

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Welcome: **Pat Clark** welcomed the twenty members to the first UHS meeting of 2008.

Approval of Minutes: Everyone had received their newsletter, by either e-mail or postal carrier, and no one had any changes or questions to the minutes so they were accepted as written by all.

Treasurer's Report: **Madeline Stevenson** gave the Treasurer's report and gave us the tallies of the expenses and income from investments on an annual basis. There will be a shortfall of \$4613.74 per year if we keep on going the way we are with no new income added. We will take up a discussion of fundraising a bit later.

In Memory: There was a moment of silence given to the two members we lost this year - **Alice Cheeseman** and **Arthur Piper**. They will be sadly missed.

Old Business:

Jackie Bradeen had the calendars from the Brooks HS and the Thorndike HS to show the group. She found out that it costs about \$3.50 to print and they charge either \$5 or \$10 per calendar depending on which one. She believes that a printer in Hampden printed the ones for Brooks and didn't have any more information on the Thorndike printer. They traditionally give the printer a copy for their catalog. We discussed using old and new photo's to have a contrast as well as the addition of advertising. We thought some businesses may want to advertise on a month when their business would gain the most benefit from. These advertisements had been sold at a price of \$25 for one of the societies. **Mahlon Bickford, Jackie** and **Anni Roming** will work towards a UHS calendar during the summer.

New Business

- Having a wine tasting was discussed. We may be able to work in tandem with local smaller wineries who wish to promote their products and charge \$25 per person as another way to raise funds. **Pat** mentioned that she had not looked into the licensing for these events but will do that in the near future.
- Along these lines, **Pat** also said that a membership drive along with her grant writing will be something she focuses on this summer.
- Another idea tossed about was the participation in a yard sale. We thought that it would be best to have the sale at the UHS building on the days we are open for the public. That way we could drum up memberships, sell our wares, and give tours all at the same time. **Dot Quimby** made a motion to have the first yard sale on June 7th (which will be 06-07-08) from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Members who wish to donate should bring their items on the **May 27th meeting** or the Saturday before the sale, May 31st, or the day of the sale June 7th. They should be priced and we will not sell clothing, shoes, or food.
- **Bob Fordyce** made a motion that the President appoint a fundraising committee, **Dot Quimby** seconded; then all approved.
- Dues: As a reminder, dues are due June 1st.
- Refreshments will be provided by the following: May = Mr. and Mrs. Coro, June = open, July = Betty Rogers and Dot Quimby, August = Anni Roming, September = Bob Fordyce, October = open. If you'd like to provide refreshments for June or October, please let us know.

PROGRAM NOTES

We then turned the meeting over to **Jackie Bradeen** and **Beverly Winship** to give us an update on their library/genealogical work. First, Jackie showed us some donated items from **Mary Chase Giggey**. One item was a beautiful large, ornate Valentine along with a handwritten letter. Another item was a beaded cording from Martha C. Chandler. And the last item was a handcrafted box with a glass top that encapsulated samples from colorful wedding dresses of that time period. They are all very lovely and will be taken care of for the next generations to come.

Jackie showed us a map that her friend found that had the range lines in Unity that had not been discovered until now. They were called the 15 mile lines east of the Kennebec River. This map listed who owned the property and how many acres were in the lot. **Beverly** and **Jackie** understand our need for fundraising and decided that their genealogical inventory would be placed on a CD and not printed for that reason. They have been diligently researching and referencing their data and typing into the computer, after they received notice from any family members who may be able to verify the lineage. They want to remind people that if their family has lived in Unity for any number of years to come to them with any information to be included in this cataloging. They think there may be several families that are not listed yet and think that everyone should have an opportunity for preservation.

Beverly showed the members a scrapbook she had compiled from several individual books in the library. She has indexed them in alphabetical order so those looking for a specific person would be able to go right to that page. She also mentioned that **Shirley Piper** had compiled a scrapbook of all the Unity High School obituaries.

They have done a fantastic job and will continue to work on it throughout the summer.

Arlene Schaeffer updated the members of the cemetery work her and **Jean Bourg** are doing. They have enlisted 3 or 4 college students to photograph the front and backs of the grave stones in the cemeteries and they will link those pictures to the website so that a person could view them on-line. They are starting with Quaker Hill and will have a few completed by the fall.

Refreshments, provided by **Lori Roming**, were served in the kitchen after the meeting adjourned at 8:05.

The enthusiasm of the first meeting showed that there is still a great interest in the small dorp we live in. We hope to see you all next time and some new faces as well. Thank you all for your time.



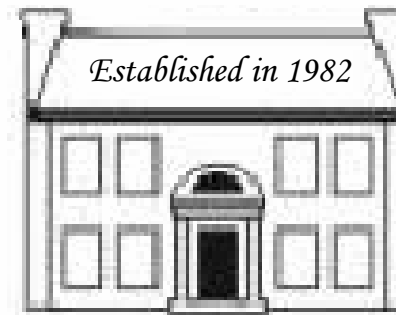
BRIDGES OF UNITY

Sandy Stream rises in Montville, runs through Unity, and is spanned by six bridges, namely: The Douglass, Hussey, Farwell, Village, Moulton and Outlet bridges. There are several minor bridges over small streams. The first bridge at the village which the writer can remember was a frame bridge similar to a barn, but without a roof; the posts were about fifteen feet high, not boarded. After that was a bridge with X-work sides about six feet high, and a partition through the middle. The iron bridge at the village was built in 1907. The committee in charge of the building consisted of W.H.J. Moulton, Frank Bartlett, George E. Grant, Amander Rackliff, E.T. Reynolds, Jacob L. Ames and D.R. McGray. The abutments were built by John Brown of Benton Station. The cost of the bridge was \$3500.00

History of Unity, Maine
by James R. Tabor (1916)

Did you see the article on UHS in the May 12th edition of the Bangor Daily News?

<http://bangornews.com/news/t/lifestyle.aspx?articleid=164204&zoneid=14>



MAY 2008

2008 Meetings

April 22*
2008 Kick-Off

May 27
Images of Unity
Kevin Johnson

June 24
July 22*
August 26
September 23*
October 28



Meetings begin at
7:00pm

Refreshments are served
following the Program

* 5 week month

UNITY

Historical Society

2008 Dues are due by June 1st



Depot Street (from the UHS Postcard Collection).

JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL EVENING

On May 27th, **Kevin Johnson**, Photo Archivist from the Penobscot Marine Museum will share the story of R. Herman Cassens, a young entrepreneur, who in 1909, started a postcard company, the Eastern Illustrating and Publishing Company. Postcards have always been a popular item especially for travelers but at the turn of the century they were the absolute rage.

See more than 60 views from around Unity!

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?
Contact Lori Roming: lroming@hotmail.com

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.

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

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

Or link from: www.UnityMaine.org

2008 OFFICERS

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

WORD OF THE MONTH

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LAST MONTH: DORP
n. village; hamlet

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

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

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