

Chatham's History Hunt - June 20-22, 2014

Co-sponsored by Historic Chatham & The Women's Club of Chatham

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Visit the nine "Historic Chatham" sites to answer the questions below. The Hunt can be completed by visiting each of the nine sites during the weekend, whether they are open or not. Please return your completed form to the Information Booth, 533 Main Street, or to the Atwood House Museum no later than 4PM on Sunday, June 22nd. Winners will be drawn from the correct completed forms. Winners do not need to be present to win and will be notified by phone. Prizes will be pictured on www.HistoricChatham.org. #ChathamHistoryHunt

Atwood House Museum, 347 Stage Harbor Road

1. The markings on the sundial at the entrance to the Atwood House Museum walkway are numbers written as Roman Numerals. What is the marking (number) farthest to the LEFT? _____ And farthest to the RIGHT? _____
2. The Meneely Bell Chimes have had many homes here in Chatham. Their story is very surprising! If you look inside the bell you'll see that there is no "clapper" to swing and strike the bell. Looking at the picture, how do these bells make a sound? _____
3. When the Nickerson family went out to their North Beach Camp, they had to bring everything with them. Everything! Since there was no electricity, the family had to pack ice to keep the food from spoiling. How heavy was the block of ice they had to put in their icebox? _____ And what color was the icebox? White and _____

Chatham Marconi Maritime Center, 847 Orleans Road, North Chatham

1. What was the Marconi/RCA residence for unmarried employees called? _____
2. Radio antennas at the receiving station were wires suspended high above the ground between four legged vertical supports. How many of those supports, shown on the sign, can you see from the top of the museum steps? _____ What is on the top of the nearest one? _____
3. What work did Navy WAVES do at the Chatham wireless station during World War II? _____

Chatham Railroad Museum, 153 Depot Road

1. The Museum building is an architectural style called Railroad Gothic. One detail you may notice is that there are lots of circles on the outside of this building – lots of them! How many small wooden circles are there under the eaves? _____
2. If you peek in the bay window of the station you will see many wonderful artifacts. What are the names of the two towns that are on the huge sign across from the window? _____
3. The Chatham Railroad Depot is the only original train station left on Cape Cod. In the picture on the upper right hand corner of the historical plaque, you will notice that there is a large building (the engine barn) to the right of the station. It is no longer there! Looking carefully at the picture, what has taken its place?

Bonus question: Where is the engine barn building today? _____

Hint: It was moved to one of the other museums on this "History Hunt!"

Caleb Nickerson House, 1107 Orleans Road, North Chatham

1. Who is the famous Native American buried not far from the Nickerson House? _____
2. The path behind the small windmill leads to a stone marker that indicates the original homestead of William Nickerson. What is the date on the stone? _____
3. How many acres of land did William Nickerson acquire from Sachem Mattaquason? _____

Godfrey Windmill, Chase Park, 125 Shattuck Place

1. Many expressions we use today are related to the process of milling. When the miller would “put his shoulder to the wheel”, would he be inside or outside the mill? _____
2. The Miller often used the resting position of the blades of the windmill to send messages to the townspeople. What letter would be represented by the position of the sails when the Miller would not be grinding corn for some time because he was away? _____
3. The Godfrey Mill is a smock mill because it flares out wider at the bottom and resembles the smock shirt worn by peasant farmers – and millers. How many sides does Godfrey’s Smock Mill building have? _____

Chatham Lighthouse, 37 Main Street

1. What is the number of times the light flashes in the lighthouse in one minute? _____
2. Were the lighthouse twin towers still standing when there was a woman light keeper? _____
3. Looking at the Mack Monument located to the right of the lighthouse when you face it, what is the name of the sole survivor of the tragedy known as “The Monomoy Disaster”? _____

Eldredge Public Library, 564 Main Street

1. When the library was dedicated in a formal ceremony in 1896, it coincided with what popular, national holiday? _____
2. Who was the EPL librarian who served from 1898 – 1900 and left money in her will to make a park on her Main Street property? _____
3. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of several significant contributions to the town, who was the man responsible for building two prominent establishments: Chatham Bars Inn and the Brick Block? He was also the 8623rd person to receive a library card at the Eldredge Public Library. _____

Mayo House, 540 Main Street

1. If Josiah Mayo were still alive today, how old would he be? _____
2. How many total windows are there on the two sides of the Mayo House? Do not include the front or the back of the house in your count. _____
3. In the 1800’s, mail was not delivered daily. If you were expecting a letter, how many days in a week would you go to Postmaster Josiah Mayo’s home to see if it had arrived? _____

Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, 30 Wikis Way, Morris Island

1. Take a walk along the boardwalk to one of the most beautiful views in all of Chatham. What does the placard say we should take home with us and what should we leave? _____
2. When you visit the Wildlife Refuge, what predator is displayed hanging from the ceiling? If the center is closed, take a peak through the window to see what it is! _____
3. Since there are no trash cans in the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, what should you do with your trash?

Bonus Questions

1. If you were to bake a giant birthday cake for Chatham this year, how many candles should you put on the cake? _____
2. What image do you first see when you bring up Chatham’s Smartphone Tour at www.eTourChatham.org ?
