



LAKE PLACID-NORTH ELBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE HISTORY MUSEUM

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PLACID PIONEER

CORNERSTONE PROJECT COMPLETE. THANK YOU!

After three years, a full year longer than anticipated, our Cornerstone Project has come to an end. Hours upon hours have been spent accessioning every photograph, postcard, manuscript, textile, object, painting and book in the LP-NEHS collection. The project took longer than expected for good reason. Once the community got word that the Historical Society had gone to such great lengths to systemically create a digital, searchable database of the collection, donations came pouring in and haven't stopped. Confidence in the Society's ability to conserve and preserve precious family items encouraged donors to entrust their donations to us. We take that work very seriously.

A very enthusiastic and dedicated band of volunteers helped this project along with diligence and dedication. Those volunteers include Gail Thayer, Sandy Danussi, Paul Otenti, Heidi & Peter Roland and their son Peter Roland III, Anne Damp, Jim Huneycutt, Cindy Smith, Chuck Finley, Dean Dietrich, John Lansing, and Sally Warner. I couldn't have done it without you.

One volunteer far exceeded the hope and expectations of the LP-NEHS. Ed Lynch, Lake Placid native, former museum curator, and Historical Society trustee from 2005-2010, encouraged the historical society to undertake this crucial project at a time when money was tight and people-power was even tighter. He envisioned every aspect from the rented space in the Boatworks building to the tool box I still use almost daily. Ed brought the vision and the Board supported him fully, right down to raising the necessary funds to purchase equipment, rent space, and hire a Registrar. While Ed no longer serves on the board, many days still find him in the museum storage room, glasses on with gloved hands sorting through a dusty box of photographs and papers, making sense and order where none existed. Without Ed, there would be no Cornerstone Project upon which the Society now builds its future. We are indebted to you, Ed, and thank you.

Also, the Board and staff of the LP-NEHS wish to thank you, our loyal and trusting community members, who supported us in so many ways. Not just financially, although that piece alone deserves a standing ovation, but with your time, wisdom, advice, kind words, phone calls, encouragement, and most of all your trust. Trust in us as an organization to protect those things which were and are meaningful to you and your family. Those donated items were a part of you and now, through your generosity, they belong to us all.

My personal thanks and most sincerely,
Jenn Tufano, Administrative Director/Registrar



**Our foundation is
secure...thanks to you!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Chuck Damp

Wow it's hard to believe that three years ago this summer I was lucky enough to become president of the Lake Placid-North Elba Historical Society. I remember my dad talking about the Society when he was involved, and it sounded like something I wanted to do. With some regret I will be stepping down as the Society's president after our annual meeting. As I reflect back on the last three years it is with great appreciation to you our members and our volunteers for your support in making this job enjoyable. We have accomplished a lot...

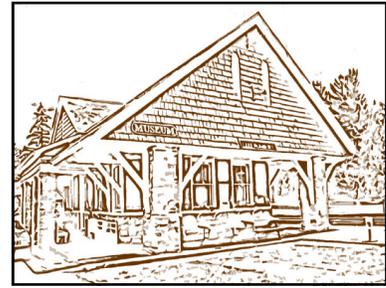
We developed a long range plan prior to presidency and identified a number of focus areas. Completing the Cornerstone Project was one major accomplishment. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this worthy cause and helped us meet this challenge. Look for our digitized, online database later this year.

We developed an annual appeal and each year your generosity eclipses the prior year making it easier for us to offer new programs and exhibits. This summer one of the new programs, a summer history camp, will get wings. Your child or grandchild may be the perfect fit for this new program.

With the help of the Lake Placid Education Foundation, we were able to secure the Barry Collection of glass negatives. Please see Bev's Bits for more on this collection. The Lake Placid Center for the Arts who was instrumental in saving these items from the dump many years ago graciously agreed to sell us the collection for the benefit of future generations. We are working on a joint photo exhibit for the 2013 season. Our thanks also to the Lake Placid Public Library for their generous offer of a climate controlled space to house this priceless collection.

