

# April 2009 Meeting Minutes



**CALL TO ORDER:** President **Pat Clark** called the first meeting of 2009 to order at 7:05pm with members and guests present.

**MINUTES:** The Annual report was published in the special newsletter sent prior to the Unity Town Meeting in March.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** **Anni Roming** reported UHS's expenses and income, including donations toward the roof replacement. In addition, she noted that a grant application for \$6,000 had been submitted to the Maine New century Grant program. The town approved a \$6,000 challenge grant at town meeting.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- **Jackie Bradeen** reported that **Bev Winship** and **Arlene Schaefer** had fielded several requests for genealogy and cemetery information during the winter;
- work continues on reorganizing the genealogy data in the library. So far there are over 600 pages of information on 50 families;
- scrapbooks have been indexed; and
- news clippings have been categorized.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Calendars - A motion by **Jackie Bradeen**, seconded by **Bob Fordyce** to sell remaining calendars for \$5 each after May 1st was unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- With several substantial donations for the roof repair having been received by UHS, there was discussion about whether to offer membership to non-members giving support. The consensus of the group was to offer an Annual Membership for donations up to \$999 and a Lifetime Membership for donations of \$1,000 or more.
- **Pat** volunteered to have a UHS table at the upcoming opening of Unity Market Day on May 2nd.
- The sign (Depot St side) came down over the winter and needs to be replaced.
- During the roof work, one or two chimneys (which are losing bricks) will be removed and capped. We will, however, look into having them repaired at the same time to save money.
- Fireplaces have been sealed and capped from inside to cut down on drafts.
- The telephone will be disconnected for the summer and re-connected in winter.
- The website is in great need of updating ~ a call for volunteers was put out.
- **Jackie, Mahlon Bickford** and **Betty Rogers** have agreed to create a 2010

calendar and its already in the work with photos chosen and write-ups started. The theme will be *Unity at Work*. Ads will be solicited in July, and the calendars printed in August or September. What a great way to celebrate UHS's 30th anniversary.

- It was agreed to open the building on Saturday mornings in July and August, construction allowing. The roof repair is slated to begin the first week of August.
- **Betty Rogers, Arlene Schaefer, Bev Winship** and **Jackie Bradeen** have taken on the task of indexing the records still stored in the former Town Office (now Nate Bell's office).
- The following people have agreed to provide refreshments this year:

May	<b>Gloria Gervais</b>	June	<b>Anni Roming</b>
July	TBD	August	TBD
September	<b>Bob Fordyce</b>	October	TBD


*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

— **Lt.-Col. John McCrae (1872 - 1918)**





WORD OF THE MONTH

**CHIROGRAPHY**

LAST MONTH: EPOCH  
n. a unit of geologic time

### BOOKSTORE

	Member	Non-member
Vickery History	\$15.00	\$20.00
Tabor History	\$15.00	\$20.00
Set	\$25.00	\$35.00

***Ordinary, Yet Extraordinary: Six Decades in the Life of Unity, ME*** (Freeman/Simeone) ~ \$20.00

Also available ***Unity Cooks Now and Then*** ~ \$5.00



Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the  
Fourth Tuesday each month  
from April through October

**NEXT MEETING:  
MAY 26th**

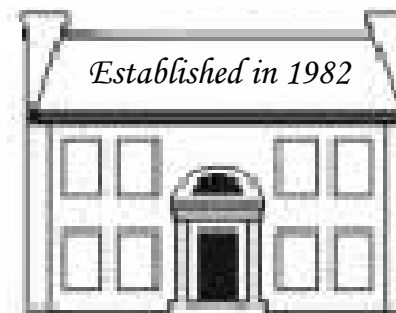
Building is open Saturday morning July and  
August and by appointment  
~ please call 207-948-5610

2009 OFFICERS

President	Pat Clark
Vice President	Jackie Bradeen
Treasurer	Anni Roming
Secretary	Lori Roming

COMMITTEES

- Development	- Finance
- Clothing	- Program



**MAY 2009**

*2009 Meetings*

*April 28*

*May 26  
A History of  
Memorial Day*

*June 23\**

*July 28*

*August 25*

*September 22\**

*October 27*



Meetings begin at 7:00pm  
Refreshments are served  
following the Program

\* 5 week month

# UNITY

## Historical Society

### To Preserve and Protect...

April's program was presented by **Gloria Gervais** and **Pat Clark**, who had just attended a seminar at the L.C. Bates Museum at Good Will-Hinckley entitled "Working the Bugs Out" - how to detect and control pests. In this instance, 'pests' included bugs of all shapes and sizes, rodents and vermin as well as mold; all of which can do irreparable harm to historic collections.

Several of the suggestions are equally pertinent to items we all have stored in attics, basements or garages:

- Remove moisture - keep things cool and dry
- Vacuum regularly - move furniture - look for pests/problems
- Block holes to the outside
- Don't store items in cardboard boxes

Some other suggestions were guided toward historical societies and collections:

- Don't allow pets in the building
- Designate a specific area for food and beverages
- Don't bring in plants and flowers
- New acquisitions should be bagged, tagged and quarantined for at least two weeks before joining current collections
- Everyone has to monitor for pests
- Never bring cardboard boxes into the building
- Create an Integrated pest management plan
- Don't have outside plants touching the building; this includes vines and bird nests,
- Place gravel around the foundation
- Don't have a light by an entry door
- Seal all holes in the building

As you can see, we need to work on some things. It is even recommended that new items be frozen for several days to ensure that pests are dead. As we move forward with collection and preservation we will be using these guidelines.

**Pat** and **Gloria** and the rest of the group were given a tour through the L.C. Bates Museum to identify some of the pests they learned about.

It was disheartening to learn that the Maine State Museum collection has been compromised and it will take years and several million dollars to repair.



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Unity ME 04988

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual dues: \$10/person  
(April 1 ~ March 31)  
Life Membership: \$100/person

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[www.unityhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.unityhistoricalsociety.org)

Or link from: [www.UnityMaine.org](http://www.UnityMaine.org)

MEMORIAL DAY

is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 25 in 2009).

Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War it was expanded after World War I to include American casualties of any war or military action.

Mission: The Unity Historical Society is dedicated to the collection and preservation of historical materials related to the Town of Unity, Maine. The Society makes this information available to individuals and/or organizations interested in historical and genealogical research.