

NEWSLETTER

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Digitizing of the WHS Collection Continues

Our ongoing preservation project of organizing, classifying, and digitizing the Wilmot Historical Society's entire historical collection is well under way. The new software, computer, printer, and scanner, purchased with funds from a town warrant, are housed in the History Room at the town offices and have been put to good use by Mary Fanelli and Judy Hauck, who head the team for inputting digital information and photos of the collection. To date, most of the postcard collection has been scanned, and the public will soon be able to access them on line. Financial support for this endeavor comes from The Curiosity Shop. Under the guidance of Lindy Heim, this project has become an effective fundraiser as well as an outlet for de-accessioning duplicates or non-Wilmot related items in our collection. It has also proved to be a great outreach program at the Wilmot Farmers Market during the summer months.

Please contact Mary (526-2614) or Judy (526-4920), or any other board member if you would like to help.

Featured in this issue: 1) Boston Post Cane Award; 2) Town Hall stage curtains restored through Moose Grant

Boston Post Cane

In 1909 as a promotional campaign the Boston Post newspaper sent an engraved walking cane to all the larger towns in New England to be held, in turn, by the oldest man in the town. WHS member Liz Kirby revived the tradition this year by initiating a policy to honor the oldest living member of the community. This year Tony Caruso, by virtue of his 95 years was the recipient. While the cane resides in the history room in the town offices, a photo of Tony holding the cane, and a certificate stating that he was the oldest living person in Wilmot at the time, was given to him in September. Sadly, Tony passed away on January 7, 2013.

Town Hall Stage Curtains Restored

The WHS recently collaborated with The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts to secure a Moose Grant to refurbish the stage curtains in the town hall. Curtains Without Borders, a company that specializes in this work, repaired and refurbished both curtains. They also refitted the rigging on which to hang them. One of the newly restored curtains that was heavily damaged and has not been displayed in several years, will be on view during Town Meeting in March 2013. Later in 2013, the WHS will present a program on the history of the curtains and the repair process.

Know your Board

Officers: President, Marc Davis; V. President, Lindy Heim; Treasurer, Mary Fanelli; Secretary, Judy Hauck
Directors: Nola Aldrich, Rosanna Dude, Esther Grace, Janet Howe, Julie Morse, and Fred Ogmundson

IMPORTANT - Please support the WHS in its important work to preserve and promote the history of Wilmot. Join the Historical Society today!

WILMOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - MEMBERSHIP FORM for 2013

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Annual membership is \$5 per person

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ membership(s)

I am also including a tax-deductible donation of \$ _____ for a total of \$ _____

Please make check payable to: Wilmot Historical Society, P.O. Box 97, Wilmot, NH 03287
Thank you!

The Wilmot Historical Society Announces Upcoming Programs for 2013

Sunday, February 3 at 2 p.m.

Lizzie Borden Took an Axe...

The Wilmot Historical Society (WHS) is hosting the N.H. Humanities Council program, *Lizzie Borden Took an Axe...Or Did She?* at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 3 at the First Congregational Church of Wilmot on North Wilmot Road in Wilmot Center. The Curiosity Shop will be selling WHS publications and the Donald Hall DVD. Refreshments will be served following the performance, which is free and open to the public.

Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m.

Songs of Old New Hampshire

Jeff Warner, who will present this program at the WCA Red Barn in Wilmot, is among the nation's foremost performer-interpreters of traditional music. His songs from the lumber camps, fishing villages and mountain-tops of America connect 21st century audiences with the everyday lives and artistry of 19th century Americans. More info may be found at www.wilmothistoricalociety.org

Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Curiosity Shop opens

The Curiosity Shop will open at the Wilmot Farmers Market on June 22. This venture, initiated by Vice president Lindy Heim, has been very successful on many fronts.

Last year the Shop raised over \$2500 through the sale of WHS history publications, Donald Hall DVDs, and memorabilia donated by the community and de-accessioned from our collection. If you would like to help with this project, email <lindycraig@heimfamily.org>.

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

WHS Book Club

This group meets quarterly on Saturdays at the Wilmot Library and is open to all. The next meeting is March 9 at 10 a.m., and book choice is *The Burgermeister's Daughter*, by Steven Ozment. For more information call Marc Davis at 927-4596.

Sunday August 18

Wilmot Old Home Day

A Vaudeville Show, presented by Wally Borgen's fabulous troupe and hosted by the Wilmot Old Home Day Association, is scheduled for Sunday, August 18, at 2 p.m., in the Wilmot Town Hall off Route 4A. This show features crazy antics, lively songs, and "you never know what is going to happen" events!

WHS Annual Meeting

Fall 2013

The Wilmot Historical Society's annual meeting and Cracker Barrel Program will take place in the fall - late October or early November - according to the by-law revision of November 2012.

Clean out your attic!

The WHS needs small collectibles to sell at next summer's Curiosity Shop.

Best sellers seem to be:

- Costume jewelry
- Unusual pieces of china or glass
- Old tools, cooking utensils, kitchen gadgets, and thingamagigs
- Vintage toys and clothing
- Small wooden items
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History Room Hours

June through September

Saturdays 10 – 12

Throughout the year by appointment

President Marc Davis 927-4596

V. President Lindy Heim 526-6376

The history room is located in the

Town Office Building

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