

Andover Historical Society

Andover, New Hampshire 03216



- NEWSLETTER -

November 2023

Newsletter # 4

This is the time of year that we think about all we are thankful for. The Andover Historical Society is thankful for all of you that pay your dues, volunteer to be at the Train Station, Emon's Store and the Freight House, help with the Old Time Fair or help give your time or money to the Society. We couldn't exist without you!! Thank you for all you do!! Enjoy this time with family and friends.



Picture from the Annual Meeting about Cross-Cultural Drumming in Andover.

ANNUAL MEETING

We had our Annual Meeting on Wednesday November 15th. Brooks Bicknell and Sue Huntoon have joined our Board of Trustees and we feel very lucky to have them aboard. We were supposed to have Fred Nystrom doing a talk on "Railroad 101", but unfortunately due to illness we had to change to something else. Lindsey Schust and Family stepped up to talk about the History of Drumming in Andover. It was very interesting to hear about Grace bringing African

drumming to Andover, and many Andover residents own drums made by Jim Schust. The drumming spread all around to Danbury, Warner, Sutton, Wilmot and Andover in the 1980's because of Grace Schust. It was a great way to get people together and make cross-cultural music. We all ended up playing a few songs ourselves and it was a great night. We will have Fred do his talk "Railroad 101" next Spring.

MUSEUM MANAGER NEEDED

After many years of helping the Andover Historical Society, Gail Richards has stepped down from the board. She has been President, runs the Freight House with the help of others, and has been doing the management of the Museums for a number of years. We will miss her on the board but know she will be around to help out occasionally. Gail has dedicated much of her time in the last few years to the Society and want to thank her for all she has done for us. We would also like to thank Larry Sprague stepping in this year to help as well with the Museum Management.

We need one or two people to help decide on the exhibits, arrange our window displays, help with the collection and storage of the historical artifacts, inventory of items in the Emon's Store and running of the gift shop. This person or persons will help with the staffing of the museum during open hours, we also use Signup Genius to help with the staffing. Please contact us if you are interested. Or do you know someone that would enjoy helping with this, send them our way.

CONCORD STAGECOACH BUILDING

With the help of the Lions Club, AHS has been going through the process of getting permits and right of ways, etc for the building that will house Andover's Concord StageCoach! This will allow it to be on view for all Andover residents and visitors to the area. It will be between the Freight House and the Rail Trail Kiosk. It is wonderful to think we will be able to display the Coach along with keeping it protected from the elements.



Model of the Concord Stagecoach Building, built by Bob Evans

FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK GRANT

On Oct. 4, Charlie Baer and Bonny Morris attended the 10th Annual Fund for Community Advancement of Caring Celebration in Franklin. This annual celebration highlights organizations in central and southern New Hampshire with project funding from the Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement. Charlie and Bonny formally received the \$6,000 grant for The Campaign for the Andover Historical Society - Preserving our Past, Enriching our Future. AHS was one of 11 organizations and a 2023 Honorees. The monies will go to support the Capital Projects Fund and address immediate repair projects/deferred maintenance of the existing properties.



Charlie Baer & Bonny Morris accepting the grant from Franklin Savings Bank

TELLING YOUR STORY: MEMOIR-WRITING

On Sept. 9th we sponsored, along with The Hub, a Memoir Writing workshop. There were 9 people who came to the workshop. The workshop, “*Telling Your Story, A Gift To Those You Love*” was led by New London resident Joan Katz, M.Ed, an experienced teacher of memoir-writing who has developed this six-hour workshop to provide participants with an opportunity to explore their own personal, social and cultural history, to understand family dynamics and to reflect on what has made them who they are today. Helpful resources as well as various ways of organizing a memoir will be included. Thank you so much Joan!

GIVING TUESDAY

In this season of giving thanks, please participate with the generosity encouraged by #Giving Tuesday. Your gift this year will help us achieve our mission to preserve the history of Andover through acquisition, conservation of historic properties, artifact preservation and stories of the past. In these ways, the Historical Society strives to foster an awareness and appreciation of the heritage that we all share. Make [your donation here on our secure online giving form](#).

With gratitude,

Pam Cooper, Bob Evans, John Hodgson, Bill Hoffman, Bonny Morris and Lindsey Schust
Andover Historical Society Trustees and Fundraising Committee

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Thank you to all that have already paid them, we really appreciate it! **Just a reminder that 2023 membership dues are needed.** They help us keep up with all of our expenses, such as buildings, utilities and all the things we need to operate each year. Your annual dues are a very important part of our revenue. 2024 Dues will start in January. You can easily pay online with PayPal by going to our website at www.andoverhistory.org. or by mailing it to the address below on the Membership Form. Thank you.

2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership Categories: Individual: \$20 • Family: \$30 • Donor: \$50 • Corporate: \$100

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Seasonal Mailing Address (please specify months)

Life member: \$250 per person • \$450 per couple Enclosed is an extra donation of \$ _____

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. If you would like to participate in the work of the Andover historical Society, please indicate your special interest: _____

Andover Historical Society is a 501C(3) charitable organization

You can cut out this form and mail it to:

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