

LYNDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SHORES MUSEUM * * * DISTRICT #6 SCHOOLHOUSE * * * HISTORY EXPO

The **Shores Memorial Museum** has continued to develop outreach programs for local schools and area residents under the guidance of its curator, Christopher Raymond, and his Lyndon Institute history class students, with assists from historical society members. Highlights this past year were a Father's Day Ragtime Concert and a Victorian Tea at Christmas time. A Spring Ragtime Concert is planned. The town crew is continuing to provide grounds maintenance for this historic building and its services are appreciated.

The restored one-room **District #6 Schoolhouse** (1857-1900), already on the Vermont Register of Historic Places, has received the additional honor of being listed on the *National Register*. Our costly application for this latter recognition was significantly funded by a grant from the Lyndon Bank.

The building was pressure-washed and repainted this past summer by a Caledonia County Work Camp crew. This work was done at no cost to the Town; the modest expense for labor and paint was funded by past contributions to the Lyndon Heritage Fund from individuals and businesses as well as grants. Many of our 17 donated student desks (more are needed) were sanded down at the L.I. Vocational Center and handsomely refinished at the Department of Corrections shop.

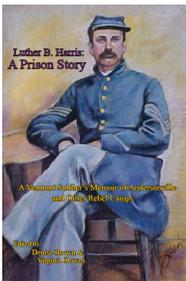


Curator Clare Sullivan opened the school to the public for two hours (2:00-4:00) each Sunday afternoon during the fall and we are hoping to recruit additional volunteers to share in continuing the practice this spring, summer and fall.

Several grades of students from area schools made field trips to Lyndon Center to make the rounds of the museum, the cemetery and the schoolhouse during half-day visits. They were treated, in turn, to lectures and explanations of features of each by the museum curator, town historian Harriet Fisher and the schoolhouse curator. The heartwarming 'thank you' letters that we later received from every one of the 3rd and 4th graders were priceless and made it all worthwhile.

A display chronicling the history of the 2002-2004 schoolhouse restoration project was exhibited at the annual **Vermont History Expo** at the Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds on a weekend in June along with exhibits from over 90 other town historical societies as well as other museums and non-profit organizations in the state.

The theme of the 2007 Expo will be "Travel & Transportation: How Vermonters Got There from Here" and the event is scheduled for June 23rd & 24th. It's likely that the Lyndon exhibit will center on our railroad heritage and the impact of the Interstate. Now into its eighth year, it offers something for young and old; everyone should plan to visit for a day.



<<< Society members Denise Brown and Virginia Downs co-edited a book about Civil War veteran and local civic leader L. B. Harris, based upon the vivid diary he kept while a "resident" in several Confederate prisons, including Andersonville. **Luther B. Harris: A Prison Story**, published in December under the auspices of the Society, is on sale at local bookstores.

Respectfully submitted, A. Richard Boera - Schoolhouse Restoration Project Coordinator