



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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MAY THOUGHTS:

Decoration Day is the most beautiful of our national holidays.... The grim cannon have turned into palm branches, and the shell and shrapnel into peach blossoms. ~Thomas Bailey Aldrich

APRIL PROGRAM:

Girl Scout Kylie Beth Josephson had to go solo with the presentation of the video project about families connected to Cumberland Fair, as her partner, Izzy, had the tizzies! That nasty flu is making the rounds, and hit poor Izzy at a bad time..... actually, when is a good time for that? Kylie did a great job, and answered questions from the 13 folks who attended the program with ease and aplomb. Both girls, or rather, young women, certainly worked hard to earn that Silver Star. Well deserved!

MAY STUMPER:

What is a pung?

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 sub committee 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.

ACQUISITIONS:

A 1930 Greely Shield yearbook from John Chandler's collection of items of his mother's (Marion Larsen Chandler) , and another box of Cap Bragg goodies from his granddaughter, Debbie Knight Dugas.

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

(As per the bylaws, two public announcements have to be made of the upcoming slate of officers to be voted on in June.) This will be the second one.

GET INVOLVED!!

The Annual Business Meeting of the Cumberland Historical Society is coming in June. There are several important things that happen at the meeting: Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws are voted upon, the amount charged for dues is set for the following year, and the Board of Officers and Trustees is elected for the following year. Come to the meeting and cast your vote! The current board is willing to be re-elected, but any and all positions are also willing to be replaced. Get involved! Become a trustee, or run for an office!

Proposed slate for September 2016 – June 2017 is currently:

Carolyn Small; President

Diana Copp; Vice President

Elizabeth Huston; Secretary

Susan Wall; Treasurer

Herbert Foster, Jr., Lynda Jensen, Linda Fulda and Jeffrey Frost; Trustees

ALWAYS LOOKING: We are still missing the Greely Shield yearbooks from the years 1965, 1971-1977, 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.

COOL IDEA FROM THOMAS BENNETT:

Carolyn:

I think it would be really cool if some of the CHS members would present as part of a Pecha Kucha. The shortened presentation demands could make it easier to put something together. I would be happy to assist anyone who needs to scan items or put into PowerPoint. If you think this is something that CHS wants to do you can put my name out there as willing to help.

Thomas C. Bennett, Director

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WELCOME:

New members Dale Denno and Diane Dahlke.

GROUNDS KEEPING:

Jonathan Carpenter, the very busy maintenance person for the Town of Cumberland, has worked hard to get things in shape at Cumberland Historical Society. He has fixed up the attic floor in the building so that we can now store stuff up there safely, in April got rid of the bushes out in the front of the building. They have run their course, and getting to be too big and difficult to trim nicely. A worker (and, boy, did he ever!) from public works came to our place on Monday afternoon, April 25th, to get rid of leaves and some underbrush around the building. The old place is beginning to spiff up quite a bit. Sandra Nickerson also came by and worked for about three hours. She will be looking for flower donations, so if you have a little bit of a flower garden, and need to weed out some of your extras, please save them for us.

Thanks to Sandy Nickerson, Jonathan, and the Town Crew, the bushes have been removed, and Sandy is in the process of “prettying” things up. The gardens are cleaned of weeds, and good soil has been loaded on. The garden budget and the generosity of Skillins Greenhouses will do us up proud! “Looking good in the neighborhood!”



From the SPRING/SUMMER BROCHURE OF THE CUMBERLAND REC DEPARTMENT:

~ Historical Bus Tour of Cumberland ~

Leader: Carolyn Small, President, Cumberland Historical Society

Join us for a historical tour of approximately 68 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 provide the light refreshments, and 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 a light refreshment, and use the “facility” before heading out again.

ANSWER TO THE MAY STUMPER:

A pung is a one-horse sleigh with a box style body.



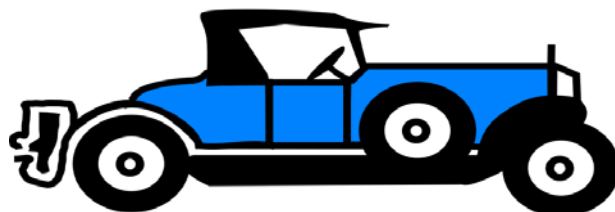
The reason for this stumper was a visit to the Cole's Land Transportation Museum in Bangor. In that absolutely amazing museum is the F. R. Sweetser pung. It is in mint condition and looks brand new. If you have not visited this museum, put it on your bucket list to do so. There is everything from doll carriages to Maine Central boxcars there. There is also a Merrill Transport oil truck on exhibit.

UPDATE ON THE EXCITING NEW ADVENTURE:

This update from Dale Denno: _Three of the USM students met with Carolyn, Sue, Jeff and me this afternoon. This was essentially the "report out" meeting I had requested. The students were able to conduct 11 interviews, some of which are recorded on video, and some of which are memorialized with notes and photographs. They will be uploading all of the content to the SharePoint site Jeff had arranged. They will also provide a short "ID" and one or more quotes for each of the interviewees. Once they have uploaded this content, they are essentially done with their work. Their class is coming to its denouement, and they are moving on with their lives. While we all would have loved to have the USM students continue with their work to the point of presenting the content that was just not realistic, given the time constraints. Phase II of this effort will be for us to decide what we want to do with this content. Several tasks will need to be taken care of.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May: 7:00PM May 19th Meeting at Ron Copp's garage at 5 Skillins Road to view and admire his remarkable vintage automobile collection. There is a new piece in the collection that will absolutely bedazzle you! You "gotta" see it to believe it. The jukebox will be going and a good time should be had by all. Refreshments will be served .





MAY 30: MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE



June: 7:00PM. June 16th in the Council Chambers at Cumberland Town Office. Election of officers, then WHATZIT?

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

Education: ____ Fund Raising: ____ Programs: ____
Refreshment: ____ Nominating: ____ Publicity: ____

The CHS coverlet....A nice gift for an upcoming graduate. \$45.00



Membership Application

2016

CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT FROM SKILLINS GREENHOUSES, WEST CUMBERLAND MAINE



This wild animal park was located where Copp Motors now sits.



The Pride's Forest Lake Tea Room was located at the southeast corner of Route 100 and Blackstrap Road