



September 2003

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the Association will be on October 25th at the New Hampshire Historical Society

The agenda for the day is as follows:

- 9:30-noon: Optional self-guided tour of the Museum of New Hampshire History, 6 Eagle Sq. Visit <http://www.nhhistory.org/museum.html> for a description of current exhibitions
- 12-12:45pm: Light lunch at the New Hampshire Historical Society's Tuck Library, 30 Park St. Self-guided tour of Tuck Library and new library exhibition, "Treasures of New Hampshire"
- 12:45-1pm: Business Meeting, election of Officers and Directors
- 1:00-1:45pm: David Smolen, NHHS Special Collections Librarian, Overview of NHHS Special Collections
- 1:45-2pm Break
- 2-2:45 pm Wayne Gallup, NHHS Reprographics Technician, Digitizing the Treasures of Your Collection
- 2:45-3pm Linda Landry, author "Classic New Hampshire," optional book signing, downstairs in manuscript reading room

For more information about the New Hampshire Historical Society, please visit www.nhhistory.org

Museum Directions

The Museum of New Hampshire History is located at Eagle Square, Concord, New Hampshire. Telephone: 603/228-6688

Take Interstate 93 to Exit 14. Northbound - turn left at the light at the end of the exit ramp; Southbound - turn right at the light at the end of the exit ramp. Stay in the right lane. At North Main Street turn right. Take the next right onto Storrs Street. Pass under a bridge and overhead parking garage; the museum parking lot entrance is on the left just as you begin to emerge from under the overhead-parking garage. The parking lot attendant will give you a ticket for free parking, which can be validated at the museum or library reception desks. Cross Storrs Street to the museum entrance. The museum is a four-story granite building.

The New Hampshire Historical Society's Tuck Library is located at 30 Park Street, Concord, 228-6688

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Directory update

The Fifth Edition of the Directory of Historical Societies in New Hampshire has been sent to the printer and will be available at the Annual Meeting.

This revision of the Directory was made possible by the volunteer effort of a number of members, including but not limited to Jim Romer, David Ruell, Doris Ashton, Linda Day, Diane Mitton, Betty & Ben Moore and Carleton Vance. The process began in June with a mailing to members and nonmember Societies in the State. In August the volunteers contact those organizations that had not yet replied and continued to seek out Societies that had not previously been included in the Directory. As a result of our work the Directory has been greatly expanded to include over 100 new listings and updates on almost all of the Societies in the booklet.

The Directory is available to non-member Societies at a price of \$7.50 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling.

Minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2003

The meeting was hosted by the Sugar Hill Historical Society and took place in the Sugar Hill Town Hall, which had previously been an Advent Christian Church and earlier a Freewill Baptist Church. In the absence of President Fred Foley, Jim Romer presided. Ben Moore led the meeting in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

We were welcomed by Jane Vincent, Curator of the Museum, who told us something about the history of the Town, which split off from Lisbon in 1962, and of the Museum, which opened in 1976. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries the town was a thriving and important summer resort, with a number of large hotels.

Dick March, an accomplished nature photographer, presented a slide show of his wildflower photographs almost all of which were taken in Sugar Hill or adjoining towns. This was well received.

There was a brief business meeting with a treasurer's report, followed by the Roll Call of current and recent activities of the various societies.

After lunch we toured the Museum (across the road from the Town Hall). The current year's exhibit is devoted to crafts, including textiles arts and "The Wonder of Wood"

Respectfully submitted,

James Romer, recording secretary

Minutes of the meeting of August 23, 2003

The meeting was hosted by the Unity Historical Society and took place in the Unity Town Hall, originally a Baptist church but purchased by the town in 1877.

We were welcomed by Tyne Cox, president of the Unity HS; Ben Moore presided over the meeting until the arrival of President Fred Foley who then led us in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

James Romer gave a talk on the history of the Second New Hampshire Turnpike, which was chartered in 1799 and ran from the Lottery Bridge over the Sugar River in Claremont to the courthouse in Amherst.

After a brief business meeting a nominating committee of Ben Moore (chair), Doris Ashton and James Romer was selected.

After which we toured the historic Chase's Tavern at the other end of the Unity common. It has been recently restored with the assistance of a matching grant from LCHIP, New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Programs. The Unity Historical Society's museum and archives occupy the second floor of the Tavern.

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James Romer, recording secretary

Newsletter Articles

This edition of the newsletter is quite abbreviated as we rush to complete it for notice of the annual meeting. We would like to improve its content and make it more meaningful to the Societies. We have had a number of discussions on how we can do this and we think the best way is to hear from our members of their success in programs, membership drives, collection management, exhibits, etc. etc. Please consider writing articles for the newsletter on your Society's success stories so that we can share them with the State. Contact Ben Moore at 603-926-2543 for more information.

To begin this project we would like to hear from you about your most successful program in the last several years. We will tabulate the results and publish a list in the next newsletter. Send in your vote to Ben Moore, 107 Locke Rd, Hampton, 03842 or by email to AHSNH@comcast.net.