

November 7, 2012 – John F. Hill Grange Hall, State Road, 7PM:

The Board of Directors and Officers will be presenting a revised set of the Society's Bylaws for review and voting by the membership. For our program, in honor of Election Day, Carolyn Bogh will lead us in a trivia quiz focusing on the Presidents, from Washington to Obama.

Refreshments will be served by Cindy and Denny Lentz.

SOCIETY NEWS: Our participation and offerings on **ELIOT FESTIVAL DAY**, on Friday night and Saturday, netted us \$344.07. There was a small crowd on Friday night but those manning the booth felt it was a nice community service project. The fundraising committee will be looking at next year's participation Saturday was much better and the booth almost sold out of the treats baked by our members. A huge thank you to Margie Brown for organizing the Friday night booth and to Skip Brown, Helen Sullivan and Bob Fisher for helping out and to Carol Zamarchi and Sylvia Moynahan for our booth on Saturday and to their helpers Paul Johnson and Zip Zamarchi and of course to all our great bakers who made this such a success!!

Our **ARCHIVES** recently received papers relating to the **Col. John Frost Garrison** from Philip Drake. These include copies of deeds and plans drawn up when it was placed on the National Register. These papers make a wonderful addition to our collection as we continue to document and preserve the history of the town and its places.



We also received some old school desks collected by Edward Vetter that were gifted to us by his family.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 12th: *Slavery in Old Kittery and Berwick: The Truth Revealed.* Talk by Patricia Wall, STAR Theatre, Kittery (old Frisbee School), 7PM. Historian Patricia Q. Wall will discuss startling new information from her forth-coming book, *Lives of Consequence: Blacks in Early Kittery and Berwick in the Massachusetts Province of Maine.* Based on six years of research, Mrs. Wall's findings not only refute the old myth of slavery's scarcity in this region, they clearly point to significant impact of the presence, labor, and skills of enslaved Africans, Native Americans and people of mixed African descent. FREE

October 19th: Barbara Moore, Museum conservation consultant will speak on Preserving Family Heirlooms. Portsmouth Athenaeum, 9 Market Square, Portsmouth. 7PM. Reservations required. Call 603-431-2538

November 2nd - Prisoners of War: Durham and the fate of the Scots in 1650. 7:30pm - Berwick Academy - Whipple Arts Center. Dr. Chris Gerrard, head of the department of archaeology at Durham University, will lecture on the fate of soldiers imprisoned at Durham, England after their capture at the Battle of Dunbar in 1650. A mass grave there, unearthed in 2013, has revealed the skeletons of some of those soldiers-men whose battle comrades are buried an ocean away in New England. Those who built lives here 400 years ago are remembered by local landmarks such as the McIntire Garrison and Scotland Bridge in York, and, of course, the town name of Berwick.

November 16th: Panel discussion on Collection, preserving and interpreting our community history. Moderator is Peggy Hodges. Portsmouth Athenaeum, 9 Market Square, Portsmouth. 7PM. Reservations required. Call 603-431-2538.

AREA NEWS:



The Great Works Regional Land Trust has announced that they will permanently protect 114 acres of the 117-acre Albert Lord /Goodwin Farm, which was the home of our late Society member June Goodwin.

June was the daughter of John R. and Bertha Lord Goodwin and grew up further down Goodwin Road, near Odiorne Lane. Her mother was the daughter of Albert Lord. June came to live at this farm with her aunt Annie Lord (Bertha's sister) when she was older and had a life tenancy.



John R. Goodwin home (now 414 Goodwin Road), where June grew up.



The farmland is presently being farmed for silage corn by Beth and Richard Johnson of Kittery and it is their desire that this use continue. In addition to the farm land there is a forested backland with an existing trail system upon which June, an expert horsewoman loved to ride between this and her family home near Odiorne Lane. Great Works has stated that their goal is to make some of this land available for public access.

REMINDER: Our annual election of officers will be held at the December 5th meeting.

We are looking for volunteers to fill the positions and also for the position of one of the Directors. If you are interested in serving please contact any of our Nominations Committee members- Bobbi Beavers, Sylvia Moynahan, Carol Zamarchi and they can give you more information.