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

The Pittsfield Historical Society teamed up with two amazing art students at Pittsfield Middle High School this past year, with assistance from Bill Mitchell, art teacher, and Anne Banks, coordinator of the Extended Learning Opportunities program, to create a project earmarked for the Society's newest fundraiser.

We asked students, Emily Dunigan and Emma Smith, to paint/draw 3-4 "Pittsfield landmarks." Both are juniors – honor students, members of the volleyball team, and of course, artists.

They selected these well known landmarks: the Scenic Theatre, Town Hall, South Pittsfield Meetinghouse, Tuttle Mansion, Suncook River dam, Thyng Memorial, and Civil War Statue and Veterans Memorial at Dustin Park.

These original drawings were then scanned and color reprinted into 5x7 prints and matted to fit an 8x11 frame. They make perfect gifts and bring art to the eye of the beholder. They are on sale for \$10 each at the Museum.

Thank you to Emily and Emma – an outstanding duo who spent many hours recreating what their eyes see in this Gem of the Suncook Valley.



Tuttle Mansion
Emma Smith

Thyng Memorial
Emily Dunagin



Big Trees in New Hampshire

Kevin Martin recently presented a very informative program on the Big Trees in New Hampshire. In his travels he has searched out and measured numerous trees in locations scattered around the state. There were some trees that were planted around the time of the Revolutionary War! Many times he found a tree by following the trail or listening to the sounds of local wildlife. In addition to describing the tree and its location, Kevin also explained some of the uses for the different types of woods. Previously, elm was used for water pipes and sewer lines. Thank you, Kevin, for a very knowledgeable program!



Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Historical Society's Annual Raffle

Les Bailey	\$100
Laurie Vallee	\$ 75
Bruce Tibbetts	\$ 75
Michelle MacKenzie	\$ 50

Many thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket. This is a major fund raiser for the Society and goes to support the Pittsfield Historical Museum. Your generous contributions and support are greatly appreciated!

Cider Making in Pittsfield

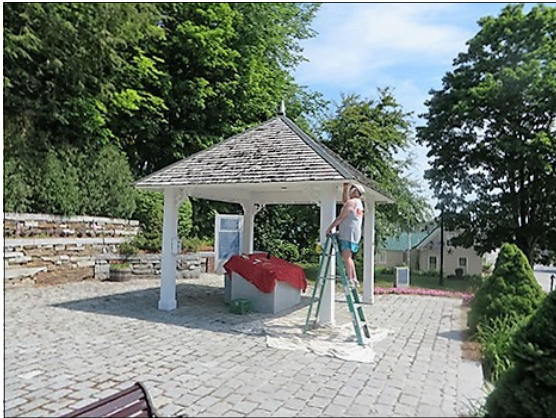
Come join Laurie Houle when she explains the local manufacturing of New Hampshire's official beverage—Cider. Bring your favorite recipes, photographs and memories, and join other cider lovers to enjoy this tasty program. Refreshments featuring cider will be served. There will also be a special door prize for one lucky person.



Wednesday, October 12, 2016
Undercroft at St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church
7:00 p.m.

The Gazebo Has a New Coat of Paint

Many thanks to Bill Provencal and his grandson, Alex Bennett, for painting and refreshing the gazebo in Lyman's Park. It was not an easy task in this summer's high heat and humidity! Job well done!



Mowing at Lyman Park

We would like to thank all the volunteers who mowed the lawn and watered the flowers at Lyman Park. We realize that this was not the year to mow because of our draught conditions, as a result some of you go off easy (I being one of them). When it was needed, you did what needed to be done. Again, thank you.

Bill Provencal

Do You Recognize These People?

We need your help! When cataloging items, we find various pictures of people and places that we can't identify. If you recognize any of these people, please call the museum at 435-8004 or stop by any Tuesday morning. It's nice to put a name to a face.



Blueberry Express—Never Forgotten

Many thanks to all who attended the presentation on the Blueberry Express. Your stories and questions added another dimension to an historical presentation. Special thanks to Charles E. Dunbar, of the New England Northern Railroad for his expertise and the video of the Blueberry Express!

She's A Lady!

Our well-dressed Lady has a new chapeau (roof) and bright clean siding. Thanks to all who have contributed to maintain Pittsfield's historical landmark; it is another Gem in the Suncook Valley. However, we're still short of our goal so as we've asked before, "You've helped us before and we're asking again to please put some soup in our pot."

Thanking you in advance for your continued support of our well-dress Lady, our Museum. Donations may be mailed (or dropped off at the Museum) and checks made payable to Pittsfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 173, Pittsfield, NH 03263.

2017 Calendars—Now on Sale

The Pittsfield Organizations throughout the years is the theme for the 2017 calendars. The calendars are currently available at the Town Hall, Josiah Carpenter Library, and at the Historical Museum. Cost is still \$10. Some of the people in the photos have yet to be identified so if you recognize anyone, please let us know.