

JULY MEETING MINUTES

Welcome: **Pat Clark** welcomed members and guests to the July meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were accepted as written in the newsletter.

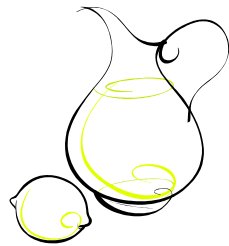
Treasurer's Report: On behalf of Madeline Stevenson, **Dot Quimby** presented the Treasurer's report. The largest expenditure was for a new water tank; the former one was quite old and no longer functioned. A big thank you to Waldo County Oil, that provided the equipment and installation at quite a discounted price!

Old Business

- Calendar: **Bob Fordyce** has taken photographs for the front cover; **Mahlon Bickford** and **Anni Roming** are in the process of soliciting advertising. So far, UniTel has taken an ad.
- Fundraising: **Pat** has been sending out the annual appeal letter to members and other interested donors, a total of about 70 recipients.
- One of our new members, **Dave Snyder**, will be giving guitar lessons in the UHS building once a week. You may have seen his posters around town. As part of the new student packet, Dave will give information about UHS. If you are interested in lessons, please contact him at 852-3600 or davidsny@hotmail.com.

New Business

- **Jackie Bradeen** gave a tour and copies of documents (census and vital records) to folks from the Thorndike Historical Society.



Following the program the group were treated to cream puffs, brownies and crackers and cheese from **Betty Rogers** and **Dot Quimby**. Delicious!

JULY PROGRAM NOTES

Rhoda Smith, with help from **Joyce Julian**, joined us in July to share the activities taking place at the Brooks Historical Society.

The current Society began in 2005 under the watchful eye of Betty Littlefield; a history fan and well-known resident. She received help from her family, friends and neighbors. In a story similar to UHS, when the group was in the market for a building, the surviving family of a former resident generously gifted the Pilley House to the Society. That cousin was none other than Bob Elliott of "Bob & Ray" fame. For our younger readers, Bob is the father of actor Chris Elliott. The Elliotts still spend time in Maine during the summer.

Louise Pilley, an artist, has several pieces displayed in the house. Also to be seen is a portrait of Louise done by Chris Elliott, an artist in his own right. Mrs. Pilley was 99 when she passed on. Mr. Pilley was a pharmacist and the old fountain is due to come to the Society.

The house itself was remodeled in 1904 and used as a double family home; Mr. and Mrs. Pilley on one side and Mr. Pilley (junior), his wife and child on the other.

Volunteers have cleared out the house, repaired and repainted, installed displays. The building has become a landmark in Brooks. Other items of interest include pictures, notes and bibelot from Louise Pilley; a military-themed room with photos and memorabilia; a clothing collection.

Currently, the Society has been helped by Martha Harmon a former archivist with the Smithsonian, to evaluate the contents and get everything catalogued. Archiving of the records is also underway, as is transcribing the vital records. The Society has received albums, photographs and postcards for its collection.

The Society holds an open house once a month. In June Carrie Small Knight, who was originally from South Brooks, celebrated her 100th birthday during the open house! She presented the Society with a Civil War badge belonging to the grandfather, Lorenzo Jones.



This photo of the Pilley House was copied from the Brooks Historical Society's website, which has additional picture galleries, contact names, hours, wish list, and an article from the *Bangor Daily News*.

brooks.govoffice2.com/index.asp

UHS will no longer be open on Saturday mornings; we are happy to arrange a tour by appointment : 207-948-5610



WORD OF THE MONTH

CICERONE

LAST MONTH: BIBELOT
n. a small object of curiosity

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

AUGUST IS:

Family Eye Care Month	Foot Health Month
Harvest Month	National Golf Month
International Air Travel Month	National Catfish Month
Peach Month	National Water Quality Month
National Child Support Enforcement Month	Romance Awareness Month



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

UHS Building is open by appointment ~ please call 207-948-5610

2008 OFFICERS

President	Pat Clark
Vice President	Jackie Bradeen
Treasurer	Madeline Stevenson
Secretary	Lori Roming



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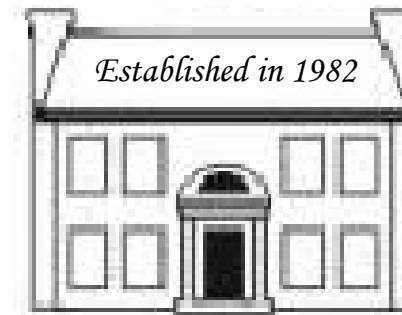
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

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www.unityhistoricalsociety.org

Or link from: www.UnityMaine.org



AUGUST 2008

2008 Meetings

*April 22**
2008 Kick-Off
May 27
Triplet Park
June 24
Heritage Roses
*July 22**
Brooks Historical

August 26
Living History of
Leonard's Mills

*September 23**
Kevin Johnson

October 28
Waldo Co TRIAD



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

* 5 week month

UNITY

Historical Society

UHS is pleased to welcome its newest
LIFE MEMBER:

BASIL BLETHEN
Aripeka FL

And four new ANNUAL MEMBERS

BERTHA COLLIER
Presque Isle, ME

MARIE McCORMICK
Unity, ME

ALICIA NICHOLS
Newport, ME

DAVE SNYDER
Newport, ME

On behalf of the entire membership,
welcome and thank you for joining us.

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.