

SURRY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

August 28th, 1995

A BRIEF HISTORY of the SCIA

Twenty five years ago, on January 8th, 1970, at 7:00 pm, following informal discussions in the homes of certain residents of Surry, 37 people gathered at the old Fire House (presently the Community Hall on Route 176) "to determine if enough people are interested in forming a Surry Community Club for the betterment of all the people in the town." Subsequent meetings formalized the goals of the organization. The initial goals were:

1. To provide scholarship awards for Surry seniors who declared intentions of pursuing higher education.
2. To provide supplementary materials for the pupils of the Surry Grammar School.
3. To provide assistance for Surry Citizens in need.
4. To raise money to accomplish the above goals.

The organization successfully accomplished its original goals with dispatch, and in subsequent years took on numerous other projects to benefit the Town. (See next page) These projects have drawn participants together to enhance the Community Spirit and have helped to make Surry the pleasant place it is today.

In 1971, a scrapbook of SCIA activities was started by Susan Stinson, the first Recording Secretary, assisted by Aurelia Hooper. The scrapbook has been continued by a scrapbook committee since 1974, and provides an interesting record of the history of the organization.

The SCIA meets on the first Monday evening of each month (usually at the Surry School,) and often hosts guest speakers on subjects of general interest to all. Its meetings are open to the Public, and are usually well attended, often by citizens from surrounding communities as well as those from Surry. The SCIA is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, elected annually by the organization. The Board elects a President each year.

The organization publishes a monthly community calendar and hosts an annual awards dinner. Citizens who have been particularly generous with their time and efforts for the benefit of the Community are honored at this dinner.

Presently, the SCIA has well over 100 members. We are always looking for new members to participate in our activities and enjoy the satisfaction of helping others. (See the back page for more information on membership.)

