



Arundel Historical Society Report

This past year was a very active year for the members and volunteers of the Arundel Historical Society. We have continued to have our spring and fall bean suppers as well as a spaghetti supper. While these suppers are fundraisers for the AHS, one of the main purposes for our society to host them is the intangible community building that happens as neighbors and friends get together and get caught up with the events in their lives. In a world seemingly immersed in technology the one-to-one connections that the dinners supply reinforces our sense of place. We also sponsor a bake sale every year at Town Meeting time as well as at elections in November. We are able to meet with a wider group of people at these events and it gives us a venue to show and explain our goals and objectives.

We have taken it upon ourselves to care for the Veteran's Memorial at the firehouse, and host appropriate events there on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Usually we have the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts take part as we feel that it is part of the civic duty that should be nurtured with young people as they move into adulthood. The Veterans from Kennebunkport come to these events as a color guard and we would like to thank them for their participation. We presently have about 220 names on our Veterans Honor Roll, some going back to the French and Indian wars. We are always looking for new names to add to our list so if you know of someone who is not yet registered please let the AHS know.

Our second annual Heritage Day was well attended and judged by all to be a resounding success. Local crafts people, exhibits on

home canning, quill pen writing, spinning, agricultural displays and animals, wagon rides, entertainment, and, of course, food made for a full day. This year we had a separate tent with old photos and memorabilia which was well attended and appreciated by those who met with old friends. This idea of a "Reminisce Tent" was a definite plus and will be continued in future Heritage Day events.

The North Chapel Common continues to go forward with plans to build a meetinghouse at about the same spot as the original North Chapel Church. The Lunt house had clapboards put on its gable end so as to button up that side of the building. We found what are called "scarf joints" on the original clapboards which dates the house earlier than the 19th century. We are presently looking at obtaining funding through grants and the like so we can continue to move forward with our plan to build the meetinghouse. It should be pointed out here that while the AHS is overseeing the development of the meetinghouse, it is intended to serve all the citizens of Arundel and the people of the town have a vested interest in its construction. It will serve as a modern day grange hall, with a kitchen for suppers and space for community events etc. As the time comes for its construction we will be looking to the community for support, be it volunteers or services. Arundel has much to look forward to and much to be proud of as we move into the future.

In October we sponsor an annual Craft Fair and that is when our annual photo calendar is ready. The calendar is worked on by a very diligent group of volunteers who put time and effort into making the calendar a printed display of photos from Arundel's past. The calendars make great gifts for the holidays and are available at our events and on the website.

In closing we would like to remind people that many of our fundraisers would not be possible were it not for the generous donations of area businesses and individuals. We truly are indebted to these people and ask that you keep it local and

support the businesses whenever possible. The AHS is always looking for new members who receive our newsletter, *Yore Connection*, as part of their membership. The dues generated by members take care of the day to day costs of mailing, fees, insurance, and the like so you can be assured that your money is being used wisely. We have meetings the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at the M.L.Day School, Limerick Road at 7 PM and all are invited to attend. For information about membership or questions go to our website www.arundelhistoricalsociety.org or call 283-9699.

Respectfully,

Jake Hawkins
AHS President

**Arundel Heritage Day
September 2014**





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September 19th!**