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**NEWSLETTER**

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*"Today is tomorrow's history"*

## CORINTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### 2011 Calendar

<b>Sat. April 16 - 7 - 10</b>	<b>Cookeville Cafe Corinth Town Hall</b>
<b>Weds. May 4 - 7:00 pm</b>	<b>History Meeting Corinth Town Hall</b>
<b>Sat. May 14 - 7 - 10</b>	<b>Cookeville Cafe Corinth Town Hall</b>
<b>Weds. June 1 - 7:00 pm</b>	<b>History Meeting Corinth Town Hall</b>
<b>June 18 - 9:00 am</b>	<b>Museum Clean-up Corinth Academy (bring lunch)</b>
<b>July 2, 9, 16 23, 30</b>	<b>Museum Open and Café with music</b>
<b>August 6, 13 20, 27</b>	<b>Museum Open and Café with music</b>
<b>Mon. Sept. 5 Labor Day</b>	<b>Agricultural and Trades Museum Open, E. Corinth</b>
<b>Fri. Sept. 16</b>	<b>CHS Annual Meeting</b>

### Upcoming Musical Events

**April's** Cookeville Café will be a Delta Blues Seminar with musicians Ricker Winsor, Keith Friedland, and Dave Clark. For more information on this exciting event, please read Norm's extensive preview below.

The **May** Café will wrap up the season with a Season Finale! at the Town Hall Featuring an "All Star Revue" "A musical Conversation" Don't miss either of these great performances! Both of these events start at 7:00 sharp at the Corinth Town Hall.

For Information on upcoming Musical Events: call Dave Richard-802-439-5980 darichard@tops-tele.com; Tony & Teddy- 802-439-3154 silap@tops-tele.com Norm & Connie-802-683-3812 nerestoration@valleynet.net

### Music Committee Report:

The Cookeville Cafés are now the major fund-raiser for the Corinth Historical Society. The Music & Talent Committee & the CHS Board of Directors would like to thank all those who have supported our efforts in Fundraising through music & fellowship. Either by attending & enjoying the Music & Talent events, refreshments & good company, or by passing the word, working in the kitchen, bringing refreshments, helping to set up and tear down & most equally important, performing for us.

The shows have been well attended by not only Corinthian's but also by out of town folk and some from a good distance away. They have been a big success! The Music & Talent Committee's kitchen & refreshment subcommittee needs volunteers to bring refreshments and work in the kitchen setting up, keeping the refreshment tables stocked and cleaning up. Please contact Lois Jackson at 1-802-685-4804 if you want to help with this important aspect of the Music & Talent Series events.

**Construction Projects:**

**Corinth Academy Bell Tower;** After some extensive study and contractor reviews by Norm Collette, the CHS Board of Directors agreed to hire Dudley Carter of Corinth to repair, improve and repaint the Academy Bell tower at a cost of \$8,445.00. The town graciously allocated \$6,500.00 toward this project for this present fiscal year and the CHS fundraising efforts will pay the balance. Carter will replace the clapboards and trim on the bottom section of the tower & the clapboards will now have ventilation behind them and will be sanded & primed both sides and painted with two top coats after application. The rubber roof sections on top will now be tapered so the water runs off the roof instead of pooling on the flat surface. The railings will be repaired and painted and better mounted so water will not leak in under the rubber membrane and the balance of the woodwork will be repaired & painted, and the tower vented through its back door.

**Corliss Prescott House Restoration Project;**

At the time of publication of this newsletter, Norm Collette & Connie Longo have interviewed approximately 7 house moving contractors with maybe another to go. It is our hope of having all the bids in by the middle of April so that the CHS Board of directors can make a decision as to what contractor we will chose for this project.

Unsure how much of the project we will be able to afford we are first seeking out the bare bones costs to replace the house’s underpinning, move it back six feet onto a new full concrete foundation with a slab, & landscape the area around the house.

We are also asking the contractors for add-on costs for finishing the clapboard repairs all around the building, installing the 3 new reproduction windows and door out back of the building, and putting the long missing front porch back on the building.

It is our hope that we can accomplish all these tasks and get some volunteer labor from the community to paint the building and thus have the outside of the little Corliss Prescott house and grounds completed to include some split rail fence repairs this season.

That is our goal but budget restraints may interfere with that goal somewhat but time will tell. Then we will have the windows, front door & the inside to think about next so we can move on to setting up the house, store, & post office museum. Lets keep our fingers crossed that we can make great strides with this project this year!

Any interest in participating with labor or capital to help us get through this project please contact Norm Collette at 1-802-685-3812. Thanks For Your Support!



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Music Committee Report continued:

Our next "Cookeville Café" Music & Talent Series event at the town hall in Cookeville will be held on April 16th at 7:00PM sharp with a performance by the group, "Shades of Blue" performing a "Delta Blues Seminar" Open mic to follow this fabulous feature performance and sign up for open mic begins at 6:45PM.!

