



## Freedom Historical Society January 2013

“Preserving Freedom’s past  
For future generations”

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Dear Members and Friends,

### Membership Request

This letter is our annual appeal for membership and includes a summary of the status of the organization (see following pages). Since we can’t survive without **YOU**, I would like to respectfully ask that you take a moment to renew or initiate your 2013 membership (see enclosed envelope). Our goal for 2013 is to increase our membership by at least 10%.

**Why do we need more members?** Of course we want you to enjoy the historical collections and information available in the museum, and learn more about Freedom’s past. Along with that you should know that our operating budget is over \$8,000 annually to run the Society; between collections, facilities maintenance and upgrades, insurance, programs, mailings, etc., it all adds up. Keep in mind that we have no employees- FHS is entirely run by volunteers. I am pleased to announce that in 2012 we have been able to start a fund for capital improvements as they arise; we need a set-aside in the 2013 budget for the same purpose.

**“So what can I do?”** This is where your membership is so vital - we must be able to maintain our great facilities for generations to come! It is our sincere hope that you will re-join the Society in 2013 and even upgrade to the next giving level from 2012; we depend entirely on your generosity. If you know someone who is not a member, please encourage them to join as well. **The value of your membership:**

- **Ensures the Preservation of the History of Freedom.** If we don’t ensure the preservation of Freedom’s history for future generations, who will?
- **Supports historical educational programs.** It is clear that these programs are successful and we want to continue to contribute their high value to Freedom.
- **Helps support educational programs for FES students and visiting children.** Their knowledge of the past will help us grow adults with an appreciation for the history and lore of Freedom and “the old days” in general.
- **Contributes to the Pride of our Town and its Sense of Place.** Our members help by making sure this sense of place that defines Freedom as a special place continues.

**Membership Renewal:** Please fill out (completely) the enclosed remittances envelop and return as soon as you can. To help us communicate with you better, we urge you to share your e-mail address with us to receive timely FHS news and updates via the internet- and it saves us postage, as well. Your support early in the year helps us pay bills that come in during the spring.

We greatly appreciate your support!  
Sincerely, John Shipman, President

## Winter 2013 NEWSLETTER FROM THE SOCIETY

### “What did the Society accomplish in 2012?” A LOT !!!!

- **Beautiful Calendar:** Through a citizen’s contest we had an excellent array of photographs of “Barns of Freedom” to display in the 2013 FHS calendar. The photographers had a great time, did a great job, and we sold all 250 calendars. This was also a major fundraiser for the Society so it was a winner all around! Many thanks to the Calendar Committee: Bonnie Burroughs, Dick and Ellen Many, Nadine Chapman and Sylvia Carney.

Photo courtesy Bonnie Burroughs



- **FES educational tour:**



The elementary school kids had a great time touring the Museum and learning about various facets of life in Freedom at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We expect this to be a repeat performance since it had been done in previous years as well. Thanks to tour directors Ellen Many, Gale Morris, Sylvia Carney and John Shipman.

- **Old Home Week parade Float:** A prize winner!! Thanks to Nadine Chapman for organizing our float for the 2012 FOHW parade- to volunteers Dick Many, Ted Acton, Deborah Acton, Barbara McEvoy, David Evans, and John Shipman for staffing the float which featured a carriage from our own collection. And, Ed Boyer for tractor support.



- **“I Spy” historical treasure hunt:**



- **Dinner raffle fundraiser:** A great success and fun to boot! This fundraiser allowed us to pay for new shades to protect our collection from light deterioration. The raffle winners had a wonderful time being chauffeured to the Allard house by Dick Many in Scott Cunningham’s 1941 Woodie and then enjoy a fine ‘comfort food’ meal in the dining room prepared by Sylvia Carney, Gale Morris, Tim Kennedy and Bonnie Burroughs, served very nicely by Nadine Chapman. The
- **Christmas Open House:** We didn’t know so many people could tour the Allard house in 2 hours! The wonderful holiday decorations in each room (provided by Lucy Kendall, Gale Morris, Laura Robinson, Sue Stamm and John Woodard) put everyone in the mood and visitors enjoyed hearty soup and warm cider provided by Sylvia Carney. Guides and servers Bill and Sally Stoops, Pet Plunges, Nadine Chapman, Gale Morris, John Woodard and John Shipman helped everyone enjoy the experience.

This was an absolutely fun FOHW event and had the benefit of educating kids (and adults) about 18 points of historic interest in Freedom- hopefully a repeat program. Many thanks to organizers/volunteers Gale Morris, Pet Plunges, Andy and Charlie Root, Nancy Essex, Tom Luke and Dick Many.

beautiful flower arrangements were provided by Sue Stamm. Thanks to All!!



Beautiful wreath, window box and other holiday floral decorations were graciously provided by Sue Stamm.

