From the Board...

Dear Friends:

History comes alive with a visit to the Claremont **History Museum!** Enter a timeless realm, where photos, clothing, artifacts and stories reveal the rich history and heritage of Claremont, NH. For 45 years, the Claremont Historical Society has undertaken the important work of preserving historical items as well as providing a rich variety of programs to the Claremont community. Every year, current residents, former residents and new residents visit the Claremont Historical Society's Museum to experience first hand the history and culture that have made Claremont, NH, such a unique community.

And yes, you read that right, The Claremont **History Museum is now** the new name of our museum. The trustees decided to change the name of the museum as part of our 45th year celebration; we believe that the name, Claremont History Museum, more accurately identifies the purpose and collections housed in our museum on Mulberry St.

The work of CHS cannot be taken for granted, and your support is needed to insure that this vital community group continues to grow and thrive! Try to imagine what would happen if the Claremont Historical Society were not in existence and did not provide the stewardship of Claremont's rich historical heritage. Isn't it nice to know that a dedicated

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Orgánization Began in 1963

CHS Marks Its 45th Year of Preserving Claremont's History!

The year was 1963 and the time period was setting itself up against a national background of tragedy and social change: the assassination of President Kennedy, Dr. King giving his famous "I have a dream..." speech and the early beginnings of social unrest that would rock our country for years. Locally, it was the year the Claremont Historical Society was founded by a small but dedicated group of people who guietly recognized value in preserving Claremont's past for generations of the future. Today, forty-five years later, we continue that same mission.

It's unlikely that the first members could have envisioned the tools that we are using in the 21st century to carry out the work they started: computers, digital cameras, electronic archiving and more. Although the techniques have changed, the mission remains the same: to maintain, record and preserve the ongoing story of our

community.

A Peek At Life in Claremont in 1963!

Peoples National Bank opened its new office in town in July... **Grants** and **First National** opened as the anchor stores of the new Claremont Shopping Center, the first of the big commercial developments on Washington Street...Downtown, you could buy two gallons of latex paint for \$5 at Montgomery Ward...Arrowhead Skiway celebrated the opening of its A-frame lodge...Guest speaker at St. Joseph's Sports Night was Carl Yastrzemski...In a Daily Eagle editorial. Ken Whipple noted that in 1962, the average wage paid in Claremont was \$4,248, slightly higher for the manufacturing sector...Out on Maple Avenue at **Dixon's**, you could get a pound of butter for 66 cents and a can of tomato soup for 10 cents, and they gave Top Value Stamps!

Watch for more fun facts in the July issue!

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group of Claremont citizens and friends are committed to supporting this important endeavor?

It is really up to you to support the Claremont Historical Society and the Claremont History Museum. You have an important decision to make, and we hope that you will **renew** your membership or become a **new supporting member** of the Claremont Historical Society with your gift of support.

Sign up now at the incredibly low price of \$10.00 for an individual membership and \$15.00 for a family membership! As a member of the CHS, you'll receive a print or electronic version of our high-quality newsletter. Additionally, you'll be notified of all the exciting programs and events that happen throughout the year. We're confident that you'll enjoy all member benefits available to you.

Please return your membership today to the address provided and help insure that Claremont's rich history and traditions are preserved for the next generation!

Sincerely, Claremont Historical Society Member Services

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The Society is a charitable and educational non-profit corporation founded in 1963 to preserve and publish historical information and to collect, acquire and preserve items of interest related to Claremont's history.

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'08 Spring/Summer Programming

April 9

Lafayette in NH

Alan R. Hoffman will speak about his recently published book, Lafayette in America. A translation of a journal published in French in 1829, the original was written by Auguste Levasseur, private secretary to General Lafayette on his journey through the country 50 years after the Revolution. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Location: Claremont Savings Bank Community Rm.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

May 22

Hail to the Chiefs: John F. Kennedy

Mike Lowe of Braintree, MA, will present the JFK Experience. From memory and using Kennedy's words, Lowe combines his voice and emotions to recreate the experience of hearing our 35th president. This program is co-sponsored by CHS and the Friends of the Fiske Free Library and is the 2nd program in the Hail to the Chiefs series.

Location: Fiske Free Library

Time: 7:00 p.m.

