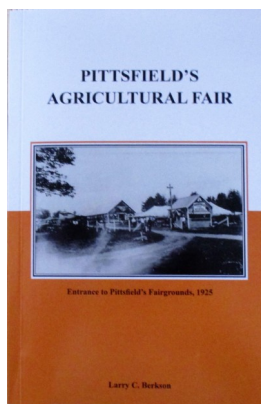


Pittsfield's Agricultural Fair
by
Larry Berkson



Larry Berkson, Pittsfield's Historian, recently published *Pittsfield's Agricultural Fair* and dedicated it to Richard C. Foss, a long-time benefactor for the Historical Society. This in-depth history of agricultural fairs in Pittsfield presents the background of

Suncook Valley Fair Association, the history of the trotting track, the horse shows, and the various exhibits. Numerous pictures and memories of local people are also highlighted.

Meetings

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pittsfield Historical Society Headquarters, 13 Elm Street in Pittsfield.

The January meeting is the Society's Annual meeting and is held on the 2nd Tuesday of that month. There are no meetings in February through April, July, August, November and December.

Museum Hours

Generally the Museum is open on Tuesday, from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. If our "Open" flag is flying, we are in residence. Our Society's phone number is 435-8004 and we are located at 13 Elm Street, Pittsfield.

2017 Society Officers

- Liz Dimmick, President
435-8327
- Martha Moley, Vice President
435-6732
- Clayton Wood, Treasurer
435-3415
- David Harper, Secretary
661-6221
- Larry Berkson, Historian
798-3984

Items for Sale

(Contact Fuzz Freese at 435-7777)

- Box of 8 cards/envelopes of 4 historic Pittsfield landmarks \$ 5.00
- Historic Pittsfield Calendars \$10.00
- Life on Tilton Hill-monograph \$ 5.00
- Pittsfield's Dams-monograph \$ 8.00
- Pittsfield's Bells and Whistles monograph \$10.00
- Pittsfield's Agricultural Fair \$15.00
- Pittsfield's WWII Veterans-books Volumes I-V \$20.00 each
- Pittsfield Cemeteries-books Vol. I Floral Park and Hillside History and Development
- Vol. II, Floral Park and Hillside Notable Burials
- Vol. III, Church Cemeteries
- Vol. IV Family Cemeteries \$15.00 each



2017 Programs

Wednesday, May 10, 2017
Early Woodworking in Pittsfield



Woodworking in one form or another was once a part of everyday life for people pre-industrialization. We will explore the crafts' origins from the humble beginnings of John Cram's sawmill to the box and shingle mills of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and how this industry was indispensable to the early growth of Pittsfield. Short biographies will include: Jacob Jones, clockmaker; Abraham French, cabinet-maker; William Hartwell, millwright and lumberman; and others. After

the presentation there will be a brief demonstration with some of the hand tools and techniques these craftsmen would have used in their work. Discussion regarding the modern role of the woodworking craft and its continued relevance is invited.

Meeting Location:
The Society Museum
13 Elm Street
7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 14
"The Shakers" in New Hampshire**

The United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, commonly called "Shakers," has been present in New Hampshire since 1784. There have been close ties between this celibate religious communal society and Pittsfield throughout our histories. Join us as we explore the ties that link us to the Shaker Community and to the Shaker Museum that is in our back yard. Please bring your experiences, stories, photographs, and memorabilia of the "Shakers" to share with the group. The program will be moderated by Sabra Welch, who will give an overview of the Shakers and share her experiences in helping to preserve the legacy of the "Shakers in New Hampshire."



**Meeting Location:
The Society Museum
13 Elm Street**

7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 13
History of Globe Manufacturing**

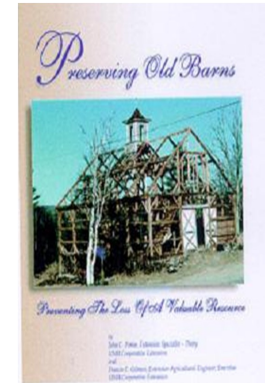


Globe Manufacturing, Pittsfield's largest employer, was established in 1901 by Courtland F. H. Freese. He began to produce the Globe Fireman's Service Suit in a small room located over a harness shop with 5 employees. This has evolved into the present day firm employing over 450 employees. Globe is the largest and oldest maker of protection fire fighting equipment in the world. Come and hear Doug Towle, Director of Marketing, speak on the early history of Globe, its growth and its future outlook as a company. The program will conclude with a question-answer period and stories from the audience about their experiences with Globe.

**Meeting Location:
The Society Museum
13 Elm Street**

7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 18
New England Barn Talk**



John Porter, co-author of *Preserving Old Barns*, will present "The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns." The evolution of barn architecture tells the story of New Hampshire agriculture. Barns changed from the

early English style, to Yankee style, to gambrel and then pole barns to accommodate the changing agriculture. This presentation will be a chronological walk through time, with photo illustrations of barns around the state that are examples of these eras of agricultural history. John Porter and Francis Gilman, co-authors of *Preserving Old Barns*, have spent their careers with farmers around New England helping them update and retrofit barns and have applied this knowledge to the renovation of old barns.

**Meeting Location:
The Society Museum
13 Elm Street**

7:00 p.m.