

From the Board...

The season was another success with over 200 visitors to the museum. A post-season program brought over 60 visitors to a special performance presented by Middle School students in the Family School Connection program. Most were first-time visitors and all enjoyed their tour.

Last month, Sharon and I sat down and worked out some procedures for accessioning records into our laptop computer using the PastPerfect software. Sharon then worked with Nancy and will be teaching Wayne the software. Some additional tweaking to the procedures will be needed as odd ball things pop up and require special attention every so often, but we are on the road to computerization! This process will take some time and we have lots of files/items to accession. Next summer, hopefully, we can begin the cataloging part by adding size, description, material, color, etc., to those records.

We want to remind everyone to consider using the Yankee Community Partners subscription forms this holiday season. Every subscription to *Yankee Magazine* - personal, gift, and/or renewal - is a double gift when these forms are used. You or the recipient gets a subscription and we, the Society, receive a donation from Yankee at half the subscription cost. The money we receive through this program is earmarked for computerization - another laptop, regular computer, and/or computer accessories.

The Season's Best to all from the Board.

--Colin



The CHS CRIER

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Our
45th Year

CHS Launches Web Site



It's unlikely that the first trustees of the Claremont Historical Society could have ever envisioned the technology that we all take for granted these days, including the internet. We are excited and pleased to announce that the CHS has joined the world-wide web with a site of its own: www.claremonthistoricalsociety.org.

Many thanks go to Trustee Carolyn Sprague for undertaking this major project. She has spent countless hours building, fine-tuning and getting our site online.

Visitors will find information about membership and how to join, a calendar of upcoming events, contacting the CHS, a photo series of some of our collection pieces and past newsletters in PDF form. We will be updating and adding more features as time goes on.

As 2008 winds down and closes on our 45th year of preserving Claremont's history and valued artifacts, we take pride in presenting this latest development. We invite you to take a few minutes to pay us a visit online!

Year-End Round-up of News

Board of Trustees

The following people were elected at this year's annual meeting to serve on the CHS Board of Trustees: Colin Sanborn, Sharon Wood, Christine Theriault, Nancy Miville, Phyllis Muzeroll, Mary Desmarais, Carolyn Sprague and Adam Staszkiwicz, our first youth representative.

Asbestos Removal

While reviewing plans to upgrade the electrical system at the Claremont History Museum, we were made aware of the presence of asbestos in the basement of the building and that we would be required to have it removed before any electrical work could be started. The asbestos was removed during the last week of October by Tri-State Environmental of Franklin, NH, at a cost of \$3,564. We thank members Lorraine Dion, Heidi Kuttner, Al Leahy and Pat Daniels for helping Sharon Wood and Nancy Miville with

"sitting" duties at the museum while workers were on site.

Fall Clean-up

Wayne McElreavy, Mary Desmarais, Lorraine Dion and Carole Schuschu raked leaves on the museum property on October 25th. A big thank-you to those folks and the anonymous rakers who helped Wayne fill more than 100 leaf bags this year.

New Walking Guide

This past summer, Trustee Nancy Miville compiled a new walking guide to help visitors on self-guided tours of our museum. Two seminars were also held this summer to help those interested in volunteering as "sitters" become more familiar with the collections. Both sessions drew good numbers, and we look forward to having more volunteers helping us to staff the museum in 2009.



Photo by Mary Desmarais
Trustee Wayne McElreavy tends to some of the brimming leaf bags filled at the Claremont History Museum property.

Claremont Historical Society

Mugs

Now for Sale!

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News Flash!

Breaking News! Coffee Mugs Are A Hot Item!

A new Claremont Historical Society fundraising project is now underway, featuring coffee mugs with old photos from the Society's collection. The white mugs have a black and white photo of our current town hall. This is the first in our "Town Hall" series. Mugs are now ready for purchase.

The coffee mugs are selling for \$10 apiece; members' mug price is \$9. Historical Society members **MUST** order their mugs from Colin (542-2727) or Sharon (542-6454) to receive member pricing. Mugs will be sold at local businesses for general sale.



Back of the mug reads: 1897, Town Hall & Opera House, Claremont, NH. Designed by Charles A. Rich, the town hall & opera house was dedicated on June 22, 1897. It replaced an earlier town hall that had been on this site since 1790.