



Seashore
Trolley
Museum



NEATO 2024 Winterfest Schedule

Friday, March 15th

11AM-4PM: National Streetcar Museum at Lowell: 25 Shattuck Street, Lowell Massachusetts

To showcase our satellite museum and our longstanding partnership with the National Park Service in Lowell, Massachusetts, we invite you to participate in the following activities before you arrive in Kennebunkport, Maine. We have many exciting activities planned for you in Lowell including a visit to the Lowell National Historical Park which includes the Boott Cotton Mill Museum and the Mogan Cultural Center, The National Streetcar Museum (a satellite museum of Seashore), and of course a ride on New Orleans Car 966 which will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Free parking is available at the HCID garage (350A Dutton Street) on the lower level in the area designated for National Park Service visitors. **Be sure to have your ticket validated at the National Park Service Visitor Center**, which is a short walk from the garage; follow the signs. On-street parking is available for a nominal fee on streets closer to the museum.

The National Park Service Visitor Center provides an excellent overview of the park's offerings. **The National Streetcar Museum at Lowell** is a short walk diagonally across the street from the Visitor Center. Due to track construction that normally would allow trolley boarding to happen adjacent to our museum, our volunteers will guide you to Boott Cotton Mill Museum, where you can hop aboard **New Orleans Car 966** and take you on a tour of the working track. Please note guest operations are not available in Lowell. Additionally, the car is **not handicapped accessible nor heated**. The National Park Service owns three Lowell trolley reproductions built by the Gomaco Company in the early 1980's. One of them will be parked on the siding for viewing adjacent to the Boott Cotton Mill Museum. Please note that the car barn will not be open for inspection.

Following your ride, visit the Boarding House and One City, Many Cultures exhibit in the [Mogan Cultural Center](#), which will be open from 12PM-4:30PM and is free of charge. The National Park Service Visitor Center will also be open 12PM-5PM. All sites will have either Ranger or Volunteer interpreters.

1PM-8PM: Seashore Trolley Museum: 195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport Maine

When you arrive, please check-in and pick up your name badge at the Museum Store in the Visitors Center.

1PM-6PM: Guest Trolley Operations. Hop aboard or operate Seashore's available fleet.

1PM-5PM: Speeder Operations. Take a ride on Sanford 51.

3PM-4PM: Restoration Shop Open House. Meet our Restoration Shop team and tour our facility.

4-5:30PM: Carhouse Tours (South Boston, Highwood, Riverside). Meet our docents at the trolley boarding platform by the Visitors Center.

5PM-6:30PM: Pizza Dinner, Visitors Center Exhibit Room

6PM-7PM: Seashore Trolley Museum Beginnings & Trolleys in Maine, a presentation by Narcissus Project Sponsor and former Seashore Executive Director, Phil Morse. Learn about the early years of electric railways in Maine and how the collection at STM is utilized to provide an up close and personal sentimental journey that is enjoyed by the visiting public as was foreseen and described by the early STM founders on June 18, 1939, during the final fan trip of the Biddeford and Saco Railroad. We will look at how a fan trip in 1939 led to the beginning of the Seashore Trolley Museum. Visitors Center Exhibit Room.

6PM-8PM: Model Railroad Building Tour and Guest Layout Operations. Check out our newest building on campus and operate the Maine Central Model Railroad. Our Executive Director Katie Orlando will lead a tour of the building at 6PM.

7:15PM-8PM: Constructing South Boston Carhouse. Meet in our newest carhouse to learn about the logistics of constructing this game-changing building. Our Executive Director and Steve Berg, our Director of Museum Operations, will lead this tour.

7:15PM-8PM: Bingo! There will be prizes! Our Operations Manager Alissa Schoff and year-round volunteer Linda Berg will lead this fun activity in the Visitors Center Exhibit Room.



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Saturday, March 16th

9AM-10PM: Seashore Trolley Museum: 195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport Maine

If you didn't do so on Friday, please check-in and pick up your name badge in the Visitors Center Museum Store.

9AM-5PM: Guest Trolley Operations. Hop aboard or operate Seashore's available fleet.

