

Association of Historical Societies of NH
Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire
and
Historical Society of Cheshire County
present

Team Up With the State!
The Role of the Historical Society in
Identifying Local Treasures

featuring
Edna Feighner, Historical Archeologist,
NH Division of Historical Resources

Saturday; April 16, 2005
1 to 4 p.m.

Rocks Estate, Bethlehem, NH
I-93 exit 40; east on 302; entrance 1/4 mile,
right-hand side.

Saturday; April 30, 2005
10:00 - noon

Historical Society of Cheshire County
246 Main St., Keene, NH
Take NH 101 into Keene; North onto Main
St; HSCC on right before 1st light, at corner
of Main and Marlboro/Winchester; pkg in
rear.

Edna Feighner will explain what the
Division is and does, and
how historical societies can be the front line
in the identification
and preservation of local historical resources.

In addition, on April 16,
Frumie Selchen and **Becky Newton**
of the Arts Alliance of Northern NH
will facilitate a work session for the
preparation of
Historic and Heritage Sites of Northern NH,
a brochure that will serve as a map and guide

to historic buildings and natural sites
throughout the North Country.
Bring a list of sites you would like to see
included!

Also, on April 30,
Ms. Feighner will be joined by her colleague
Linda Ray Wilson
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer.
and
the **Wyman Tavern** and the
Horatio Colony House
will be open for you.

Cost:
\$5/person
or, if two or more people come to represent
their society,
\$10/historical society

For April 16, please pre-register with
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For April 30, please pre-register with
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Please contact Linda Day if you are interested
in serving as Treasurer or Recording Secretary
for the Association, or want to make a
nomination.

Societies' Events

(where contact information is omitted, please consult the Association's Directory. Thank-you).

Allenstown: April 18, 7 p.m., guest speaker, Allenstown Fire Station (485-9720)

Amherst: April 11, 7:30 p.m. Scotch/Irish Settlers in New Hampshire, by Ralph Stuart Wallace, Congregational Church of Amherst, Village Green.

Durham: April 26, 7 p.m., The Concord Coach: New Hampshire's Best Known Product, lecture by William Copeley, Durham Community Church

Hampton: April 23, Barn Fundraising Dinner featuring barn expert and author John Porter, Masonic Hall (929-0781)

Hancock: May 5 Collecting Antique Bottles lecture by Alan Rumrill

Keene: April 25, 7:30 p.m., Lecture by Robert Macieski on Lewis Himes photography and child labor in New England, Historical Society of Cheshire County (352-1895)

Milford: May 24, 7:30 p.m. Preservation of Old Pictures/Documents and Annual Meeting, Milford Town Hall

Nashua: April 19, 7:30 p.m. Popular Music During World War II, by Cal Knickerbocker, Nashua Historical Society, 5 Abbott Street

Salisbury: April 16, 9am Archives Workshop

Sutton: May 11, 5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Supper, North Sutton Baptist Church (938-5136)

Tamworth: May 7, 1 p.m. Farm Fest at Remick Country Doctor Museum and Farm

Additional News from Societies

All of Allenstown's roadside stone walls were inventoried and photographed by the Allenstown Historical Society last year,

Greenland Historical Society is selling tiles of prominent local landmarks and the town seal.

The Hampton Historical Society saved a c. 1795 barn that was slated for demolition last year with outstanding leadership and over 500 hours of volunteer assistance to dismantle the building and move it to their property. The Society needs to raise over \$60,000 to re-erect the barn as their Farm Museum.

The Hancock Historical Society worked with students from the Field School in Antrim in developing a challenging research project. The Society hopes to display the products of the investigation of the historic Merrill property.

The Jaffrey Historical Society has completed work on the Little Red Schoolhouse, and they have started a repair fund with a gift from an anonymous benefactor.

The Jackson Historical Society has been joined by other Jackson organizations in undertaking a landscape project to add to the beauty of the Town Office Building. The design theme centers on the landmark Covered Bridge in town.

Milford Historical Society is benefiting from a partnership with Sage School students who are cleaning bricks from the Garden Street School that was demolished after a serious fire. The profits from the sale of the bricks go to a scholarship fund and renovation of the Society's barn.

The New Hampton Historical Society is marketing notecards and restrikes (made by a highly skilled Massachusetts-based

printmaker) of long-time resident Frederick Robbins' etchings. The New Hampton School recently donated the original copper plates to the Society.

New Hampshire Preservation Alliance is offering project development grants to help steer building preservation projects at a critical juncture. 224-2281 or nhpreservation.org.

As part of the effort to revitalize a Yankee barn for use as a community center, the Washington Historical Society is selling raffle tickets for a quilt that features 52 of the town's existing historic barns.

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Report on the Association's Annual Meeting,
by David Ruell

The AHSNH October 24 meeting was held at the AnnaLee Doll Museum in Meredith. The Museum is devoted to the dolls created by AnnaLee Thorndike and the very successful doll business she founded. Karen Thorndike, the museum's director, spoke on what she had learned about dealing with the public, how to present the museum well and how to keep visitors satisfied. Anne Jolliman, president of the Meredith Historical Society, gave a short history of that Society, and was followed by Dawn Deaver, who spoke on recent Society projects and activities.

At the annual business meeting, the following officers were elected: President Linda Day, Vice-President Tom Haynes, Corresponding Secretary Jennifer Goodman, Recording Secretary Jim Romer, Auditor Ann Sottery, and two Directors: Krista Katz and David Ruell. Treasurer Ben Moore is stepping down, but there were no volunteers for that vacant position. President Day presented an index to the directory for possible inclusion in future

issues. She also proposed creating the position of AHSNH website coordinator. Ten societies, besides the hosts, answered the roll call.

Following lunch, tours were given of the AnnaLee Doll Museum and the Meredith Historical Society's Farm Museum.

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Communication aid from the Association
from Linda Day

For detailed and direct conversations about specific subjects, go to www.historicalsocietiesnh.org and click on Forum. Click on the Register first, to give yourself a name and be able to contribute (scroll to the bottom of the Register page, click "I agree," and "Register;" then you should pop back to the Forum). At the Forum, click on the drop-down menu to pick a subject.

Topics available are: Events, PastPerfect, Fundraising, and Programs. We invite you to post your events under "Events," and to discuss any programs under "Programs." That is, "Events" will become a type of Calendar, whereas "Programs" will be your link to each other to discuss programs you are thinking of with people who may have experience in similar events, as well as to praise speakers you have enjoyed. There is an additional topic, General, under which you may discuss things we have not anticipated with a separate category.

If you are new to the idea of Bulletin Boards, click on Help to get ideas. Close Help using the little x and you will return to the Forum Index page. We have been unable to insert the topic editions that I have circulated, so I hope you will "pick up the conversation" where we leave off. Have fun!

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