



Freedom Historical Society

“Preserving Freedom’s Past for Future Generations”

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Celebrating 52 years as a Non-profit Corporation!

Winter 2022

The Freedom Historical Society was formed in 1965 and incorporated in 1968 and has sought to secure Freedom’s legacy. We continue this effort because of the value we all receive in preserving Freedom’s past.

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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Freedom NH Historical Society is to collect, research and display objects and records relating to the town’s history for educational and cultural preservation. The Society fosters and inspires awareness and appreciation of the town’s past through the records and collections in the Allard House and Works Barn Museum, and through its cultural education programs and publications.

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The Freedom Historical Society & Museum is located at 28 Old Portland Rd in Freedom. We are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day on Saturday 10 am to 2 & Wednesday from 10 am - 12. We are open year-round on Wednesday from 10 am - 12. Open other times by appointment by calling 617-780-5724.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Members and Friends:

The Board of Directors appreciates the positive feedback it has received from members and guests about the direction the Historical Society is taking. That and the financial support we are receiving tells us that “more is better”. To accomplish that the Board has created a document called “Action Plan 2022”. This document sets out various goals and objectives to help the Board be more organized and to help us “up our game” in 2022. This Plan is included in this newsletter so that you all can see what we have set out to do.

With the start-up of new annual rotating exhibits in 2020 its seems that the Society has entered a new era of telling the Freedom stories better and getting this information out to the public. These efforts, some of which you can see in the Action Plan, cause us to do more work, which is fine. Of course, we want to give our volunteers, members, and donors the opportunity to do more as well. Thus, we have created new membership levels and described the benefits of each level of giving. These are reflected in the newly printed membership envelopes, enclosed. This is membership renewal time, so we hope that you will take the opportunity to reinforce our efforts with a higher level. We do understand that not everyone has that opportunity, so we appreciate whatever you can do. Please note that we have created a “Heritage Circle” level for those who would like to be most involved in the Society’s direction. Thank you.

Sincerely, Co-Presidents

John Shipman

Roberta MacCarthy

Ed Boyer Memorial

Just a reminder that you may honor Ed Boyer's contribution to the Freedom Historical Society by donating in his name. The funds will go to support the Archival Project which he worked on so diligently. We will also be designating the research room as the "Ed Boyer Research Room" so that his contribution will be remembered in perpetuity.



A celebration of the life of Dr. Edwin Taylor Boyer will be held on April 2, 2022, at the First Christian Church of Freedom at 1:00pm. The family requests memorial contributions be sent to The Freedom Historical Society in the name of Dr. Edwin Taylor Boyer at WWW.FreedomHistoricalSociety.org or The Freedom Historical Society, P.O. Box 548, Freedom, N.H., 03836.

FHS Educational Programs through June 2022.

Please put these dates into your calendars so that you don't miss these great programs. Note that the first two are via Zoom and after live at the Town Hall (unless another COVID mutant shows up!). August-October programs are still being confirmed- stay tuned.

- March 16, Wednesday at 7 PM: FHS Program via Zoom [New England Lighthouses & The People Who Kept Them](#)
- April 27, Wednesday, FHS Program via Zoom - [Getting Started in Genealogy](#)
- May 18th Wednesday at 7 PM FHS Program, Freedom Town Hall - [Mt. Washington Carriage Road & The Glen House](#)
- June 15, Wednesday, FHS Program, Freedom Town Hall - [Vanished Veterans - NH's Civil War](#)

Progress Update on the Snow Roller Restoration Project.

The Freedom Historical Society has exceeded its fundraising goal and raised \$3,485 from 23 generous donors to cover the expenses of restoring an early Snow Roller and to accompany Freedom's historic Snow Roller Shed. It is one of three Snow Roller Sheds remaining in NH. Snow Rollers were used on New Hampshire roads from the 1880's to the 1930's.

