

NEWTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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2019 RETROSPECTIVE

In 2019 the Newton Historical Society celebrated the 48th anniversary of its 1971 founding. The society was officially incorporated as a 501-C-3 charitable organization two years later in 1973. Over the past 48 years 147 people have become Society members.

This year, two historical type presentations were offered to the public at no charge. As is the society's custom, all donations received at these programs were matched by the society, and given to the Newton Food Pantry. These were in addition to the society's annual Christmas donation.

The 13th annual Fall Festival fund raiser was held in mid-October. Again, the event was hosted and sponsored by the North Shore Bank. This was the fourth year that the North Shore Bank hosted the event. This is the society's only fund raiser.

This year's festival was again a great success, both financially and attendance wise. Thanks to all our sponsors and attendees.

This year the NH Chronicle TV show did four segments pertaining to Newton's history. These segments were hosted by WMUR TV host Fritz Wetherbee. They are all available on the Society's web site, www.newtonhistoricalsociety.org. The society web site has become very popular with the public. The site averages 300 plus visits per month.

The Society would like to take this opportunity to express its gratitude to William Gallant of Newton, who for the past several years has mowed the lawn at the Village Primary School Museum on South Main Street. His support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Marshall House and Village Primary School museums will be open to the public only upon request. For the past two years both museums were opened to the public on Newton's Olde Home Day; sadly, the turnout was poor both years. To schedule a visit contact the Society at its email address: newtonhistoricalsoc@comcast.net

The Society Historian answered nearly a dozen research requests pertaining to early Newton buildings and / or residents. A few requests came in from folks who were actually looking for information pertaining to Newton, MA. We now confirm up front that the request pertains to Newton, NH not Newton, MA.

The chimney at the Village Primary School Museum was repaired and capped.

As was the case in 2018 and 2019, historic photos of Newton were submitted to the Pentucket Bank and the Dept. of Homeland Security for inclusion in their 2020 calendars.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Landry - President