



CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of the Society shall be to collect and preserve artifacts pertaining to the Town of Cumberland and its history, making it available to groups, schools, and individuals.

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JUNE THOUGHTS:



June 14th is Flag Day

You're a grand old flag,
You're a high-flying flag,
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.
Ev'ry heart beats true
'Neath the Red, White and Blue,
Where there's never a boast or brag.
But should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

HISTORY OF THE SONG (from Wikipedia):

"You're a Grand Old Flag" is an American patriotic march. The song, a spirited march written by George M. Cohan, is a tribute to the American flag. In addition to obvious references to the flag, it incorporates snippets of other popular songs, including one of his own. Cohan wrote it in 1906 for *George Washington, Jr.*, his stage musical. The song was first publicly performed on February 6, the play's opening night, at Herald Square Theater in New York City. "You're a Grand Old Flag" quickly became the first song from a musical to sell over a million copies of sheet music. The title and first lyric comes from someone Cohan once met; the Library of Congress website notes: The original lyric for this perennial George M. Cohan favorite came, as Cohan later explained, from an encounter he had with a Civil War veteran who fought at Gettysburg. The two men found themselves next to each other and Cohan noticed the vet held a carefully folded but ragged old flag. The man reportedly then turned to Cohan and said, "She's a grand old rag." Cohan thought it was a great line and originally named his tune "You're a Grand Old Rag." So many groups and individuals objected to calling the flag a "rag," however, that he "gave 'em what they wanted" and switched words, renaming the song "You're a Grand Old Flag".

Other important June dates to remember are: June 6th, D-Day, and June 19th, Father's Day.

MAY PROGRAM:

Our meeting at Ron Copp's garage at 5 Skillins Road to view and admire his remarkable vintage automobile collection was a HUGE hit! He even fired up one of them to thrill the men present and burst the ears of the ladies! The jukebox was turned on, and everyone, all 40 folks in attendance, took a step back down Memory Lane, and enjoyed the lovely "Welcome Cumberland Historical Society" cake that they had for us there. Maybe we can convince them to host us once again, as the items next year might not be the same as this year.

JUNE PROGRAM:

At 6:30 there will be a members-only meeting to elect officers. Ballots will be available, or you can email your selection to Brian Jensen ahead of time at ljensen1@maine.rr.com

FROM	THE	NOMINATING	COMMITTEE:
Proposed slate for	September 2016	– June 2017	is: _____ :
Carolyn Small; President	_____	Other	_____
Diana Copp; Vice President	_____	Other	_____
Elizabeth Huston; Secretary	_____	Other	_____
Susan Wall; Treasurer	_____	Other	_____
Trustees:			
Herbert Foster, Jr.	_____		
Lynda Jensen	_____		
Linda Fulda	_____		
Jeffrey Frost	_____		
Thomas Bennett	_____		
Nancy Latham	_____		
Other	_____		

JUNE STUMPER:

How many stars were on the American flag when Cumberland became a town?

NEW COMMITTEE ON THE DOCKET FOR NEXT YEAR:

Bicentennial! The Town of Cumberland will be celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2021, and the Town will be creating a committee to put together the festivities. There will also be a subcommittee from the Historical Society to help implement that. Please think about signing up for that committee, or send some thoughts for activities and events to promote and put forward. This could be a really great endeavor.

WORKSHOP THIS SUMMER:

Because we have received so many wonderful items the past couple of years, the accessioning process has fallen way, and I do mean WAY, behind. We are planning a workshop or two sometime this summer to teach how to do the accessions. It is not a complicated process, and you do not need to know about the history of these things. It is mostly a bookkeeping procedure. We always have refreshments on hand, and really do need the help. If you are interested in attending one of these workshops, please contact Carolyn at 829-3757, or 415-4589, or csmall1943@maine.rr.com, or see me at the meeting on Thursday, June 16th.

ACQUISITIONS:

Greely Shield yearbooks, 1971-1974!!!! Donated by Tanya Marston. That narrows down our need by quite a bit. Thank you, Tanya!

ALWAYS LOOKING: We are still missing the Greely Shield yearbooks from the years 1965, 1975-1977, 1982, and 1985. If you have one of these that you would like to donate to us, please help us out. Also looking for folks to help with refreshments. Bake a cookie or two and add them to the goodie table for us. Thanks.

