



Captain Fillmore's telescope.. It is 12 inches long.

Fillmore objects given to historical society

The family of Captain Harry Fillmore has donated some of the his personal possessions to the Jamestown Historical Society.

Captain Fillmore was a captain of a Jamestown ferryboat starting in 1917. The donated objects include his brass telescope, a 10-inch long model of an early ferryboat, "Jamestown," made by a crew member for the Captain and a chowder serving ladle made by the captain.

Born in 1877, Fillmore was a holder of a master's license for more than 60 years. He was a captain on yachts and tugboats before working for the Jamestown & Newport Ferry Boat Company. He also held a federal marine license that entitled him to pilot vessels of any tonnage.

Captain Fillmore lived on Union Street in Jamestown, was a state senator, and also served the town as the inspector of weights

and measures. He died in 1967 at the age of 89.

The Jamestown Historical Society has begun an ambitious project of digitally photographing and documenting its archive collections of old photographs and objects. This project will provide copies in case the original items are lost or damaged.

The project will also make it easier to retrieve and research items to study and enjoy. The biggest benefit is that the archives will soon be accessible online at the historical society's Web site.

The society owns about 1,000 objects, 4,000 old photographs, and many letters and pamphlets. Some 2,000 photos the society has digitally scanned can now be viewed on the Jamestown library computers.

Purple Door moves again, but only two doors down

Purple Door owner Deb Goyette has announced that she is moving her popular bead and jewelry store, yet again, though this time it is only two doors down from her current location.

"I feel funny telling everyone I'm moving again," said Goyette, who moved to her current location at East Ferry only this past summer. "But the location became available. It's much larger so customers will have more room to move around the store, and I'm adding a large work area so that customers can come in and make their jewelry on-site with tools they may not have at home and with the guidance of our employees who are all very talented jewelry makers," she said. In addition to the added space, Goyette has plans to purchase a kiln and expand the classes that are taught by her employees to include working with Precious Metal Clay, a silver-based clay that when fired becomes a sterling silver solid object.

"It's really fun to work with, and with the kiln in the store, people will have the opportunity to make rings, beads, pendants, and anything else they can think of and have it fired right here in the store," Goyette said.

The store will also offer expanded classes such as lady's night out and classes for younger jewelry-makers.

"It's a great hobby for anyone to learn," she said. "The materials are relatively inexpensive, and it's very easy to learn the basics of beading."

But right now Goyette is focused on moving the hundreds of thousands of beads as well as jewelry and other merchandise to the new location.

"I just did all this last summer so I'm getting pretty good at moving," she said, laughing.

The Purple Door sells a wide variety of beads and findings, unique beads from various countries like Thailand and Peru, handmade glass beads by Goyette, handmade designer jewelry made by local artisans, and offers classes in jewelry-making. For more information, call the Purple Door at 423-1231 or visit the store at 47 Conanicus Ave., at East Ferry in Jamestown.

Are you ready for a winter storm?

The American Red Cross suggests that everyone in the region start thinking about being prepared in case the area gets hit by a major winter storm.

They suggest that everyone assemble a disaster supplies kit to store in the home in case no one is able to get out for a few days.

The kit should include:

- A battery-powered NOAA Weather radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.
- Canned food and a can opener.
- Enough bottled water to provide at least one gallon per person per day, for three days.
- First-aid kit and essential prescription medications.
- Extra blankets for each member of the household.
- A warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat, and water-resistant boots for each member of the household.

When a winter storm watch is issued by NOAA, the Red Cross suggests that everyone:

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio, and TV stations, or cable TV such as the Weather Channel for further updates.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.

For further information on being prepared for storms and other emergencies, go to the Web site at www.redcross.org or www.noaa.gov.

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