

STAGE CURTAIN RESTORATION PROJECT
MAY 27th —MAY 30th



Supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Town of New Hampton and the NHHS are proud to be undertaking this historic project. The work on the curtains will be done "on site" in the New Hampton Town House. Volunteers are needed for the unique cleaning process and to provide food and beverages for the workers. The public is welcome to observe the restoration. Please call Carole Curry 744 -9798 or the Town Office at 744-3559 if you are interested.

In late May, the Historical Society will finalize our program offerings for 2014-15 and we will let everyone know what's on the agenda.

NHHS 2013-14 Programs: Curtains Without Borders; Stories of Our Town; The Romantic Period and British Literature; The Historic Art of Floor Coverings(postponed due to weather and to be included in this coming year's programs); In Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War; A Walk Back In Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes; and the upcoming History of Contra Dancing.

Our Museum will be open this Summer on Saturdays in July and August from 10:00AM until 12:00 Noon. Visits may also be scheduled with our Curator, Carole Curry, by calling 744-9798. Please be sure to stop by on Old Home Day –we will be open all day.

NHHS Membership Year is now July 1-June 30

New and Past Members! Please see the insert in our Newsletter and send your membership donation to the New Hampton Historical Society.



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Do you want to know more about the history of the town of New Hampton and support its educational programs and historic preservation efforts?

Visit our website to learn more or contact one of the board members.



President's Message: We are seeking new members for NHHS Board of Directors

The Historical Society Board is a not-for-profit educational organization whose mission is to research and preserve the history of the Town of New Hampton through its collections of historical material and its buildings, and to share the rich heritage of the town with residents, visitors, and students through exhibits, programs, interpretation and preservation. The New Hampton Historical Society vision is:

- 1) to provide stimulus for understanding New Hampton's cultural heritage, inspiring personal ex-*

ploration and learning through entertaining and thought provoking exhibits, programs and publications; 2) to develop appropriate educational programs for all levels of learning.; and 3) to collaborate with other heritage/historical groups and institutions in the Town and surrounding areas.

New Board members are needed so we may maintain this vision and continue the momentum that will propel us into a new year of informative programs, participation in ongoing projects, as well as educating children about our town. The Historical Society plays a key role in describing the

events, places and people that brought us to where we are today. The Board of Directors meets monthly (except July and August) to carry out the mission of the organization. If you are interested in serving on the Board or interested in learning more, please contact Gordon DuBois, President at 279 0379 or email: forestpd@metrocast.net (See inside for current Board members' brief bios.)

“STORIES OF OUR TOWN” PROGRAM WAS SRO IN NOVEMBER
Our Panel pictured here(see inside for article about the program & participants)



New Hampton Historical Society Board of Directors (2013-2014)

Gordon DuBois, President of the Board, will be stepping down from this position in June, but will remain on the Board. Gordon and his wife Nancy moved to New Hampton in 1998, after living in Laconia for over 20 years. Gordon was recruited to the Board by Bud Moore in 2002, and has been thankful for Bud's encouragement to join the Board, as it has been a wonderful and fulfilling experience. He has come to know the town and its residents as a precious gift in his life.

Stacy Nawoj, Treasurer, owns Pinnacle Kitchens on Route 104 and has lived in New Hampton since 1994, when she found an ideal, historical home in the village. A local history buff, she worked on the *Main Street Walking Tour Project* last year. Stacy states, "As with most New England towns, New Hampton began with hard-working folks who carved out a living and community with the basics. It's been quite an adventure getting to know the people and places that are long gone now, and working to keep the information alive for the next generations."

Carole Curry, Curator, came to New Hampton with her husband Bob in 2004. She states, "I felt we needed to get involved in the community in some way and get to know some of the New Hampton folk. Bud Moore called us and asked if we would like to join the New Hampton Historical Society's Board. We jumped at the opportunity to meet some new people and make friends. The board has been a great match for us, and we have had fun times working on many very creative programs."

Manfred Hoertdoerfer, Vice President, is a retired engineer and moved to New Hampton in 2006 after living for many years in Upstate New York and the Boston area. He and his wife Pat, who is an active member of the Historical Society, quickly became acquainted with the organization by attending educational programs and meeting Jinga Moore at the Town House on Election Day. Manfred states, "It is a great opportunity and pleasure to participate with the members of the Society in the wonderful and challenging projects that have marked recent times."

Ruth Gulick, Secretary, is a member of the NH House of Representatives, representing the towns of New Hampton and Center Harbor. She and her husband Peter have lived in New Hampton for 44 years and raised their children in what she calls, "this most perfect of towns." Ruth taught school for several years before getting her law degree and establishing her law practice on Main Street. She is a wonderful baker and famous for her home baked cookies that she brings to all programs sponsored by the Society.

