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MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



<u>May 27</u>	Opening Day, Scholarship Presentations, School Day Exhibits & Waffles	<u>Aug 12</u>	Bake Sale and Root Beer Floats
<u>June 3</u>	Spruce up the Place! Garden Club plants Historical Garden	<u>Aug 16</u> <i>(Wed.)</i>	Humanities Lecture: NH One Room School House
<u>June 17</u>	Grand Opening of the Tool Shed, Hot Dogs	<u>Aug. 19</u>	12 th NH Regiment Serenade Band Concert & Spaghetti Dinner
<u>July 1</u>	“Red, White & Blue!” Bake Sale and Hot Dogs	<u>Aug 26</u>	Ramble Round the Lake 5K Race
<u>July 15</u>	Summer Celebration with Rec. Comm.	<u>Sept 2</u>	Closing – Maple/Apple Bake Sale
<u>July 22</u>	Farm Kitchen Demonstrations – Cheese & Ice Cream Making	<u>Oct 21</u>	ANNUAL MEETING with “Tyler Road” Music & Potluck Dinner
<u>Aug 5</u>	Brass Bands of the Civil War – Music & Discussion: Origins, Functions and Fate	<u>Nov 4</u>	Sip-a-Soup Luncheon
		<u>Dec 2</u>	Holiday Fair with Rec. Committee

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Springfield Historical Society Spring 2023 Newsletter



Message to Members from the Board President

The daffodils are finally coming up and soon the black flies will follow! This also means the SHS activities will be going on in full force! And what an exciting 2023! With the Tool Shed completed, excitement is growing as items are collected, labelled and displayed ready for its grand opening on June 17th. Even before then, April kicked off with a fun evening reliving the music of a NH family in the 1800s and the 250 yellow rubber duckies made their big plunge into the Twin Lake Village brook bobbing their way to the finish line with several lucky winners!

This May we pause to recognize all the generous contributors and volunteers that made the Tool Shed possible. A small gesture to say THANK YOU will be a Springfield classic pulled pork lunch on May 20th. May will also see landscaping around the Tool Shed including laying the paths for the engraved bricks donated through our “Buy-a-Brick” campaign with raised funds benefiting our scholarships. Have you ordered your bricks yet?

Opening Day on May 27th continues the tradition of recognizing our scholarship winners and enjoying a variety of delicious waffles and toppings. This year we have also chosen the theme “School Days” for the museum, including a speaker in August on NH School Houses. The museum’s displays will highlight its collection of educational materials going back to the early 19th century. And of course there are lots of photos of Springfield residents as kids! Come see if you can recognize some of your neighbors or family!

After the path and terrace are set, the Garden Club will “Spruce the Place Up!” on June 3rd when you can come help prepare and plant a new border garden replicating the flowers and bushes typically grown in the 18th & 19th centuries.

With paths and flower beds prepared, all is ready for the Grand Opening of the Tool Shed on June 17th, displaying many new donated historical items highlighting Springfield’s agricultural heritage including the kettle drum stove originally from the town’s General Store and lent to the museum by the Springfield Fire Department. Imagine all the farmers sitting around that stove in the general store talking about planting, harvesting, weather and so much more!

July 4th wouldn’t be complete without a “Red, White and Blue” Bake Sale along with roasted Hot Dogs! July and August offer many more events for all ages. We hope to see you there!

This past December the SHS and town lost one of its special people – Alice Nulsen. She was so often seen at our events and such a great supporter. She will be greatly missed.

We are so grateful to all the financial and volunteer support we have had over the past year. It was truly overwhelming and heart-warming to see the Springfield community’s commitment to preserving its historical heritage. Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you at the museum on weekends (1:00-3:00) and at many of our events! *Jim Bednar*

Join Us!

As an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, the SHS depends on your participation for its success. Volunteer for two hours on a Saturday or Sunday at the museum, bake for our sales, cook for our dinners, or help put on one of our 19 events planned this year! Many hands make light work and it’s fun – be a part of our community! We also depend on fundraising to support our activities, preserve the museum collection and fund scholarships. This year our “Buy-a-Brick” campaign will raise funds for scholarships and make a commemorative path to the new shed. We also hope you’ll become a member if you aren’t already. If you are a member, make sure your membership is current so you keep getting our newsletter with so much information. We look forward to seeing you at the museum or at one of our events!

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 Calendars: June 17th Grand Opening of the Tool Shed!

