

CONCORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Town Hall and Museum were open on Memorial Day weekend and on Saturday, September 23rd for our annual Open House. The theme this year was: Schools, A History of Learning.

Several exhibits were offered on Folsom Common. Andrew Fisher, longtime history teacher at Concord High School, brought his Revolutionary Era boat, made by himself; Charles Aldrich operated small engines including a corn grinder; Robert Payeur ground and pressed apples with his self made cider press; Blacksmith Ted Faris fashioned metal tools in his forge, and Concord School's 8th graders sold hot dogs and snacks. Visitors enjoyed the permanent and rotating exhibits on display upstairs in the museum. There, they had the opportunity to explore family and town history. Exhibitors on the ground floor included: Sandra Hagan with her quilts; Roberta Smith, Pat Gould and Bethany Thompson with their hooked rugs; Helen Sargent with her many items of knitting, crocheting, and needlework; Beth Kanell's display of information on Rev. Samuel Read Hall; a display of Maurice Bouchard's 100th birthday celebration and Becky MacDonald's display of local artists' work. We were pleased to provide a group of our local eighth-graders, the opportunity to learn about the history of Concord's schools as they visited previous school sites and interviewed community members. Their display of "Schools, Now & Then" was of great interest to our visitors. We enjoyed music offered again this year by JoAnne Gilman and Suzie Shute.

We are very grateful for the many members and friends who donated items for the yearly raffle and made delicious cookies, pies, bread, and various other food items for the baked goods sale.

The annual meeting was held Friday evening, September 22nd at the Town Hall, at which time we elected officers and discussed updating the bylaws. The 2018 Open House will be held on Saturday, September 29th, and will have as its theme "Concord Churches and Cemeteries".

We were contacted by a number of people throughout the year who wanted information on family or town history. We opened the museum at the request of people, with and without connections to Concord, from Maine to Washington. Our Concord Vermont Historical Society website was deactivated due to changes in the host system. We now have a Facebook page, listed under Concord Vermont Historical Society.

The Historical Society officers are: Connie Quimby, President, Stephanie Gochie, Vice President, Beth Quimby, Membership Secretary, Nancy Rivers, Secretary and Nicole Leone, Treasurer. Paula Christopher is the writer of our newsletter and we have Nate Drown, Kathie Fisher, Sharon Payeur and Claudette Morehouse as advisory members.



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