

Unity Historical Society ~ 2009 Annual Report

2008 was another busy and productive year for the Unity Historical Society. Since its founding in 1982, the Historical Society has been a resource for people across the country doing research on the Unity area or genealogical searches. More than 200 students from local public schools and Unity College visited and utilized the Historical Society library for research projects. People doing family searches and research have contacted us by email after visiting our website or finding us through the town website. An industrious group of members has been working on inventorying our holdings and reorganizing our files to make them more user friendly. A full-scale reorganization of the genealogy files from native son, Jim Vickery has been undertaken.

Interesting speakers presented information at our monthly meetings on a variety of topics, such as heritage roses, old photographs of the town, Leonard's Mill, and other historical societies. This enables members and friends to learn more about history in general and that which is specific to our area. The Historical Society was open on every Saturday morning throughout July and August to enable residents and visitors to the town to learn more about the local history.

Although various community members made donations that enabled improvements to be made to the building, time and the elements are threatening our historic structure. This fall the members of the Unity Historical Society discovered evidence of a leak on the second floor of the house. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that there were major structural problems with the roof, chimney and supporting beams. The damage is so extensive that it is necessary to remove the chimney, replace the beams, and reroof the building. These repairs will have to be done soon so that the integrity of the building will not be jeopardized. Donations to these repairs would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to the Unity Historical Society, PO Box 4, Unity, ME 04988.

It has been rewarding to assist school children, college students, local residents and people from all over the world who contact us through the Historical Society website, by email, telephone, postal services or in person. We look forward to continuing these projects and invite you to join us at 7:00p.m. on the 4th Tuesday each month from April to October at our monthly meeting. You can also view our website at www.unityhistoricalsociety.org.

If you are interested in becoming a member, dues are \$10 per person (April to October) or \$100 for a life membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Clark , President

Fast Facts

The UHS building was built in 1813 with bricks made on-site



UHS was formed in 1980 and acquired the building in 1982



UHS is a 501(c)(3) IRS-designated nonprofit corporation



UHS meetings are open to everyone



UHS has approximately 90 members



UHS provides tours for local elementary, middle, high and college students



UHS has an outstanding genealogical and resource library



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

WORD OF THE MONTH

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

**NEXT MEETING:
April 28th**

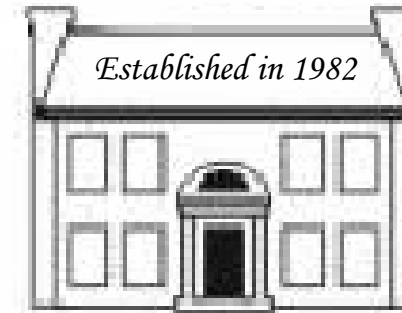
Building is open Saturday morning July and
August and by appointment
~ please call 207-948-5610

2009 OFFICERS

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

COMMITTEES

- Development	- Finance
- Clothing	- Program



MARCH 2009

2008 Meetings

April 28

May 26

*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

UHS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

This fall we discovered evidence of a leak on the second floor of the house. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that there were major structural problems with the roof, chimney and supporting beams. A patch was put in place to keep more damage from being done from snow and ice. The damage is so extensive that it is necessary to remove the chimney, replace the beams, insulate and reroof the building.

The cost of all this repair will be \$20,000

UHS is grateful to those Society and community members who have made generous donations; however, time and the elements are a serious threat our historic structure. These repairs have to be done soon so that the integrity of the building will not be jeopardized.

Quotes were received from reliable professional contractors and a local one has been selected to do the work and local insulation company will handle that.

UHS has placed an Article in the Unity Town Warrant asking for \$6,000 towards the repairs. This amount, if authorized at Town meeting, would be matched 1:4 by grants, other donations and other fundraising activities.

Your support at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 28th is critical to approve this Article and spread the word about the Society's need. Our roof will not last another winter.



Unity Historical Society
P O Box 4
Unity ME 04988

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

P O Box 4
Unity, ME 04988

www.unityhistoricalsociety.org

Or link from: www.UnityMaine.org

*Happy
Spring*

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.