In 2012 the Freedom Snow Roller Shed was placed on the NH State Register of Historic Places and in 2016 the Shed was restored by the Freedom Heritage Commission. The team of Scott Cunningham, Peg Scully, and Alan Fall are currently working on the restoration of a Snow Roller with fundraising help from the following members of the Freedom Historical Society. So far the local ash trees have been cut, milled into appropriate pieces and are drying; re-construction is anticipated to start in 2022.

Thank you to the following donors for giving to the Snow Roller Restoration Project at the following donor levels:

High Rollers: Patricia Crane; Emily Action Phillips; Linda Habif; Bonnie and Paul Elie; Susan and Ramon Marks; Ellen C. and Richard J. Many; June and Bruce Howlett; Anonymous.

Drivers: Karrie J. and Brandon A. Buttrick; Elizabeth and Peter Earle; Dianna K. and Gary L. Wagner; Jane and Richard Nylander; Kathleen Hirsch and Mark Murrow; Dianna and Steve Thurston; Gift in Memory of Marshall Kendall.

Crew: Peg Scully; Robert H. Smart; Linda C. and Nils L. Nordberg; John Shipman and Sylvia Carney; Gift in Memory of Paul E. Clausen.

Citizens: Arlene M Knight; Betty W. and Frank E. Fuller; Marjorie Works.

And many thanks to those who have donated time, materials and equipment so far to this wonderful project: Alan Fall, Scott Cunningham, Peg Scully, Darwin Moulton, Bill Elliott, Barbara McEvoy, Jason Ferry, Dann Lewis, Phil Bane, GW Brooks and Sons, and Smith Family Tree Services.

Freedom Historical Society 2022 Action Plan

Background

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Freedom Historical Society (FHS) is to collect, preserve, research, and display objects and records relating to the town's history for educational and cultural preservation purposes.

Purpose: The FHS, founded in 1965, was established as a non-profit in 1968 with the objective of preserving the history of the town of Freedom, New Hampshire for future generations. It fosters and inspires awareness and appreciation of the town's past through the records, collections, and exhibits in the Allard House and Works Barn Museum and on our website, and through its cultural education programs and publications.

Education and Collections: The FHS maintains the Allard House (circa 1840) furnished as it might have been between 1877 and the early 1900's. The FHS also maintains the Works Barn Museum which holds collections of old items such as farm implements, carriages, tools, documents, books, photographs, town maps, and records of events of historical interest.

FHS also possesses a unique collection in the Resource Room of books, paper records, artifacts, and photographs specific to freedom beginning in the 19th Century. These records include:

- Data Base with Past Perfect Museum Software
- Documents, scrapbooks, letters and other manuscript items.
- Town Records
- Genealogical records and resources,
- House history records and resources
- Various maps of Freedom and Carroll Country from the 18th century to the present
- Freedom history books and articles
- Photographs of Freedom citizens, places and events.
- Freedom Post Card Collection
- Documents and record of Freedom clubs and fraternities
- Archives of FHS and its activities

2022 Planning Goals

1. GOAL: Maintain and improve the Museum Buildings (the Allard House and the Works Barn) to support the FHS mission and maintain the collections.

Action Plan

- a) Assign a volunteer to oversee upgrades and maintenance and "risk management" of Museum Buildings – Vinnie Beedle for 2022
- b) Seek funding to build a climate control room and continue with the preservation of the porch and basement (moisture control) of the Allard House – plan to fundraise through NH Gives in June 2022
- c) With the help of Vinnie Beedle, create a prioritized list of small maintenance projects for volunteers, and another list of maintenance and improvements requiring professional services; to be completed by May 2022.



- d) Ensure that the annual budget continues to include sufficient funds for preservation services and small repair maintenance projects.
- e) Implement procedures to improve the security of the collection.

2. GOAL: Continue to strengthen the collection management and showcase the history of Freedom by focusing on the Archival Project and emphasizing the following:

Action Plan

- a) Inventory: Continue to identify and initiate collection projects and exhibitions to understand what we have and sort duplicates and determine conservation needs.

