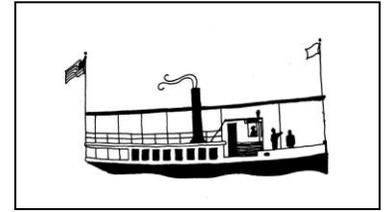


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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The summer is off to a quick and busy start! Our 3rd annual history cruise --this time along the eastern shore from Hastings to Blodgett's and home past Great Island-- was a great success and we're looking forward to a repeat on August 20th. If you're thinking about coming along, make your reservations soon--the boat is filling up!

On July 12th, Barbara Chalmers treated us to a slide show and discussion of historic properties in Sunapee--a preview of her forthcoming book with then-and-now photos and lots of information. On July 14th, we served Woodbine desserts (and sticky buns) at the museum to help the town kick off its sestercentennial celebration. And once again, Louis Edmonds generously offered rides on his replica steamboat to help us raise funds for Sunapee Archives. Thank you, Louis!

Remaining programs for the summer--all at the museum at 7pm--include *Sunapee 100 Years Ago* on July 26th, *Summer Life in the 1920s to 1950s* on August 9th, and *Folklore, Mysteries, and Trivia of Sunapee* on August 23rd.

On Sestercentennial weekend (August 17-19) we'll have both the museum and the archives open as much as possible. If you'd like to help us "man" either location, please let us know!

House Date Plaques. As a new fundraiser, we will soon be offering plaques defining the date your house was built. They are glazed and fired ceramic with brass screws and rubber

washers, ready to mount on your house. Available colors will be white with black numbers, burgundy with white numbers, or gray with dark blue numbers. We will work with you to verify the date your house was built. Each is oval and will measure approximately 9" wide by 7" high. They will be offered at \$65 each.



Elections. At our annual meeting on August 9th, you will be asked to vote for officers and 2 new directors. Our officers have all agreed to serve another 2-year term, and Sandy Alexander will renew for three more years as director. We will identify two new faces soon to run for our vacant 1-year positions. We hope you'll be at the meeting to show your support.

Sunapee Archives. If you have yet to visit our Sunapee Archives in the Old Abbott Library building, please be sure to stop by. We're open on Monday afternoons from 1-4 and by appointment. We have been busy organizing documents, photos, and ephemera and have lots of things on display. Our fund for the building stands at \$375,000. If you have yet to contribute, we hope you'll soon take the opportunity to participate in preserving Sunapee's rich history.

Have a great summer and come see us soon!

Becky Fitts Rylander

Sunapee 100 Years Ago. A program with photos by Becky Rylander at the Flanders-Osborne/Sunapee Historical Society Museum, 7 pm on 26 July

A lot was happening! Boys were going off to war, Spanish Influenza was rampant, Billy B. Van was making silent movies in Georges Mills, and more. Learn what life was like as Sunapee celebrated her 150th anniversary and view Billy's movie *Where Are Your Husbands?*, a comedy featuring role reversals that is surprisingly current today.
Free; refreshments following.



Did you know...

Along about 2007, the Town of Sunapee gave us an antique **1928 Buffalo Springfield Road Roller** after using it for many years to smooth the dirt roads in town. The Gallup Family carefully restored it, and it now enjoys a second life leading our Fourth of July parade.



Fred drives it and reports that this year, it started right up after sitting all winter. Lois and Dottie follow behind to keep folks from getting too close as it rolls along. Thank you, Gallups! If you've missed it, you get a second chance this year—it will be featured again in our Sestercentennial parade on 18 August. Don't miss it!



When the town built a new information booth, we salvaged the old one, moving it to a site at the beginning of the Riverwalk near the Livery. Several years ago, we restored it. Since then, Pat and Gene Hall have taken it under their wing. This year they've added a flag and red, white, and blue petunias to their already lovely plantings of hostas and day lilies. It's looking especially good—thank you Pat and Gene! Here are two photos—as it looked in its old location approximately where the Sugar River Bank stands now and as it looks today. We hope you'll pay it a visit!



Have you seen our new museum guide and brochure? Big thanks go to Gail Bosse for helping us with its design!



Sunapee's Sestercentennial (250th) Celebration

The bulk of Sunapee's 250th celebration will take place during the weekend of 17-19 August. For the latest on the activities planned, go to the committee's online site: sunapeenh250.org or pick up a brochure at any number of locations around town including our Flanders-Osborne Museum and Sunapee Archives (Old Abbott Library). While you're at the museum, don't forget to check out the sestercentennial quilt, hand crafted by 16 Sunapee women as a gift to the town. It features 30 different scenes of Sunapee and will be hanging at the museum most of the summer.



A special shout-out to our business members and supporters: *Lake Sunapee Insurance Agency, C W Ostrom Builders, Deck Dock, Burkehaven Boat Works, and Dexter's Inn.* Thank you!

Help us meet our goal!



Thanks to so many of you, our fundraising for Sunapee Archives at the Old Abbott Library has gone well. But we are not yet to our goal of \$500,000—an amount needed to ensure that we are able not only to purchase the property but also to replace the heating and air conditioning systems, install sprinklers, purchase equipment, and replace the roof in a few years when that is expected to become necessary.

This building is a godsend to us, providing comfortable space for organizing our more fragile holdings and welcoming the community to come and learn more about our rich history. In May, 60 6th and 7th graders visited to see our exhibits and learn about some of the people who have lived here and things they did in and for the town. That's just the sort of interaction with the schools that we were

hoping and planning for when we first contemplated having a year-round presence there.

If you have not visited the Archives, we hope to see you soon. Perhaps you have friends and neighbors who are not yet familiar with our efforts to preserve Sunapee's history and present it to the community. Please fill them in and make sure they are aware of their opportunity to help. Thank you!

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Flanders-Osborne Museum decked out for Sunapee's Sestercentennial (250th) Anniversary