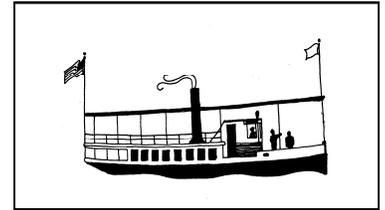


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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

At the Museum. Our 2017 season is wrapping up. This year, we've added a few extra days to our fall schedule in order to be open when the Fentons have some special cruises on the MV Mt. Sunapee going out. But cooler weather will soon be here, and the museum will be put to bed until next Memorial Day.

Sunapee Archives. We've been busy sprucing up the Old Abbott Library with fresh paint and new flooring, and it will soon be open as **Sunapee Archives**. You can expect to find research materials and displays of various artifacts there. We'll plan an open house soon.



Our fund raising continues and now stands at about half of our \$500,000 goal. Some of those funds are pledges, so we are not yet in a position to purchase the building and continue to rent. We've set our goal at twice the purchase price in order to make some improvements such as new HVAC and sprinkler systems, acquire furnishings, and purchase archival (acid-free) storage materials—all items that are needed to do a good job of preserving our history. We intend also to create an endowment that will help when repairs such as a new roof are needed.

Did you know...

We are working hard to learn good archiving practices. If you have expertise in that area (or any other) or simply want to help, please let us know. We anticipate setting up a regular schedule of work days to get things organized.

Fall Program Coming Up. On Wednesday, October 18th, we'll celebrate our volunteers with our annual potluck supper and fall program. We couldn't open the museum as much as we do without the help of our docents and other volunteers. Please plan to be there to help us show our appreciation and enjoy John Warren's memories of Sunapee! See details below and find more about our terrific docents on page 2.

Treasures from the Attic Sale. During Columbus Day Weekend, we staged another successful sale of quality used household items in a joint effort with the Sunapee Heritage Alliance at their Livery. The sale netted \$xxx for each organization. Many thanks to those of you who donated items!

Becky Fitts Rylander



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FALL MEETING:

*Come join us for a Potluck Supper
& Volunteer Appreciation Evening!*

All SHS Volunteers invited - Open to all. Bring a friend!

Or just come for the program at 7 PM:

"I Remember Sunapee"

Presented by John Warren, Writer for SooNipi Magazine

Oct. 18th - Wednesday

Supper at 5:30 pm, Program at 7:00 pm

Lake Sunapee United Methodist Church, Lower Main Street
Free, open to all.

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You may be aware that Sunapee's own John Henry Bartlett, after graduating from Dartmouth in 1894 went on to become Governor (1919-1920) and served in several positions in Washington, DC. And you may know that he wrote—with research help from Rachael Osborne, we understand—*The Story of Sunapee*, a history of our town published in 1941 (reprints are available from us). But did you know that he wrote several other books as well? Here's a quick review of them:



Spice for Speeches, 1926: This is the one Bartlett volume not in our collection.

Folks Is Folks, 1927. A collection of stories about quirky New England country folk and their ways.

The Legend of Ann Smith, 1931. Ann Smith was a young settler who was blow away in a snow squall from her family as they traveled to SooNipi. She is rescued and returned to her family by a Native American chief. Bartlett tells her story in verse and includes in the book some early history of Sunapee and a few poems that evoke similar scenes.

The Bonus March and the New Deal, 1937. A detailed history of the march on Washington by destitute World War I soldiers in the spring and summer of 1932 to demand promised bonuses. Bartlett witnessed the events and offered his property as an alternative site for their tent city when Congress refused to grant them aid. The veterans were subsequently forcibly evicted. He credits the failure of the Hoover administration to help the Bonus Marchers with passage of the New Deal and the beginning of Federal aid to the poor. A pbs documentary on the subject can be found on YouTube.

A Synoptic History of the Granite State, 1939. An overview of New Hampshire history from the landing of David Thompson in 1623 to 1939. Bartlett includes many biographical notes, most but not all of politicians.

Sketches from my Notebooks and Diaries, 1948. A series of vignettes from Bartlett's life. Most interesting for us are the pages on his early life in Sunapee. He tells about attending a one-room Sunapee school until he was 16 and then Colby Academy in New London. His time there was interrupted by 8 weeks of teaching at Sunapee's School No. 4 to earn \$5 per week so he could go back to the academy.

A Word from our Docent Coordinator...

Do you have any idea how many hours the Sunapee Historical Society Museum was open this summer season? Many other local historical society museums boast one or two days a week of public hours, but we will have enlivened Sunapee Harbor by being open 52 regularly scheduled days from May 27th through October 9th. That's a total of 156 volunteer hours! In addition, we will have opened the Museum by special request for five of the Fentons' chartered tours on September and October weekdays.

That's a lot of volunteer hours. How did we do it? You did it! Our stalwart crew of 21 volunteer docents opened the Museum, answered questions, told stories, listened to visitors' narratives, sold merchandise, passed out Treasure Hunt maps to kids, showed people the names of the horses above the old stalls, and said, "Hello! Welcome to the Sunapee Historical Society Museum" many, many times this season.

We owe a tremendous thank you to Lois Gould, Jill Montgomery, Becky Rylander, and Bryan Trainor who were each docents six days and to Sandy Alexander, Peg Chalmers, Judy Jenkins, and Chuck Tremblay who put in four or five days each. Our wonderful docents included: Muriel Bergeron, Bob Blakley, Nancy Clark, Kurt France, Sue Garceau, Nancy Hajek, Gene and Pat Hall, Alice Josephs, Leena Mark, Lorraine Mathieson, Wendy Nolin, Paul Roberts, and Diana Wyman. Thank you all for your enthusiasm for making visitors feel welcome.

Lucy Mueller Young, Docent Coordinator

In Memoriam. We were saddened by the passing of our friend Bev Cutts in September. Bev was a life-long Sunapee resident and was known to many in town in her role as school secretary and member of the Sunapee Alumni Players, the Rebekahs, and the Methodist Church. We appreciated her love of Sunapee history and enjoyed her sense of humor. She served for many years as secretary of our Board of Directors and continued to keep scrapbooks of press clippings for us for many more. She is missed!

Here's a photo from our archives. Bev is on the right with her friend, Jo Hill, ready to go skiing.

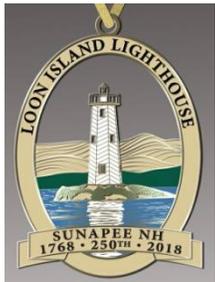


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Gift-giving season approaches!

As you contemplate the best gifts for those on your list this year, we hope you'll think of the Sunapee items available from our store. We have ornaments, books, glassware and more. Please see our website (SunapeeHistoricalSociety.org) for a description of each. All items can be mailed to you or delivered locally.

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