

Andover Historical Society

By Pat Cutter
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Spring is here, and our thoughts go to the opening of the museum on Saturday, May 26. Our changing annual exhibit is *Farms and Barns in Andover*, and that is also the theme for our 2013 calendar featuring old and new photos of Andover's special farms and barns.

Presently, we are in the process of gathering sponsors, then printing the calendar which will be ready for sale by the Fourth of July. In the past, our calendars have been well received and are an important fundraiser for the Society. Once again, Charlie Darling is lending his expertise.

Each month is sponsored by local individuals or businesses, without whose support this project would not be possible. Our thanks to all who have participated in the past and to those who will help for 2013.

On Wednesday, June 6, we welcome the fourth grade students from Andover, Webster, and Salisbury for their traditional annual visit. They will tour the station, the Emons store and post office, and the caboose, play games, and visit the garden. Then they will have lunch in Salisbury and enjoy a program sponsored by the Salisbury Historical Society.

Summer Raffle

This year's raffle will once again be a large basket filled with surprises from our local merchants, artists, and craftsmen. Raffle tickets will go on sale on the Fourth of July, and the winning ticket will be drawn in August at the Old Time Fair. Last years' basket was termed "bountiful"; this year, the term will be "stupendous." It really will be full of goodies.

Old Time Fair

Naturally, plans are in progress for our Old Time Fair on Sunday, August 5, this year. One evening in March, a group of Proctor students helped to organize and move heavy items at the freight shed, so we are prepared to welcome items for the auction and flea market. Just a phone call will arrange for pickup of gently used items. Please call Arch Weathers at 735-5989; Bill Cutter at 735-5628; Dennis Fenton at 735-5526; Chris Norris at

735-5120; Ed Hiller at 735-5690; or Tim Norris at 735-5369.

Please do not leave items at the freight shed! In the past, unwanted items have been left and we had to pay to dispose of them at the Transfer Station.

Building Maintenance

Last year, it was the station that got much-needed repair and paint. Hopefully, this year it will be the freight car. Research needs to be done to find the best approach to the removal of the rust and the proper primer and paint to use. Jeff Sanborn of Blackwater Auto Body, has agreed to share his expertise in this area with us and give advice when needed.

With an eye to another year's project, we have applied for a grant to fund an energy audit of the Lull House. For the renovation of that house into proper storage for our archives, we will have to apply for and receive a grant or grants. The energy audit is a good vehicle for planning purposes and for getting estimates of costs.

Fall Events

On Sunday, September 23, we will have another appraisal day with Dan Olmstead again as our visiting expert. This year it will be held at the East Andover fire station. In September, 2011 we all were treated to Dan's humor and knowledge as he gave pleasant surprises or dismal expectations to those who brought their treasures for evaluation.

To wind up the 2012 season, our annual meeting and pot luck supper will be held on Thursday, October 18, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall, where we will be entertained after dinner by Edie Clark, a regular columnist for Yankee Magazine (*Mary's Farm*). Her presentation is titled *Baked Beans and Fried Clams: How Food Defines a Region*.

This October event will be a nice way to wrap up the season, give ourselves a pat on the back, gather to eat yummy food and listen to Edie's tales over desserts and coffee. Again this talk is sponsored by the Andover Historical Society and the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is open to the public. Gathering at 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM, and speaker at 7 PM.

Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse Opens For Season On June 10

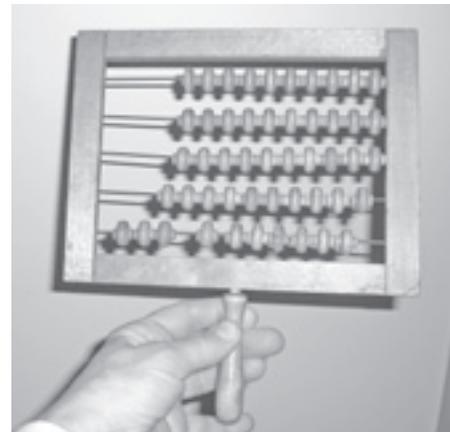
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On Sunday, June 10 from 1 to 3 PM the historic one-room schoolhouse will be open to the public.

In the 1800s, about nineteen one-room schools were operating throughout Andover. The Tucker Mountain School is the only one which remains nearly in its original condition. Fritz Wetherbee of New Hampshire Chronicle once said that he believes it is the best one in New Hampshire, if not in New England.

On display will be a collection of school books, slates, lunch pails, ink wells, pens, and our newly donated abacus.

Schoolhouse notecards, Re-enactment DVDs, and other items will be on sale. All proceeds support the Andover His-



This abacus was donated to the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse collection by Mary Jane and Fred Ogmundson. One such abacus might have been used in the schoolhouse at some point to help in teaching arithmetic.

Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell

torical Society. There is no charge for visiting. Pat Baker's homemade cookies will top off your visit.

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minutes of March 20 were reviewed. There was one change in the minutes. The appointment of alternate signer should be Dennis Fenton.

Background Checks

The Committee needs to look into costs and procedures for these essential background checks for all Recreation Committee members and coaches.

Next Committee Meeting

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, at 7:30 PM in the AE/MS Science Room.

School Board

April 3

Condensed from approved minutes

Board Members present: Don Gould, Katie Keyser, Michelle Dudek, Charlie McCrave, and Kent Armstrong

Administration Present: Mike Martin, Chris Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, and Julie Gaudette

Minutes of Previous Meetings: The

Financial Report: IDEA funds were received.

Board Chairman's Report: Don Gould was a judge at MVHS Senior Project showcase. Senior projects will be shared at AE/MS on April 20.

Good News

Mike Martin spoke about the Senior Project and the hard work that all the students put into their projects.

New Business

Request for a Waiver: Jane Slayton proposed ending the school year for students on Monday, June 18. All were in favor.

Transportation: Robin Heins reviewed First Student's proposed new routes for the 2012-2013 school year. Administration will come back with data regarding the changes and will also work on policies.

Non-Public Session: The Board voted to go into non-public session to discuss staff nominations.

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Clean out your attic, garage and closets and donate items to the Andover Old Time Fair Auction & Flea Market!

Help make the fair a success while supporting The Andover Historical Society.



Andover Old Time Fair
Sunday, August 5, 2012 at Potter Place

Call for pick up:

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