



# Members Quarterly Newsletter

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Pittsfield, New Hampshire – The Gem of the Suncook Valley  
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## Accessions

The Historical Museum recently received numerous items depicting Pittsfield's history. Many thanks to all who have contributed these items.

Ann Emerson donated pictures, news of events, firemen memorabilia and an intemperance notice.

Robert Morse donated some class pictures.

The American Legion Cram Post 75 donated an Announcement Board that was used to display various raffle winners.

Remember, the museum is normally open on Tuesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If the flag is on display, the museum is open.

Larry Berkson, Pittsfield's historian, is available to answer questions or help with research. Please call 435-8004 on Tuesdays or leave a message.



## 2017 Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2017 Raffle:

Cindy Gelinas	\$100
Sara Laro	\$ 75
Theresa Chase	\$ 75
Lisa Dumond	\$ 50

Many thanks to all who purchased tickets. This is a major fundraising event for the Society and helps to pay the ongoing expenses of maintaining the museum. Remember to look for us at Old Home Day and the Balloon Rally.

## "When It Began" by Larry Berkson

In 2002, the Globe Manufacturing Company, Inc. ranked 37<sup>th</sup> among the top 100 private companies in New Hampshire in terms of total sales. Only six of those companies were established prior to 1887, the year Globe came into existence.

("New Hampshire's Private 100," *Business New Hampshire Magazine*, Sept 2003, pp. 53-59)

## Globe Manufacturing

### An American Enterprise

Doug Towle, Director of Marketing at Globe Manufacturing, had a captive audience when he presented the personal stories and history of Globe Manufacturing. Globe Manufacturing, established in 1887 in Lynn, Massachusetts, was purchased in 1901 by Courtland F.H. Freese who moved it to Pittsfield, NH.

It has never left Pittsfield, but as it grew, it outgrew its facilities and had to move to larger quarters. It was a pioneer in the manufacturing of firemen's garments, but also ventured into sports togs and snowsuits as an additional business for a short period of time. Many in the audience shared Doug's association with Globe since they had worked there or had a family member who worked there.

In addition, there were some samples of firemen's coats and memorabilia, as well as a book, *The Globe Odyssey*, outlining the history of Globe Manufacturing.



Turn-out Coat worn  
by Bill Provencal



## Old Barns in New Hampshire

In October, the Historical Society featured John Porter, co-author of the book *Preserving Old Barns*. Mr. Porter presented the program, "The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns." He described the "English Barn" which was brought here by our ancestors and the "Yankee Barn" a modification with steeper pitched roofs to accommodate the New England snows. Other barn modifications, such as the "Round Barn" and the "Tie Stall Barn," were also described.

Mr. Porter had wonderful pictures of local old barns and showed the details distinguishing each type of barn and when it might have been erected. He described not only the architecture of barns but also how the interiors were modified to accommodate the evolution of the milking process—from hand milking to milking machines. The audience greatly appreciated the details and history of the barns and realized the importance of preserving these treasures.



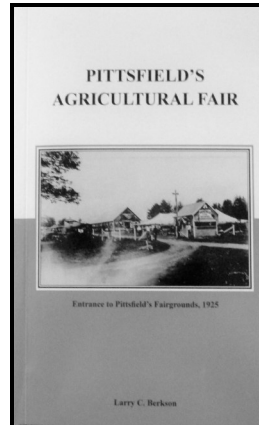
Larry Berkson, Pittsfield's historian, compiled numerous pictures of local barns for the presentation and these are now a permanent display. Stop by at the Museum to see this wonderful collection!



## Pittsfield's Agricultural Fair

by  
Larry Berkson

Do you know a Pittsfield history buff or a person who is interested in fairs? Larry Berkson's new book, *Pittsfield's Agricultural Fair* will capture his attention!



This is the 14<sup>th</sup> book written by Pittsfield's dedicated historian and offers an encompassing and detailed story of the various fairs in Pittsfield, starting in 1889. As Larry describes the fairs throughout the years, he details many events that are not commonly found in current fairs.

This book captures the essence of agricultural life in early Pittsfield and how the fair was an integral part of Pittsfield's history.

The book costs \$15 and is available at the Historical Museum and the Town Hall.

## On Sale! 2018 Calendars

The 2018 Historical Society's calendar is now on sale! The theme selected for the 2018 calendar is Old Time Trades. Some trades highlighted in the calendar include blacksmiths, stage coach operators, lumbering and sawmills, and, of course, farming. An informative history and description is provided.

The calendars are currently available at the Town Hall and at the Historical Museum. Cost is still \$10.

They are excellent historical sources of Pittsfield and make excellent gifts!

## Pittsfield's Holiday Fair

Thanks to all of you who stopped by to visit with us at the Holiday Fair held at the high school. It was a pleasure talking with you and reminiscing about Pittsfield. The historical postcards on display prompted many a story about the town and the people who lived here. Perhaps next time we'll record these stories and tales for future generations!

# *Happy New Year!*