

Corinth, Vermont Annual Report



For the Year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

ON THE FRONT COVER...

The Tree of the Year, the maple Hall of Fame at Barra. Each year, the best-producing tree in the bush gets bestowed with a plaque, nailed fast to the sugar house. Some trees obviously outshine the others, in Laura and Guy Waterman's estimation.

Maple sugaring, at least in part, is responsible for the settling of Corinth, according to Zadock Thompson in *History of Vermont*, page 58 :

"In the spring of 1777, previous to the settlement of the town, Ezekiel Colby, John Nutting and John Arnand, spent several weeks here in manufacturing maple sugar. They started together from Newbury, with each a five pail kettle on his head, and with this load they travelled, by a pocket compass, 12 miles through the wilderness to the place of destination near the centre of the township. This year, Mr. Colby moved his family into Corinth, which was the first family in town. The next year, 1778, Mr. Nutting moved his family here, and Mrs. Colby was delivered of a son, Henry, the first child born in town. In 1779, Messrs. Edmund Brown, Samuel Norris, Jacob Fowler and Bracket Towle, moved their families here."

Over two hundred years later, it remains a vital part of the Town's fiber and an important supporting beam of Vermont's economy. In 2009, Vermont led all states in production with 920,000 gallons, an increase of 30 percent from 2008 and the highest on record since 1944, according to the USDA.

The 2009 Town Report is dedicated to the Corinth Sugar Makers who spend long hours producing this delectable confection for the rest of us. Snowshoeing through miles of sugar bush to repair chewed tubing or to collect sap in the cold days of early spring, bending to feed the voracious appetite of the fire below or leaning over the boiling, steaming pan above, sugar makers work hard!

Throughout this report are glimpses into the sugaring life in Corinth. Excerpts from interviews recorded for the Corinth Oral History Project, quotes from the Town History book, images, and a lovely poem by Jack Gundy serve to get us in the spirit for the upcoming sugaring season. Be sure to check out our local makers' product this spring!



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Emergency Phone Numbers

FIRE DEPARTMENT	911
CORINTH-TOPSHAM EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM	911
Give your Name, Phone Number, Location, Nature of Problem. <i>DO NOT</i> hang up.	
LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE (VALLEY HEALTH CENTER)	439-5321 or 439-5322
CENTRAL VERMONT MEDICAL CENTER	1-802-229-9121
DARTMOUTH HITCHCOCK MEDICAL CENTER	1-603-650-5000
First CONSTABLE - JOSEPH HILL	439-6848
Second CONSTABLE - JOHN FARROW	439-3184
FIRE WARDEN - WADE PIERSON	439-5535 (Home) or 439-5745 (Garage)
ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF	802-685-4875
STATE POLICE	222-4680

MEETINGS

Conservation Commission - First Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at Town Hall
Selectmen - Second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at Town Hall
Planning Commission - First and Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. First Tuesday of the month *only* during the months of November through April, and *only* on the Third Tuesday in March.
School Directors - Second and Fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Waits River Valley School
Solid Waste Disposal at Town Garage Saturdays only 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Zoning Administrative Officer - By appointment only

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Clerk~ Monday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

First Saturday of every month - 10: 00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Treasurer~ Monday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Tuesday: 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

TOWN OFFICES ARE CLOSED WEDNESDAYS AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Phone & Fax number: 439-5850

LISTER HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 am -1:30 pm, and by appointment

Phone 439-5098; e-mail: corinth@tax.state.vt.us

BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Wednesday: 2:00 to 8:00 PM; Thursday: 9:00 AM to Noon

Friday: 2:00PM to 6:00 PM; Saturday: 9:00AM to Noon

Phone: 439-5338

YOUR GOVERNMENT

STATE:	Senator Mark MacDonald	1-800-322-5616
	Representatives Susan Hatch Davis and Philip Winters	1-800-322-5616
	Governor James Douglas	1-800-649-6825
	Lt. Governor Brian Dube	1-802-828-2226
FEDERAL:	Senator Bernard Sanders	1-802-862-0697 or 1-800-339-9834
	Senator Patrick Leahy	1-802-863-2525 or 1-800-642-3193
	Representative Peter Welch	1-802-652-2450 or 1-888-605-7270

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