

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Calendar of Autumn Events - 2006

Thursday	28 September	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, followed by a program entitled: " Readings From The Archives ". Bicentennial Building Gallery, 7:30 PM
Thursday	26 October	Program: " Clara Sipprell " with Peter Fox Smith. Bicentennial Building Gallery, 7:30 PM

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SUMMER RECAP

Our Society has had a busy summer. We had exhibits at the Vermont History Expo at Tunbridge in June, and our reading room during the Thetford Hill Fair in July. We had several exhibits at our openings of the Hughes Barn Museum in August and September, and went all-out to advertise those openings.

We got a lot of work done this summer on sorting through the large amount of material we inherited from Charles Hughes, and choosing the best examples in each category. With helpful advice from trustee Chuck Eaton, we got enough done so that we were able to have a 'give-away' last Saturday to which we invited seven of our neighboring historical societies. As a result, we will be able to see what we have and get it further organized.

SHAKER EXHIBIT IN ENFIELD

If you are interested in Shaker Furniture, there is a chance to see a good exhibition at the Shaker Museum in Enfield, of the pieces made at that colony. They are showing what they have, and also show our Shaker chest, plus items loaned by Dartmouth and five private collections. The exhibit runs through the month of September, and is open 10-5 weekdays, and 12-5 on Sundays, at the Great Stone Building on Route 4 in Enfield, overlooking Mascoma Lake.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Annual Meeting

Thursday September 28 is the date of the Annual Meeting, which will be held in the Gallery of the Bicentennial Building, at 7:30 PM. Following riveting reports and an exciting election of officers, we will have "Readings from the Archives", some colorful and interesting items that Martha Wiencke and Lilla Willey have found in a new batch of town papers and in the records of the Thetford Hill church.

Clara Sipprell

On Thursday, October 26 at 7:30 PM, we will have a talk about Thetford-based photographer **Clara Sipprell** by **Peter Fox Smith**. You may know Mr. Smith better as the host of VPRs *Saturday Afternoon at the Opera*. But he also worked with Sipprell during her later years when she had moved her studio to Manchester, VT.

Sipprell was a member of the "Pictorial" school of photographers, who believed in "idealistic, formal" pictures, "well-balanced and highly stylized." She was taught by Clarence White, and Alfred Stieglitz was a well-known member of the group.

During the last week of October and the first two weeks of November, we will be having an exhibit of Sipprell's photographs - particularly the ones she had during her Thetford years, 1919 - 1939 - from our collection and that of Nina Strauss, whose mother, Irina Khrabroff Cekich, was Sipprell's partner.

We hope you can come to both meetings.