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80 years young! Conway Historical Society  
1935-2015

2015  
Celebrating Conway's 250th

**New exhibits  
are springing to life!**



CHS President,  
Ken  
Rancourt,  
almost up to his  
knees in snow,  
sets up our sign  
to announce work  
on our new  
exhibits that will  
explore 250 years  
of Conway  
History!

**Welcome  
Spring!**

We just created a new membership category, \$5 for students. Our first paid student member uses her skills from Kennett High School wood shop class, Skills USA, Key Club, DECA, culinary class and

National Honor Society to bring our new exhibits to life! Please join her! Volunteers are needed!

We are building this for you. For details on our plans, contact us ...  
We need your support!



**UPCOMING  
CHS MEETINGS  
And History Events**

April 1-30, 2015  
**Bridges of Conway Art Exhibit**  
Conway Public Library

\*\* April 14, 2015  
**Gertrude Emma  
Railroad  
Palace Car**  
Dwight Smith

May 12, 2015  
**Conway Cemeteries Continued**  
Brian Wigginton and Ken Rancourt

May 16, 2015  
**Education Fair**  
Pine Tree School

May 21, 2015  
**Ribbon Cutting**  
2pm Abenaki Historical Site

\*\* June 9, 2015  
**Behind the scenes curator's tour  
of our new exhibits**  
Curators and volunteers

**Save the dates—  
Conway Historical Society  
monthly program  
every 2nd Tuesday**

\*\*Potluck dinner begins at 6pm with regular CHS meetings and presentations at 7pm. All CHS programs are open to the public at the Salyards Center.

## The Pullman Palace Car, Gertrude Emma, arrives in April!

Robert Todd Lincoln was President of the Pullman Company when they built this railroad car in 1898. It is now the pride and joy of the Conway Scenic Railroad. Learn all about it from Dwight Smith at our April program, all aboard!



## Tracking the threads of history

One of the treasures we plan to feature in our new exhibit is this 250th commemorative quilt created by the "Material Girls" of Conway. Research by Sandy Barriault and Mary Handley; photography by Kathy Bergeron and Dick McClure; Piecing and Quilting by Gail McClure." Conway 250th Celebration co-chair Jill Reynolds points out the 38 scenes.

We have so many wonderful items to share currently crowded into the Eastman Lord House, many of them boxed up for years. Our goal is to sort them out, catalog them on the computer, and share them with the public.

Thanks to Allen Wayside Furniture, Home Depot and Lowe's for donating large appliance boxes to layout our exhibit mock up.



As we build our exhibits, we also continue our progress on a number of other fronts,  
And you can help!

## **Celebrating community Getting involved**



**We need your help!**

Please consider signing up to volunteer to help with research, cataloging, exhibit preparation, our attic flooring project, help with lawn care, snow shoveling, etc. You can also help as a member or better yet, a leader, with one of our committees. We have openings on our programs and hospitality committees.



In January we celebrated Conway's Winter Carnival. New Hampshire's State Dog, the Chinook, played a prominent role in our first Winter Carnival in 1922 and again in 2015 through a special meet and greet program and exhibit at the Salyards Center. Thanks for support from the NH Folklife Program, NH State Council on the Arts, Tamworth Historical Society, Chinook Owners Association and Chinooks New England.

## Bridging Past, Present and Future



At our February program on White Mountain romance, Brian Wiggin showed a photo of he and his large family, and told the story of a chance meeting in a covered bridge during a storm that eventually led to his birth as part of a large family.



Brian is a CHS Board Member, co-chair of the Conway 250 committee and leader in student memberships and our CHS scholarship program.

Don't forget to buy souvenir, afghan covered bridges online.  
Be sure to visit the Bridges of Conway art exhibit on display throughout April at the Conway Public Library



The first ten students to sign up will get a free birds eye view of Conway, suitable for framing. Student memberships also make gifts for birthdays, holidays and graduation presents.

Young people are needed to help carry on Conway's history and traditions.

## Celebrating the end? of winter? Please say its finally over!

The first five people to correctly identify the location of this building will receive their choice of a free 1965 commemorative booklet or Bird's eye view of Conway (Suitable for framing).



Our March program on maple sugaring was sponsored and supported by Zebs General Store,



Believe in Books, Conway Public Library, and the White Mountains Today Television program. Contact us for the link to watch it. Tasty treats were enjoyed by all.



Support your local history!

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Volunteer Howard West inventoried our gift shop inventory and found several treasures that had been hidden away including a trove of Conway Village Bird's Eye Views! Thanks Howard.

Help support the Conway Historical Society and the Conway 250 Celebration.  
Call us or see our website for details!

Commemorative Conway 250th License Plate, featuring an emblem with the Conway Historical Society, Conway Scenic RR, Conway Public Library, Cranmore Mt. and more.



Commemorative Playing Card Decks, featuring 54 cards focusing on Conway history! This was our own Jim Arnold's idea!



Both plates and cards can be purchased by contacting Jaimie Crawford, [Jaimie@MtWashingtonValley.org](mailto:Jaimie@MtWashingtonValley.org) 603-356-5701 ext. 304



250th edition Afghan featuring Conway's historic buildings. We also have a wide variety of books, post cards, coffee mugs and other items for sale!



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**IN MEMORIUM**  
  
**June Wiggin**

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**Wish List**  
Lawn mower  
Storage Shed

**Thanks to Russ Lanoie for donating a snow blower! It certainly came in handy this winter!**

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