



**Annual Meeting
Potluck & Live Music
July 20, 2022
Meeting House (5:00-9:00)**

TO:

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Summer 2022 Newsletter

Message to Members from the Board President

This year's events kicked off with some great foot-stomping banjo music in April. And the fun hasn't stopped since. April also saw 200 yellow duckies bobble down the stream. We sold out early so next year we are going for 250! Opening Day on Memorial Day weekend has continued the tradition when scholarship are awarded given to some great kids. The Munholand Family String Quartet filled the museum with beautiful music. We discovered that the schoolhouse has great acoustics! Delicious waffles with all kinds of fruit, sauces and ice cream topped off the day. Yum!

June brought a bake sale and a focus on the museum's collection of school memorabilia. A real treat was having Cindy Jones and Elizabeth D'Amico help identify their students from Springfield's kindergarten. Hats off to our resident experts Trudy Heath and Gregory Bruss who put together an extensive display of school photos and lesson books going back to the early 1800s. They even found a photo of the Philbrick Hill schoolhouse that is now my dining room!

Board member Alison Patten organized a real farm day highlighting yoke making, watching a farrier tend to the hooves of a beautiful horse and enjoying a lamb and goat kid. Interesting to watch and learn.

June ended with a boom – a cannon boom to be exact. The New Hampshire 1st Regiment set up camp on the Recreation Field demonstrating life during the Revolutionary War. Despite cold and windy weather, people came out to see the troops muster and of course shoot off the cannon every hour. The accompanying pulled pork lunch helped warm people up.

In between all these events "The Tool Shed" started to take shape thanks to all the contributions and hours of volunteer work. More on this project in this newsletter's article.

We thank all the volunteers that contribute so much to the Historical Society and the Springfield community. We want to especially thank Trudy Heath as she retires from the Board. There will be a special recognition for her years of dedicated work at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Hope to see you there!

And lots more happening throughout the rest of the summer!

Jim Bednar

Annual Meeting – Celebrate!

As stipulated in the Historical Society's Constitution, an annual meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 20 starting at 5:00 in the Meeting House.** This year's theme is celebration -- recognition of our long-time Board member Trudy Heath whose term ends this year. What a tremendous contribution she has made over so many years (and will continue as a volunteer!). We also want to celebrate our new Board member Bonnie Fladung who has already made great contributions including updating the website, developing new merchandise and filming oral histories. And we will celebrate all the great events we have held and plan to hold! And of course an update on the barn – The Tool Shed.

The meeting will be followed by one of Springfield's wonderful potluck dinners – always with an overflow of delicious dishes shared as a community. Please bring a dish that serves at least 10!

And to top it off: the return of the fantastic **Tyler Road Band!** Two hours of free great foot-stomping music!

Mark your calendars and get ready to celebrate!

MISSION STATEMENT

SHS is the responsible steward of Springfield's legacy by preserving and sharing Springfield's cultural heritage from the beginning through today to ensure current and future generations know, understand and appreciate our history.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



July 20th SHS Annual Meeting, Pot Luck (5:00-7:00) & Live Music (7:00-9:00)

July 23th Hot Dogs, Root Beer Floats,
"Family Favorites" Bake Sale & Genealogy

August 13th Ice Cream Making

August 20th Maple Syrup Making Lecture

September 3rd Apple Cider Making &
"Springfield's Maple & Apple Sweets" Bake Sale

September 14th (Wed.) Hopstimystic Event plus Speaker: Beer Making in NH

November 5th Sip-A-Soup Lunch

November 9th Speaker: The History of Wonderwell & Potluck Dinner

All events are 1:00-3:00 at the Springfield Historical Society or next door at the Meetinghouse unless otherwise noted.

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"The Tool Shed" (aka The Barn) Update

The "Raise the Barn" project is starting to really rise! The votes were counted and the official name of the building was kept simple: "The Tool Shed"! At the standing-room-only meeting in February 21 volunteers signed up to help. We haven't forgotten you but the first stages of construction required heavy equipment and expertise so we had to limit participation for safety reasons. Chris Gaherty, Kevin Roberts, Mike Tully got the foundation dug, framed and the slab poured. The eight yards of concrete was a truly generous donation from Carroll Concrete! And LaValleys Building Supply donated all the roofing materials along with a discount on the windows! What wonderful support!

The pictures show the construction progress – Twin Lake Village harvested beautiful hemlock for the framing which really took shape in the last weeks! Thanks to all that helped!

Next steps will be the siding and we will certainly reach out for help! Stay Tuned!



Voices of Springfield

The SHS is starting a project to film people with interesting stories about Springfield and its history. In addition to contacting lifelong residents, we will be reaching out to others in the community who have interesting stories to share. If you are interested in participating, or want to suggest someone, please send an email to:

info@historicalspringfieldnh.org

You can view our recent interviews with Jim Bednar about the "Brief History of Springfield NH" and "The Barn Raising" here: <https://historicalspringfieldnh.org/voices-of-springfield/>



SHS Caps

Celebrate "The Toolshed" project with a new cap! Contact us to reserve yours now!
\$25 info@historicalspringfieldnh.org



Join Us! Volunteer!

Have you noticed the energy levels at our Saturday events? People – including those that are "working" – are having fun! And the workers are all volunteers! So how about joining in the fun and signing up to help out on a Saturday or Sunday? Just two hours? Saturdays are always busy with activity and visitors. So the time flies by. Sundays are quieter giving museum hosts some time to explore all the new discoveries on display. Or you can help with some of our on-going projects – labeling, cataloging or simply listening to people that come to visit the museum and have lots of wonderful stories. A great way to contribute to the community and get to know more about your community! Contact Jim Bednar (cunejim@yahoo.com) or Pixie Hill (townclerk@springfieldnh.org). Join us! It is fun!

Tell us your story!

We are always in search of good stories to share with our members just email Poul at peheimann@gmail.com

2022 Springfield Historical Society Scholarship Winners

The Springfield Historical Society is grateful for the community's support which enabled us to present 5 scholarships to Springfield students to help them with their college expenses and continuing education. During our season opening events over Memorial Day weeken the winners were able to join us at the Museum for the presentation of the awards.

Congratulations and good luck to each one of them!



2022 Springfield Historical Society Scholarship Recipients

From left to right: Scholarship Committee Members Greg Bruss and Pixie Hill, Jackson Moskalenko, Rayna Tucker, Vera Rivard, Kyle Frost Goodwin, and Zachary W. Hodge.

Exciting Discoveries

Call for input on photographs in the Archives.

This article about interesting "finds" is a little bit different than others I have written. We have spent time going into the second full year sorting and labeling documents, letters, photographs, and assorted memorabilia from the Historical Society's Archives. We have spent going into the second full year sorting labeling and placing the documents, letters, photographs, and assorted memorabilia from the collection.

This process has presented a frustrating challenge, and we need your help. A very large number of photographs have been donated which unfortunately are not labeled as to place, date, or the people in the picture. Many photos are as much as a century or more old, and may be outside the memory of people now in town. But the overwhelming number of them are much more recent, dating from the 1960s-present day. School class photos, club photos, event photos as well as family photos but none of them labeled. We need your help any Saturday or Sunday afternoon during the summer, if you have some time and would like to come down to the museum, we would certainly appreciate any and all efforts to help add this information to our records. The pictures are wonderful to have but would be so much more valuable as a history of the town through the years if we could add names to the faces of our town's people captured in those photographs.



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