

Andover Historical Society Welcomes All To Fair, Museums, And Schoolhouse

The Andover Historical Society presents its annual Old Time Fair at Potter Place on Sunday, August 6, from 9 AM until 3 PM, where you can enjoy a delightful time on the grounds of the museum. The event opens at 9 AM with a mammoth Flea Market with tables loaded with wonderful stuff for collectors, scavengers, and those in need of that special something.

Andover's own One Wheelers unicycle team will give a demonstration of their special talents. Old tractors will parade, the children's games and the railroad hand pumper car will give joy and delight – and there will be great food and drink, ice cream, and strawberry shortcake to enjoy. A farmer's market, a first-rate set of craft demonstrators, a selection of vendors with wares to consider, and lively musical offerings by the fine group O'hAnleigh capturing the sounds of Irish America from Celtic

traditions to unique originals, ballads to pub tunes, will fill the day with amusement and entertainment.

The auction at noon is the best place in the area to pick up bargains – find that extra bureau or chair or desk or bookcase or bike or exercise machine for less than you ever dreamed. The auction will be held at the Freight Shed on the museum grounds, where future plans call for exhibits of large items to be housed.

For an old-time experience on fair day or during the summer months, please visit the Train Station and the Emons General Store and Post Office in Potter Place, open from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturdays and 1 PM to 3 PM on Sundays until October. In East Andover, visit the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse, which is open the second Sunday of every month from June to October, 1 PM to 3 PM.



Some of the many treasures you'll find at the Old Time Fair auction at noon on Sunday, August 6, are pictured, including an 8'x21' Oriental rug, thumb-back rocker, large doll house and furnishings, period 4-light hanging brass lamp with slag glass shade inserts, upholstered chair. Photo: Bob Bussey



Who's the woman in this month's History Mystery postcard of Proctor, Slalom Hill, and Ragged Mountain?

A History Mystery

This month's History Mystery is a photo postcard titled *Ragged Mt. & Slalom Hill* that Sandra Harding spotted on eBay.com (item #6284938600). Sandra writes:

"Since the tennis courts and the old rope tow up Ragged are in the background, I assume that the picture was taken in back of the headmaster's house when Alice and Lyle Farrell lived there. The house in the background was the home of Reverend Roy Hatt, who was the Unitarian minister for the school back in the 1950s."

But who is the woman in the photo? Sandra says, "My mother [Nancy Harding] doesn't think it is Alice Farrell, wife of the headmaster, but Alice would be a good guess. Who else would be in the Farrell's backyard posing for a postcard?"

Send your thoughts or reminiscences to the *Beacon*, and let's see if we can piece together the story of this month's History Mystery.

Winter Fun

Sandra, a graduate of Andover High, also shared some great memories inspired by the scene:

"Proctor let us kids from town use the rope tow and slope on Slalom Hill as long as the school didn't have a competition going on. The ski racing events

for our high school winter carnival were held there every year, and then we'd go to the meadow in back of Charlotte Clark's house where Proctor had a ski jump for that. I think Irvin Nelson, Jr. usually won the ski jumping.

"By today's standards, the slalom hill and ski jump weren't very big, but you'd have thought we were in the Olympics!"

"The skating was on the pond that was in back of the Flanders House, fed by a brook that came down from Ragged in back of the Carr House. The King and Queen of the Carnival Ball were determined by which class had the most points from all the events."



Bill Keyser solved last month's History Mystery – they're outrigger wheels.

Last Month's History Mystery

Bill Keyser reports that our July "whatzzits" are outrigger wheels used with swing staging or swing scaffolding (which is suspended from above rather than supported from below). The outriggers keep the staging a comfortable distance away from the structure so you can work on it efficiently. Bill remembers using them to paint the side of buildings or oil and gas tanks.

Do you have a photo or other artifact of Andover's past that has some mystery about it? Please contact the Beacon so we can share the mystery with our readers...and maybe solve it!

I Remember When...

"...Eugene Ridlon walked on stilts in Andover's Fourth of July parades in the 1950s and '60s. Eugene was my brother-in-law and had a cottage on Bradley Lake."

- Howard George

What do you remember? Let us know at 735-6099 or Mail@AndoverBeacon.com.



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