Bob Curry is Historian and it's fitting that when he and his wife Carole moved to New Hampton he built a home on Carter Hill Road near the Levi Moses farm. When Carole and Bob came to town, the history of the Carter Mountain area became of great interest to them. They read the stories of the Carter family, wondered at the facts related to the stage coach running from Sanbornton right by their house, and noted the many stone walls that marked the boundaries of sheep pastures. New friends invited them to attend a board meeting of the Historical Society. Bob states, "This town and its history are wonderful! The programs, people, and possibilities for learning that are readily available and part of the society keep us active and rewarded in our retirement."

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Amy MacDonald spent her childhood summers in New Hampton while her parents ran a summer camp. In 1989 Amy and her husband Paul and built a house and moved to New Hampton with their son. Initially, she started coming to the NHHS programs and enjoyed learning about the town. Amy states, "I enjoy working with the people on the board. There are always interesting projects to participate in, and new things to learn about New Hampton and history in general." **Peter Gulick**, a graduate of Hobart College, has advanced degrees from Dartmouth College, University of Maine, Orono, and Plymouth State University. Peter and his wife Ruth have lived in New Hampton for many years. Peter recently retired from his position as Guidance Counselor at Plymouth High School. Before that he taught history at the New Hampton School and chaired the History Department. In total he has taught for fifty years at both private and public schools. **Julie Kirzner**, with 30+ years as Sales & Marketing Director in the resort industry, moved to New Hampton in 1991 and bought the converted barn in the Village in 1998. She owns Select Resort Sites, a conference planning company, and is the Village Precinct's newly elected Treasurer/Clerk. Julie creates the society's promotional material and is editor of the newsletter.

THE HISTORY OF THE HEMLOCKS



Ted Rand and sister, Randy Marshall, in the late 1930's

In our last Newsletter, we published Amy Rand MacDonald's story of her family's Hemlocks Camp For Boys. Following is a continuation of the story:

The Pemigewasset River borders one side of the property and a brook flows into a bay on the other creating a peninsula of approximately 8 acres. In 1934, when Charles and Thrina Rand bought the Hemlocks, the Ayers Dam in Bristol had been built and the fast flowing Pemi became the dammed river we see today. Ultimately, the camp enrolled sixty boys with a staff of approximately twenty-five. Staff members included counselors, cooks, a secretary, a babysitter and a resident nurse.

Eventually, a total of eight cabins were built. The camp buzzed with excitement. The day's activities included swimming, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, waterskiing, archery, woodworking shop, kayak making, metal working and art classes. Campers also had the opportunities for hiking trips in the White Mountains and Maine. Charles' brother, George, spent summers at camp, teaching water color painting and pencil drawing, in addition to telling stories and leading songs. Fritz Robbins walked through the woods from his house adjacent to The Hemlocks to teach sketching. *(Amy MacDonald is the custodian of the Historical Society's collection of Fritz Robbins prints and she has them available for purchase, as fundraising items, at the NHHS programs. Call Amy @744-9053 or Carole Curry, NHHS Curator, @ 744-9798 if you are interested in purchasing and/or information about our collection).*

“STORIES OF OUR TOWN” PROGRAM

Our panel pictured on the front page from left to right:

Gene Wallace, Bob Moulton, Pat Torsey, Tom Smith, Jinga Moore, and Barbara Chase

Thank you to all!

Excerpts from report of Jo Radner, PhD, Project Consultant, to the Community Grants Director, New Hampshire Humanities Council. “NHHS presented a hugely successful community storytelling evening on Nov. 20, 2013. “Stories of Our Town” featured six long-time residents, interviewed skillfully by Pat Hoertdoerfer and Gordon DuBois, telling their memories to a packed house in the Gordon-Nash Library. Familiar with the stories the tellers had shared in their individual interviews, Pat and Gordon cued each person to speak, creating a town portrait from a weave of funny, fond, and poignant anecdotes. The evening whetted local appetites for town history, triggered many individual memories, and—perhaps most important—brought the old-timers and the new residents in the audience together with the gift of a common trove of local knowledge.

In an era when people often communicate screen-to-screen rather than face-to-face, gatherings like “Stories of Our Town” can encourage future conversation and shared stories whenever townspeople happen to meet—in the post office, in stores, in church, at holiday events. This can begin to make a difference in local pride and sense of identity. I hope that the NHHS group will produce more such gatherings in the future in New Hampton.” *NHHS thanks Barry Draper for the great photos from this memorable evening, including the panel and the following audience participants!*

