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Pittsfield, New Hampshire – The Gem of the Suncook Valley
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Acquisitions

A 1983 calendar created by Pittsfield Weaving Co. with beautifully woven butterflies, was donated by Sandy Muller, along with several

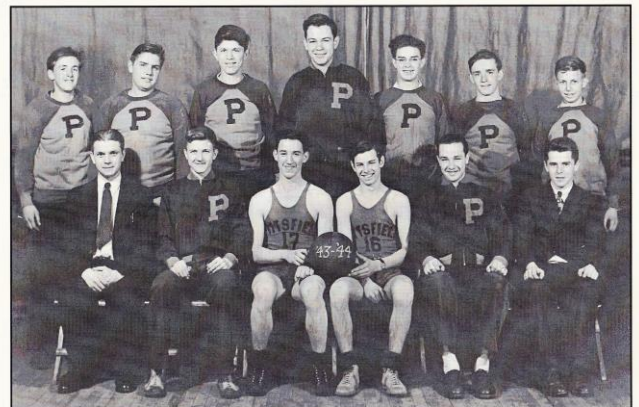


other items created by Pittsfield Weaving.

WHEN IT BEGAN by Larry Berkson

In 1884, George E. Norris of Brockton, MA made a detailed lithograph of Pittsfield and solicited 150 subscribers who would purchase a print for \$20 each. He sold 220 while in town in August, making the enterprise a huge success. Reprints are available today at the Pittsfield Historical Society. (*Analetca*, July 31 and August 21, 1884)

2015 Society Calendar



The 1943-44 High School Boys Basketball Team

Sitting: George Pimental, coach, Ogden Boyd, Jr., Richard Gray, John Herndon, Dean Cameron and Reuben Leavitt;
Standing: ? Carson, Robert Hemeon, George Small, Gale Chick, Gilbert Paige, ? Carson, and Arnold Stocks

By early indications the 2015 calendar looks to be a winner. Early sales are doing quite well. The theme is Sports and features many excellent pictures of early high school sports teams as well as early town teams. Most people are unaware that PHS had a football team. If you are a long time resident of Pittsfield, you probably will see someone you

know. The calendar sells for \$10 and can be found at Pittsfield Town Hall, Carpenter Library, Suncook Valley Sun, Pittsfield Historical Society on Tues. 9-12 or call Fuzz at 435-7777.

Painting Historical Society

The front section of the Society received a new coat of paint recently, as did the green front door. Thanks go out to Gail Allard and Bill Provencal for their painting talents.



Programs

Show and Tell: On October 9, at 7 PM at the Society, we pay homage to the old school days and bring item(s) to our meeting that you would like to “show” and “tell” about. It could be something rare, common, old or new. It’s even better if the item has some local history.

Hall of Fame Presentation: Clarence Johnson was born on top of Catamount Mountain in 1851. He attended local schools, was graduated from Dartmouth College and became editor of the *Suncook Valley Times*, city editor of the *Concord Evening Monitor* and an editor of the *Independent Statesmen*; later appointed Executive Clerk of the US Senate. Join us on Nov. 13 at 7PM as we induct him into the Society’s Hall of Fame.

Mystery Photo

Does anyone recognize the building in the photograph below? Our records indicate that the picture possibly was taken in Pittsfield. If you have any idea, call us at 435-8004.



Painting Donated

A picture of the “Blueberry Express”, Barnstead, NH, late 1800s, #73/300, was donated to us by Naomi R. Avery.

