

LYNDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012

During 2112 the Society continued its function of collecting documents, artifacts, and other material relating to the history of the Town of Lyndon, which it has done since its founding in 1975 in preparation for the nation's bicentennial. Most of these materials are stored in the Shores Museum in Lyndon Center. Among recent additions was the guest register of the Lyndon House in Lyndon Corner from November 17, 1873, through December 15, 1874. It was donated by Dan Brodien, whose great-grandfather was proprietor of the establishment from 1858 to 1866. The Society also continued to disseminate information on the history of the town through its quarterly newsletter, Lyndon Legacy, and its quarterly meetings.

In 2012 all meetings were held at the Town House in Lyndon Center. On January 24, Dr. Alfred Toborg, Professor Emeritus of History at Lyndon State College, gave a lecture, illustrated with slides, on "Manor Vail," depicting life in that building from 1960 until its destruction in 1974. The April 10 meeting featured Gisele Gaskin and Betty Blake, who entertained the group with their reminiscences of "Spring Cleaning," as it used to be performed every year. Ruth Allard's written memories were also shared. The Annual Meeting on June 19 saw the reelection of Eric Paris, as President, Bonnie Paris Ott as Vice-President, Linda Toborg as Secretary, Patricia Jauch as Treasurer, and Pat Swartz to another three-year term as Executive Committee Director. She joins Richard Ashton and Tamie Pitman, and honorary lifetime directors A. Richard Boera, Virginia Campbell Downs, and Alfred Toborg. The program at the meeting consisted of Beverly Boulanger, Mary Wood, and Diane Simpson, drawing upon their life experiences, spoke on "Women in Farming." The October 23 pre-Halloween meeting featured a presentation and discussion on "High Energy Houses" or haunted houses in the area.

Copies of Dan Swainbank's book on T. N. Vail, Mr. Vail is in Town: Theodore N. Vail, A.T. & T, and his Lyndon Legacy, are still available at the Freighthouse on Broad and Center Streets.

The Society continues to support the activities of the Shores Museum

and the District 6 Schoolhouse in Lyndon Center, which are used for educational activities. Both buildings suffered water damage during the past year. Although no longer residing in Lyndon, A. Richard Boera continues to maintain the Society's web page at <http://home.comcast.net/~arbjl/b/historic.htm>.

Bonnie Paris, Editor of Lyndon Legacy, welcomes contributions to the newsletter. Do you have any memories or reminiscences of Lyndon in days gone by which you would like to share? Contact her at 626-1400, at Paris.bonnie@yahoo.com, or at the Freighthouse. You may also submit material to any of the officers.

The Society currently has nearly 250 members. Annual dues are only \$5.00, and new members are welcome to join to help preserve Lyndon's historic heritage.

Respectively submitted
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Director (hon.)