss Murphy is a 1975 graduate of South Portland High School and currently resides in South Windham.

Mrs. Rae R. Brown, our manuscript assistant since July 1977, resigned on September 18th in order to accept a position in the audio-visual department of Freeport High School. Her position has been filled by Arthur J. Gerrier of Mexico. Mr. Gerrier holds a B.A. from Colby College and has done graduate work in historic preservation at the University of Vermont.

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