Photo courtesy Art Robinson



- Educational Programs:** The 2012 programs continued the high attendance seen in 2011. These programs (by month) were: MAY- WHITE MOUNTAIN ART (Bob Cottrell); JUNE - THE FIRE OF '47 (Bob Boyd); July- NH Barns (John Porter); AUGUST-NH GRANGES (Steve Taylor); SEPTEMBER- CENTURY NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (David Stewart-Smith); OCTOBER- NH TOWNS & THE CIVIL WAR (Jere Daniell). The support provided by an anonymous donor in Freedom, as well as support from the NH Humanities Council, made them all possible. Thanks also to Ellen Many for a very successful publicity program!
- Building Maintenance:** Safety and maintenance upgrades to the Allard House and Works Barn (generously supported through the town warrant article from 2011) have helped us get up to current safety standards. Work accomplished in 2012 included:  
 new hot top on the driveway; fixing broken windows; repairing a section of the barn sill; replacing door locking mechanisms; repairing walls and ceilings that had deteriorated; adding a cement step at the barn's lower entrance; replacing/upgrading ceiling lights in the Allard house; and undertaking a rodent (squirrel) exclusion program for the barn. Only roof painting remains, which will be done in the spring. We are grateful to Dick Many for coordinating the completion of all these tasks!
- Painting and yard work:** We cannot say enough about the wonderful volunteers who helped paint the north-west side of the Allard house and the barn door this summer: Sally and Bill Stoops, Gale Morris, Art Robinson, Maynard Thompson, Peter Park, Bill Elliott, Chuck Brooks, Dick and Ellen Many, Sylvia Carney, Kim Reis and others. And special thanks to Peter Park and Bill Elliott who filled, seeded and watered the area around the new driveway, to make it safe and beautiful for our visitors- nice job!
- Archiving:** It is important to recognize that progress on the archiving of historical records collection continues to be made by Bonnie Burroughs, Dotty Brooks and Gale Morris. The amount of ephemera we have that needs cataloging is truly mind boggling! Cataloging the Works Barn collection (meaning entering items into the electronic database) was started by Sylvia Carney and John Shipman; this is a daunting task since there are over 3,000 items to catalogue in the barn. The Allard house's 1000 collection items are already in the database, thanks in large part to the work of Ed Boyer.



**“What are the plans for 2013?”** At the October 2012 annual meeting members voted in two new Board Directors: John Woodward and Pet Plunges- Welcome! And we owe a **big** thanks to retiring Directors Ellen Many and Art Robinson! The leadership in 2013 remains the same as in 2012 and we are grateful for their service!

President: John Shipman

Vice President: Dick Many

Treasurer: Tom Luke

Secretary: Gale Morris

Curator: Bonnie Burroughs

Ass’t Curator: Scott Cunningham

Directors: Dotty Brooks, John Woodard, Pet Plunges, Nadine Chapman and Sylvia Carney

**Programs:** We are pleased to announce some very interesting programs lined up for 2013. This is a draft list which will be finalized shortly, so stayed tuned for updates.

Proposed date	Presenter	Topic
May 15th	Carl Lindblade	<b>The Mt. Washington Hotel and the International Conference at Bretton Woods</b>
June 19th	Jo Radnor	<b>Wit and Wisdom. Humor in 19<sup>th</sup> Century NE.</b>
July 17th	Thomas Hubka	<b>Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn. Connected Farm Buildings of New England</b>
Aug 21st	Allen Koop presents	<b>Darby Field and the "First" Ascent of Mount Washington</b>
Sep 18th	Steve Taylor	<b>New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools. The Romance and the Reality</b>
Oct 23rd	Diane F. Gravel (TBC)	<b>Genealogical Research and Family Histories</b>

**Calendar/Photo Contest!** In June the Society announced the photograph theme for the 2014 Calendar. Anyone may submit photos that: **Capture the character and beauty of the Freedom community including aspects of family life depicted in events and seasonal pastimes.** An independent panel of judges will select four winners in each of three categories: Student, Amateur, and Pro/Semi-Pro. Winners will be announced at a reception on Friday, June 28, 2013 where winning photographs will also be displayed. Deadline for submissions is April 1, 2013. Address questions to Bonnie at [bonniebnh@roadrunner.com](mailto:bonniebnh@roadrunner.com); call 603-539-3665; or see [www.freedomhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.freedomhistoricalsociety.org). Don't miss out on your chance for Fame!

**New in 2013:** Watch our website for updates including oral histories of Freedom residents; access to FHS books and reference materials via the Freedom Public Library catalog system; more Works Barn collection items in our searchable database; special collection items highlighted during Saturday open houses in summer; and repeating successful 2012 programs in 2013!

**Finally, we need YOU!! VOLUNTEERS are needed for 2013!!** Did you notice who was listed as a volunteer in this newsletter and how many kept showing up at multiple events?? Well, you can join in the fun, too!! Please contact John Shipman or a Board member to get on the list.