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2023 a year in review

It's November already and all around us people are preparing for the wintry days ahead.

Leaves are falling like dry rain, and the woods vistas are once again opening allowing us to see further into the once lush green forest.

Here at the Hebron Historical Society the work goes on. We are busy selling our fund raiser calendars, thanks to Directors Andrea Powers, and Bruce Conant, with help soliciting prizes by Director Julie Deans. On Election Day November 7th, we will sell calendars and baked goods to raise funds to keep things going. It's work that all involved are on board and happy to do their part. Everybody on our team has their strong points and we appreciate them all.

Last week we had our last speaker of the year, and as usual it was a very interesting evening. The board of directors will continue to meet each month to plan for what is ahead.



This summer we had our summer yard sale and although the weekend sale was shortened because of rain we had a good turnout and are thankful to all that visited and donated to our cause.

These last few summers the yard sale fundraisers were organized by Director Ruth MacDonald. We have simply asked for a donation to our society. People like that and judging by the donations we are happy as well!

The latest on the East Hebron Railroad Station



Member Pete Gleason cutting out the old rotten roof rafters it was a lot of work especially on those very hot summer days before the rains arrived. Kudos to Pete!



New roof rafters in place in place



New roof boards installed



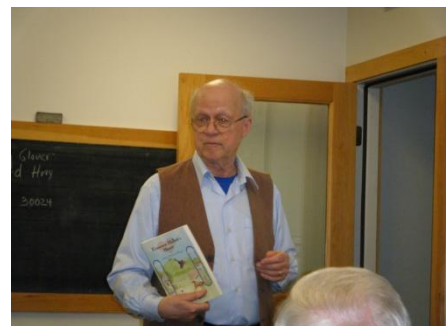
Director Richard Hatch shingling no doubt glad to finally reach the rear roof peak!

Thanks to Director Bruce Conant for locating interesting presenters



March 2023 Speaker Michael Davis from the Brighton Historical Society. Mike talked about the developments of the first roads and how passengers and mail would wend their way from Portland to the Oxford Hills area. There were stories about competing stage drivers ranging from 1766 onward.

April 2023 Local Author and a crowd pleaser Author Robert Spencer Gave us incite on his Third novel in the Lizzie Millet series titled **Francena Hallet's Heart**. It's great to have our local authors visit with us and if you so chose purchase a book and have it autographed. It's an intimate evening with the author. It's like a book signing on steroids! *Thank you Robert Spencer*





July 2023 Award winning Author Mary Morton Cowan presented her new book titled Trouble in Nathan's Woods. Mary's historical novel inspired by her family owned, Paris Manufacturing Company in South Paris Maine. Tales of spies during the First World War coupled with vintage photos of the logging operations from the logging camp held our attention all evening.

August 2023 Sharon Garvey. Thank you Sharon for taking the time to detail how you unraveled the origin of a painting, and its artist. We enjoyed how Sharon undaunted chased the provenance of what would be quite a surprise to all that listened. The painting was by the renowned artist Mary Helen Carlisle. Just how it ended up in rural Maine was uncovered step by step. It's obvious to anybody that listened that Sharon Garvey has not only the enthusiasm for her field in art but the credentials to back it up.



Félicitations Madame Sharon H. Garvey!



September 2023 Michael Davis from the Brighton Historical Society. Mike was here for an encore performance. Everybody likes Mike's enthusiasm when reporting on his research. This time Mike talked about rattlesnakes in Western Maine. It was a full house that evening as Mike detailed how although there were once rattlesnakes in the area how they had been eradicated. Of course Mike had the stories and accounts to accompany such a history. Well done Mike!

October 2023 Cathy Piippo Marquez. Cathy talk recounted her memories of being raised on the Piippo farm in East Hebron. It was nice to listen to Cathy's warm story of the farm, family, and the store in East Hebron. You could not help but be moved that the family farm was at this point up for sale. You could even feel the emotion in Cathy's voice. Thanks for sharing an evening with us Cathy. You had us at Hei!



Our Little red School House/Society building

We are aware that our appearance outside needs attention. It's going to be remedied as soon as time and funds permit. On the inside things are shaping up: enough so that an open house is coming closer into view. We have changed the building interior, starting with the library room: the bookcases were rearranged to give a better appearance, more room, and better lighting. All the ceiling lights were changed out to energy saving led type to save on our electrical bill and at the same time increasing the lumen output to allow improved reading. A win for us and our visitors! Research into the Society Building has indicated it is at least 230 years old and counting! It's surprising to see exposed tree trunks used as top plates in the construction, and it certainly complicates trying to finish where the ceiling meets the wall.

Later this summer we acquired two used cabinets to display photos and other memorabilia. One is already installed in the building, the second awaiting some rework, but soon it will be placed in the building. Both cabinets will permit a much better display of photos and at the same time save us valuable floor space. We have a new display rack to house most of our for-sale books. Even the front door locks have been updated. Director Joan Deans is busy as our recording Secretary and does double duty helping as others do with refreshments for the membership meetings. Love those homemade brownies!

Speaking of things looking up the formerly cracked ceiling joints are in the process of being re-taped and mudded, and the ceiling is soon to be painted.

The Town of Hebron has donated their old computers, and although they are older, they are an upgrade to our very old Windows Xp computer. We are glad to recycle them!

Our newest Director Jane Croston has agreed to activate a Facebook account for our society with the hope of reaching a wider audience to let people know what we are doing.

Lastly this summer we had a good share of visitors to our society looking for information about family information and help locating graves. We try our best to assist every inquiry as we know from experience how daunting, and rewarding it can be to find such things.

All of this would be in vain if not for the support of our membership. Akin to our "in house" tree trunks mentioned above. We have roots that reach out far beyond Hebron, and we sincerely appreciate everybody. Memberships run from Jan to Dec. So, give yourself and us a Christmas gift at the same time by continuing your membership or joining for the first time!

We wish you all happy and safe holidays in the upcoming season.



Hebron Maine historical Society Membership Application

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Name of Individual/Head of Family: _____

Address: _____

Family member names: _____

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