- b) On-going Cataloging: continue to use Past Perfect Museum Software to document the entire collection
- c) Increase the hours of the Collection Consultant to 18 hours a week; in budget for 2022
- d) Develop a proposal for a summer intern.
- e) Prepare a schedule for an inspection and inventory of the collection.

3. GOAL: Initiate efforts to establish a Genealogical Database

Action Plan

- a) Appoint a Coordinator of Genealogical Databases – John Perkins
- b) Evaluate the purchase of Family Tree Maker Software to maintain a proprietary database on Freedom families

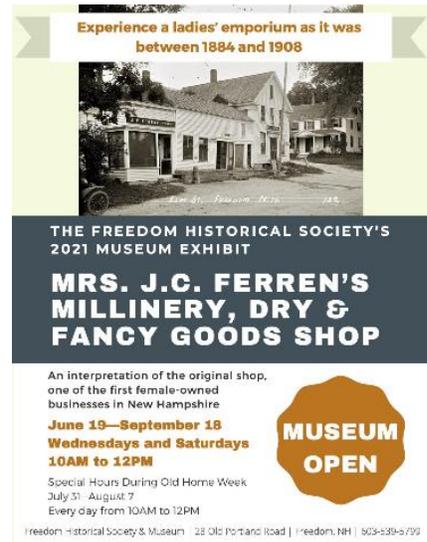


- c) Research purchasing annual access to Ancestry.com as a member benefit.
- d) Initiate outreach for input of key Freedom families into the genealogical database.
- e) Utilize research and information on genealogy as a benefit

4. GOAL: Maintain and Strengthen Exhibits in the Allard House, Works Barn and Website

Action Plan

- a) Appoint a Board Member to lead the Special Exhibition Committee - Brandy Buttrick.
- b) Brandy and Volunteer Committee will organize a new Summer Exhibit for the Works Barn focusing on small businesses in Freedom from 1880 to 1920.
- c) Appoint a Board Member to replace the Exhibit in the Allard House on Holmgren with an exhibit on Freedom artists - John Shipman.
- d) Make a video or photo power point of this Holmgren exhibit for the Website to preserve the Holmgren information.
- e) Continue to make exhibits available through videos on the FHS website.

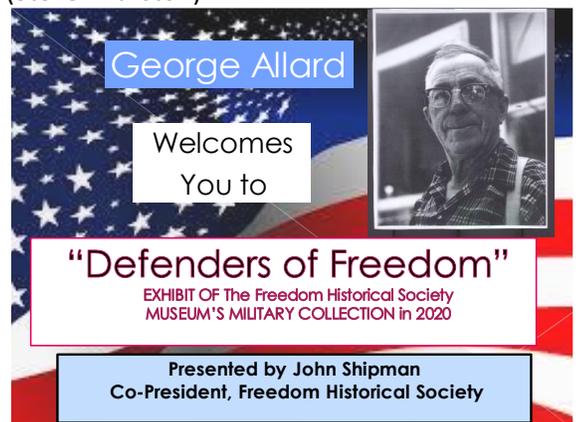


- f) Increase outreach/promotion of the exhibits through social media, public media and website.
- g) Hire a museum collection consultant in 2022 to assist in making a 5-year plan for preservation and cataloging of Works Barn Exhibits. Identify items and collections in need of display, preservation, and deaccessioning. Prepare a plan for oversight and funding.

5. GOAL: Maintain a presence in the community through live presentation audiences, as well as social media, website, video, publications, and special events

Action Plan

- a) Appoint a Program Coordinator on the Board to arrange & present monthly free public programs of historic and social interest during the year (Steve Thurston)
- b) Collaborate with Freedom Elementary School on educational activities in Spring and Fall. (Steve Thurston)



- c) Prioritize history of Freedom publications for print and website; prepare plan for a publication on Postcards of Freedom and/or Freedom Houses for 2022. (John Perkins, Noel Quinton)
- d) Produce a “free” house Tour Map for self-tours of Freedom Village for 2022. (Barbara McEvoy, John Perkins, Jean Marshall)
- e) Present a Margie Luncheon Event during Old Home Week 2022 (John Shipman and Brandy Buttrick)
- f) Continue the Wine Tasting Event in 2022. (Anne Gaudette)
- g) Continue quarterly newsletters for membership (John Shipman)
- h) Participate in FOHW including the Parade



- e. Recruit new volunteers to carry out targeted projects and events.

