



## CROYDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2015

We're preparing for our 250th celebration, which begins in 2016 with various events scheduled, watch for details on our website, posting in town office and other places in town as well as newspaper articles.

This year we participated in the Croydon Community Day in September, with the Outstanding Citizen award going to Clyde and Carol Marsh. It was a beautiful day of activities at Camp Coniston, where we use the complete facility, and enjoy their donations to the event including always a great fireworks display. If you missed it, hopefully you'll get another chance in 2017. A big thank you to the committee that remains dedicated to pulling this off, with special thanks to long timers Andrea, Scott and Kevin Drew being the clue to the details and labor needed that keeps everything running smoothly. Those that put a lot of hours in preparing for and during this event, do it so that you all get to enjoy it absolutely free. Our thanks to all and an invitation to others to step up and help keep this going.



Acquisitions this year mostly came from the Gross family, with an immense amount of decades of Croydon history information they amassed through the years, and antique items such as a niddy nobby, used to make yarn skeins, yarn clock style winder, an old wooden jury box, pictures and several books that'll be good for reference. We also acquired an item invented by a Croydon man, David Rawson, who patented a clothes pounder in 1873. He also patented the American Washing Compound, an early laundry detergent formula using left over soap bars and additives to make it stronger for cleaning. Another item came from the Clements family, a 1862 military muster of Sullivan Co. soldiers from Croydon, Newport and other towns. We had it nicely framed and preserved.



Presentations this year were a history of the Coniston Store by John and Gloria McDonough, and Corbin Park photos, by Jackie and Larry Cote from the Newport Historical Society.



Another topic worthy of mentioning, Newport Library was funded to digitize all the old Newport area newspapers, so you can search online from 1860-2008, making finding out about past events and people in area news completely accessible.

Of important mention, some people who passed away this year, Patty Lussier and Colleen Hughlock, both active within the town many years. Colleen and Cynthia Phillips, active members with the historical society since we started in 1999.



We were again entertained by talented young singers lead by Amanda Leslie at the Veteran Dinner at the Croydon Fire Station hall. Please if you are from Croydon with a military enlistment in your past or present, join us for a very nice feast this November. Our thanks for your service.

If you would like to come in to the museum, donate an item, would like to join us in our efforts to preserve Croydon's history, want a 2015 ornament, this year the Marshall/Putnam house in the Four Corners, or would be willing to participate with the 250th celebration, please contact us through the town office or email.

We are also offering the museum facility as a unique venue for small meeting groups or parties at a modest fee. Contact us for details.

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