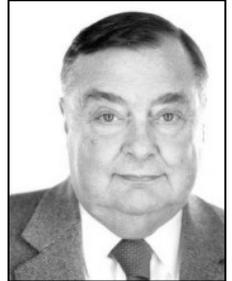


President's Message

Greetings Everyone!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Bruce Buxton was unable to be with us to preside over our annual BHHS fundraiser, the "Blue Butterfly Benefit Bash" in the Brewster Barn in Bar Mills. We were deeply saddened to learn of his passing following a short illness on September 10th. We are so very grateful to Bruce for his support of BHHS benefits over the years. His exuberant and entertaining personality, his expertise and knowledge of antiques, his auctioning skill, his quick wit and humor will be remembered fondly. We will miss him.



Bruce A. Buxton



Steve Center (left), Beverly Atkinson (center), and Martha Muldoon (right).

Over 100 were in attendance at the benefit. Many thanks go to Martha Muldoon who was critical appraisal aficionado solidifying our rescue by antique dealers Steve Kevin Keraghan who the evening. Our sincere them both for an and entertaining evening! importantly, our gratitude Sandy Atkinson, who hosted



Table decorations bring a fun festivity to the theme.

in solving our dilemma, well known Center and presided over THANKS to informational Most to Bev & the event in Technology

their incredible barn, the Atkinson Family, and Silvex Surface for their continuing support! All proceeds from the event are to fund capital improvements to your history center building!



Panorama of the Blue Butterfly Benefit in the Brewster Barn.

Following a busy summer of basement preparation including demolition and clean up by valiant volunteers Barry Plummer, Jim Dunn, Rich Streeter, Brent Hill, Asa Rubin AND the completion of various

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(L-r) Janice Lane, Jan Hill, Nancy Pierce, Meg Gardner, Bertie Ramsdell, Betsy Clay, Barry Plummer (Brent Hill was behind the camera lens)

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Volunteers Jim Dunn (left) & Barry Plummer (right) taking a break during BHHS basement demo process.

contractor tasks, September 5th marked the beginning of the second stage of our basement rehabilitation project by T. C. Hafford Basement Systems.

This project was made possible by a 2017 grant from Narragansett Number One Foundation to preserve the history of Buxton and Hollis. This is an incredibly important milestone for the



Volunteer Wheaton College student, Asa Rubin (left) receiving refuse for dumpster from past president Brent Hill.

environmental health of our building and its contents.

We have begun an exciting digital document scanning project to archive and better access our paper records. Projected to be a seven year project (given our present volunteer availability), we welcome more volunteer assistance. If you are available and interested, come on in during open hours and we will get you started! To assist with this project, we have received donations from area banks, as well as other donations, to make possible the purchase of a new computer and multi page two sided scanner.

There are only two more programs left this season: THE COCHRANE CRAZE in October with Nancy Ponzetti and the Annual Meeting Pot Luck Dinner in November with Linda Griffin presenting a program on APPRECIATING ANTIQUE HOMES. Be sure to check these programs out in the program listing. And be ready to receive a call from Berty Ramsdell about your Annual Meeting food contribution and dinner reservations! Of course, members and friends alike are welcome to this dinner meeting! We look forward to seeing you!

And don't forget to find time to visit, if you haven't already, our Bar Mills Exhibit—All Roads Lead to Bar Mills. you'll be glad you did!

Have a wonderful fall season!

Jan Hill, *President*

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Virginia's Gingersnaps

by *Stacey Barnes*

Fall reminds me of spice. Spiced chutneys, mulled cider, pumpkin pie. While the warm days harken summer memories, the cooler nights and shorter days beckon, and I begin to look to a bit of warmth and comfort. Yet it isn't quite fall in my mind until I bake that first batch of gingersnaps. And not just any ol' recipe will do. For me, there is no finer recipe than my grandma's recipe. I learned to bake while sitting in her kitchen on the red stool, watching her hum and whirl about grabbing this and that, opening the oven and pulling out fresh baked muffins or piping hot cookies. And, before long, she had me wielding measuring cups and whisks, stirring and spooning dough, carefully keeping an eye on those treats as they puffed up in the heat. I have carried on her tradition of starting the day with a freshly baked dozen muffins and whipping up a big batch of chocolate chip cookies as an after-dinner snack. And now, dear readers, I would like to share with you her simple recipe for gingersnaps. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do and that your fall will be more delicious with this delightful addition!

Virginia's Gingersnaps

2 cups flour
 2/3 cup oil (canola or vegetable)
 1 cup sugar
 1 egg
 4 tbs. molasses
 2 tsp. baking soda
 1/4 tsp. salt
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 1 tsp. ginger

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix oil and sugar; then add egg.
3. Stir in molasses.
4. Add dry ingredients.
5. Shape into balls; add more flour, as needed, for fluffiness.
6. Roll balls in sugar.
7. Bake for approx. 12-15 minutes until cracked and lightly browned (**please keep an eye on your cookies, as time may vary depending on your oven).

