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

Printer Blocks

Many thanks to Ross Morse for donating eight printer blocks of scenes depicting the early street scenes of Pittsfield. These were originally used in the Valley Times.

Pittsfield Fair Program-1942

A Pittsfield Fair program dated September 10-12, 1942, was donated by Lori Baldwin. At that time admission to the fair was \$0.55. The fee for parking an automobile was \$0.25.



Commemorative Plaque



Thanks to Melvin Geddis for contributing a commemorative plaque dedicated to Judge Paul Geddis

50/50 Raffle Winner!

The Society recently sold tickets for a 50/50 raffle at the town-wide election on May 10. The winner of that raffle was Theresa Endler of Pittsfield.

This year the Society will be conducting a series of 50/50 raffles with the winner selection immediately after the event. We switched to a series of 50/50 raffles, rather than a year-long raffle, so people would know the winners immediately.

This is still one of our major fund raisers, so please continue to support us. Who knows? You might be the next winner!

Building Update

Have you stopped for a look at the new building? Isn't it amazing? Thanks to Dan Schroth and his crew, there is another wonderful stone wall which includes several historic foundation stones from the old Farmers' Exchange, privately donated by a local family for this part of the project. And Dan is currently setting cobble stones for a lovely curving walkway to the sidewalk. The Pittsfield Beautification Committee is standing by, ready to leap into action on the landscaping, as soon as Mother Nature chooses to comply.

Thanks to Shane Ricci, Kenneth Robb, and Dan and Joel Schroth for helping to insulate the second floor. The next step will be the installation of the vinyl siding in April, and the drywall is scheduled for May.

We know you are anxious to see the interior of our new home. Please be patient. It is our hope to have a "sneak preview" of the interior on Old Home Day, July 11. Everything still will be in a state of construction, so the preview will be simple and not include any historic displays or items, just the building as it stands at that point. But please do come by on Old Home Day and take the informal tour!



Don Schroth on stone wall as viewed from Main Street

New Videos on Our Website

Courtesy of Tom Anderson, new videos have been added to our website. These videos, narrated by Larry Berkson, tell the history of the Historical Society and provide a tour through the museum. There is also a video of the "workings" on the Town Clock on the First Congregational Church on Main Street.

The website is a good source of information and future events.

The Society's website is: pittsfieldhistory.com

Membership for 2020

If you haven't already sent in your membership dues, please take the time to complete the membership card recently sent to you and return it to the Society.

Your yearly support helps fund our quarterly programs; the printing of the newsletters, annual reports, and postage; pays the insurance, electric and oil bills, as well as the maintenance of the museum, Lyman Park, and Pittsfield's historic trail markers.

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The following people are members of the Pittsfield Historical Society Board of Directors:

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Levi Gallup	Ray Webber
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We welcome two new board members: Levi Gallup and Arthur Laro.

Levi grew up in Pittsfield. His mother's family goes back many generations in Pittsfield with his forefathers among the early founders and soldiers of the American Revolutionary War and the American Civil War. Although Levi travelled the country after high school and enlisted in the Army, he returned to Pittsfield and married Jean Flanders. Recently, he became a member of the Interior Design Committee of the Pittsfield Historical Society.

Art also grew up in Pittsfield on a dairy farm on Upper City Road and graduated from Pittsfield High. After a stint in the National Guard, he joined Sears in Concord and was transferred throughout his career with Sears. Although he now lives in Epsom, he has participated in numerous Pittsfield activities, most recently with the Interior Design Committee of the Pittsfield Historical Society.

What Is This? Do You Know?

Looks interesting, doesn't it? However, we at the museum don't know what it is! Or what it is meant to do. If you have any thoughts as to what this item is or what it was used for, please contact us at 435-8004.

