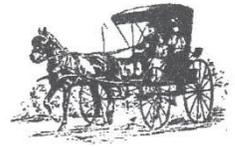


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Fall 2013

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Welcome to Fall. I hope everyone has been enjoying the lovely weather we've been having!

Our Fall Meeting and Program. We'll meet at the Sunapee Community Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, 23 October, at 7pm. The program will be a celebration (!) of the famous **Hurricane of 1938** on its 75th anniversary. Everyone is welcome. Please join us to marvel at photos of the wreckage, learn how the town coped with it, and listen to stories from those who were there. If you have a friend who was in Sunapee during the storm or just after, please bring him or her along.

NH Chronicle. Did you see the spot about the Weetamoo and the other steamers on TV the other night? If not, it's not too late. Just go to www.wmur.com/chronicle and click on the Oct. 7th program.

Covered Bridge. Sunapee's new bridge is now finished and open to foot traffic. It connects nicely to the Riverway path and is complemented by our newly restored old information booth. Regardless of how you feel about the bridge, it was great to see the town working together to raise the funds and build it. Much Sunapee pride was in evidence at its dedication on 15 September.

The New Abbott Library! The funding goal for the new library went over the top a couple of weeks ago. A

ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for October 18th, and the new building should be ready for occupancy next summer. Congratulations to all involved!

And the Old. Now that a new library is on its way, we are renewing our effort to claim at least some of the space in the original library building to create a historical library—a safer place to keep our fragile items and old town records and a place where we can mount year-round exhibits and collaborate with the library and school to preserve and promote Sunapee's unique history. If you like the idea, please tell your friends—and the Select Board. Thanks!

Free Wood Stove. Have you noticed the large (huge!) wood stove that's been taking up space in our meeting room? It may have been used in the Woodsum machine shop, or perhaps it heated a school. We don't know and would like to reclaim the space. If you have a use for it, please let us know.



And keep on having fun!

Becky Fitts Rylander



The Great Hurricane of 1938...Did you know this?

- Sunapee was the first town in the state to organize its response to the storm and was serving property owners weeks before any other town.
- Sunapee's response was managed by the Sunapee Restoration Committee—a group of 10 citizens appointed by the Selectmen after a special meeting of the taxpayers on 26 September, five days after the storm.
- Downed timber was estimated at 15,350,000 board feet.
- And 7,000 cords of wood, some good for paper pulp.
- The first priority was preventing fire and looting. The fire department wet down the roadsides and guards were posted.
- Although many, many trees came down, damage to houses was relatively light (boathouses weren't so lucky!). Home owners who originally thought they might have to abandon their property ended up pleased by the views that opened up.

Join us on 23 October to learn more!



Working along Granliden Road after the storm. Bert Holmes at right end with John Humphrey.

A Word about Finances...

You will notice a solicitation for contributions on a separate sheet included with this newsletter. Like last year, receipts have not kept up with expenses. Insurance costs, among other expenses, continue to rise, and we need your help to avoid dipping into savings to meet our operating budget. Remember that we are an independent non-profit organization and get no financial help from the town. If you like what we're doing at the museum and want to help us preserve Sunapee's wonderful history for future generations, please consider carefully and send what you can. We will greatly appreciate whatever you can spare. And perhaps you will be the lucky winner of this year's raffle item. **Thank you!**

Lucky winners of the PALS drawing. The drawing for the PALS-wide donation raffle was held as scheduled in August. The winners were:
 1st Prize: Dinner for 2 on the *Kearsarge*: Mike Monticello, Lake Forest, CA
 2nd Prize: Tour for 2 on the *Mt. Sunapee*: Nicole Patenaude, Concord, NH
 Congratulations to them and many thanks to all who participated!

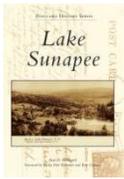
Thanks and Help Wanted!

Huge thanks to *Diana Wyman* for keeping our gardens looking so good all summer and to *Priscilla Sargent* for her work as docent coordinator. Both would like to stand down from those duties next summer. So please think about it and let us know if either of those jobs appeals to you.



Gift Suggestions:

When you're looking for gifts, don't forget that your historical society has a number of items that would make terrific gifts for anyone interested in Sunapee. Arrange for pick up by emailing us at: SunapeeHistory@gmail.com (or phone 763-8809) or request mailing via USPS. Please make checks payable to "Sunapee Historical Society" and include \$5 for postage and handling (\$10 for *Wild Goose Waters from Above*). Thanks!



Lake Sunapee. A postcard history book by Paul Rheingold. \$21.99

Henry Phipps Goes Skiing and The Wild Goose (DVD). Classic comedies starring Babe Sargent and produced by Bruce Cronin. \$23.00

The Story of Sunapee. A reprint of Governor Bartlett's 1941 history of his town. \$20.00



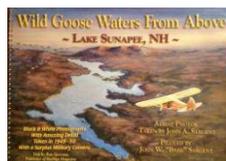
The Lakes of New England, Part One: Sunapee. A reprint of an 1896 publication giving a tour of the lake and complete with many photos of the lake, cottages, hotels, steamboats, and the surrounding area. \$20.00

Tales of an "Old Time Yankee." Reminiscences by Carroll Leone of his life in Sunapee, with photos. \$20.00



Mustered! A history of New Hampshire's 12th regiment in the Civil War by J.P. Fahey based on foot soldiers' personal accounts and memoirs written by the author's great grandfather. Of 1,000 who mustered in, only 100 returned. None of the soldiers was from Sunapee, but their experiences were similar to those from here. \$20.00

Wild Goose Waters from Above. Detailed aerial photos of the area taken by Babe Sargent and his father in 1949-50. A "coffee-table" sized book. \$65.00



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From our files: Hurricane Destruction, September 21, 1938