Delta Blues Seminar, Musicians

**Ricker Winsor** grew up in New York City and as a teenager heard the old Delta musicians playing in Greenwich Village at the Gaslight Café on MacDougal Street. He has been performing in cafes and at festivals for 25 years and has brought this music to Europe, Bangladesh and Indonesia. He has recorded 3 CD's, the last one with music partner, harmonica ace Keith Friedland. He lives with his wife, Kwee Liang Yien in Bradford, Vermont at their West Wind Studio.

**Keith Friedland** is a veteran of the road, having played across the country with a band based in Missoula, Montana. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Corinth, Vermont.

**Dave Clark** is well known in the Upper Valley as the director of Yellow House Media in Quechee, Vermont. He is a singer songwriter who plays with many different groups and he is an excellent bassist.

**Delta Blues Seminar Features as explained by Ricker Winsor**

"The music of the black musicians of the south who played a finger style system probably related to the Oudh and other stringed instruments in Africa. What is so interesting is the way they managed to play the bass with the thumb and the melody with one or more other fingers, often just the index... Because one guitar player was often the only entertainment at a Saturday night party in a house or a "juke joint" that guitar was made to sound through this technique like more than just one instrument. As time went on white musicians like Dave Van Ronk & Doc Watson picked up this style. And in the blues and folk revival of the sixties the influence of this music became huge and the commercial in groups and musicians such as the Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton, Led Zeppelin, Janis Joplin, & many others. We do our best to represent the roots of this music, musicians such as Mississippi John Hurt, Mance Lipscomb, Skip James, Lightning Hopkins, and Muddy Waters, to name a few. We call our program a seminar because we talk about the music as well as play it & we invite questions from the audience."

Summer Cafés at the Corinth Academy History Museum and the East Corinth Agricultural & Trades Museum will continue with live entertainment as was enjoyed at last season's events.

*We would like to send newsletters and announcements via e-mail, please send your email address to [ljackson@together.net](mailto:ljackson@together.net)*

***Think before you throw.** Letters, diaries, store ledgers and other records of Corinth History belong in the Historical Society, not in the dumpster. If you have items of historical interest, please contact Lois at 685-4804 or by e-mail at [ljackson@together.net](mailto:ljackson@together.net)*

## History Projects;

There are many potential history projects and only so much can be done at one time but nonetheless, progress is being made on several fronts;

**1. Remembrances:** Before, during and after the town's 1964 bicentennial, pamphlets, booklets, the town history and genealogy books were written. Some of the old booklets that include history stories and remembrances of old time Corinth are hard to read now due to old copy systems, fading and even missing pages. Inspired by Judy Drury, the CHS has begun work on some of these booklets. The first one, Remembrances by Ellsworth Sargent, 1958-59 was re-typed by Elaine Smith with copies she had available through the CHS collection and the library collection. With missing or faded text and chapters, Elaine typed what she had. Lisa Locke helped some in trying to figure out what the missing text may have been. Norm Collette, using an original copy of Mr. Sargent's work donated by Katherine Blaisdell & a poor copy re-arranged by the Bicentennial Committee in the 1960's, furthered the work.

While we are working on reproducing and updating some of these older booklets, the CHS would also like to encourage past and present Corinth residents and visitors to write up their memories of Corinth to add to our collection.

**2. Maps:** Although there are a number of copies of the town road map with the names of former property owners, completed by Dick Saville, most of them have become very difficult to read over the years. The Historical Society is working on digitizing the map and making it more legible so that present and future landowners can learn about some of the history of their properties. This project is being spearheaded by Lois Jackson & Judy Drury.

**3. Images:** As building and barns are torn down, roads changed or thrown up, folks coming and going, photos are a very important part of our heritage here in Corinth. We have many, many images of old and present day Corinth. Digitizing of the CHS photo collections is making slow headway. No small task but one that will be very useful when brought up to date. If you have important images that you would like to share or provide copies of them please contact us.

**4. Acquisitions:** Recent additions include a copy of a civil war letter home to Corinth, old deeds, Summer of 1933 booklet, written by Elizabeth Turner and donated by Bob & Cathrine Toran. Jen Brooks Wooding donated some of her Culminating Study work at Vermont College in the 1990's. One titled "Bridge & Moss Covered Timbers" W\Photos of the Hutton Hill Bridge before reconstruction & features of the dam & the old works to include photos of the original Mansfield Taplin\Corn Flower Farm front door details recently removed. And 1 titled "Cookeville" showing photos of the village area buildings at that time along with Edah Sevene & a book Jen wrote that goes with the work.

**Wanted:** Photo of Ellsworth H. Sargent. We would love to find an image of Ellsworth Sargent to reproduce with his "Remembrances".

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