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NEWSLETTER

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"Today is tomorrow's history"

CORINTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2011 Calendar

Corinth Academy Museum, 10-noon Saturdays in July and August

	<u>Host/ess</u>	<u>Music</u>
July 16	Louise Sandberg	Pat Stebbins, Gill Williams, and Dave Richard, Blues, roots, & folk
July 23	Dina DuBois & Dan Wing	Lane Cobb & Randy Wales : folk and originals
July 30	Jane Connor	The Wall-Stiles - Original folk rock
August 6	Amy Peberdy	TBA
August 13	Peter & Pearl Keene	Mike Kennedy -Stories & old time music on concertina, guitar and musical saw
August 20	Penny Andrew	TBA
August 27		Green Room - Jazz, blues and originals
Mon. Sept. 5	Labor Day	Agricultural and Trades Museum Open, E. Corinth
10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.		Refreshments by Lois Sherwood and friends
		Music - To Be Announced
Fri. Sept. 16	CHS Annual Meeting & Pot Luck - More info in next newsletter	

Watch for the Cookeville Café Music and Talent Series starting again in October

CHS Project Updates

1. The Academy Bell Tower as of this writing once again graces Cookeville Common and has been completely repaired and re-painted with the exception of reassembling, roping and painting the Bell. This completed work should last a fair stretch. It was all done with quality replacement materials & good craftsmanship. The clear hemlock clapboards were sanded and painted both sides before being mounted & are now able to breathe by means of a mesh attached to the wall before the clapboards were nailed on.



This was a big project and was conducted by Dudley Carter of Corinth who also repaired areas of roof rot, installed new flashing & rubber roofing with a pitch, and completed a neat, sharp paint job as well. The project cost approximately \$8,810.00. The town had voted \$6,500.00 toward this project. Thank You All for your Support & Contributions brought in from various events and memorial funds that made up the difference making it possible to complete this overdue project! Next year we should be thinking of painting a couple of exterior walls, they need it! NMC

2. **The Corliss Prescott House Project:** This was a major triple stage effort to get the Corliss Prescott House moved back and up on to a new level full foundation with a smooth poured slab, new basement windows, replaced & mostly repaired clapboards & repaired capped chimney as well as a new better working landscape, improved parking and exhibit areas. The basement is an approximate 32 x 15-foot new exhibit space for items that will work well in that environment. Basement windows look up to the Historic Jewell Farm. It has a new stone wall bench outside, as you enter the basement, capped with one of the old foundation stones as well as two other stone walls flanking both sides of the building.

The power pole is in, the electrical underground conduit to both buildings is in and the power is hooked up to the pedestal outback along the fence line. (Replacing the fence is another project...) We now have electricity to the pedestal! As of this writing the house Chimney needs to be re-flashed, roof fixed and painted, clapboard walls need more prep work, repairs and painting. Then we will submit the completed grant project information & documentation to the State Division of Historic Preservation so we can receive our \$15,000.00 matching grant funds. We are shooting to have the house painted and looking good by July's end. Next effort will be the replacement of the old front porch expected to cost an additional \$3,750.00. It has been missing for many years & is to be built by Ron Danforth, the contractor who was in charge of the house stabilization on a new foundation and trim work. Dave Richard has offered to help us with fixing & painting the sash but it may take time to complete them all. Dave is also very involved with the music program this summer. We will need to think about getting the inside of the house cleaned up & presentable enough to exhibit at least six historic and educational areas of interest. The little Corliss Prescott is close to looking proud again adding or shall I say, continuing to add to East Corinth's Historic Charm.



Back views of the Corliss-Prescott House in process; up on its new foundation, with new stone walls; the new clapboards on the back

The view toward the Tabor Branch on the southwest side of the Corliss-Prescott House, showing the new power pole and electric pedestal and the old turbine from the Jackman Mill

Thank You All for your support in helping to make this project happen this year! It has taken many years of annual auctions, 11 in fact, Café's, Hosts, Open Museums, Town Meeting Luncheons, & various events, including the addition of the new Music and Talent Series, Memberships or just straight out Donations. When all is said and done this year, we will have spent almost \$40,000.00 on this project alone not counting the \$5,000.00 donation toward the architectural plans two years ago to get the project started & the other in kind donations. Fortunately we will get \$15,000.00 of that back from the State of Vermont Historic Preservation grant, making it approximately \$26,000.00 the CHS is putting into the Corliss Prescott House project alone if we include the porch & we are going forward with that. It will take some time recuperating from this major depletion of our funds for The East Corinth Museum. So, on that note, we would like to thank you ALL for your support over the years! We are striving to realize the day when these museums are completed & can help keep the community, young, old and those in between, in the know about the history of this town we love & call Corinth, Vermont. 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! NMC



Photos of the south and north sides of the Corliss-Prescott House showing the new level roof-line, the replaced clapboards. and the new pole and pedestal on the far right.

To reduce our postage costs and paper use, we would like to send newsletters and announcements via e-mail, please send your email address to 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

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3. The new Music and Talent Series has been a lot of fun, interesting, a great program that not only brings music to our events but to our hearts as well. It also helps considerably with the donations as do the hosting of refreshments. Many of these concerts have been educational, not only recounting the history and origins of the music, but also showing how good some of these local & not so local musicians that donate their efforts are. The fall, winter, spring Café's brought in \$1,667.70. The first Academy Café of this summer got off to a great start with music, refreshments, and museum tours. Cookeville is certainly the 'place to be' on Saturday mornings! NMC

4. Other donations and projects include a donation from Steve Hatch's Mom, Polly, from East Orange, of an old wooden sap-gathering tank she and her husband had purchased from the Hutchinsons years back. This tank made it into Vermont Life magazine at least once! Judy Drury, Elaine Smith, Norm Collette & Lois Jackson have worked on some old history documents, combining them into one book. They include 'Remembrances' by Ellsworth Sargent, The Kay Carpenter 'Tour of Corinth' and various other memory pieces written about our town's history. This should soon be available to read at the research tables in the Academy Museum. Elaine and Judy have done the lion's share of this work. Also other research books have been worked up and genealogy books of various families are increasing in volume. Check out the research section in the museum. NMC

Editor's note: We hope to have more room in the next newsletter to talk about other new acquisitions.



Hutchinson Sap Gathering Tank

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