SAVE THE DATE!! Did you know that MSAD 51 turns 50 this year? The District wants to celebrate! The weekend of October 14-15, 2016 all Greely Alumni and Cumberland and North Yarmouth community members are invited to the event filled weekend. Check back as there is more to come about the exciting celebration. Paula Burrows Slipp Class of '67

GARDENER:

The following letter was submitted by our very busy gardener, Sandy Nickerson:
June 5, 2016

On April 21, 2016 I answered Carolyn Small's request for a gardener for the Cumberland Historical Society. I figured I could handle that, knowing the town was going to pull the overgrown front bushes out, and Jonathan Carpenter and the Public Works crew would help plant new ones. I had no clue what was hiding under the winter leaves and branches in the gardens around the rest of the building. Ignorance is bliss!! The bushes came out, and I started pruning and fertilizing lilacs and azaleas. Carolyn talked with Terry Skillins of Skillins Greenhouses in West Cumberland. He was very gracious in giving the Society a generous "starter-up" gift certificate for plants, and to volunteer to answer questions and give advice for the best plant choices for a shade garden. That gift certificate and a stipend from the Society helped me get off and running. Five spirea bushes have been planted out front.

The Public Works Department brought in a top dressing of soil for the bushes, and we continued around the building with more, which defined the gardens and really began to show progress. The window box and shutters got painted and up in time for Memorial Day – a washout - but we looked great and went ahead with the Open House. The window box and garden around our sign has been planted and everything seems to be growing well. Thank you Historical Society members for your plant

contributions which helped to dress up the back entrance. The ferns and huge hostas have taken over the side garden, and the path into the granite bench has some rocks down, and more will be coming.

I have a few more shade plants being donated, and plan to use them on the shady side of the driveway. Some plants already there will be moved around and grouped for a new look. Things are coming along nicely, and, depending on the weather, I may be looking for help in watering. Will keep you posted. Many thanks to all for your help!!!

Sandy Nickerson, CGC (Cumberland Garden Club)

(Editor's note: Stop by the building to admire all the hard work that Sandy has put into this project.)

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER:

Thanks to the volunteer efforts made by member Leigh Fulda, we received a \$500.00 donation from her place of work, TD BANK, to be used as seed money for our scholarship fund. The officers and trustees voted to add a matching amount of \$500.00 to create a scholarship for a Cumberland Greely graduate. We received 17 very worthy applications, and the committee had a hard time choosing just one. The applicants were required to write an essay, no less than 300 words, and no more than 500, along with the other requirements, like GPA scores, activities in school, community service, and jobs. Congratulations to this year's winner, Matthew Morgan. He and his family will be invited to the June 16th meeting to be introduced to the membership. You're going to love them all!!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, JUNE 2016

To the Officers, Trustees, and Members of the Cumberland Historical Society:

We have had a very productive and active year at Cumberland Historical Society. People have worked extremely hard to change and upgrade things so that we have a fresh new look at the "1853 District #3 schoolhouse". The Monday morning crew (Lynda Jensen, Betsy Huston, Linda Fulda, Nancy Latham, Laura Willis, and Carolyn Small) has created a new set-up, using all the beautiful new acquisitions that have come our way. They have also worked on some repairs that were needed. The finance committee (Treasurer Sue Wall, Secretary Besty Huston, Technician Jeff Frost, and Trustee Brian Jensen) has rearranged and organized our finances, so that now we are on the same page with all parties involved. They worked diligently with the Town and the Atlantic Regional Credit Union. Volunteer time, at over 2000 hours from June 30, 2015 to the present time, shows the efforts that members have put into the Cumberland Historical Society. These included times spent at the yard sale last summer, the two craft show tables, the tables at election days, the hours put into creating the Cumberland Fire Department 100th anniversary celebration, the cookbook, and anniversary book for the CFD 100th, the collaboration with Aging in Place, the work on the gardens from Sandra Nickerson, accessioning artifacts, Steve Helphand, Nancy Mason and Kathy Merrill working on Facebook website, Jeff Frost creating the Cumberland Historical Society website, and other techie things that are far beyond a lot of us, and the Open Houses at Memorial Day and in September. The change in our meeting place from the Prince Memorial Library to the Council Chambers for programs was an easy transition for us, and has worked out well for everybody. Any of our programs that deal directly with Cumberland are televised through the Town's setup. We have been able to reinstate a scholarship this year, with help from a donation from TDBank, thanks to the 40-hour commitment to Cumberland Historical Society by Leigh Fulda. Our programs have been varied and interesting, and we already have started with some new ones for next year. Jeff Frost is developing a "Think Tank" of technology people, and began with a brainstorming session on May 25th. These four gentlemen, along with Jeff and Brian Jensen will help catapult us forward into the 21st century. Cumberland Historical Society has partnered up some other groups and/or committees: Aging in Place, the Cumberland Bicentennial Committee, and the MSAD#51 50th