6. Goal: Initiate efforts to increase the membership and increase membership funding

Action Plan

- a. Launch a tiered membership benefit program with an expanded number of giving levels including a “Heritage Circle” level for high donors.
- b. Continue to promote Life Membership and increase the number of Life members from 37 to 45.
- c. Increase the outreach to Life Members and Heritage Circle donors.
- d. Create a list of future projects that need support over and above membership and start outreach and stewardship.
- e. Start to increase awareness in the importance of an endowment.

7. Goal: Increase volunteer participation and outreach and expand the docent program

Action Plan

- a. Recruit a Volunteer Coordinator from the Board to develop email and phone lists of volunteers according to interest and skill. (Ed Barosky)
- b. Expand open museum hours by 2 for 2022 (10-12 Weds and 10-2 Sat); obtain visitor feedback on hours.
- c. Set up a rotating list of greeters or docents for Wednesday and Saturdays from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends.
- d. Continue to maintain a group of volunteers for ground and house tasks.

Announcing new FHS Membership Categories

Members are the Lifeblood of the Freedom Historical Society. Please renew and give in 2022!

Membership provides you with the good feeling of preserving Freedom’s past and the values that you care about. Each member is an investor in the community to ensure that Freedom’s history is kept alive. Membership helps provide a free museum, develop exceptional exhibitions that celebrate Freedom’s history, and offer programs and events that engage and inform our community about our shared past. Being a member also helps maintain the Allard House and Works Barn Museums and their collections of objects, artifacts, and records. Membership and donations provide 92%. The more you help, the more value we can return to the community. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Membership Categories and Benefits

Individual - \$15

(Senior/Student Individual - \$10):

- Free museum admission
- Free program lectures
- Four newsletters a year
- Your name listed in newsletters
- Your dues are tax-deductible

Family - \$35. All the above benefits for a Family Household

Contributor - \$75. All the above plus you receive the Annual Research Bulletin

Sponsor - \$150. All the above plus a complimentary annual Individual membership for a friend (gift)

Leadership - \$250. All the above plus invitations preview special exhibits and access to one hour of consultation for family history research

Patron (Lifetime) - \$500 one-time donation. All the above benefits plus

- Lifetime Membership
- Name listed on plaque in the Museum and on and on the website
- President's Insider Emails (2 annually)

The Heritage Circle

The Heritage Circle is the top giving level at the Freedom Historical Society committed to preserving Freedom's history, and it offers recognition and benefits to generous annual donors of \$1,000 or more. Your choice to support FHS at this level shapes FHS present and future. You have impact by providing support and leadership in addressing special projects. Your contributions strengthen all areas including our collection, special exhibits, and educational programs on annual basis.

Heritage Circle - \$1,000 and above, annually

All the above benefits plus

- Lifetime Membership
- Luncheon with the President
- Invitation to a donor appreciation event
- Opportunities to participate in discussion to select program speakers and Calendar profiles
- Invitations to events with historians/genealogists

Announcing the FHS Museum Exhibit For 2022 Celebrating Freedom: Historic Businesses of Freedom Village (1880-1920)

Purpose and Goal of Exhibit: The Freedom Historical Society during the summer of 2022 will offer museum visitors an exhibit focused on businesses that were in operation in Freedom Village during the period 1880-1920. This is the same timeframe when Mrs. J C Ferren operated her ladies' emporium as highlighted in last year's FHS exhibit. The period from the 1880's to the 1920's represents a prolific period of operation for Freedom businesses. After the 1920s, the town's population, as well as its businesses, started to dwindle, primarily due to an increase in the mobility of its residents to shop elsewhere. And people moved away. Using stories and artifacts from the FHS collection, interesting and educational displays will be created for

our visitors. The dates for the exhibit are planned for June 18th through September 24th, and daily during Old Home week. There will be a Soft Opening on Thursday June, 16th, for FHS Lifetime and Heritage Circle members and for the volunteers that helped to assemble the exhibit.

