

**Summer
2016
Newsletter**

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“Of Primary Concern”



Conway’s presumptive political historian Brian P. Wiggin speaks without the use of teleprompters at a recent Rally at the Salyards Center

Conway’s political character trumps the opposition. Turn to page 4 for the story and help us celebrate one hundred years of New Hampshire as the primary state.

Welcome Summer

**Regular Season Hours
July 1 - October 10
Tuesday - Friday 2:30 - 4:30 pm
By appointment other times call
603-323-3359**

UPCOMING CHS MEETINGS And History Events

July 12
Conway Recollections (Part Two)
Mark Hounsell

** August 9
Annual Field Trip and
BBQ potluck
Russell Colbath Barn

September 13
Abenaki Rugs
Cynthia Melendy

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.

Fundraising News!

2015 was a very big year for us with new exhibits at the Salyards Center and the year long celebration of Conway's 250th birthday.

This year we will build on this success as we work towards reopening the Eastman Lord House to the public.

We recently received the following grants:

Gibson-Woodbury Foundation \$5,000 to support the restoration of the Eastman Lord House.

Robert and Dorothy Goldberg Foundation \$3,000 to support the restoration of the Eastman Lord House.

Henney Historical Fund \$2,985 for new office machine for exhibits, collections care and our newsletter.



Honor Restored Memory Preserved



CHS Secretary Jane Rancourt confers with Redstone expert Steve Swenson. Thanks to an anonymous donation the Conway Historical Society was able to replace the long missing bronze name plate to this World War One sundial memorial.

Community Support

Thanks to Arthur's Memorials
in the sundial project



Thanks to the Daguerreian Society for the loan of their “copy cube”

Cases photos such as daguerreotypes and tintypes are particularly difficult to copy using traditional photographic or computer scanning methods. This specialized “copy cube” uses advanced lighting techniques to avoid the typical reflection and focus problems.

Notice the hand painted rosy red checks in this Ambrotype image of Moses E. Saulsbury, one of our Curator's ancestors.

Contact us if you would help identify the processes used in your old photos, how to care for them, or if you want to make copies of our old photos for yourself.



Our 2016 Exhibits

Conway's political character trumps the opposition. That character of course is Brian P. Wiggin who is kindly loaning a small part of his extensive collection of political memorabilia (and insights from his experience in politics) for display at the Conway Historical Society's Salyards Center for the 2016 season (July 1 - October 10).



"Of Primary Concern: Celebrating Conway's Role in Politics" is a special feature exhibit of six four-foot wide panels (three blue panels for democrats and three red panels for republican) set within the larger regular timeline exhibit of Conway and our Mount Washington Valley history.

Our inaugural display in 2015 was on White Mountain Art. Some of these items are going to be "on the road" to the Currier Museum in Manchester for a special exhibit on Mount Washington, and other items rotated back into storage so we can feature Brian's collection this season.



The regular timeline exhibit explores the geographical setting of our story, the mountains, rivers, meadows, and the way they were used by various groups of Native Americans and later European settlers, then the chartering of the town in 1765, the building of the villages, farm life, covered bridges, stage coaches, women's work, White Mountain Art, the rise of tourism, and what the future might hold.

The idea is there will be an orientation for folks new to the valley and a outline for tours, already several scheduled for summer schools, Then each season we will have a new special focus display to reward return visitors and keep folks coming back year after year.



The politically correct thing to do is to volunteer or donate to your local historical society! please call us!

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.

Special volunteer opportunity to process Cleveland papers

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Please consider donating today and remember to renew your membership.

Wish List
Storage Shed

Shop!
Surprise all your summer guests with unique items from our museum store

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



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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Covered Bridges of Mt Washington Valley and Historic Buildings of Conway

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A significant percentage of our income is generated through membership.
Please pass your newsletter along to a friend when you are finished with it. Recycle and help the society to grow.
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