June 7-8/9

Alumni Parade and Spirits of Claremont Mountain View Cemetery Walk

Parade: June 7, 10:30 a.m. **Walk:** An expanded version of the original walk presented in

2005.

June 8th: 1:00 p.m. June 9th: 6:00 p.m.

July 23

Hail to the Chiefs: John Q. Adams

Jim Cooke of Quincy, MA, will present John Quincy Adams: A Spirit Unconquerable. In this living history presentation, Cooke portrays Adams, the son of our second president, John Adams and his wife Abigail, in the last 10 years of his long life. This program is co-sponsored by CHS and the Friends of the Fiske Free Library and is the 3rd and final program in the Hail to the Chiefs series.

Location: Fiske Free Library

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Raffle Winners Announced

The winners of the winter raffle were: Nancy Devenger, Goddard Mansion stay; Kyle Messier, King Arthur Flour gift basket; and Bob Weaver, gift card for Ramunto's.

A big thank-you to everyone who supported this important annual fundraiser!

Museum Dates for 2008 Season

The Claremont History Museum on Mulberry Street will reopen to the public on Sunday, June 22. The remaining dates for the season are: June 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; and September 7, 14 and 21. Hours are 2:00-5:00 p.m.

As always, museum sitters are needed. Please contact the CHS if you can help!

We Were Wondering Why...

...We Haven't Seen You At The Annual Meetings?

We missed you once again. We didn't see many of you at the Claremont Historical Society Annual Meeting last October, and we were wondering why!

Perhaps you have an idea that annual meetings are all business and no fun. Actually, the business part of the CHS Annual Meeting is really only one small facet of our yearly get-together. While our bylaws require us to hold this annual event, this member gathering is really more of a social event, time for people with similar interests to get together and visit, enjoy wonderful home-cooked food--we have some of the



best cooks in town--and enjoy a program of historical interest. It's a great opportunity to meet other members, discover old friends and make new ones! As a member, you receive personal invitations to all events and programs and receive our newsletter--packed with news and interesting articles---absolutely-free! And even more importantly, you are helping to support the vital work of preserving our city's history for future generations.

This is <u>your</u> organization and we value the ideas and opinions of all of our members. When you renew your membership this year, please write us a line or two on the space provided on the form below about why you are unable to attend the annual meeting and what changes would make it easier for you to attend.

As we said, we've missed you!

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The 2008 Membership Drive Is Now Underway!

Your membership dues help to	Membership Form
, preserve Claremont's history! As an all-volunteer organization,	Please check your membership choice:
we welcome your help in other ways as well:	[] Student, \$5 [] Individual, \$10
☐ Museum sitting	[] Family, \$15 [] Business/Professional, \$50 [] Corporate, \$200 [] Life, \$300
☐ Baking ☐ Computer entry work ☐ Cataloging collections	I wish to make an additional gift to help with CHS' work: \$
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(research, writing, acting assisting with tours)	Mailing Address
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Thank you for your support!	Society, Inc., 26 Mulberry St., Claremont, NH 03743
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CHS Reaches Two Milestones

Notes 30th Year for Museum at Mulberry Street Location

The Claremont Historical Society has reached TWO milestones. We are 45 years old and we have occupied our museum at 26 Mulberry Street for 30 years. Being in the history business, we can't help but look back in time, and what better time than now to look back at our own history. It was 1963 when our own history began. My, how things have changed!

To celebrate our 45th anniversary, the CHS Board will be undertaking some new projects this year. On the second Sunday of the month, beginning in April, we will have a feature article in the *Eagle Times* that will focus on Claremont history. Each month we will also provide photos of places in town, as they appeared in the past, and they will be printed beside photos of the same location as it looks now.

Look for the first feature on April 13, where we'll be reminding you of the way things were in 1963, when the Claremont Historical Society first began. If you have any suggestions for things you'd like to see included in future articles, you can send an e-mail to us at claremont_historical@yahoo.com or tell one of our board members.

We thank you, our members, for your support, and hope that you'll join us in celebrating this, our "Sapphire" Anniversary.

The CHS Board:

Colin Sanborn, President; Sharon Wood, Secretary; Carolyn Sprague, Treasurer; Phyllis Muzeroll, Newsletter Editor; Wayne McElreavy, Nancy Miville, Christina Theriault

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