



# Members Quarterly Newsletter

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## Accessions

Thanks to everyone who has given the Museum an historical artifact.

Recently, Reny Boyd donated a refrigerator magnet from Globe Manufacturing, 1887-1987, celebrating the Globe's 100-year anniversary.

Also, two lapel pins from the Corinthian Lodge 82 were given by Larry Berkson. These pins commemorated the Lodge's 150-year anniversary: 1867-2017.



Hugh Sanborn donated a whistle used as advertising by Globe Manufacturing. Each side has a different slogan. And it still works!



Ruth Hammen donated advertising ephemera from Pittsfield.

Thanks to Ralph Eckhardt for a marker from the Improved Order of Red Men with Totem of the Eagle.

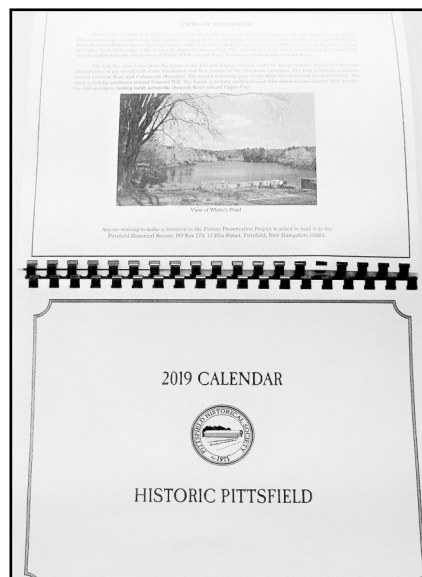
The Improved Order of the Red Men is a fraternal organization and traces its origins back to 1785. It is descended from the Sons of Liberty, patriots who concealed their identities and worked "underground" to help establish freedom and liberty in the early Colonies. After the War of 1812, the Sons of Liberty changed its name to the Society of Red Men and in 1834 to the Improved Order of Red Men. (from [www.redmen.org](http://www.redmen.org))



## 2019 Historical Society Calendar

The Pittsfield Town Calendar for 2019 is now available. This calendar is sure to become a classic, so purchase yours early to guarantee a copy. The theme for the 2019 calendar is Views of Pittsfield and is devoted to selected pictures of Pittsfield.

Much effort has been put in by the calendar committee to select pictures that are interesting. The cost for the calendar is still \$10 and you can purchase one at the Josiah Carpenter Library, the Town Hall, and, of course, at the Historical Society. They will also be available at Old Home Day and at the Balloon Rally!



## New Lights in the Meeting Room

Thanks to Mike Wolfe, we now have new LED lights in our meeting and display rooms at the Society. We are now able to work in this area, conduct meetings, and hold programs without eye-strain. This has been a long-needed improvement. Thanks, Mike!

## **Historical Society Programs**

Recently, the Society held two informative and interesting programs. In May, John Porter, who previously presented *New England Barns*, continued the theme with *Interesting Features of New Hampshire Barns*. He explored many of the features and their uses, such as cupolas, cow stables, and barn bridges. Did you know that the large entrance for cows was always placed near the side of the building since cows become confused and can't find the door if it's placed in the middle of a wall? One of many interesting facts—especially if you aren't familiar with cows!



The door prize winner was Paul Metcalf.

In June, David Harper, a local craftsman, presented *Early Woodworking in Pittsfield, Part 2* as told by early chairs. He provided very detailed explanations of the distinctive Shaker chair, a modified Chippendale chair, and the Windsor chair highlighting chairs that are housed in the museum. People could touch these chairs and see how they were put together. He also explained and showed the various types of woods and the methods used to build the chairs. In addition, there was a quick lesson in the types of stains and finishes used—historically and currently. He also provided some hints—of what not to do—if fixing a chair

The winner of the door prize was Hugh Sanborn.



## **New Frank Lyman Park Sign**

In case you missed it, the Frank Lyman Park Sign had been removed because it was deteriorating. We now have a new sign thanks to the efforts of Bill Provencal who researched new weather-resistant material, David Harper who built the sign, Larry Berkson who found the lettering, and Ray Webber who installed the new sign. Thanks to everyone for helping us out.

Thanks also to Joe Darrah and crew for cleaning up the winter debris and to Larry Berkson for providing the flags.



Ray Webber at work

## **Future Programs:**

### **Concord Coaches**

and

### **Videos of Pittsfield: 1930s and 1940s**

Please plan on attending two programs scheduled for September and October. In September, Peter James from the Abbott-Downing Historical Society will do a multimedia presentation on Abbot & Downing and their world-famous Concord Coaches. The program will feature photographs of Concord Coaches and some of the many other types of horse-drawn and motorized vehicles during the 100 years the company was in business in Concord, NH. This program is scheduled for September 12 at 7:00 p.m.

In October, videos taken by the Freeze family from the 1930s and 1940s highlighting everyday life in Pittsfield will be shown. These scenes include parades, historic buildings and landmarks—before they became historic. Larry Berkson will narrate these nostalgic scenes. This program is scheduled for October 10 at 7:00 p.m.