

**Spring  
2017  
Newsletter**

**Conway Historical  
Society  
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**Welcome Spring**

**Spring Museum Hours  
By appointment call (603) 323-3359**



Oldest Conway resident, Flossie Blake, 107, is joined Wednesday by (from left) niece Pam Richardson, brother Kenneth Dewitt, brother Sidney Dewitt and nephew Sherman Dewitt after getting the Boston Post Cane at Mineral Springs in Conway. Nephew Ronald Dewitt was not present for the picture. (JANIE GEMMITH PHOTO)

**Boston Post Cane raised once more**

**UPCOMING  
CHS MEETINGS  
And History Events**

**\*\* April 11  
Conway During World War I  
Community History Roundtable  
Members and friends**

**May 9  
News & Views of World War I  
Curators**

**\*\* June 13  
Movies & Music of World War I  
Curators**

**Save the dates—  
Conway Historical Society  
monthly program  
every 2nd Tuesday  
Snow date is the following  
Tuesday**

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

In January, the Conway Historical Society and the Conway Selectmen presented the Boston Post Cane to the town's most senior resident, Flossie Blake, 107 years old. An avid gardener, Blake was known for her African violets. "She had a whole basement full of them," Asked what her secret to longevity was, she said "chocolate and Oil of Olay." The concept of the cane is credited to Edwin A. Grozier, who in 1909 was publisher of the Boston Post. According to the historical society, that August, Grozier forwarded to the board of selectmen in 431 towns in New England a gold-headed ebony cane.





## Honoring and Remembering World War One

The loans for this exhibit are starting to trickle in, including medals, newspapers, sheet music, books, photographs and so on. Our plans for exhibits and programs are coming together, but there is still time for you to contribute and get involved. Just give us a call at 447-5551 or 323-3359.

The exhibit will be open in May for school and group tours and then in July during our regular open hours. Call for details.



One hundred years ago this year America entered World War One. This Spring we will host a series of three related programs focusing not on battles, Generals and Military maps, but rather on its meaning for the Conway community both here on the home front and over there in the trenches, fields and forests.



EE Cummings, a summer resident of the area, wrote "The Enormous Room" about his experience during World War One.



Jack Ricker, 2016 graduate of Kennett High School was awarded our student scholarship. Be sure to have any history related seniors you know apply!



Did you know March was named for Mars, the Roman god of war?



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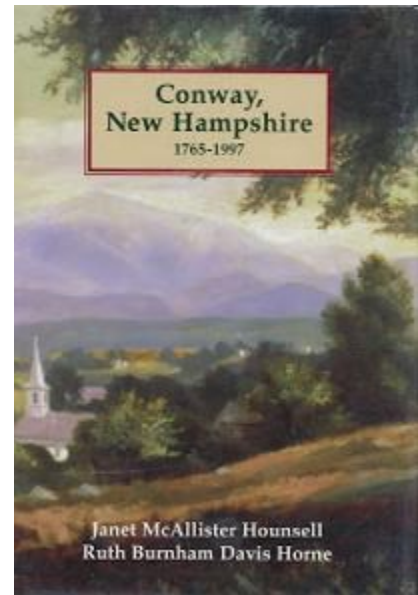
**Hospitality** (open)

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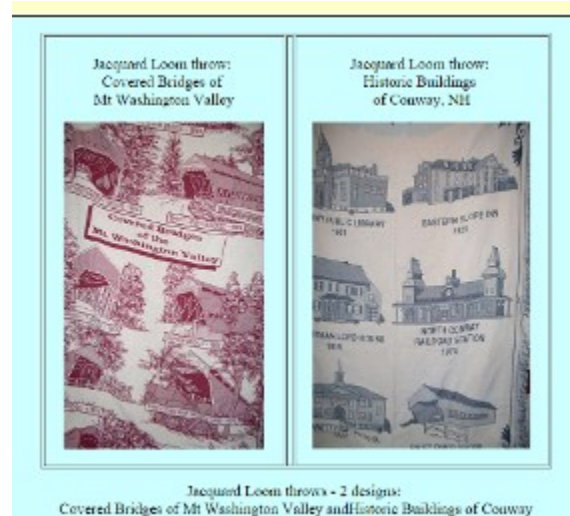
Bird's Eye View Conway, NH available for sale. Help support the Conway Historical Society. Call us or see our website for details!

We also have a wide variety of books, post cards, coffee mugs and other items for sale!



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.

As a private 501(c)3 non-profit, we rely on your support. Donations are tax-deductible to the amount allowable by law. Please consider donating today and remember to renew your membership.

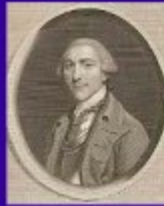


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Our annual membership program is open to all individuals and organizations. We will accept applications for membership from individuals and organizations within a 12-month period.

The Gibson/Woodbury Charitable Foundation welcomes grant funding requests from nonprofit organizations across the Mount Washington Valley. Grant funding requests should be submitted to the foundation's grant committee, which meets quarterly. The grant committee will consider all requests for funding from any organization that meets the Internal Revenue Code as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that is not in the prohibited area outlined above.

- Grant Application
- Foundation News
- Photo Gallery
- Contact Foundation

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# CHS Newsletter

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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.  
Membership Dues are payable in October and run through December of the following year.

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CHS Membership Dues = \$20.00 per person per year

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