

APRIL PROGRAM NOTES

To celebrate the anniversary of the historical house, we looked at facts about Unity from 1981- 1989 from *Ordinary, Yet Extraordinary: Six Decades in the Life of Unity, Maine* by Dorothy E. Freeman and Susan Simeone. We enjoyed hearing about the businesses and people of note during that time as well as remembering special events and the prices of common items.

Thank you to...

Susan and **Bill Russell**, who found and donated to UHS a large apothecary jar which had been sent to John Reed from the State Health Department in Augusta. It came packed in an equally impressive wooden crate. They also donated two wooden nickels from Unity's 1976 (national) Bicentennial celebration.

The special people and organizations that have generously donated to UHS in memory of Joan Roming.

Unity's Gold Rush....

"In the seventies [1870's] there was quite an excitement in town, as it was reported that gold had been discovered upon the James Mitchell farm, south of where D.E. Loveland now lives, and opposite the George Webb place. Mining was begun in earnest, a stock company was formed and the blasting of the ledge commenced. Experts were called in, who, alas, reported that "all is not gold that glitters," which caused a fall in the price of stock. The miners retired from work, and the mine remains for future generations to develop. The certificates of stock are held as souvenirs. The property is now owned by George Much.'

from *History of Unity*
James R. Taber (1916)

Note: UHS has a certificate in its collection. The 'gold' turned out to be pyrite, also known as "fool's gold."

April Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

The first meeting of 2007 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President **Patricia Clark**.

Treasurer's Report:

Madeline Stevenson gave the treasurer's report.

New Business:

A motion was made and passed to change the phone number for the Historical Society to 948-5610. The number will be changed on the website, newsletter and brochures.

Arlene Schaefer noted that we needed a battery for the smoke alarm which was beeping. The battery was changed at the end of the meeting.

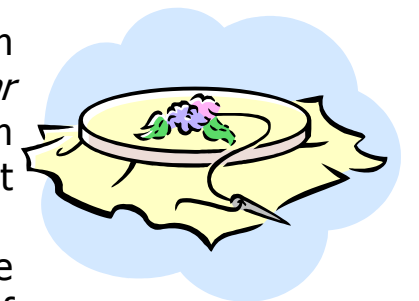
A motion was made and passed to allow the Diane Blanchard (yoga teacher) to use the building on Saturday mornings for \$10 a week.

It was decided to postpone the election of officers to next month when hopefully more members will be present.

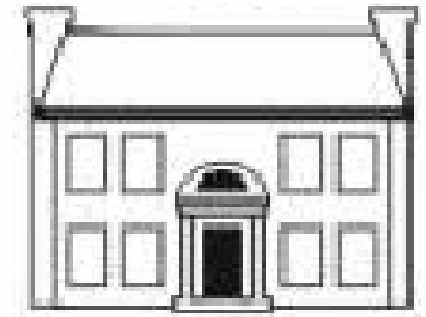
MAY PROGRAM PREVIEW:

Michele Goldman, sociologist and needleworker, will inform the gathering with "*Subversive Stitches: The Embroidery War between Mary, Queen of Scots and Elizabeth I*"; a program previously presented at the Page Farm and Home Museum at UMO.

The two women expressed their animosity towards one another through needlework, especially when Mary, queen of Scots was in jail awaiting execution at the order of Elizabeth I.



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

UHS Building is open by appointment
207-948-5610

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

Life Membership: \$100 per person

P O Box 4
Unity, ME 04988
207-948-5610

www.unitymaine.org/orgs/uhs/index.html

Or link from: www.UnityMaine.org

2007 OFFICERS

President	Pat Clark
Vice President	Joan Roming
Treasurer	Madeline Stevenson
Secretary	Lori Roming

Community News

The Downtown Betterment Committee for Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Flow is sponsoring a **Family Fun Day** on June 2nd (rain or shine) from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad on Depot Street. Train rides depart at 10:00 and 1:00. Other activities include music, food, fire trucks, face painting and a bouncy castle. Contact Unity Barn Raisers (948-9005) for more information.

Fiddlehead Quiche

1 pie crust
3 eggs
2/3 cup Half & Half
1/2 cup shredded cheese
1 small chopped onion (optional)
1 cup fiddleheads (blanched)
Salt & pepper to taste



Pre-bake pie crust for about 5 minutes at 350°

Whip eggs until fluffy; add Half & Half and blend. Sprinkle cheese over bottom of pie crust, then fiddleheads and onions. Fill with egg-milk mixture. Bake at 375 degrees 35 to 40 minutes. Top will be golden brown. Allow to cool before cutting.

UNITY'S HISTORY

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-member</u>
Vickery	\$15.00	\$20.00
Tabor	\$15.00	\$20.00
Set	\$25.00	\$35.00

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

Videos ≈ \$10.00 each plus postage

- **UHS Building and Artifacts**
- **Remembering Unity 1804 ~ 2004**
- **2004 Bicentennial Events**

2007 meetings

april 24
season kick-off

may 22
Michele Goldman

june 26
july 24
august 28
september 25
october 23



Meetings begin at
7:00pm

Refreshments are served
following the Program

May 2007 Newsletter

It is with sadness that we report the passing of founding UHS member

Joan Roming

In her years with the Society, Joan served as both president and vice president. One of her greatest joys was helping people with genealogy and UHS provided an outlet for that joy. She worked with others to catalog Unity's cemeteries; was proud of her work on the library; and enjoyed providing tour guide services to the many students and visitors.

She will be greatly missed.

Have you paid your
2007 DUES ?



WORD OF THE MONTH

Hippocampus

LAST MONTH: HISPID
adj. covered with rough bristles

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.