

I am reaching out with an update on what is happening at your Historical Society.

This has been kind of a re-building year. Greg Hanselman decided to step down as board member and president after 25 years of service, keeping us going. Thank you, Greg. We have assembled an enthusiastic board, with some new members. Pat Lage has done an excellent job as treasurer, organizing our accounts and legal affairs, and reviving our website, which has been a lot of work. Margaret Lee has done a wonderful job recording thorough minutes of our meetings. Dan Zairnik accepted the position as V.P. and brought a lot of knowledge on how we can coordinate with Historic New England. John Poltrack brings computer, photographic, and social media savvy to our group. Ed Rogers brings knowledge about the homes and geography of the town. Louise DelPapa brings a lot of town history knowledge, and organized victuals at our public programs. Michelle Pelletier has acted as a liaison with the town library and has expertise of other non-profit organizations. Carl Toko, a longtime resident, has firsthand knowledge of the history of the Finnish community. Sharon Rosenfelder has brought clever ideas on engaging the community, and future programs. Thank you all.

This year we had a presentation from Kevin Gardner on stone walls, given at the library, which was fascinating. Mark Haines gave a presentation on New England barns at our annual meeting. I will be doing a program on "What I Learned from my Model T Ford, and Life in 1927, on November 15th at 7:00pm at the high school Automotive Dept. We also had a presence at the Autumnfest this October.

The building was open to the public two Saturdays a month for the summer into the fall, staffed by our volunteers. The building and collections have been maintained in good shape.

A project that we would like to continue, was started by John Poltrack. He scanned and manipulated our collection of glass-plate negatives, photo print collection, and postcard collections. We would like to have some of the best and most interesting photos professionally printed and displayed for a program next season. Future programs that are in the works are "Energy Refitting a Historic Home" and "Social and Domestic History".

A goal for the Historical Society will be to have *more* programs for the public next season. Also, to reach out to the community as to what it would like for us to do. It is time to recognize that we have little to display illustrating the 20th century. What was life like then here in New Ipswich? For instance, we have little to document the history of the building trades that employed much of the town from the 60's to the present.

Thank you. Your contributions and many volunteers sustain the Society and make future programs possible.

John Rosenfelder, President New Ipswich Historical Society.

New Ipswich Historical Society

Date: _____

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