

# Welcome to the 2022 season on Eagle Island

The Friends of Peary's Eagle Island remain committed to helping the State of Maine provide an enjoyable visit to one of the most historic and beautiful sights on the Atlantic and Maine coast.

This season for The Friends of Peary's Eagle Island will be a little challenging but very similar to last season.

The mold infestation evident throughout the house and library is still prevalent causing the museum to remain closed to visitors again this year. The State of Maine is developing a four year plan to combat this issue. A historic engineer/architect will plan the design work and process how the project will be initiated.

Two projects have been identified and are needed. One will remove objects from the house/museum to be restored and cleaned. The Friends hope to be involved with this stage of restoration helping with financial needs as afforded. A consultant will be on board to advise what artifacts should be removed, identifying which are owned by the Peary family, the Friends and the State of Maine and how each should be handled for preservation.

The second project will be sealing the museum to initiate removal of the mold infestation. After assessment by architects and engineers this project will be put out to bid to contractors with work beginning in 2024.

The Friend's Welcome Center will be open this season and show the new video developed by board members. We will be selling water, souvenirs, and books and for children our top selling small stuffed animals. We have some free souvenirs this year as well for all who visit. Expert docents will be on island providing information, answering questions, and helping visitors enjoy a visit to Eagle Island. The Friends will have photos of the inside of the house available for visitors to see what each room contains as they walk the perimeter of the house and peer into the windows.

The grounds and historic gardens will be tended to by our top notch gardening crew.

The trails will remain closed until July 16 to allow birds to fledge their nests and not be disturbed.

A visit to Eagle Island is an enjoyable experience for all. Come see this year what others have discovered.