9AM-10:30AM: Carhouse Tours (South Boston, Highwood, Riverside). Meet our docents at the trolley boarding platform by the Visitors Center.

9AM-9:45AM: Mass Transit: A Transformation of Society. Join Education Coordinator John Mercurio as he takes you back in time to learn about the history of the streetcar, the people that made it all happen, and how it changed the world. Visitors Center 2nd Floor Conference Room.

10AM-10:45AM: Training Docents. Join Education Coordinator John Mercurio and learn how Seashore prepares docents to speak about our collection to guests aboard our trolleys and across campus. Visitors Center 2nd Floor Conference Room.

10AM: Facilitating Restoration: The Practical and Administrative Aspects of Running a Shop. Join Restoration Shop Director Dave Rogers as he shares Seashore's best practices for handling the variety of day-to-day tasks that keep our shop running. All participants are welcome to share their best practices as well. This discussion will focus on operational items like volunteer management, safety procedures, purchasing processes, and anticipating the needs of the Shop team. Meet in the Restoration Shop 1st Floor Wood Shop.

10AM-2PM: Pump Car Operations. Take Seashore's Handcar for a ride on the Butler Grove track, with Handcar Operators John A. Petillo & John J. Petillo.

10AM-3PM: Speeder Operations. Take a ride on Sanford 51 and a speeder from Seashore's partner, the Cotton Valley Rail Trail Club.

10:45AM-11:30AM: Rapid Transit Vision & MBTA Blue Line Tour. Join Seashore Trustee and MBTA 0600s Project Co-Sponsor Phil Tsihlis and learn about Seashore's vision for our rapid transit collection, plans for building our Coney Island display area, and tour the MBTA 0600 blue line cars. Visitors Center 2nd Floor Conference Room.

11AM-1PM: Lunch! Visitors Center Exhibit Room.

11AM-11:45AM: Model Railroad Building Tour. Our Executive Director Katie Orlando and Steve Berg, our Director of Museum Operations, will lead this tour.

11:30AM-1PM: Walking Tour: Early Seashore Days. Join former Executive Director Phil Morse on a walking tour of the original ten acres acquired by the founding members of Seashore in 1939 to place Biddeford & Saco No. 31. Learn about various activities that took place in Seashore's early years, uses of current buildings back then, and the location and uses of former buildings. Meet on the Visitors Center boarding platform.

12PM-1PM: Bucket Truck Rides with Board Chair & Overhead Superintendent Rob Drye. Meet by Tower C. The weight limit to participate in this activity is 275 lbs.

12PM-2PM: SOAC Car Tour with volunteers Meir Khitrenovich and Tom Tello. Meet at the SOAC cars by Riverside Carhouse.

1PM-1:45PM: Roundtable Discussion: Volunteer Scheduling. Join Seashore's Crew Caller Jim Nawrocki and dive into what works for your museum, what doesn't work, the highs, the lows, and everything in between. Visitors Center 2nd Floor Conference Room.

1PM-2PM: Restoration Shop Tour. Meet Team Restoration and take a docent-guided tour of our facility. Tour participants will be broken into four smaller groups and rotate through stations. Meet at the Restoration Shop.

2PM-3PM: Restoration Shop Open House. Following the Restoration Shop Tour, this more informal hour will allow you to ask questions and revisit any area of our facility that you would like more information about.

2PM-3:30PM: Carhouse Tours (South Boston, Highwood, Riverside). Meet our docents at the trolley boarding platform by the Visitors Center.



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2PM-2:45PM: Create an Endowment. To learn more about how to establish an endowment at your museum and how to continue to solicit donations without taking away from your museum's annual bottom line, meet our President/CEO Jim Schantz in the Visitors Center 2nd Floor Conference Room.

3PM-3:45PM: Model Railroad Building Tour. Our Director of Museum Operations Steve Berg will lead this tour.

