

The History of Harpswell Day

The first Harpswell Day was in the late 1940s and the event continued through 1974. Families would bring things from their past to the Meeting House for all to see. There would be a speaker and perhaps a luncheon. It was a community celebration of the past in our town. Harpswell Historical Society and Harpswell Heritage Land Trust revived this celebration in 2016. Please join us to celebrate our past and to connect with our sense of community on this fine Harpswell Day.

Harpswell Day

A Celebration of Traditional Handcrafts and Subsistence Skills

Saturday, Oct. 14
12-4 p.m.

Harpswell Historical Society
929 Harpswell Neck Rd

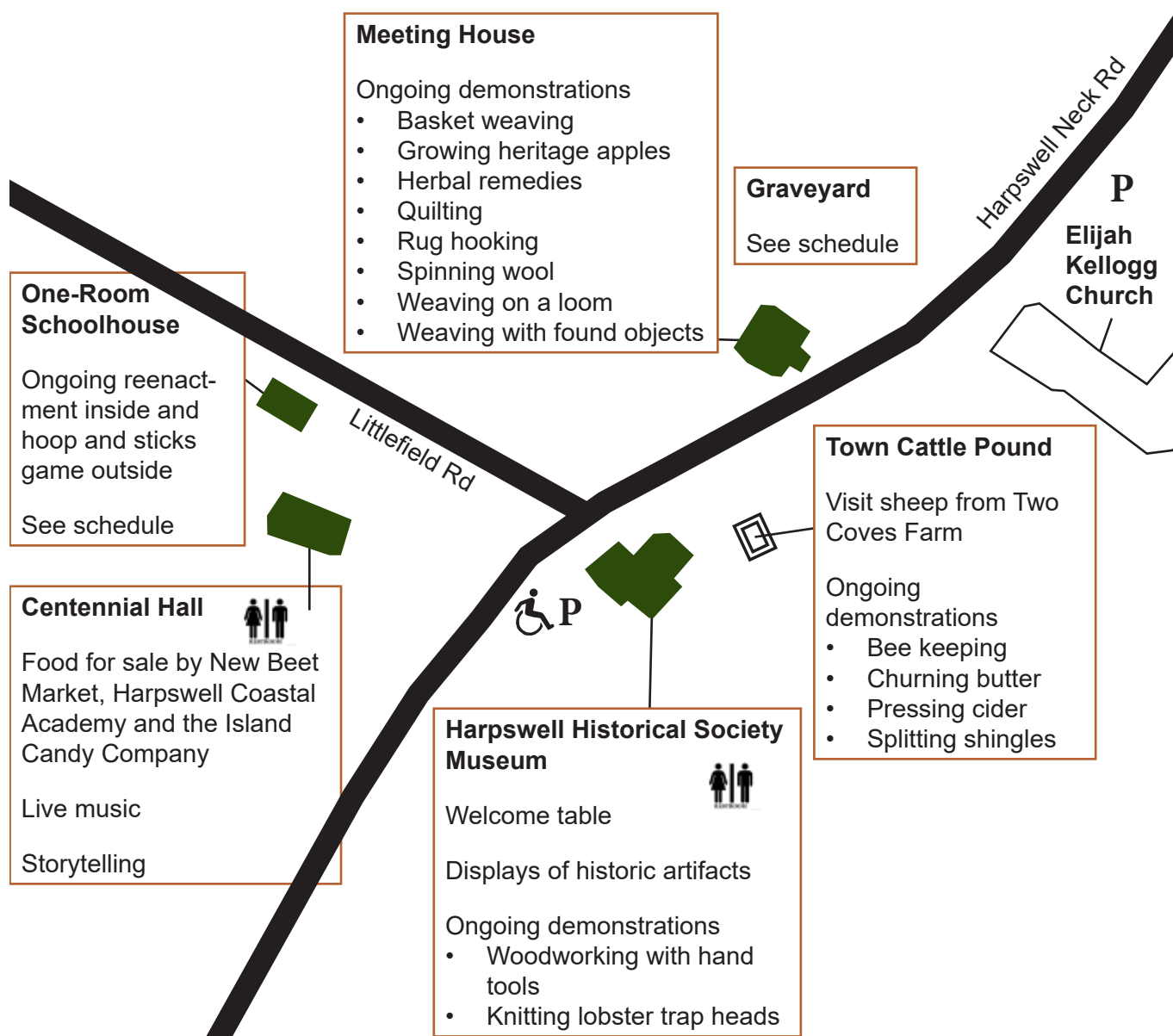


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Event Schedule

Harpswell Day Map of Activities



Ongoing Activities (12-4 p.m.):

- Demonstrations of traditional handcrafts and subsistence skills (Meeting House, Museum, Cattle Pound)
- Learn from a period schoolmarm in the one-room schoolhouse (Schoolhouse)
- Visit the sheep (Cattle Pound)
- Food for sale by New Beet Market, Harpswell Coastal Academy and Island Candy Company (Centennial Hall)
- Enjoy live music (Centennial Hall porch)
- Listen to story telling with Phyllis Blackwell starting at 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. (outside Centennial Hall)

Scheduled Activities

- 12:00-2:00 p.m. Live music with Stan Davis, blues/folk/jazz guitar, standavismusic.com (Centennial Hall porch)
- 12:15-12:30 p.m. One-room schoolhouse lesson on mental arithmetic (Schoolhouse)
- 12:30-1:00 p.m. Historical tour of the graveyard and Meeting House with Dave Hackett (Meet at south gate of graveyard)
- 12:30-12:45 p.m. Story telling with Phyllis Blackwell, starting every half hour (outside Centennial Hall)
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. Live music with Charles Bernier, singer/songwriter (Centennial Hall porch)
- 2:00-2:30 p.m. Architectural tour of Harpswell center with Deane Van Dusen (Meet at Meeting House)
- 2:45-3:00 p.m. One-room schoolhouse singing lesson (Schoolhouse)
- 3:00-3:30 p.m. Tour of the graveyard and the Meeting House with Dave Hackett (Meet at south gate of graveyard)