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The Buxton-Hollis Historical Society Newsletter is published three times a year, typically in the spring, summer and fall. Its purpose is to inform a network of citizens and institutions of the work of BHHS and to foster an appreciation of the importance of Buxton and Hollis history.

VISIT US ONLINE

Be sure to check out our webpage (www.buxtonhollishistorical.org) and Facebook page, both managed by our own "Molly Woodman" for event photos and more news than we have room for here. Additionally, visit www.bhhsnewsletter.weebly.com to see the online version of the BHHS newsletter.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are grateful to Helen Johnson and Carla Turner for their recent donations of several Bonny Eagle High School yearbooks. If you know of anyone who has BEHS yearbooks of the following years, we are hoping to add them to our collection. Thank you!

1963, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

A LOOK BACK IN TIME



Millard Palmer with Maude and Molly. For more historical photos, visit the BHHS Facebook page.

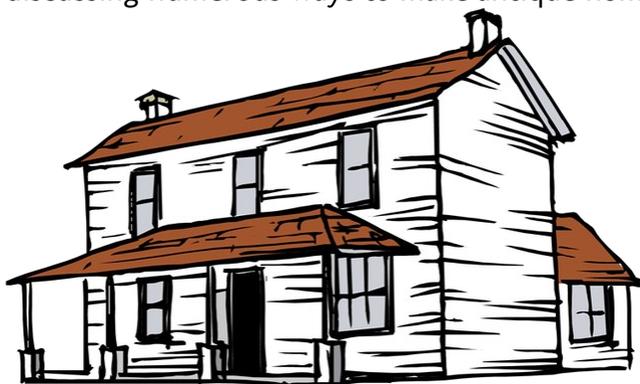
Upcoming Events 2017

Tues., Oct. 10, 6:30 P.M.: **“THE COCHRANE CRAZE”** presented by Nancy Ponzetti. At its height between 1817-1819, the *Cochrane Craze* swept through York County particularly in the towns of Saco, Buxton, Hollis, and Kennebunk. Non-denominational preacher, Jacob Cochrane (1782-1836), founder of The Society of Free Brethren and Sisters, promoted the doctrine of *spiritual wifery* while encouraging *holy dancing* and frenzied *reaping* in worship. Cochrane’s ascension and demise will be discussed in this program as well as his possible influence on both the Oneida Community and the Church of Latter Day Saints. Nancy Ponzetti, historian and educator, is the current vice president of the BHHS for Hollis. *Suggested donations \$10 ; Seniors, \$8.



“Cochranites” (For more details about the program “The Cochrane Craze”, check the article in our spring 2017 issue.)

Sat., Nov. 4, 5 P.M.: **“APPRECIATING ANTIQUE HOMES, FROM ARCHITECTURE TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY”** Join us for our *Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner* with well respected Real Estate Specialist, Linda Griffin of Linda Griffin Homes. She will be presenting local home slides, identifying styles and features and discussing numerous ways to make antique homes more energy efficient. As a preservationist and Vice-President of the Windham Historical Society and President of the Cornish Historical Society, Linda is concerned that many people these days are purchasing new homes because they are unaware of relatively easy ways to make older homes energy efficient. To reserve your seat at the table, please R.S.V.P. Roberta Ramsdell at 929-4529. She will solicit your potluck dish as well, so be thinking of what you would like to contribute to this delicious feast. *Suggested donations \$10; Seniors, \$8.



*Please note that suggested donations are used to support on-going capital improvements to our new history center building.

Renovation Progress



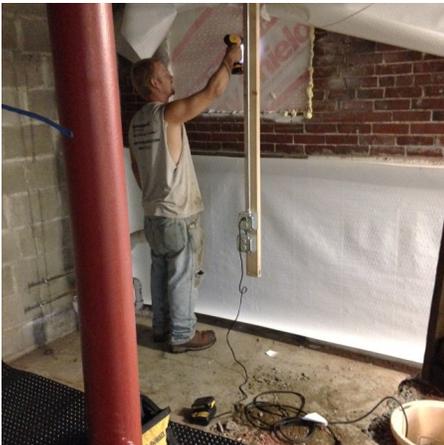
View showing higher cement floor to be removed before new floor is poured.



Same area with covered walls and drainage matting installed.



Drainage matting being installed by David of T.C. Hafford.



Drain line opening for commercial dehumidifier being drilled by T.C. Hafford's Colby.



Dumpster being delivered!



New parking lot preparation by SAD6.



Before: Hole in exterior wall needing to be filled.



After: Foundation hole bricked in by contractor Jason Knight.



Peter Eliot (right) made and presented Barry Plummer ballisters to replace those on front steps.

THANK YOU!

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