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The New England Curators, working with the New England Museum Association, have maintained an active and lively schedule of professional development and education. At the 2006 NEMA conference in Hartford, Connecticut, Curators were represented well in sessions ranging from “Material Culture of the Baby Boomer Generation,” curatorial ethics, and several sessions on exhibits and historic house museums. Also, a workshop at the conference posed the question, “So You Want to be a Curator,” and provided career development and networking advice to newcomers to the profession. The NEMA curators 2007 spring workshop, titled “Maritime Culture and Material History: A Curator’s Guide to the Artifacts and Heritage of Sea & Shore,” will help museums to examine more closely the maritime material culture in their own collections and to uncover new and deeper meanings from these artifacts.