



CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of the Society shall be to collect and preserve artifacts pertaining to the Town of Cumberland and its history, making it available to groups, schools, and individuals.

MEMORIAL DAY

While there are towns and cities still planning Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some think the day is for honoring anyone who has died, not just those fallen in service to our country. Allen West

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MAY THOUGHTS ON MOTHERS

The phrase "working mother" is redundant. -Jane Sellman

An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy. -Spanish Proverb

When your mother asks, "Do you want a piece of advice?" it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway. -Erma Bombeck

Sweater, n.: garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly. -Ambrose Bierce

If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy. -Ferrell Sims

There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one. -Jill Churchill

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them. -Phyllis Diller

A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone else's. -Diana, Princess of Wales

APRIL MEETING:

About two dozen met at *Doc's Café* (the former Arthur Blanchard home, then the doctors' offices). David Williams (not Steven, his brother, as was written in last month's newsletter), who, with his wife Rebecca owns it, related the "long and winding road" that they had to travel to get it from an old, tired building to the delightful upscale eating/meeting place that it is now. The long sheds out in the back had to be torn down, but have been made into apartments, keeping the look of the old sheds by installing an archway at the Main Street end. It was an interesting meeting with, not only David's talk, but by the fact that we had a descendant of George Blanchard (Arthur's father) in the audience, and a former office worker for Dr. Hansen. Lynda Wilson Jensen is a great granddaughter of George Blanchard, and Madeline Young worked for Dr. Hansen. It was a good meeting, had a few folks sign up for membership, had some really tasty goodies from *Doc's Café*, and had an opportunity to view it from top to bottom.

MAY STUMPER: Who was Cumberland's first man to enlist in the Civil War? (Answer at the end.)

BUSINESS:

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:

Please gather behind the Superintendent's Office by 9:30AM on Monday, May 27th. Once again, there will be coffee and munchies available for all of you, and golf carts for those who prefer not to march. If you have any questions, contact Chief Dan Small at 207.829.5421 or dsmall@cumberlandmaine.com.

The 2014 calendars, with Tony Lisa's beautiful drawings, have been printed and are ready to sell. Tony has also had some note cards made up with three Cumberland designs. The calendars are \$10.00 each, and the cards will be \$2.50 each or 3/\$7.00. There are still a few 2013 calendars left that are being sold for \$6.00.

Tony has also done up a framed drawing of Greely Institute that we will use as a raffle prize. The drawing will be during Cumberland Fair. Ticket donations will be 1 for \$3.00, 2 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$10.00.

We are going to be able to have a table at the Town Office on Voting Day, June 4, 2013, so we can drum up some membership and other funding.

Graduation at Greely High School this year is June 9. Maybe one of the lovely Cumberland Historical Society coverlets would be a nice gift to give that special graduate in your family.

If anyone is a stamp collector, and would like to do a project, we need some help. Debbie Knight Dugas has donated many of her grandfather's (Cap Bragg) items to the Cumberland Historical Society. In the copious amount of things that we've received was a large bag of envelopes with stamps from the 1920's to the 1970's that Cap was going to organize "some day". We all know where that sort of thing goes. We who are accessioning these stamps don't really know what to do with them. If you are, or know somebody who is, a stamp collector to help us with the collection, we'd greatly appreciate it. Contact Carolyn Small at csmall1943@maine.rr.com, or 829-4423.

MAY MEETING:

No meeting, but the "Tuesday folks" are setting the place up for an Open House on Memorial Day, before and after the Parade. Linda Fulda "volunteered" her husband, John, to go on dandelion patrol on the walkway, and to get the garden in shape. Dusting and cleaning are being addressed, and items are being pulled from the collections to be on display. Gloves will be available so that members and visitors can pick them up and look closely at them all. We are focusing on Cumberland's service in the wars. We have uniforms, post cards, awards, diaries, and so much more to view. Please join us before and after the parade, and enjoy the collection

with some lemonade, a cup of coffee and a cookie or two. We'll open up at 9:00AM, pause while the parade and ceremonies are going on, then resume until about noon. If anyone would like to sit with us, we'd like the help. We've got lots to show!

A good sign of our long-awaited spring is the opening of the Cumberland Farmers' Market in two locations. One is at 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon Saturday , May 18 at the parking lot at the Cumberland Town Office, and the other is noon to 4:00PM Wednesday, May 25th at Twombly Park in Falmouth. They will continue all summer and fall. The tradition of farming in Cumberland continues.

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to Glenn Hutchins of Cumberland, Annalee Pease of Cumberland Foreside, and Linda Griffin, of Windham.



ACQUISITIONS:

Yarmouth Historical Society gave us a picture, the only one that we have, of the Powell house, on Route 88. Ted and Marion Chandler gave, on permanent loan, the door to the house. That door stands in the front hall of our building. This is the house from which Penelope Martin and her sisters started a girls' boarding school ca. 1830. It got to be so popular that they had to get a larger facility, so they eventually moved the school to Portland. The book "An Ornament of

Grace” is the compilation, put together by Betty Sweetser Baxter, of the letters exchanged between Penelope and her parents while she stayed with her aunt in England to finish her education before coming here to live. Great 1800’s reading.



Powell House

Thomas Bennett, Prince Memorial Library Director, sent us a set of four bound volumes Cumberland Town Reports, including years 1888-1920. They’ll be very useful for researching.

From the Pownal Scenic and Historical Society, we received a copy of the their book, “On Pownal Time”, One Hundred Years in a Rural Maine Town, 1908-2008. It is a 299 page book of the history of that town. It is available at the Cumberland Historical Society for research.

