

## WE HAVE A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR

This autumn the Historical Society kept busy hosting the annual Heritage Fair, two Ghost Tours, preservation projects on the Train Station Museum, and installing museum lighting. We could not accomplish all of this without members and friends like you! Thank you for supporting The History Museum in all our endeavors, we have high expectations for future programs and preservation goals.

### OCTOBER FUN: GHOST TOURS

By *Vice-President, Parmelee Tolkan*



Adirondack Park Paranormal Society presenting their findings at Heaven Hill Farm

The Society organized a ghost tour of four locations in Lake Placid on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The tour was so popular we were able to book it for Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> as well.

We began and ended our tour at The Cellar at the Alpine Motor Inn. The site of the Adams Mor-

tuary in the 1950's. The trolley took 30 guests to three locations. The Clark family entertained us at the Palace Theater with tales of George, their very noisy ghost. He is particularly present in theater 3; so think of him the next time you go there.

Ruth Hart welcomed us to her beautiful home on Interlaken Avenue. Her ghost, Clara, was the wife of a former owner. She came regularly to make sure all was well and that her former home was being well looked after. Once she realized that Ruth could make a mean hollandaise and kept the house beautifully, she left.

At Heaven Hill Farm the Adirondack Park Paranormal Society gave a presentation as to how they conduct their investigations. They had spent two nights at Heaven Hill looking for ghosts and paranormal activity. One experiment involved bottles of liquor to attract Anna Newman who frowned upon strong spirits.

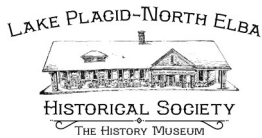
The Lake Placid-North Elba Historical Society thanks all our hosts and hostesses! We look forward to another successful tour next fall.

### HERITAGE FAIR

The Heritage Fair was a fun and successful day! Our gallery showcased projects created by local students during Heritage Week, a weeklong school event that is partnered with the Wilmington Historical Society in June. The students researched local history and studied artifacts from historic collections. We celebrated their hard work at the Heritage Fair with a reception in their honor. A special thank you to our Board members, funders, and the Wilmington Historical Society for all their support!



*Vice President Parmelee Tolkan and Trustee Dean Dietrich at the Heritage Fair Student Exhibition reception*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE~

Dear Members and Friends,

This year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Frances and Louise Brewster's gift of the train station to the LPNE Historical Society. We take great pride in maintaining and improving this wonderful historic building and the surrounding grounds.

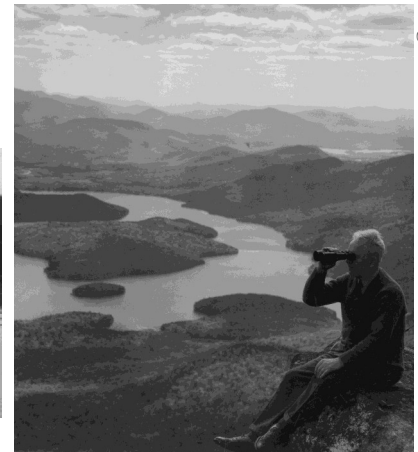
Although 2017 was a transition year for us, it has been productive and fun. Courtney Bastian joined our team in the role of director, her talent and professionalism are truly appreciated. We also welcomed new trustees Steve Sama, Cindy Smith, and Denny Allen— each of whom contribute important knowledge and skills.

Please consider volunteering a little time at the LPNEHS— There are many interesting opportunities! We are so very grateful for the valuable support from our members and friends.

We wish you a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

*Patu Clark*



*Photos from the Stedman and Moses glass plate negative collection.*

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### **BEV'S BITS~**

**A report from the Town Historian, Beverley P. Reid**

I had the opportunity to visit Vermont in the last few months and it reminded me how many of our early settlers came from there. It is so hard to imagine how they could look out toward the many, many miles see the Adirondacks and think that life would be better over here. How brave they were.

My favorite story is about two barefoot boys, Joseph (13) and Timothy (15) Nash, sons of Remembrance Nash, who drove a herd of cattle from Willsboro. Their family had earlier moved from Duxbury, Vermont to Willsboro where the mother had died. Remembrance had purchased land in North Elba from Roswell Thompson and the boys had driven the cattle to their new home-  
stead.

They were warmly welcomed by a Mrs. Bennet who fed them a warm meal and gave them instructions on how to reach their new home. After securing the cattle, they bravely set out for their return trip to Willsboro, of course still barefoot. They had walked 42 mountain miles in 13 hours. When the family finally moved to North Elba, the boys got to walk the trails again along side the well stocked oxen drawn wagons filled with their family belongings.

This same Joseph Nash became one of our most famous settlers. Nash purchased 320 acres of land adjacent to Mirror Lake and built several structures, the most famous being the Nash Red House- the first Inn along the shores of Mirror Lake that existed until 1968.

# TRAIN STATION PRESERVATION

By *Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair, Steve Sama*

These past few months The Historical Society has worked extensively on preservation projects regarding the historic train station museum. The train station opened its doors in 1904, then was donated to the Historical Society in 1967 by the Brewster Sisters. This fall our buildings and grounds committee completed several significant improvements:

## Basement – Ground Water Mitigation

Atlantic Testing Laboratories installed two wells, one on each South end of the Train Station to monitor water levels for one year starting September 1, 2017. This is necessary so we can monitor the basement and determine a future course of action. Atlantic Testing will be measuring water levels periodically and issuing reports, the first one being due mid November.

## Lighting & Electrical

We purchased additional matching LED lighting for the smaller Exhibit Room and the Collections Storage Room. Troubleshooters installed the fixtures, bulbs, and an electrical outlet in the smaller Exhibit Room to implement technology into the gallery.

## Exterior Painting

Jesse Linton and his painting crew were hired to paint and touch up the Museum's shingles and trim (two different colors). The East and West end shingles and trim were scraped and repainted as well as the bracket supports, doors and flower boxes on the Train Station. On the West end we replaced two rotten sills, several missing shingles, and patched two brackets where the wood was too soft to paint. The lower fascia and ramp on the Freight House was also scraped and painted.

## Slate Roof

We fixed the leaking roof above the North end of the smaller Exhibit Room by removing a previous repair and installing new slate tiles. We also repaired ten other spots on both sides of the roof where tiles were missing or damaged. There are about five more areas on the South side that we are planning on repairing. The roof is approximately 108 years old so restoration efforts are crucial.

Thank you to our recent supporters:

Adirondack Education Foundation, Essex County Arts Council, Stewart's Shops, and The Uihlein Foundation.

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Photo of a shingle artifact at the West end of the Train Station. We think it was installed during the construction of the building.



## SOCIETY EVENTS:

The History Museum is closed for the season, but we have fun events planned for the upcoming winter months! Our Winter Lecture Series are always free and open to everyone in the community! Please continue to check our Facebook page and website for upcoming events as we continue to finalize our programs! Thank you!

### Save the Dates

Winter Lecture Series dates TBA

May 26, 2018	Museum Opens for the season
June 27, 2018	Exhibit Opening/Members Reception
August 18, 2018	Heritage Day
TBA	Annual Autumn Tour

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Interested in history? Want to help out?  
We can help you!**

The Historical Society is looking for volunteers to update computer files, archive, photograph objects, clean collection items, and more!

If interested please contact Courtney Bastian at:  
[info@lakeplacidhistory.com](mailto:info@lakeplacidhistory.com) or call 518-523-3830  
for a volunteer application. We hope to hear from you!



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