



## CROYDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2016

Maintenance was a factor for the Historical Society this year. We had been planning on repairs to the chimney, and saving for some time. This year we had 3 hearths repaired, and the entire chimney and top. What we hadn't planned on was the furnace to go, which thus had to be replaced.

We readied the museum for events scheduled for the 250<sup>th</sup> and it looked great! A lot of energy went into activities by our board, many members, many groups and individuals to have a celebration. Grange members spent hours trimming the front dooryard of unruly lilacs and saplings for a more cultivated look. Sincere thanks to all, we just can't express enough gratitude for so much of your support.



The shed was still full, so we had a fall yard sale, and we decided to have a Haunt night at the museum. The spirits in the house had fun with this one.

In November, the Historical Society, along with the FD, Grange, Selectmen, and Church, sponsored the annual Croydon veteran dinner on Saturday the 5th, honoring our town veterans with a free dinner. The Village School



kids sang patriotic songs and made placemats. Attendees always enjoy them! This year, Dave Brothers was emcee, and he did a great job. Thank you all that contributed to this event.



We must mention that sadly a number of people passed away this year. They personally or family, have been great support to the historical society through the years. Long time board member Maydra(Sue) Smith, Julie Quimby, Ethel Curtis, Pearl(Pat)Tuttle, Kathleen Atwood, Meme Newcomb, and John Kowalczyk will be missed, and donations in their memory recognized with appreciation.



Some donations include an oak display case, in memory of Sue Smith and Croydon Flat residents from the past, by the Putnam family. The New England Inheritance book, a real life and times story of the Forehands of Croydon, dating back to the 1800's. Their homesteads included Ash Swamp Brook Rd, and Forehand Rd. A donation by their descendants made this possible. Copies available at Town Office and Coniston Store.

We are diligently getting back to compiling the history book of Croydon, past 50+ years. We welcome help from anyone willing to assist in this effort. The signature quilt will continue to be available for signing and forever displayed at the museum. We look forward to seeing you at the museum, and this year's Community Day at Camp Coniston on September 30th.



Jane Dearden, CHS President