Roger Young gave us some interesting paper items, and a video cassette of the Canadian Mounties at the Cumberland Fair. He has contributed several items in the past few years.

Dan Fossett donated a group of pictures from a Boy Scout/Cub Scout rifle safety course in 1960. His father, John, was a member of the West Cumberland Rod & Gun Club, and guided many different gun safety classes at that facility, which still stands at Blackstrap Road.

David Potter gave us two panoramic photos of Greely Institute staff and students. One is 1937 and the other 1939.

OUR NEIGHBORS:

Limington has designed a website to inform people about themselves. Check out the whole website to see what other interesting things are going on there this summer!



2013 UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSES BEGIN JUNE 6, AND RUN THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12

EVERY THURSDAY, 6:00 pm- 8:00pm

at the barn 7 Joe Webster Road (off Route 11 across from Mill Pond) Limington

SATURDAY MAY 18

Olde Limington Day/ Antique Engine Show

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

at the barn

7 Joe Webster Road (off Route 11 across from Mill Pond) Limington

MONDAY, MAY 20

SOLVE

This is a get together of area historical societies. It is a chance for everyone to share ideas and meet.

Everyone welcomed, it should be fun.

9:30 am at the barn

SKYLINE FARM

NORTH YARMOUTH- On Saturday, May 18, 9:30 a.m., teams of draft horses will plow farmland in preparation for the 2013 growing season at Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, and its neighboring fields. Skyline Farm, Deri Farm (located next door), and the Farmers Draft Horse, Mule and Pony Club of Maine are sponsoring Plow Day, a free public demonstration that brings to life the word 'horsepower'. The teams will begin at 9:30 a.m., break for lunch, and finish sometime in the early afternoon. A horse-drawn wagon will shuttle the public between Skyline Farm and Deri Farm's leased fields, which will serve as demonstration areas where teamsters will describe the proceedings and answer questions. From 10 a.m.-1 p.m. visit the blacksmith, harness-making, goat cheese-making, and food preserving demonstrations. Step inside Skyline's Carriage Museum and celebrate 100 years of Acadia National Park's historic carriage roads by viewing horse-drawn vehicles that might have been driven on roads designed and built by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. From 10-11 a.m., pony rides for children will be available for \$5 per ride. Members of Cumberland County's new 4-H Goat Club, White Pine Caprines, will have a booth to share their knowledge about the kids' favorite subject - Goats! The youth have learned about various goat breeds, how to care for dairy goats, and how to milk a goat. Refreshments will be for sale from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Parking is available in the field beyond the Arena and along one side of The Lane. For more information, call Pam Ames, (207) 829-5708 or email info@skylinefarm.org.



What a fabulous lineup!

YARMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY:



UPCOMING EVENTS AT YARMOUTH HISTORY CENTER

May 2013

Kieran Shields Author Talk



mysteries.

Local author Kieran Shields will speak at the Yarmouth History Center, 118 East Elm Street, on Thursday, May 16th, at 7:00 PM. Shields will discuss his most recent book, *A Study in Revenge*, a follow-up to *The Truth of All Things*. Both books take place in late 19th century Portland, Maine and are well-researched historical

Spring Open House

Please join us for our Spring Open House on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 to 5:00. The schedule of events includes a guided walking tour of East Elm Street at 10:30 and 1:00. Museum gallery tours and children's scavenger hunts will be offered throughout the day. For more information, call 846-6259 or visit www.yarmouthmehistory.org.

Lighthouses and Shipwrecks of Casco Bay

The Yarmouth Historical Society May Lecture Program will feature Jeremy D'Entremont on Monday, May 20th at 7:00 PM at the Yarmouth History Center. This presentation on lighthouses and shipwrecks in Casco Bay will combine historic and new photos, film clips, and audio clips. One of the leading experts on New England's historic lighthouses, D'Entremont is the author of nine books, including *The Lighthouses of Maine* and *Great Shipwrecks of the Maine Coast*. He is also the historian for the American Lighthouse Foundation and the founder of Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses.



KIND THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE NEEDED for Susan Leighton Brown, daughter of Bob and Margaret Leighton. She suffered a massive stroke last month, but is recovering. The recovery is much too slow for her family and friends, but it is progress. She is able to communicate, though not verbally yet.

Answer to the May Stumper:

Thomas Hanley. There is a picture of him at the Historical Society.

In a collaborative effort between Prince Memorial Library and the Cumberland Historical Society, there is a box with information being assembled of the histories of the Cumberland men who served in the Civil War. It will be on display at the museum on Memorial Day. There are interesting connections between some of the enlistees.

~ As per our bylaws, the first notification needs to be made this month for the June election of officers. The slate thus far, stands as is. If anyone is interested in running for, resigning from, or nominating to the current slate, please contact Carolyn Small. ~

Thank you to our corporate sponsor, Sevee & Maher Engineers.

JUNE MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013 @ 7:00PM Brick Schoolhouse on Blanchard Road.

This will be a **members' only** meeting, with a few very important items to discuss after the election of officers.

The slate of officers currently submitted is:

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Annemarie Dawson

Secretary: Pat Larrabee

Treasurer: Sue Wall

Trustees: G Morgan Knight

Herbert S. Foster, Jr.

Katrina Rich

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Lynda Wilson Jensen

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Committees needed:

1. 501C3
2. Program
3. Furnace
4. Refreshments
5. Special events
6. Fund raising