3PM-4PM: K-6 Controller Rebuild Project. In 2023, the Asbestos in a K-6 controller needed to be replaced with an alternate material. Seashore Restoration staff used SolidWorks to create a 3D-CAD model for the replacement material. Meet Shop Foreman Brian Tenaglia in the Visitors Center Exhibit Room to learn about this process.

3:30PM-5PM: Behind-The Scenes Tours of Central and Fairview Carhouses. Join Trustee Bob Brosseau and long-time Seashore volunteer Lee Duncan and take a tour of our collection inside our storage carhouses.

4PM-5PM: Restoring Wooden Cars. Meet Master Woodworker Seth Reed in the Restoration Shop's 1st floor wood shop.

4:30PM-6PM: Food Truck Dinner! Enjoy a Seashore fan favorite, Bubba Frye's on the Fly.

6PM-6:45PM: The State of Seashore Trolley Museum. Learn about Seashore's current and future priorities from our Executive Director, Katie Orlando. Visitors Center Exhibit Room.

6:45PM-7PM: Comments from the host museum for Winterfest 2025. Visitors Center Exhibit Room.

7PM-10PM. Night Photo Shoot! Meet in the Visitors Center Exhibit Room. Participants with a digital camera with adjustable settings, a tripod, and cable release or remote will be set up for success, but all photographers of all backgrounds are welcome to join. Please bring a headlamp or flashlight.

7PM-10PM: Model Railroad Layout Guest Operations.

7PM-8PM: Make Art! Printmaking with Trolley Parts. Create cards or original artwork using forged parts from Seashore's Parts Warehouse and Restoration Shop to produce original prints. Stay for the entire hour or drop in. Join Seashore volunteer Ann Thompson in the Visitors Center 2nd Floor Conference Room.

8PM-8:45PM: Parts Warehouse Tour. Join our Board Chair Rob Drye at the Parts Warehouse and check out what's inside.





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Sunday, March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

8AM-12PM: Seashore Trolley Museum: 195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport Maine

8AM-10AM: Model Railroad Layout Guest Operations.

9AM-12PM: Guest Trolley Operations. Hop aboard or operate Seashore's available fleet.

9AM-12PM: Speeder Operations. Take a ride on Sanford 51.

9AM-10AM: Seashore Trolley Museum Beginnings & Trolleys in Maine, a presentation by Narcissus Project Sponsor and former Seashore Executive Director, Phil Morse. Learn about the early years of electric railways in Maine and how the collection at STM is utilized to provide an up close and personal sentimental journey that is enjoyed by the visiting public as was foreseen and described by the early STM founders on June 18, 1939, during the final fan trip of the Biddeford and Saco Railroad. We will look at how a fan trip in 1939 led to the beginning of the Seashore Trolley Museum.

10AM-10:45AM: Getting to a State of Good Repair. Join Board Chair Rob Drye and Shop Foreman Brian Tenaglia as they share Seashore's process of assessing the state of our operating fleet, track, and overhead infrastructure, and the plan to get Seashore to a state of good repair. Visitors Center Exhibit Room.

10AM-11:30AM: Walking Tour: Early Seashore Days. Join former Executive Director Phil Morse on a walking tour of the original ten acres acquired by the founding members of STM in 1939 to place Car 31. Learn about various activities that took place in Seashore's early years, uses of current buildings back then, and the location and uses of former buildings. Meet on the Visitors Center boarding platform.

10:30AM-12PM: Behind-The Scenes Tours of Central and Fairview Carhouses. Join Trustee Bob Brosseau and long-time Seashore volunteer Lee Duncan and take a tour of our collection inside our storage carhouses.

11AM-11:45AM: Engaging the Community, a presentation by Executive Director Katie Orlando and former Executive Director Phil Morse. Learn how Seashore leverages the community to drive museum attendance, create emotional connections, inspire donations, and build visibility for museum projects.

11AM-11:45AM: Restoration Shop Open House. If you missed the excitement in the Shop during the previous event days, our Restoration Shop Director Dave Rogers will show you our facility. Meet at the Restoration Shop.

11AM-4PM: National Streetcar Museum at Lowell: 25 Shattuck Street, Lowell Massachusetts

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