Freedom Village Businesses Highlighted in the Exhibit:

- General Merchandise Stores (Merchants): E.I. Towle Store; Foster's Store; F.O. Ferren Store; and the O.E. Drake Store.
- Freedom Blacksmiths: Alonzo Fowler, Herb Pray, and Edgar Mills
- Clothing Manufacturing in Freedom: Orren Drake; Stephen Danforth and Sons.
- Freedom Boarding Houses and Inns: Elm Tree Inn; The Loon Lake House; Prospect House
- E. I. Towle Building: Ossipee Valley Ten Cent Savings Bank; J. Arthur Bennet, Undertaker.
- Alonzo Pease Tailoring Shop; Apothecary - Dr. AD Merrow; and Pharmacy- Dr. Lougee's,
- Mrs. J. C. Ferren's Millinery Dry and Fancy Good's Store
- Charles Beach's Shoe Shop -
- Old Grist/Saw Mill.
- Freedom Tanning Company

Memorial and Tribute Gifts.

Memorial and Tribute Gifts to the Freedom Historical Society can be established to recognize that special person who appreciates the special nature and history of the Freedom Community. Anyone can set up a memorial or tribute gift in a person's name at any time; gifts are accumulated in that person's name as they are given over the years. This is a nice way to keep a special person's memory alive.

The following people were honored by Memorial Funds in 2021:

- Tom Luke, Peter Birnie, Sylvia Carney, Edwin Boyer, John Hogan; Henry and Margaret Trail

The following people were honored by Tribute Gifts in 2021:

- Nadine Chapman; Sally Stoops

Local Businesses Support your Historical Society.

We thank our local businesses that have made a significant contribution to our operating costs in 2020 by advertising their businesses in our fund-raising calendar. We encourage you to do business with them.

Beth Day Massage Therapy
Camp Calumet
Constantino Real Estate,
Gerard Constantino
Cooper Cargill Chant
Eastern Propane
Exit Realty, Grace Brooks
Freedom Gallery, Barbara McEvoy, Artist
Freedom House Antiques
Freedom Village Store
G W Brooks & Son, General Contractors
Gary Wallace Auctioneers, Inc.
Green Mountain Furniture
Hatfield's Bed & Breakfast
Inn at Crystal Lake & Palmer House Pub
Jakes Seafood & Grill
James C Farinella Building & Remodeling LLC Minuteman Press
Paul Wheeler, RE/MAX Presidential
Paul Olzerowicz, Sentinel Financial
Terri Brooks, Watercolor & Pastel Artist
Sarah Groleau, The Groleau Financial Group at Thrivent Waddell & Reed,
Margie Amico, Financial Advisor
Ward's Boat Shop
White Mountain Survey & Engineering

Your membership is critical to our survival- Please join now! Thanks!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS

“Preserving Freedom’s Past for Future Generations”

Membership:

- Leadership \$250 Sponsoring \$150 Contributor \$75 Family \$35 Individual \$15
 Senior/Student. \$10 Patron/Lifetime. \$500 Heritage Circle \$1,000 other _____

Donations: I’d like to make an addition donation of \$_____. Please specify project if you wish: General Operating
 Building Renovation. Preservation Supplies Programs Museum Collection Exhibits House Project

Memorial/Tribute Gift in honor of _____

Your Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

- Yes, I’d like to know more about volunteering!
 Yes, you may publish my name as a member in the newsletter

Please make your check payable to Freedom Historical Society and mail to:
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Thank You!

Remember, your membership & donations are tax deductible



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