The Historical Society lost another longtime supporter recently: one of the few members that annually made it a point to attend our annual board meeting - Araxie Dunn. Araxie's family benevolently directed donations to the Society. Thank you all for your generous memorial contributions. We will miss Araxie!

Finally I would like to thank Jenn Tufano, our Registrar and Administrative Director. Your energy and willingness to take on any task has been a godsend to me. You certainly helped keep this easily distracted minion on track...



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LIFELONG LEARNING

On June 6th, Jennifer Tufano and Peter Roland, Jr. attended a program sponsored by ACT titled 'Non-Profit Lifecycles.' The program, held at The Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, was attended by representatives from over 20 north country organizations. We understand the Historical Society to be 'mature' but poised for a 'reinvigoration' of our programs based on the needs of our community. The time spent with our Adirondack colleagues was invaluable.

WHO, WHERE, WHEN?



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Exploring Our Heritage Summer History program

- August 6-10, 2012
- 9am-12pm daily
- Open to kids entering 4th grade and up fall 2012

Kids will interpret historical objects, buildings or events artistically or technologically then produce a project which will be installed in a temporary museum exhibit at The History Museum! Last day of camp will include a reception for family and friends. \$50 fee + \$10 materials fee. Full scholarships available. Call, email, or visit the museum website for more information.

SOCIETY SEEKING

OUR WISH LIST

- We really could use a HEPA filter vacuum cleaner for the museum building—one with a long attachment for cleaning tall windows. **Tax deductible!**

SOCIETY UPDATES

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE 2012 SEASON

**JULY 14 HERITAGE DAY
AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM
10-3PM**

**AUGUST 6-10 HISTORY CAMP
FOR 4TH GRADERS AND UP!
9AM-12PM DAILY**

**AUGUST 30 ANNUAL MEET-
ING AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM.
ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS.
ALL ARE WELCOME
4:30PM, 242 STATION STREET**

Grants News!

The Society was the beneficiary of several grants this year which helped support many areas of operation. Jenn Tufano received \$532 from **Museumwise** to attend the annual April museum conference in Albany. **Lake Placid Kiwanis** offered \$185 and the **Arts Council for the Northern Adirondacks** \$400 to support our new summer history program for local youth. The **New York State Council on the Humanities** granted us \$1500 in matching funds to support Barry Collection photo exhibit planning. The **Honeybee Foundation** granted us \$250 to support online web hosting for our digitized collection. Thank You!!

Lecture success

Again this past winter, four excellent speakers presented information on topics including poetry, guideboats, Timkukto and Wilmington history in postcards. Over 150 people enjoyed these programs. Thank you to all our speakers and attendees!

**FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY OF OUR
UPCOMING EVENTS VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.LAKEPLACIDHISTORY.COM
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BEV'S BITS...*A report from the Town Historian, Beverley P. Reid*

Many exciting things are happening at the Lake Placid Public Library including a new collaboration with the Lake Placid-North Elba Historical Society. The Barry Collection, owned by the LP-NE Historical Society, is now looking for a new home. The Society recently purchased the collection from the LPCA and due to lack of storage on its property, the Society met with the LPPL board requesting room for the safe keeping of the glass slides. Plans are now in progress to prepare what was a storage room into a climate-controlled safe area for the collection.

The Barry Collection is mainly work by Irving L. Stedman and Chester D. Moses. The glass slide format was used until the 1930's and includes all of Lake Placid life from 1900 to 1935. The pictures were published in the Lake Placid Club Notes and in local newspapers. Local photographer, Jim Barry worked with Mr. Stedman and was left the slides upon Mr. Stedman's demise. Subjects include both summer and winter sporting events, people living and working in the area, buildings, boats, etc. They are a valuable addition to the continued stewardship of Lake Placid history.

A previous collaboration between these two organizations involved The Getman Collection, also owned by the LP-NE Historical Society, and is shelved and cataloged at the LPPL. This collection includes photographs and Adirondack books from the early 1900's and contain valuable information of those years.

We look forward to additional collaborations in the future.

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