

Andover Historical Society

Andover, New Hampshire 03216



- NEWSLETTER -

June 2025

Newsletter #3

THIS WEEKEND - POTTER PLACE FESTIVAL

Andover Historical Society Presents:

POTTER PLACE FESTIVAL



SATURDAY JUNE 28
9AM-3PM

105 Depot Street, Andover NH

**Family friendly event to celebrate
Andover's special history**

Food, BBQ, pony rides, kids' games,
crafts market, vendors,
history exhibits, museum tours &
archive display in Gordon-Lull House

African Style Drumming
Frederick Douglas Reading
Open mic for music performance.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS
Community Reading
12-1pm

*In partnership with the
Black Heritage Trail
of New Hampshire*

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For more info:
www.andoverhistory.com

Free and open to the public. Thank you to our sponsors!

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The festival is this Saturday from 9:00AM – 3:00PM. The theme this year is transportation. We will have the Concord Stagecoach there. There will be food from the grill, Vendors will be selling their wares, Open Mic, Children’s games, History Displays, Farmer’s market, and African Drumming followed by the Frederick Douglass Reading. **We could use any donations for the Farmer’s market.** We would love baked goods, plants and other goodies for the Farmer’s Market. I would be happy to pick them up from you, contact me at estinal@proctoracademy.org. The Frederick Douglass community reading is in partnership with The Black Heritage Trail of NH at 12:00PM at Potter Place. It will include a number of readers from Andover and our neighboring communities. On July 5, 1852, Frederick Douglass, an abolitionist and heroic orator for liberty, delivered one of his most famous speeches in which he asked, “What to the slave is your Fourth of July?”. He was addressing an Independence Day celebration in Rochester, New York. We hope you will join us for the fun festivities. Please sign up here if you want to help out at [The Potter Place Festival](#).

Andover Historical Society 2026 Calendar



HURRICANES, FLOODS, AND A NEW HIGH SCHOOL!
THE 1930s DEPRESSION ERA IN ANDOVER

Frank Ward's garage in the middle of Highland Lake Channel after the "Great New England Hurricane" in September of 1938. Local residents recall being able to skate right through the building! - as it sat frozen in the Channel during the winter of '38-39.

ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CALENDAR 2026

Available for sale at
both Andover Libraries,
Andover Service Club Thrift Shop,
Mane Street Salon,
Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London,
Emons Store on the grounds of our museum,
and on our website - <http://www.andoverhistory.org>
Also at the 4th of July on the Andover Green

4TH GRADERS CAME TO POTTER PLACE

On June 4th fifty 4th graders from Andover, Salisbury and Webster came to check out Potter Place. We had 3 different stations for them to visit – singing railroad songs with Doug and Brooks, learning about Civil War Veterans from Andover, Salisbury and Webster along with Richard Potter and railroad history with Sarah and Sarah, playing in the old post office and learning what some older household items were (a hair crimper, bustle, a candle snuffer are a few examples). One of the favorite things is the old-fashioned phone that calls from the Store to the Depot and hearing their classmates voice. Thank you to Sarah Will for all her work to organize a wonderful day for the kids!





ONE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOY

Thank you to everyone who came out on the stormy evening of June 6th to hear Mary Jane Peabody talk about Raymond Cole who died in Normandy on D-Day. She shared the untold story of a young man from central small-town New Hampshire, Raymond Allo Cole, and how he came to be laid to rest in the American Military Cemetery in Normandy. The story is on exhibit in the Emons Store. It was an amazing evening and wonderful story. Raymond's nephew was also in the audience to just add another highlight. If we are able to get the video, we will share it with our members.




WE NEED A MUSEUM MANAGER

We are looking for someone to manage the Museum for the Historical Society. This role involves setting up the exhibits, helping with the volunteers for the Station and Store during our Summer hours. This person is responsible for the preservation, acquisition, and display of historical artifacts relating to the Andover region. Does any part of this sound of interest to you? We would love to have you join us, if you are interested or know someone who might be, have them contact one of the trustees or email estinal@proctoracademy.org to answer any questions. Thank you for even considering to help. Do want to do a shift at the Museum or store, let us know, and we will get you on the list as we always need volunteers!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers that have helped out to staff the Station Depot and Emons Store. Here are sign ups for [July](#), [August](#) and [September](#).

DUES

Thank you to those who have renewed your membership already. Your annual dues are a very important part of our revenue. You can pay online with PayPal by going to our website at www.andoverhistory.org or mail the form below. Thank you.

2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM	
Membership Categories: Individual: \$20 • Family: \$30 • Donor: \$50 • Corporate: \$100	
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