

NEWSLETTER

Entering the 21st Century: Digitizing the WHS Collection

Our preservation projects include the digital organization, classification, and display of the Wilmot Historical Society's (WHS) entire historical collection. The new software, computer, printer, and scanner, purchased with funds from a town warrant, are now housed in the History Room located at the Town Offices, 9 Kearsarge Valley Road, Wilmot Flat. Mary Fanelli and Judy Hauck head the team that inputs digital information and photos of each item of the collection. Eventually the public will be able to access the WHS collection on line.

Organizing the material entails solving the "who, what, when, and where" of Wilmot's past. We encourage students of history, or any resident who enjoys sleuthing, to join our quest. The process is fun and definitely educational. We can use help from anyone with an interest in the past.

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

Special thanks go to the citizens of the Town of Wilmot for providing the funds to launch this very important process of digitizing our ever-growing collection.

The Curiosity Shop

Volunteers who worked at last summer's Curiosity Shop had fun displaying and selling duplicate items from the History Room's collection. Lindy Heim directed and organized the weekly displays at the Wilmot Farmer's Market and encouraged everyone to search their attics and barns for items that would draw interest. Proceeds will fund the WHS's ongoing preservation work.

Mink Finds a Home!

A recent donation to the Curiosity Shop of a mink coat inspired the idea of having a special Silent Auction at the Town Hall during primary election day, Tuesday, January 10. The coat was owned by Fran Wilcox, a former president of the WHS, and was donated by her daughter, Sue. The proceeds—\$220!—will be used to buy archival materials for the History Room.

Know your Board

Officers: President, Marc Davis; Vice President, Lindy Heim; Treasurer, Julie Morse; and Co-secretaries Mary Fanelli and Judy Hauck

Directors: Nola Aldrich, Rosanna Dude, Esther Grace, Janet Howe, Elizabeth Kirby, and Fred Ogmundson

IMPORTANT – Please support the WHS's important work to preserve and promote the history of Wilmot and its residents by joining the Historical Society today!

WILMOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – MEMBERSHIP FORM for 2012

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Yearly membership is \$5 per person

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for _____ membership(s)

I also wish to make a tax deductible donation of \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Make check payable to: Wilmot Historical Society, P.O. Box 97, Wilmot, NH 03287

**The Wilmot Historical Society Announces
Upcoming Programs for 2012**

Sunday, February 12 - 2 p.m.

The WHS will present a not-to-be-missed musical program by "The Good Old Plow" at the Wilmot Community Association's red barn on Village Road in Wilmot Flat. Fred Ogmundson of Wilmot, Tom Curren of Danbury, and Don Towle of Alexandria have been singing together since 1986. The pro-gram, using the music of the times, depicts the rise and fall of the New Hampshire hill farm. Refreshments will be served following the performance, which is free of charge.

Saturday May 5 - 7:30 pm

Vaudeville - The WHS will host a Vaudeville Show at the Wilmot Town Hall in Wilmot Center. It promises to be an evening of laughter, good musical fun and surprises. Wally Borgen of New London and her troupe will delight young and old in the age-old tradition of Vaudeville on the

historic stage of the former Wilmot Grange. Many a splendid night of dance, music, and fun was held there in times past, as some of you may remember.

Don't miss this chance to step back in time. Bring the whole family. Tickets are a modest \$5. Parking is easy and refreshments will be served. Mark your calendar, and we'll see you there!

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

Saturday August 11

Pulpits and Politics – A Tour of Town Meeting Houses, includes the North Wilmot Meeting House

Sunday August 19

Wilmot Old Home Day – Annual event
November

Wilmot Historical Society - Annual Meeting and Cracker Barrel Program

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 thingamajigs
- Ephemera
- Small wooden items

History Room Hours

June through September

Saturdays 10 – 12

Throughout the year by appointment

Pres. Marc Davis 927-4596

V. Pres. Lindy Heim 526-6376

The history room is located in the

Town Office Building

9 Kearsarge Valley Road

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