

Mesa Moves From Elkins

Mesa International has moved its retail store from Elkins to the center of New London at the corner of Pleasant and Main Streets. Store manager Kate Talkington is very excited about the move. "It's going to be wonderful. We're very pleased to have the Kidder Building as Mesa's new home and cannot wait to make great use of all those nice, big windows to show off our beautiful merchandise." The new store opens its doors on Saturday, February 3, at the location formerly occupied by the Jiffy Mart. The official Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, February 17.

On the topic of the move Pat Carlson, Director of Retail, says, "We are so thankful to the New London community for welcoming us into our new location on Main Street, but I would especially like to say thank you to the Elkins community for their loyalty and support for so many years. Our little Elkins family is largely responsible for making Mesa the success story it is today."

The Mesa Story

Mesa has grown from a small operation in a barn in Wilmot to an international company. Mesa began with three associates and three dinnerware patterns. Today, Mesa sells over 1,500 products from around the world using designs that are created by its own staff as well as from several artists from the area.

Mesa's team searches the world over to find talented craftspeople to bring



these designs and works of art to life on exciting decorative accessories for the home and garden. All Mesa products are handcrafted as individual artisans create each beautifully painted detail with brushes and sponges. Masters and their apprentices work in teams to shape the wonderful mouth-blown glass pieces. Each piece is an original – no two pieces are ever exactly the same. Each stray brush stroke, slight smudge, odd bubble, or variance in size verifies the authenticity of each piece.

Come see Mesa starting February 3 at the new location. Store manager Kate Talkington can help with any questions at 526-4497. Store hours are 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Saturday, 11 AM to 4:30 PM on Sunday.

Elementary School In "The Good Ol' Days"

By Judy Perreault
Andover High '53

In 1934 when the Andover High School was built, the existing elementary schools were Flaghole (closed in 1937), Boston Hill and Dyers Crossing (closed in 1945), Cilleyville (closed in 1948), Andover, and East Andover (closed in 1962). These schools taught grades one through eight. In the early years, many students were not encouraged to attend school beyond the eighth grade.

The East Andover School was the newest elementary school, having been rebuilt in 1902. The following information is from Lloyd and Irene Perreault, who attended this school in the early '30s. There were two rooms housing eight grades, four in each room. There were approximately 30 students per room taught by one teacher per room.

Heat was a wood stove in each room. Wood and outhouses were in an attached shed. Once fires were started in the early morning it was the eighth grade boys' job to keep them going. Water was contained in a crock with a spigot. In the winter, Grace Adams would make soup and her husband George would bring it to the school, and students who didn't go home for lunch could have some hot soup.

A typical day started with the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, and a song.

While the teacher taught one grade, the other grades were given assignments to keep them busy.

Days were very structured. Music was taught once a week by Miss Busswell from Andover. Since the piano was in one room, students had to swap back and forth on music day.

Some of the teachers were Miss Watts, Miss Carlton, Miss Cox, Nina Sargent, Marie Rising, Miss Winterer, George Sullivan, Mr Gulluian, Blanche Morse, and Elizabeth Putney. Mr Sullivan and Miss Winterer eventually married. In later years Mrs. Gomo taught for a long time.

Punishment for bad behavior included spanking, shaking, standing in the corner, no recess, putting your head on your desk, and taking a note home to your parents, which required an answer.

Irene recalls the Grange sponsoring Children's Night with Dyers Crossing School. They would put on a play and recitations. Hoodsie cup ice cream was served afterward, which was a real treat.

I imagine this was typical of most elementary schools at this time. Some of the smaller schools might have only one teacher.

From 1948 to 1962, Andover and East Andover housed all the elementary children. In 1962, the high school became the elementary and middle school, as it is today.

Fun Around The Lake In The 1920s & 1930s

The Barn Playhouse, the Fells, and the New London and Sunapee Historical Societies will be hosting a year-long history series exploring the recreational pursuits of visitors to the Lake Sunapee area in the 1920s and 1930s. These events are a collaborative effort dedicated to highlighting the rich history of this region and include talks, exhibits, and special events.

As farming and small industry declined in the late 1800s, the small populations of New Hampshire's hill towns plummeted. Fortunately, the mountains and lakes of our areas provided a natural playground for many leisure activities. The calendar of programs and exhibits highlights skiing, hiking, golfing, fishing, boating, hunting, and theatre.

On February 13 at 7 PM (snow date February 15), Tom DeMille, chairman of the board of the New London Barn Playhouse, will present *History of The New London Barn Playhouse*. The talk will be held at the New London Historical Society, 179 Little Sunapee Road, New London. Admission is \$4 for members, \$6 for non-members.

The series will continue throughout the year. Scheduled events include:

New Hampshire's Fifth Season: Mud and Black Flies by Willem Lange on March 11

Hiking New Hampshire by Dr. Allen Koop on May 8

Fishing in the Mount Kearsarge and Lake Sunapee Region, June 6

Barn Full Of Memories: 75 Years Of The New London Barn Playhouse, July 1 to October 8

Old Home Day, Kearsarge Antique Auto Tour, and Antique Boats on Lake Sunapee on September 8

Sunapee's Sunken Treasures: Diving the Weetamoo by George Montgomery on September 13

Golfing the Kearsarge and Sunapee Courses by Bob Labbanca on October 10

Hunting as a Gentleman's Recreation: History and Images of Corbin's Park by Dr. Mary Kronenwetter on November 6

For more information, visit NewLondonHistoricalSociety.org or TheFells.org, or call NLHS at 526-6564 or The Fells at 763-4789.



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