Anniversary committee. Looks like it could be a busy time for us, so please think about joining in with some help and ideas for any of these groups. “Many hands make light work”! The bus tours, in conjunction with Cumberland Recreation Department, will be an interesting addition for us, and we look forward to jumping into that. Two tours have been booked, and a third one this summer may be in the works. There is a waiting list for that. Lynda Jensen got a new Christmas ornament developed for us, Debbie Knight Dugas put together a Cumberland Fire Department C 100th Anniversary cookbook (for sale at \$10.00 each), Linda and Leigh-Ann Fulda created a Cumberland Fire Department 100th Anniversary Book (for sale at \$15.00 each). Leigh and Linda also created a brochure for the Historical Society that includes a membership application. Last summer, from the Cumberland Recreation Department’s “Magic Dragon“, we hosted 11 pre-school participants and their parents for a hands-on style history lesson, and this spring we hosted 8 classes from the second grade at Mabel I. Wilson School. Interesting questions came from both groups. And, finally, we have a raffle fundraiser going on, which will be drawn on July 1st. It is a 4-person packet of tickets, two adults and two children, good for a ride of your choice (some rides are blocked out) on the Conway Scenic Railroad in North Conway, New Hampshire. This is a \$96.00 value. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each, or 6 for \$25.00

There is always the coffee pot on, and a tray full of goodies on Monday mornings at the museum, so stop in and see what is going on. This is, after all, YOUR, historical society. Let’s keep moving on! Carolyn F. Small, President

~ Historical Bus Tour of Cumberland ~

Join us for a historical tour of approximately 100 points of interest in the Town of Cumberland. We will board a bus and take a tour of many historical sites throughout the Town. This narrated tour will cover historical homes, businesses, churches, monuments and cemeteries to name a few. You will discover our rich history and learn some of the interesting stories of whom and what made Cumberland what it is today.

Dates & Time: Tuesday, June 21, and Tuesday, June 28th, at 9:30 am-12 noon. Location: Depart from Town Office Parking Lot. Fee: \$20 (The bus only has a 15 person capacity.)

We will need a few folks to volunteer to help provide refreshments, or to be hosts for the visitors. Please contact Carolyn Small if you would be willing to do help in either capacity.)
The part about finishing up at CHS has been moved to the half-way point. We figured that people might like to get out to stretch, have some refreshments, and use the “facility” before heading out again.

ANSWER TO THE JUNE STUMPER:



23 stars (1820–22) President was James Monroe; Vice President was Daniel D. Tompkins

~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~* **COMMITTEES THAT NEED STAFFING:** ~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

Education: ____ Fund Raising: ____ Programs: ____ MSAD# 51 50th Anniversary ____
 Refreshment: ____ Nominating: ____ Publicity: ____ Bicentennial ____ Scholarship ____

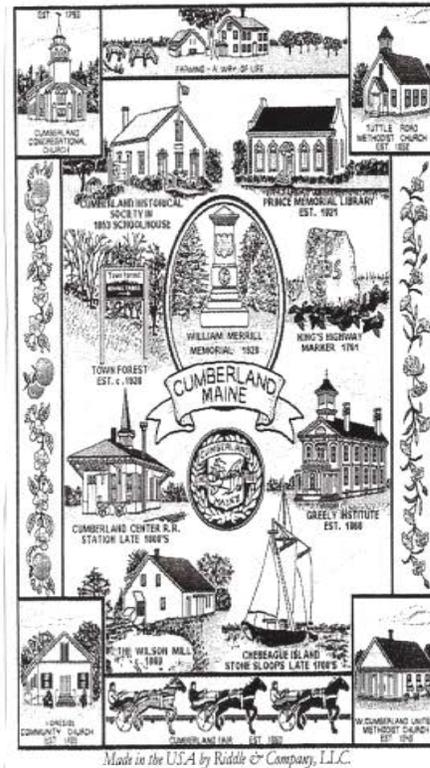
UPCOMING PROGRAM: (Last of our year until September)

June 16th: in the Council Chambers at Cumberland Town Office

6:30 PM: Election of officers,

7:00PM: WHATZIT?

The CHS coverlet.... \$45.00



Check out the other great gift items that are for sale!

Membership Application

2016-2017

CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Cumberland, ME 04021

NAME: _____

ADDRESS:

TOWN or CITY:

ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

Do you your newsletter sent by email _____ or by USPS _____ ?

WINTER ADDRESS: _____

DATES THAT THE WINTER ADDRESS APPLIES: _____

IF YOUR BUSINESS IS INTERESTED IN BEING A CORPORATE SPONSOR, PLEASE INDICATE:

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Student memberships free

Family \$25.00 _____

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Fill out the ticket(s) and mail, with your check to
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