Throughout the winter months the Tool Shed stood so quietly and beautifully, especially when surrounded by new snow and the wreaths adorned its doors. But the next seven weeks will be swirl of activity as so many things have to be completed before the Tool Shed doors swing open on June 17th. If all goes as planned, Chris Gaherty will restore the door and back steps from the museum and stain the Tool Shed's exterior. Kevin Roberts will lay the groundwork for the paths from the museum to a terrace in front of the Tool Shed (Buy a Brick!). And plans will hopefully come together to install granite stairs down the back from the museum lawn to the Meeting House. Visitors will no longer have to walk on the street to go between the two historic buildings – perhaps the beginning of an informal “Historic District”! Funding for the stairs was made possible by the generous support of the Mascoma Bank and the Springfield Garden Club.

Even more exciting will be what's going on inside the Tool Shed: displays highlighting Springfield's agricultural heritage. This includes tools used in farming, animal husbandry, forestry and maple sugaring including processing equipment. We have received some gems from the sheds and barns of Springfield and welcome more. As a reminder, items should have a Springfield connection, either something used on a Springfield farm or sugar house or something that exemplifies Springfield's agricultural heritage. Items need to be of materials that will not deteriorate from being stored in a non-heated building. Hope to see you June 17th at the Grand Opening 1:00 -3:00, with hot dogs of course!



Buy-A-Brick for Scholarship

Help us build the path ... Past to Future



We are raising money for our scholarship program by selling engraved memorial bricks. These bricks will pave the way to our new museum annex building – The Tool Shed. With the help of volunteers and generous donors, the Springfield Historical Society recently erected a new museum annex to house our growing collection of agricultural tools and memories. We are creating a commemorative pathway on the museum grounds.

How you can help

Purchase a brick to honor yourself, a loved one past or present, a location or event, whatever or whomever you wish to remember. This is a beautiful and everlasting way to become a part of Springfield's history. Each 4"x8" brick is \$40.00.

Order on-line at www.historicalspringfieldnh.org



Tell us your story!

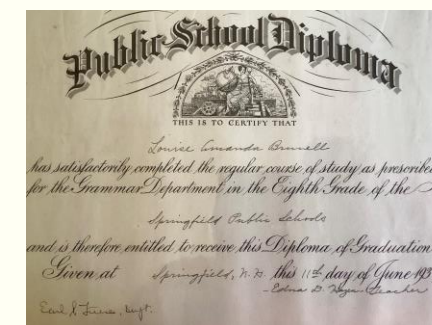
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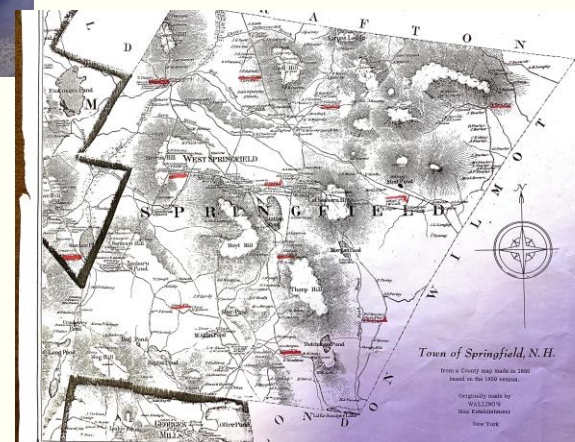
School Days Exhibit

Springfield Historical Society will host School Days Exhibit this summer during its regular Saturday and Sunday open hours at the Museum. This is appropriate as the current building housing the Springfield Museum is the old District #1 Center School which ran until 1949. In the mid 1850s there were 14 school districts to serve the community. The first mention of schools and funding for them appear in documents from 1789 where in Town meeting the first District was created across from the old town cemetery. We are fortunate to have documents, reports, school books and photographs from that time to the present which will all be part of the displays in the Museum this summer. Last summer we held a weekend event where people came in to assist us in identifying persons/students from the stacks of unlabeled photographs we have in the archive. It was a great success bringing people in participating and getting involved with our efforts. We are hoping that might continue this summer as people view what we have on display and volunteer information for our records and collection.

Greg Bruss



1937 Springfield Public Schools Diploma



Circa 1860 12 of 14 School Districts – underlined in red.

Rounding Out the SHS Collection

We have made considerable progress organizing, structuring, and defining our current collection. We are now reaching out to our friends, neighbors, and members to help us round out and complete various collections. We hope you can help! For this issue, we are asking if anyone has items related to maple sugaring – in particularly buckets, taps, pill boxes of the medicine given to maple trees to get the sap flowing or anything else that tells Springfield's history! Contact a board member at info@historicalspringfieldnh.org if have items, something of interest or ideas for us to pursue!

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