



## CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Hours: Monday mornings 9:00 to noon

Open House on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month from 9:00 to 1:00

Programs are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM, unless otherwise noted.

### 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.

### NOVEMBER 2018 VOLUME 153

On Veterans' Day we honor all,  
Who answered to a service call.  
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,  
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.  
Some have lived, while others died,  
And all of them deserve our pride.  
We're proud of all the soldiers who,  
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.  
They fought for us and all our rights.  
They fought through many days and nights.  
And though we may not know each name,  
We thank all veterans just the same.



**NOVEMBER STUMPER:**

Who was Cumberland's first Police Chief?

**WELCOME:**

New members: John and Beth Williams, Laurie McQuarrie, and Lisa and Tessa Surrette.

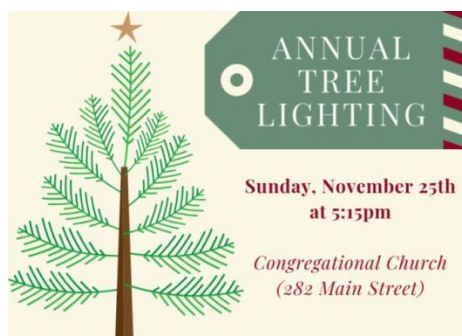
**NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS:**

We secured a table at Town Office on Election Day. This has always been a good opportunity to do a "meet and greet" with local citizens, and let them know that we exist. We sold a few things, talked with lots of folks, and got some very generous donations, coming away from the table with over \$400.00.

We also have a place at the Greely High School Craft Fair on November 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a big event, and, being close to Christmas, a good opportunity to sell some of our items. If anyone is interested in sitting at the table for a time, please contact Carolyn Small at 415-4589.



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Join us for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, November 25th! The Town will be installing a 20ft tree in the same location as the old tree. The caroling and tree lighting will begin at 5:15pm at the Cumberland Congregational Church. Refreshments and an opportunity to visit with Santa will take place in the Parish Hall immediately following the tree lighting.

## **NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

The Cumberland Historical Society invites you to attend the November Program Meeting and discover a bit of Cumberland History. The program is the history of the Cumberland Police presented by Sergeant Tom Burgess, a long-time member of the police department. His presentation will not only recount the history of the Cumberland Police, but, also, inform us of interesting and little-known facts about this well-respected organization in the Cumberland community. For instance, did you know that the red brick building on Blanchard Road that now houses the Cumberland Historical Society was once the police station? Learn more on Wednesday evening, November 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be held at the Cumberland Fire Station, lower level, at 366 Tuttle Road, Cumberland.



Sgt. Tom Burgess going above and beyond the call of duty. Learn about this story at the program!

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

Starting in January 2019: The times and place will be the following unless otherwise announced: 6:30 at the Cumberland Fire Station. Use the lower entrance, and park in that area. Also note that starting in January of 2019, there will be the start of a “donations suggested” for the programs. Suggested donations will be \$10.00 for nonmembers, and \$5.00 for Cumberland Historical Society members.

The four part series of Civil War programs will be presented by members of the Joshua Chamberlain Civil War Roundtable.



“Cumberland Stories” will be the focus of the January Program for the Cumberland Historical Society. On Wednesday evening, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Cumberland Fire Station, 366 Tuttle Road, you will be transported to the past and hear what it was like to be living on a farm in Cumberland, Maine, during the 1940’s, 50’s, and 60’s. The Diaries of Isabel Merrill Hayes, a 1904 graduate of Greely Institute and a farm wife, will be the topic for the evening and will be presented by her granddaughter, Dixie Hayes. This presentation about the life of a farm wife will be interesting and informative, so plan to attend. The Program will start at 6:30 pm and be held in the lower level of the fire station.

The 27<sup>th</sup> of February will be “APPRAISAL NIGHT” at the Cumberland Historical Society. This is your chance to find out about your antique, your collectible, or that mystery object, and have it appraised by Foreside Antiques Dealer and Appraiser, Colleen Donovan of Falmouth. Prices are as follows: \$10 for one item, \$18 for two items, \$25 for three items. Limit of three items per person. No large collections – Single Items Only. The first item is FREE for Members of the Cumberland Historical Society. Mark your calendar for this fun event and join us at 6:30 pm, Wednesday evening, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station, lower level, 366 Tuttle Road, in Cumberland.

March 27<sup>th</sup>: Civil War, Part I, The Union Navy, presented by Steve Bunker.

April 24<sup>th</sup>: “All About Andrew Wyeth”, presented by Jerry Wiles. Guess he did not retire after all!!

May 22<sup>nd</sup>: History of Tea with Tea Tasting. Bring your own special teacup, to experience the art and pleasures of tea tasting. This should be a terrifically tantalizing and tempting test of taste.



June 26<sup>th</sup>: Victorian Gardening in the 1900s, presented by the Cooperative Extension Service.

July 24<sup>th</sup>: Civil War, Part II; Andersonville Prison.

August 28<sup>th</sup>: Anatomy of a Gravestone; Artwork of the Carver, presented by Ron Romano

September 25<sup>th</sup>: Civil War, Part III: Elizabeth Van Lew, Union Spymaster. October 23<sup>rd</sup>: The Cod Fishing Industry in Colonial Times.

November 27<sup>th</sup>: Civil War, Part IV, U.S. Grant, International Rock Star

NO DECEMBER PROGRAM

## ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS

### CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a thank-you note from Ellie Walker, of the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Cumberland Congregational Church. It reads as follows;

The Church 225 Celebration Committee thanks you very much for your support during the anniversary. Having the relics and the documents available was a big help for us. Everyone enjoyed the vane, and the black-dressed "Matilda" ( as we called her.)

Ellie



### CONDOLENCES:

To Nancy Wildes from Sevee and Maher, and her family, on the loss of her mother-in-law.

To the family and friends of Hope Foster, former President of the Cumberland Historical Society, and to the family and friends of Charlie Googins, former member of the Cumberland Historical Society. Big losses to the Town of Cumberland, the Cumberland Historical Society and the Cumberland Fair.

### ANSWER TO NOVEMBER STUMPER:

Earle A. Woodbury. The Cumberland Police Department was first organized in 1954 with Earle Woodbury as part time officer and Chief. Before that, various officers served as constables. Richard J. C. Andersen followed as Chief in 1964.

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Cumberland Historical Society (CHS) was founded in 1939 through the dedicated efforts of Herman and Phyllis Sweetser. The meetings were first held in the Prince Memorial Library; in 1989 the CHS moved into a home of its own. That building was built in 1853 as a one-room schoolhouse, the bricks of which were fired right in the town, in a brickyard behind what is now the Prince Memorial Library. CHS is a group of 120 or so members; a totally volunteer group. Open Houses are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of most months, and on Memorial Day after the parade. In May, a walking historical tour at the center of town, is given to the second grades at the Mabel Wilson Elementary School as a part of their community curriculum. They step back in time to about 1868, focusing on the agricultural aspect of living in the town at that time. Individual tours are offered to anyone else who contacts the CHS. Historic bus tours are usually scheduled through the Cumberland Recreation Department. There are over 200 homes in the town that are over 100 years old; 50 from that inventory are over 200 years old. The museum is the repository of an interesting collection of artifacts that connect with the town. They range from home deeds from the 1700's to pieces of dinnerware brought back from England by one of the town's sea captains to his wife. Indian artifacts, Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI and WWII, and Korean War items are available to view. A number of family genealogies and histories of businesses of the town are in development.

The Cumberland Historical Society is located at 4A Blanchard Road, in the center of Cumberland.