



**The New England Museum of Telephony
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We found The Telephone Museum online while visiting nearby Bar Harbor, ME. This was one of the highlights of our trip.

They showed us how telephones evolved - literally from a string and 2 tin cans through switchboards popularized by Lily Tomlin's Ernestine character, to stepper and crossbar systems. We were able to make calls within the museum and watch as the magic happened.

– Museum visitors, May 2022

To all our Friends and Supporters:

You probably haven't heard from us for a while; keeping the museum running has been especially challenging over the last two years but rest assured that we are still alive and kicking. Or maybe I should say alive and ringing!

When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876 he could have hardly imagined what his invention would bring. Over the years, telephone and communication technology improved and changed more than many other technologies have. Indeed, the economic and commercial growth of the country and even the whole world would not have happened without telephone communication.

Our collection puts us in a unique position to demonstrate the social and technical developments in the history of telephone communication through hands-on exhibits. Our skilled volunteers make the equipment fully operational and provide personal, hour-long tours. But we need your help to continue. Our visitors quoted here were delighted to discover the museum; would you send a donation today to help keep the switchboard lamps glowing and the switches stepping to be enjoyed by future visitors?

You'll find enclosed the traditional return envelope, or you can choose to make your donation through the website at thetelephonemuseum.org. Please give as generously as you can to keep our networks up and running! We are grateful for your ongoing interest and support.

Sincerely,

Martin Harriss
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