



About the Bulletin

Published three times a year, the Bulletin provides timely Society news in a concise, single-sheet format. It's used in conjunction with our web site, which has no space limitations and no added cost to the Society. Contributors to this issue included Ellen Chandler, Jody Cooper, Maggie Ford, Tom Stark, and J.L. Tonner.

Upcoming Events

Save the dates for the rest of this year's programs:

2009

June 27	Gatsby Lawn Party <i>Support our mission.</i>
July 19	Antiques Roadshow <i>Get your items appraised.</i>
August 8	Annual Meeting <i>Photo contest awards.</i>
September 16	Our Rural Landscape <i>A dessert social.</i>
September 26	Cemetery Walk <i>Characters come alive.</i>
October 3	Old Home Day <i>Activities for all ages.</i>
December 6	Holiday Open House <i>Food, music, crafts.</i>

The complete details about each of these events are available at our web site; click on **EVENTS**.

Board of Directors

The following community members are now serving as officers and directors of the Society:

<i>President</i>	J.L. Tonner
<i>Vice President</i>	Maggie Ford
<i>Treasurer</i>	Tom Stark
<i>Secretary</i>	Sue King
<i>Past President</i>	Jim Perkins

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This image of South Pleasant Street is included in *Then & Now: Main Street* — a special exhibit through October 11.



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Summer Bulletin

June 23, 2009

It is my pleasure to be writing to you as we open our summer season. First up is our Gatsby Lawn Party on Saturday, June 27 from 5 to 8 PM. It will be a great party, with antique cars on our grounds, a la the 1930s, the unveiling of a restored delivery wagon on loan from the Ice House, and the opening of three new seasonal exhibits.

Why do we need another fundraiser? Our 16 buildings require constant repair and upkeep, and membership dues do not meet the annual expenses. In fact, a committee of members has been formed specifically to determine what steps are needed to restore the Phillips Barn, which was professionally surveyed in 2005. The old barn cannot wait much longer!

We are fortunate that volunteers fill most of our needs, so we have no payroll. We do appreciate all of the hours contributed by our volunteers, especially the *Tuesday Gang* and *Docents*. We also have a cadre of less visible volunteers on whom we rely. This summer we welcome three new docents—and whatever help you might offer.

I hope that you will see all that we have to offer this season. Bring your family, friends, and a picnic.

J.L. Tonner, *President*

Lawn Party

The 2009 summer kick-off event for the Society is the **Gatsby Lawn Party**, coming up on June 27 from 5 to 8 PM. Like the Art Preview Party of prior years, the Lawn Party will feature hearty hors d'ouvres and a refreshment tent to sustain the energy and spirits of party-goers. Along with the Transportation Building, which has a refreshed layout for the new season, there are three new exhibit areas.

The Lawn Party is an important fundraiser for the Society, and we hope that all members will plan to attend; anyone who has forgotten to RSVP is encouraged to call 763-8706. We are especially appreciative of the support we have received from Ledyard National Bank in sponsoring this event, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Early Renewals

For most of our members, the **membership** year ends on August 31, 2009. If you're among them, you don't have to wait for the expiration date to renew.

Please visit our web site to update your support on-line or print a mail-in membership form—or simply send a check with “NLHS membership” noted in the memo field. The important thing is to renew today! Thank you.

Meeting Notice

Join us on Sunday, August 23, at 4 PM in the Meetinghouse for a brief **Annual Meeting** followed by a slide show and prize awards for our recent New London Photo Contest. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Summer Exhibits

Focus Five is a show and sale of the works of five local photographers: Joan Eaton, Paul Howe, Bruce Parsons, Peter Johnston and Rick Libbey.

Their work will be on display starting June 27. Their photography includes aerial views of New London and the Sunapee/Kearsarge region, up-close images of moose, loon and other wildlife, and New Hampshire and New England scenics, both iconic unique, along with action photography.

This will be the first time these photographers have been shown together, and it promises great enjoyment for our visitors. The exhibit ends on September 6.

Quilts: Antique to Contemporary features antique quilts from the Society's collections, from area collectors, and works by contemporary local textile artists. From traditional designs common in the late 1800s through the 1930s to striking works by today's artists from throughout the Northeast, the exhibit offers something for all tastes. You may even enter a contest to help identify an unnamed quilt pattern! The exhibit runs through September 6.

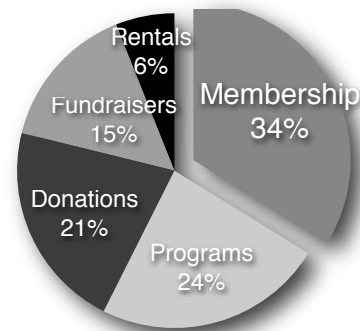
Then & Now: Main Street is a photographic exhibit that matches a dozen historic images of New London's Main Street with equivalent images taken recently.

The comparisons are often thought-provoking, encouraging you to consider the past and present, and the myriad of changes that have occurred in between. The exhibit ends on October 11.

Financials

The current financial status of the organization remains solid with income from membership, fundraisers, programs, and rentals just offsetting our regular operating expenses.

Over the past five years, the Society has operated at nearly a break-even level.



The chart above shows how our income has been distributed (and balanced) among the main categories. Membership dues account for one-third of the total, while income from our small endowment has been negligible.

Antiques Roadshow!

“What is it worth?” To answer that question, we have turned to credentialed Vermont appraiser **James Marquis**. Bring your antiques (limit of three) to be appraised, and listen in as other items are appraised too. It's first come first served and includes free refreshments.

The appraisal fee is \$8 for one item; \$20 for three items. Jewelry cannot be appraised. Join us on Sunday, July 19, from 1 to 4 PM at the Meetinghouse.

Hours & Demos

Docent-led **tours of the Society** are offered on Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:30. During July and August, Tuesday afternoons are added to the schedule. The grounds are open daily until dusk. We are also pleased to offer live **craft demonstrations** in the Griffin Barn on the following Sundays:

July 5	Spinning <i>Priscilla Parmenter</i>
July 12	Weaving <i>Mike Moss</i>
July 26	Rug Braiding <i>Barbara Kress</i>
August 9	Weaving <i>Mike Moss</i>
August 16	Rug Hooking <i>Kay Currier, Dean Shores</i>
September 6	Quilting <i>Peggy Forand</i>

If you have suggestions for artisans you'd like to see demonstrating their crafts, please be in touch with Maggie Ford / 526-7245.

