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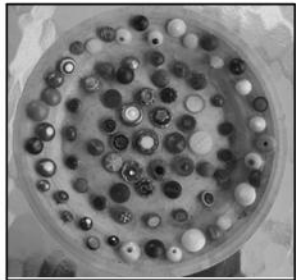
This is just an overview of some of the services that this civic minded group of women provided to citizens of the Saco Valley during an earlier time when many of these services were simply not available.

*We celebrate 53 years of civic minded women accepting the responsibility of enriching the lives of people in their several communities together and bringing their covenant to life—“believing that under God all things are possible, that fear to venture is weakness, that strength comes with every good and courageous effort, holding that in all things, guidance comes not from self, but from the will of our united thinking.”*

LADIES OF THE SACO VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION—WE CELEBRATE AND HONOR YOUR VISION & THE SERVICE YOU PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITIES OF THE SACO VALLEY FOR OVER 50 YEARS !! THANK-YOU & FAREWELL!

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EXCITEMENT ABOUT BUTTONS!! WHO KNEW???



The 2009 acquisition of the *Marjorie Gary Button Collection* (a portion shown above) has stimulated internet exploration and new vistas into the world of button collection!

Who knew that these varied and colorful artful creations could induce button mania and self described obsessive compulsive behavior in button aficionado circles like the *York County Button Club*? WHO KNEW there even WAS a York County Button Club?? I admit, I had no idea!

I am grateful, however, to York County Button Club members Mary Markley, her husband, John, of Hollis who warmly welcomed me into their home for a crash course into their button reality. They also invited me to a YCBC meeting where I met YCBC

club members who volunteered to help sort our buttons and flooded me with information about button history, categories, construction, values and methods of display. *Phav!* There is more interesting information than I ever imagined written about these varied and functional tiny creations!

Sorting our button collection became the focus and program for their October, 2009 meeting. What unexpected joy to find so many excited button lovers!

A few members even offered to meet with me separately to continue the sorting process. I took Mary Markley and Deb Byron of Dover, N. H. up on their offers and I am now close to being ready to begin the process of displaying our collection.

Thank you, thank-you York County Button Club members for so generously sharing your time, passion and knowledge to help us with our new collection!

\*The original *Maine State Button Society* was founded in 1946 and membership flourished over the years. Several hundred active collectors formed the society, which included a number of local independent clubs. At its height, the society was the largest of its kind in the United States. It was disbanded in 1990.

Today, four Maine button clubs remain active: the *Tri-county Button Club* in Belfast, the *Friendship Button Club* in Bridgton, the *York County Button Club* in Sanford, and the *Waterville-Oakland Button Club*. The four clubs remain independent; however, as a result of the increased interest in button collecting, they have agreed to form a parent organization: the newly reorganized *Maine State Button Society*, with Mary Markley as president and her husband John as treasurer. This official state society allows Maine to be represented and have a voice at the New England Regional Button Association meetings. On June 26, 2010 the MSBS spring show will be in Sanford, hosted by

**TIME CAPSULE AT NEW BUXTON SCHOOL**

The new *Buxton Elementary School* will have a time capsule and we have been asked by Principal *Don Gnecco* to help fill it by contributing information of interest about the four schools that will be closing in Buxton: *Jack Memorial, Samuel D. Hanson, Frank Jewett and Eliza Libby*. Please let us know if you would like either to contribute information, photos or if you would like to help gather time capsule contents. Space will be limited and we would like to honor this request by mid -summer.

Closing ceremonies for the four schools are under discussion. If you have suggestions, please call Don Gnecco @ 929-9123 with your ideas.

the York County Button Club. FMI, Google *Maine State Button Society* or contact *Mary & John Markley of Hollis FMI*.— Article written by Jan Hill, Newsletter Editor