

May 2009 Meeting Minutes

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

MINUTES: The Minutes were accepted as written in the May newsletter.

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.

She also reported a request for the cemetery records to be corrected which she will forward to **Rod McElroy** and **Bev Winship**.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- **Jackie Bradeen** reported that she had received three email requests for genealogy information;
- Work is continuing on the family genealogy and the "Fs" are almost finished; she requested additional information from members and guests. Also, the 1940 Census records will be released in 2010; and
- 2010 Calendars are being created; Mahlon Bickford has started formatting pages and business card ads will be solicited in mid-summer.

OLD BUSINESS: **Betty Rogers, Arlene Schaefer, Bev Winship** and **Jackie Bradeen** continue working on the task of indexing the records still stored in the former Town Office (now Nate Bell's office); and

- The following people have agreed to provide refreshments this year:

May	Gloria Gervais	June	Anni Roming
July	Natalie Coro	August	Madeline Stevenson
September	Bob Fordyce	October	Jackie Bradeen

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2010 will mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of UHS;
- The Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce brought several "Belfast Bay and Beyond" visitor guidess to UHS;
- Unity Foundation donated two photographs of John F. Kennedy to the collection;
- **Susan** and **Bill Russell** found and gave UHS a copy of the 1929 Monitor along with individual photographs and basketball team photos; and
- **Pat** will be attending the June 8th meeting in Augusta during which the Maine New Century grant will be reviewed.

Thanks to **Gloria Gervais** for the lovely refreshments!

May Program Notes

In honor of Memorial Day, the program focused on the recollections and information garnered from several members, including **Bill Russell, Charlie Schaefer** and **Pat Clark**.

The holiday was first observed during the Civil War when women from around the South would gather and decorate the Confederate graves, thus it was known as Decoration Day.

There are several conflicting stories about where Memorial Day was born, but the most widely accepted was that Lyndon Johnson called Waterloo, NY the official birthplace. The name changed from Decoration Day to Memorial Day in the 1950s.

Bill spoke first about three specific weapons used during the Civil War, including a Naval officer's pistol which used black powder, a brass-sheathed officer's sword and a Long Rifle from 1862. This is the weapon that was known as the "Buffalo Gun" in the John Wayne movies and is about a foot shorter than the better known Kentucky Long Rifle. Bill spoke of and brought a copy of an antique collector's magazine which provided photos and additional information.

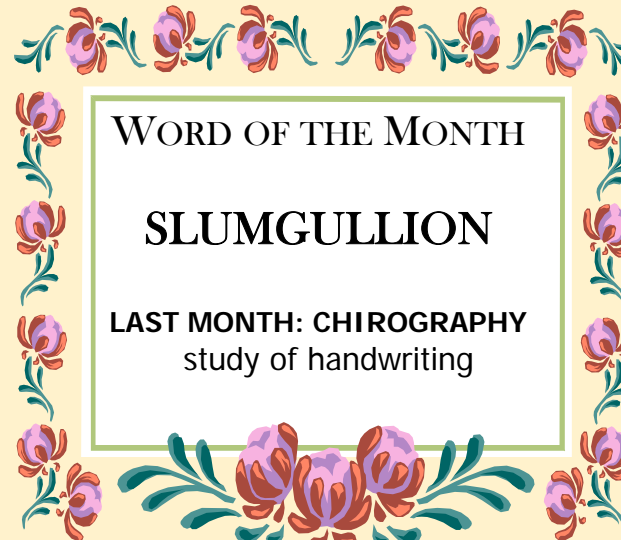
Bill also told the group about the Veteran's Breakfast, an annual event here in Unity for many years. Last year \$275 was given to Togus to purchase craft kits for the veterans along with puzzle books and notes. \$500 went to the Legion for roof repairs. This year more than 115 people were served including a higher percentage of veterans than in years past.

Charlie told us about his experience in the Air Force; he retired in 1984 as a Colonel after 26 years service. During his service, Charlie lived or visited the Philippines, Viet Nam, Germany, Washington DC and Colorado Springs. Originally intending to be a pilot, he instead turned his talent to computers and spent the final years of his career overseeing operations at Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado.

Pat showed us items belonging to her father that chronicled his time in Sicily, Rome, Paris and Munich with the 45th Division (from the Catskills area of New York). He was with troops that liberated the concentration camps. Along with books, his kit included a small first aid tin and a sewing box. Pat said that her father would take these items and photographs to show the 7th and 8th graders -- she still runs into folks in Western Maine who remember his visit to their schools.

A special thanks to all three for sharing their memories!





WORD OF THE MONTH

SLUMGULLION

LAST MONTH: CHIROGRAPHY
study of handwriting

BOOKSTORE		
	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-member</u>
Vickery History	\$15.00	\$20.00
Tabor History	\$15.00	\$20.00
Set	\$25.00	\$35.00
<p><i>Ordinary, Yet Extraordinary: Six Decades in the Life of Unity, ME</i> (Freeman/Simeone) ~ \$20.00</p> <p>Also available <i>Unity Cooks Now and Then</i> ~ \$5.00</p>		



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

**NEXT MEETING:
JUNE 23rd**

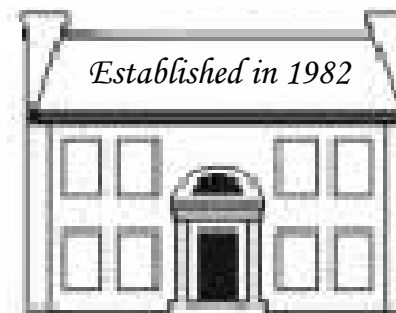
Building is open Saturday morning July and
August and by appointment
~ please call 207-948-5610

2009 OFFICERS

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

COMMITTEES

- Development	- Finance
- Clothing	- Program



JUNE 2009

2009 Meetings

April 28

May 26

*June 23**

*Kevin Spigel
Adventures in Mud*

July 28

L C Bates Museum

August 25

Jackie Bradeen

*September 22**

October 27



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

* 5 week month

UNITY

Historical Society

Grateful thanks to **Brian Gaudet** who is
mowing the UHS lawn free of charge



Our June Meeting guest will be Assistant Professor of
Geosciences, Kevin Spigel. In *Adventures in Mud: The quest
to understand environmental change in and around Unity,
Maine*, Kevin will be presenting photos and discussing the
nature of the work undertaken by students enrolled in Lake
Sediment Analysis at Unity College. No life jacket needed!

Berry-flavored Waffles

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons white sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup berries
- 1 berry yogurt



Preheat a lightly greased waffle iron.

In a medium bowl, mix flour, sugar and baking soda. In a
small bowl, whisk together eggs, buttermilk and butter. Stir
into the flour mixture, along with berries and berry yogurt.
Pour mixture into waffle iron in batches, and cook until
crisp and golden brown.



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If your 2009 Dues haven't been paid, this will be your last Newsletter

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

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www.unityhistoricalsociety.org

Or link from: www.UnityMaine.org

It's a Grand Old Flag

Flag Day commemorates the Flag Resolution passed
by the Second Continental Congress on June 14,
1777.

A design of thirteen stars and thirteen red and white
stripes was selected for the United States flag. "We
take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother
country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing
that we have separated from her, and the white
stripes shall go down to posterity representing
liberty."

-George Washington

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.