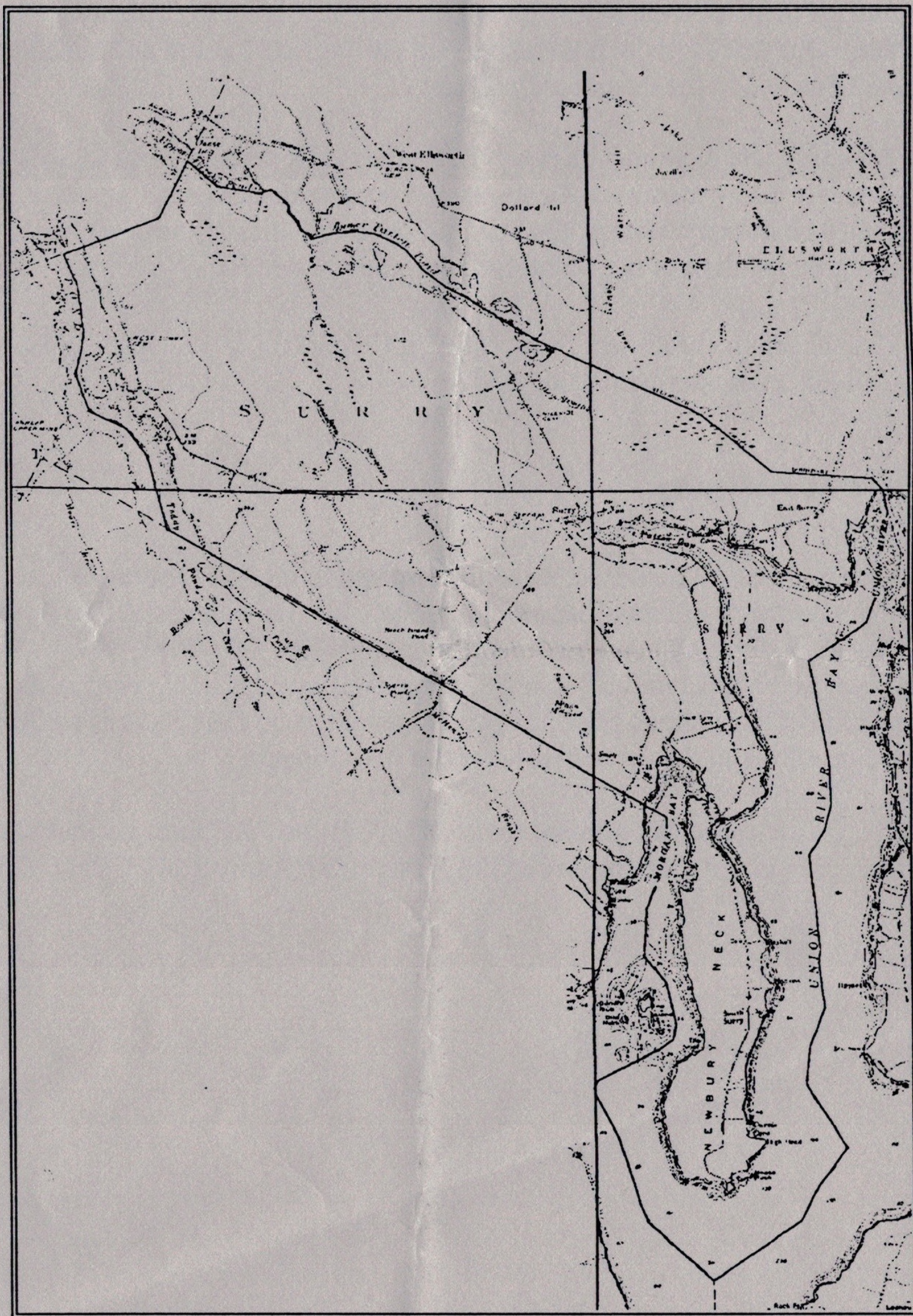
PRESIDENTS of the SCIA

1970	Daniel H. McGraw	1983	Eleanor McFarland
1971	Daniel H. McGraw	1984	A. Dwight Black
1972	Charles Pooler	1985	A. Dwight Black
1973	Charles Pooler	1986	A. Dwight Black
1974	Hollis Bonsey	1987	Lois Stevens
1975	Levi S. Totman	1988	Lois Stevens
1976	Robert Bullard	1989	Paul McCann
1977	Charles Pooler	1990	Paul McCann
1978	Marilyn Gorman	1991	Paul McCann
1979	Marilyn Gorman	1992	Lois Stevens
1980	A. Dwight Black	1993	Joseph Stockbridge
1981	A. Dwight Black	1994	Joseph Stockbridge
1982	Eleanor McFarland	1995	M. Margaret Champlain

PROJECTS in which the SCIA has participated

Annual Scholarship Award
School Milk Funding
Community Calendar
Removal of Junk Cars
Town Landing Boat Ramp
Litter cleanup
Study of the KOA Controversy
Christmas Decorations
Development of the Fire House Kitchen
Bulletin Board for Surry
New Street Signs
Trash Barrel for Carrying Place Beach
Town Hall Stairs
Mendocino
Memorial for Ted Hill
Elm Tree Replacement Planting
Rest Pads for School Kindergarten
Town Hall Historic Preservation Project
Good Neighbor Good Citizen Awards
Surry Historical Society
Guest Speaker Program
Auctions, Raffles and Rummage Sale Fund Raisers
Community Suppers
Concerts

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AN INVITATION

Membership in the SCIA is open to *all* citizens of Surry, and you are urged to join and participate in the meetings and projects, if you are not already a member. Our meetings are interesting, and our projects are fun and beneficial to each of us and to the Community of Surry.

As of January, 1996, annual dues will be increased from the present \$5 to \$8 per person or \$15 per couple. (Original membership dues were \$1 per year, per person!) The dues are used to fund certain civic activities of the organization, including the mailing of the Monthly Community Calendar.

For a membership enrollment form, call Peg Champlain at 667-5668 or you may call Peter Zimmerman at 667-2558.

SOME WORDS OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who have participated in the SCIA over the years as members and/or as officers. We would like to thank the citizens of Surry and the Selectmen for their continued support of our work. Of course, we owe a great deal to the folks in the Town Office for their immeasurable help in the completion of our various projects. Special thanks go to Lois Stevens for her usual fine efforts in the orchestration of the refreshments.

Finally, we are especially grateful to the "Flash-in-the Pan" Steel Drum Band for providing us with the music and fun for our 25th Anniversary Celebration!