

2021 Annual Report for the Andover Historical Society

Andover Historical Society in 2021

Well here we are in year two of the pandemic. After a slight reprieve from Covid (or at least being able to get outside) we were able to accomplish a fair amount in 2021. During the first few months we were having our meetings via zoom. Town Meeting was held virtually so we weren't able to sell calendars, books or get new and renewal memberships.

In the Spring of 2021, we hired Archivist Consultant Daniel Peters to help with the Gordon-Lull House Archives Project. There was a fundraising effort to get the money in order to be able to hire him for 6 months and the amount of \$2675 was raised to get Daniel on board. Susan Schnare spearheaded this committee to hire Daniel. Daniel helped to look at construction details for our new archives area in the Gordon-Lull house and worked on getting estimates for the construction needed. Needless to say, this was a hard task with construction materials through the roof and difficulties finding a contractor to do the work. He also helped to look at ways to fundraise for the society along with filing for grants, such as the LCHIP grant.

In May, people were ready to get out and spend time outdoors. Sam Humphrey, William Hoffman and Spring Ledge Farm got the Native Garden Project under way. A huge thank you to Sam Humphrey and Spring Ledge, as Sam donated his time and designed the garden and Spring Ledge donated the plants. With the help of about 20 volunteers, Sam, and Bill, we were able to dig up all of the lilies that were growing in the bank by the picnic table and move them to the bank along the tracks in front of the station and the Gordon-Lull house.

We also had Ken Cushing talk about the history of the railroad. The talk was held via zoom and we had a wonderful turnout. Thank you again to Ken for so much information! We held an open house at the Gordon-Lull House as well, to show the plans of what we are hoping to do with the Archives project.

In June, The Tucker Mountain School House opened as usual and included a visit from Zac Rivard and his Oxen. We opened up the Emon's Store and Potter Place Railroad Station with the CDC guidelines of masks and distancing. Gail Richards and Judy Perreault organized another online Auction for us and priced all the donations we had been given in order to have weekend sales in the Freight House.

In July, we had a small ceremony to hang the plaque on the Freight Shed in Honor of Pat Cutter and all she did for the Historical Society. It was wonderful to have her family back with us to celebrate Pat. Pat's family was at least half of the workforce for our Old Time Fairs.

We had a flea market to help raise money, along with other sales on other weekends. Thank you to all of the people who donated or bought items.

We received some wonderful new books in July for our reference Library. Wood Sutton donated a 1910 Concord City and Merrimack County Directory. These are wonderful resources which give pertinent information about each town (including Town Officers), and lists the names of residents, often including occupation, where they are employed, where they live or board, mailing address, etc. There's also a Business section and many many advertisements. Great information. Steven Wright gave us the 1908 four-volume set of the Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire, the 1903 two-volume set of the History of Concord, and the Eric Sloane book on American Barns and Covered Bridges. Also Galen Beale's book Beech Hill: The Reconciliation of Hervey Elkins and the Enfield Shakers has just been published, and she has graciously donated a copy. She did a great deal of research here from the information, photographs, and Elkins family diaries we have in our collection, and with a lot of help from Pat Cutter. The book includes several of those photographs and diary entries.

We had a number of visitors come through the Historical Society this summer. It was wonderful and most weekends had over 25 visitors. A big thank you to all of the Station masters that helped out. Our president, Charlie Baer, was there almost every weekend. Bill Hoffman and John Hodgson put in a lot of work to have the Bulletin Board outside of the store with a map and information showing Potter Place with the existing buildings along with buildings that are no longer here.

Our Life Members

Patricia Baker	Marcia Condon	John & Elizabeth Hodgson	Robert & Edna Peters
Donna Baker-Hartwell	Nelda Coulter-Smith	William & Barbara Hunting	Marilyn Pike
William Bardsley	Rick Estes	Robert Hurlbutt	Patty Pond
Lydia Bates	Alex Estin	Joyce Jones	Mario & Caroline Ratzki
Alexander Bernhard & Myra Mayman	Martin Fairall	Everett Jones	David & Barbara Roby
David & Donna Blinn	Dennis Fenton	John Keener	Elizabeth Stevens & Jan Hostage
Jay & Robin Boynton	Paul Fenton	William & Althea Keyser	Wood Sutton
Deborah Brower	Mike Fifield	Mark LaFlamme	Nancy Teach
John & Lisa Burbach	Paul & Maria Glorioso	William & Marjorie Leber	Robert Terhune
Karen Cangiano	Brenda Godwin	Brendaen Makechnie	Nancy & Ken Tripp
Kim Charboneau	James Goody	Sean McInerney	Stephen & MaryJane Walsh
Larry & Susan Chase	Marilyn Gould	Joyce Hall Newman	Arch & Mary Weathers
Charlotte Clark	Florence Gove	Sally Nicoll	Charles & Sarah Will
Luan Clark	Sandra Graves	Robert & Rita Norander	Richard & Linda Wood
Lorraine Cline	Jerry Hersey	Chris & Kit Norris	
	Edwin & Mary Hiller	Tim & Suzy Norris	

