

LYNDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014

The Society had another successful year in 2014. It continued its function of collecting documents, artifacts, and other materials pertaining 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 have been a plate commemorating the School House Bridge in Lyndon Center donated by Maralyn Tumelty; assorted memorabilia from Alphonse Aubin, donated by Ron and Nancy Aubin, including an envelope from C.B. Grapes Motor Service, a bill and statement from the Corner Garage, dated June 1, 1946, ribbon and pin from the forty-third National GAR Encampment, Salt Lake City, 1909, and a GAR pin from this encampment, dated August 9-14, 1909; an 1884 map of Lyndonville, donated by Norman and Marge Legge; a Women's Club booklet donated by Mike Cannon; a copper Christmas card donated by Richard Wright; and a large collection of slides, which had been stored at the Cobleigh Public Library.

The Society also continued to disseminate information on the history of the town through its quarterly meetings and its quarterly newsletter, Lyndon Legacy, under the able editorship of Bonnie Paris Ott.

In 2014 all meetings were held at the historic Town House in Lyndon Center. On January 21 Beth Kanell, author of several mysteries based on historical events in the local area, spoke on "Fact or Fiction? Testing the Historical Past," and illustrated her presentation with numerous photographs, some of local crime scenes. On April 15 Stan Baranowski spoke on "The History of Miss Lyndonville Diner," a place where he had been employed for many years. On June 17 Gary Aubin, an accomplished musician and band director, spoke on "The History of the Lyndonville Military Band and the St. Johnsbury Town Band." On October 14 Mike Cannon, owner of the newly acquired "Brick Diamond" on Depot Street, presented and spoke on materials discovered in the building during renovations. These include three Civil War rifles, two sabers, and other assorted memorabilia. Among the finds was a forty-six star American flag.

The June 17 meeting also elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Eric Paris was elected President replacing Alfred Toborg, who stepped down and was elected Vice-President. Pat Jauch was reelected Treasurer and Linda Toborg was reelected Secretary. With the resignation of Directors Richard Ashton and Tammie Pitman, the following were elected: Marty Fors (to 2017) and John Findlay (to 2016). Pat Swartz continues as Director to 2015.

The Society continues to support the activities of the Shores Museum and the District 6 Schoolhouse, which are available for educational purposes. The museum is in need of repairs. On March 6 the Executive Committee of the Society met with Dan Hill, Municipal Assistant, to discuss the situation and to prioritize needs. On June 17 the Committee inspected the inside and outside of the museum, noting where the most urgent repairs need to be made. The museum is too significant a resource for the town to permit it to deteriorate further.

Bonnie Paris Ott welcomes contributions to Lyndon Legacy. As development changes the face of the town, we need to keep memories alive. Do you have pictures or reminiscences of Lyndon in days gone by which you would be willing to share? Pictures of the moving of the Sanborn Bridge in 1960 would be timely, as would those of people, buildings, businesses, or professional enterprises. The list can go on. Check your attic or storage chests and contact Bonnie at 626-1400, Paris.bonnie@yahoo.com, or at the Freighthouse. She always welcomes written historical articles for publication. You may also submit material to any of the officers.

The Society currently has approximately 250 members and is growing. Annual dues are only \$5.00, which includes a subscription to Lyndon Legacy. New members are invited to join to help preserve Lyndon's historical heritage.

Respectively submitted
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Vice-President