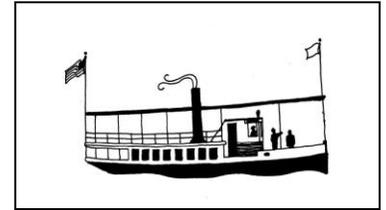


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Fall 2018

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Fall is upon us, and the museum will soon close for the winter. You can still visit us, though, at Sunapee Archives (in the Old Abbott Library). As last year, we will continue to be open there year-round on Monday afternoons, 1-4, and by appointment. You're invited to come in to see what we have on display there, shop in our store, and learn more about Sunapee's history.

We'll wrap up our season with our annual volunteer appreciation pot luck supper and fall program on 17 October. See below for details!



Are you thinking ahead to the holiday gift-giving? We are ready to take orders for the date plaques mentioned in the summer newsletter, and an order form is included with this

mailing. Samples can be seen at Sunapee Archives or at our fall program. The purchase price is \$65 or \$100 if you'd like to include a copy of our new book, *Sunapee's Historic Buildings and Places, Vol. 1*, by master researcher Barbara Chalmers. The book alone is normally \$45. See our website or visit our store at the Archives for more gift ideas.

I'm sure you'll agree that the Sestercentennial celebration was a roaring success for the town with events for everyone. We enjoyed many visitors at the museum (thanks to those who helped welcome folks!) as well as at

the *Scenes of Sunapee* art show master-minded by Barbara Chalmers. That was such a success that we're working on finding a way to turn the office at the museum into exhibit space for art next summer. See Sestercentennial photos inside.

The 250th time capsule will be planted soon on the lawn at Sunapee Archives next to the bicentennial capsule. The tentative date is Saturday, 3 November, at noon—just a few days before the date our original charter was signed 250 years ago. Here's a photo of the stone that will mark its position.



We continue to make progress toward purchasing the Old Abbott Library. Now that the dead elm tree has been removed and a handicap accessible walkway installed to the lower level, we are ready to begin negotiating the sales documents. Our capital fund is still short of our goal, and it's not too late to participate. We'd love to hear from you!

Here's to a happy, healthy fall season!

Becky Fitts Rylander

Fall Program and Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Supper

Wednesday, 17 October, at the Lake Sunapee Community Methodist Church
Bring a dish to share & join us at 5:30 for supper and awards to our volunteers.
Or come at 7 pm for the program.

The Concord Coaches: a multi-media presentation by Peter James.

Before the trains and steamboats, stagecoaches brought people, mail, and goods to our area. Many were manufactured by the Abbot-Downing Co of Concord, NH. Learn more about their manufacture and service.

Free; donation encouraged; refreshments following.



Did you know...

Those of you of a certain age (like me!) probably remember the scourge of Dutch elm disease that killed so many lovely, old trees in the 1950s. Until recently, we have all enjoyed one stately survivor that graced Main Street and shaded the Old Abbott Library (now Sunapee Archives). Unfortunately, it has finally succumbed and had to be removed this summer. But when was it planted? We are working to figure that out, and have come upon an intriguing possibility.



Elm tree standing proudly in the middle behind the bass drum c. 1918.

In 1824 and 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette toured the United States as a guest of the federal government in thanks for the support he provided during our Revolution. Evidently, elm trees were sometimes planted in commemoration of his visit. We know that Lafayette passed through Sunapee along what is now route 103 on his way from Bradford to Newport and Claremont. So perhaps ours was one of those memorial trees. For more information, see an article in the Spring issue of *Historical New Hampshire* (available at Sunapee Archives) and/or visit thelafayettetrail.com.

Scenes from Sunapee's Sestercentennial (250th) Summer



Ryan Fleury celebrates



A patron enjoying the art show



Sunapee Zephyr & our road roller lead the floats



Stupendous fireworks



Ron Garceau confers with Chief Cahill



History Cruise with Midge, Barbara, & Nancy



Elm tree's demise

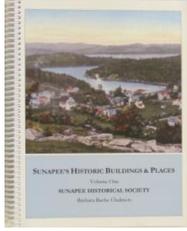


Treasures from the Attic Sale, October

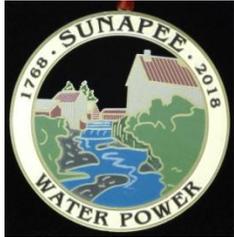


Handicap walkway nearing completion

New items in our store. As you contemplate your holiday gift list, don't forget our selection of Sunapee things. Here are a few. More can be found on our website and at Sunapee Archives.



Sunapee's Historic Buildings and Places, Vol 1 by Barbara Chalmers, \$45. This volume documents over 120 historic properties and the families that lived in them. Photos of each building are included. Look for Volume 2 next summer. Thank you, Barbara!



Water Power Ornament.

One of two ornaments in our store celebrating Sunapee's 250th, this one commemorates the water power provided by the Sugar River—a source of energy vital to industry in town. \$22



Historic View of Lake Sunapee by Mary Bourdon. \$30 framed; \$25 unframed. Thank you, Mary!



Vintage Sunapee Coasters.

Handsome stoneware coasters featuring scenes of old Sunapee. \$40 for a set of 4; \$10 each. Thank you, Sally Bourdon and Lynn Wardlaw!



Cobalt Blue Glassware.

Good looking glasses etched with our logo; in two sizes. \$14 each.

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A Concord Coach in Sunapee Harbor, 1889 or 1890