Our Current Members

Kent & Kait Armstrong	Janet & Tom Dickson	John & Judith Manning	Wyman & Kathy Ordway
Charles & Kim Baer	Donald Evans	Carmelita Moe	Gail Richards
Mary & Herbie Barton	Gerry & Eloise Gehr	Bonny Morris	Susan Schnare & Andy Prokosch
David & Annette Bashaw	Gregory & Mary Gutgsell	Marie Nardino	Larry Sprague
William & Loretta Bates	Kent Hackmann	Fred Nystrom	Dana & Cheryl Swenson
Pecco & Gail Beaufays	James & Karen Hanson	Thomas & Susan O'Connor	Shawn & Christine Upton
John & Shelley Chesley	Glenn & Irene Haley		
Pam & Ron Cooper	Michael Haley		
Donald Corliss	Betty Henderson		
John & Tina Cotton	Nan Kaplan		
Shirley Currier	Margaret Karl & Family		
Charlie & Sharon Darling	Dennis Lavoie		

Members who died in 2021

Regular Members

Janet Corliss

We had hoped for our Annual Fall meeting to have Galen Beale speak, but as the Covid numbers started to go back up in New Hampshire, we decided not to. We are hoping to have her in June. We will send out a notice once we have a date, and you can check our website and facebook page for updates. We do have her book for sale in the Emon's store if you are interested in purchasing it. We also have had a committee working on transposing all of the wonderful oral histories that have been done and getting them on to the website. The Caboose is still being refurbished along with signal switch.

We ended the year hearing that we were approved for the LCHIP grant!! Andover and Wilmot were the only towns that received two grants (The Andover Hub, the Historical Society and Wilmot Town Hall and North Wilmot Union Meetinghouse). We will be using the money from the LCHIP Grant of \$15,000 to fix the roof on the Potter Place Station. Part of the requirement of the grant is that we need to raise the matching amount, so we are looking to raise \$16,000. We have already received pledges of \$9,500 towards this fund-raising effort.

We have had a pretty amazing year considering the circumstances of the pandemic! We hope 2022 will also be as good if not better. Thank you to everyone involved!! We couldn't do it without your help!! Please support our mission by becoming a member.

2022 Officers and Trustees

Officers	Pam Cooper
President: Charlie Baer	Charlie Darling
Vice President: Jesse Schust	Alex Estin
Treasurer: Pam Cooper	Sandra Graves
Secretary: Alex Estin	John Hodgson
Co-directors, museum management: Ellen Langlais	William Hoffman
Gail Richards	Ellen Langlais
Director, buildings and grounds: William Hoffman	Rita Norander
Curator: Luan Clark	Suzy Norris
Trustees: Charles Baer	Tim Norris
Luan Clark	Fred Nystrom
	Doug Phelps
	Gail Richards
	Joan Ryan
	Jesse Schust
	Nancy Teach
	Sarah Will

Holdings

- Potter Place Railroad Station and Freight House
- J.C. Emons Store
- Gordon-Lull House
- A B&M freight car and Central Vermont CV-4030 caboose
- Secret Garden
- Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

Donors of items to our collection in 2021

Charlotte (Currier) Clark	Amy Shepard
Shirley (Henderson) Currier	Wood Sutton
Seth Currier	Mark Stetson
Pat & Bill Cutter family	Frank Monroe
Kent Hackmann	Haley family
Karen (Phelps) Hanson	Robert Terhune
Susan Huntoon Ford	Jim Williams
The Ice House Museum	Steven Wright
Andrea Landini	

Finances

2021 expenses (some examples)	2021 Income stream (some examples)
Total operating(estimated): \$27,618	Total: \$24,004
Annual calendar: \$688	Grants: \$1,000
Building maintenance \$10,589	Old Time Fair: \$0
Insurance: \$4,935	Other Fundraisers: \$3,790
Real estate taxes: \$942	Calendar: \$1,688
Utilities: \$1,498	Gift shop: \$2,113
Salaries: \$0	Membership dues: \$2,865
<i>(we are an all volunteer organization)</i>	General donations: \$7,780
	Archives donations: \$2,655

Some of the 80+ historical items donated in 2021

- Circa 1905 Edison Standard Phonograph and wax cylinder records
- 1910 Merrimack County Directory and the 1908 Genealogical and Family History of the State of NH
- Dietz Comet lantern, and a RR Flanger board
- 1940s Fada brand "Table Model Radio-Phonograph Combination"
- Scythes and hay rakes used by the Stetson and Hall families
- Wash basin and pitcher from the old Farnum Farm on Beech Hill
- Victorian highchair
- Butter mould kit, complete with moulds, tools, papers and original box
- Aladdin lamp from the "oldest cabin at Ragged Mountain Fish & Game"

Visitor information (in normal times) Info call 603-735-5232

- **Railroad Station and Emons Store:** open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays, Memorial Day through Columbus Day
 - **Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse:** open to the public on five summer Sundays
 - **Secret Garden:** open 24/7 all year
- 2022 hours: If status of coronavirus permits, hours will be posted before Memorial Day.

Please Join Us! Time to Renew!

Learn more about local history and support the work of the Andover Historical Society by becoming a member today.

Please print:

Name _____

Mailing address _____

E-mail: _____

Membership Type

- \$10 Individual Annual
- \$25 Annual Family
- \$100 Business
- \$200 Lifetime
- \$350 Lifetime Couple

Kindly mail this portion with your check or money order to:
Andover Historical Society • P.O. Box 167 • Andover NH 03216

Thank you!