

*From the Desk of the Executive Director*

Happy Summer!

Things are getting busy for us here at CHS. We're at the halfway point of our program series, the Eastman Lord House is having some exterior work done, and we held a yard sale with the Brown Church to benefit both of our flood relief funds.

The yard sale has allowed for us to go through the house and sort through many, many boxes of items that we no longer need or do not match our mission of preserving the history of the Conways. This has also allowed us to start many projects on our "Operation Re-Open The Eastman Lord House Plan" and start to get the house organized for re-opening. More details on those efforts in the fall!

Our tenants in the Salyards Building, The Robert Frost Charter School, are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel with the flood recovery repairs. The lower level of the building is almost finished, following a 7-month journey. We're both still working with FEMA. We are glad to report they will be moving back into the lower level for the next school year and get their classes back to normal.



We are excited to announce that we are getting an intern this fall! A Kennett High School senior, who is looking to major in Archaeology in college, will be working with us a few times this summer and then in the fall. Helping to mold the minds of the youth of America!

Join us for our next few programs, including our August picnic! Check out the next page for a full list of programs from July through the end of the year. We hope to see you at some of them!

-Heather Corrigan

*Spotlight on... OUR MEMBERS!*

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to two of our Directors, Jan & Tim Quint! Our Lawn & Garden Committee stepped down last fall, and the Quints offered to take on the task of mowing our lawn and planning out the gardens in the front of the house. They also helped us get a new flatscreen TV and DVD player! This will be a great addition to our exhibit space and programs. Tim and Jan have also both presented their own programs for us, Tim in the fall and Jan this past June.

We would also like to thank Blaine Nelson, another Director on our board, for her efforts in putting together the yard sale! Blaine took the reins and never looked back. We'd also like to thank Anne Getchell from the Brown Church for coordinating this event with us and doing Drive Time! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time for the yard sale! It was a hot, steamy day, but we were able to sell a majority of our items and raise some money for our flood relief fund.

## *Programs for 2024*

### August 13, 2024: **Annual Picnic**

Join us for our annual picnic in the park, in back of the Old Firehouse building in Conway Village. BBQ, snacks and lawn games! Activities begin at 5:00, with dinner served at 6:00. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

### September 10, 2024: **TBD**

### October 8, 2024: **Death Rituals in New England**

Executive Director Heather Corrigan brings a spooky treat to CHS with a look at New England gravestone iconography, their obsession with death and superstitions, spanning the Puritans through the Victorian Era.

### November 12, 2024: **Ski History of the Eastern Slope Region**

Local reporting legend, Tom Eastman and Jeff Leich, director emeritus of the New England Ski Museum, bring their talk on ski history in the area to CHS. The perfect program for the end of the season, as the valley gears up for ski season.

# Conway Historical Society

## 2024 SCHEDULE

**All programs begin at 7pm  
Free & Open to the Public**

<b>APRIL 9</b>	Extra! Extra! Historic Publications of MWV
<b>MAY 14</b>	An Evening with Erik Koepfel
<b>JUNE 11</b>	The Way Things Were: Life in Conway 1932-5
<b>JULY 9</b>	Gettysburg Painting & Chippa Granite
<b>AUGUST 13</b>	Annual Picnic
<b>SEPT 10</b>	TBD
<b>OCT 8</b>	Death Rituals in New England
<b>NOV 12</b>	Skiing in the Eastern Slope Region

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Meetings and presentations are held at the Old Firehouse in Conway village, beginning at 7:00pm. Programs are free and open to the public.

If anyone has an idea for an upcoming program that would be of interest to you, or if you know of someone who would be willing to present a program, please contact Heather Corrigan at

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## *Correction*

In our Spring 2023 newsletter, we showed prints of "Intervale Summer" and "Chocorua Snow". These are actually pastel paintings and not prints. Our apologies to Sally Hatch, and sincerely thank her for her donation.

## *President's Message*

Here we are in mid-summer and we are definitely experiencing late summer temperatures. Some of our members braved the heat on one of those hot days and supported our "clean the house" tag sale. A number of items that did not relate to Conway were de-accessioned and put on the auction block. Overall, we both removed some unnecessary clutter around the house and took in just under \$700.00!

After much planning and searching Heather found two contractors for us. One was able to repair the outside door in the Keeping Room - a requirement specified by the Fire Chief after our last inspection. The other carpenter was able to remove a winter-damaged window and frame and seal it off. Persistent snow drifts in the north facing "V" provided lots of moisture to enter the building and destroy the exterior siding and some of the underlying two-by-fours. Now that that area has been repaired the de-humidifier in the "book room" should have an easier time of it. He will next attack the large window in the office area and a few sections of siding along the foundation which have suffered similarly.

Recall the large rain storm that resulted in major flooding in December? For the last eight months we've been dealing with flood damage repair at the Salyards, and trying to jump through all of the hoops necessary to get some FEMA funding to help with those costs. (The good news is that Heather is now fluent in government regulations and paperwork!) Indeed, some items that were in the Salyards kitchen area (and not flood damaged) were sold at the tag sale as we don't expect to have pot luck suppers any more.

And coming up soon is our Annual Summer Picnic! Like in previous years we will hold it on our normal second Tuesday of the month, on the grass behind the Old Firehouse, but this time we will start at 5 with some simple games, and we plan to eat around 6. Your society will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, and soft drinks, and we ask that the members bring along a side dish or dessert to share. It would be good to see as many of you as possible!

With significant progress being made on re-organizing and cataloging the myriad of items in the Eastman Lord House, made easier by having less clutter around, we hope to have the house open again in the near future. It will be good to be able to conduct tours again and share what we've found in the collection!

## *Conway Historical Society Scholarship 2024*

The 2024 recipient of the Conway Historical Society Scholarship was presented to Kennett High School senior Lily Metz! Lily is looking to major in either Psychology or Teaching. She was awarded this year's scholarship based on her extensive extracurriculars and willingness to undertake teaching activities and working with those younger than her.

The CHS Scholarship is awarded to an out-going senior who is interested in pursuing a career in general history or education with a focus in history.

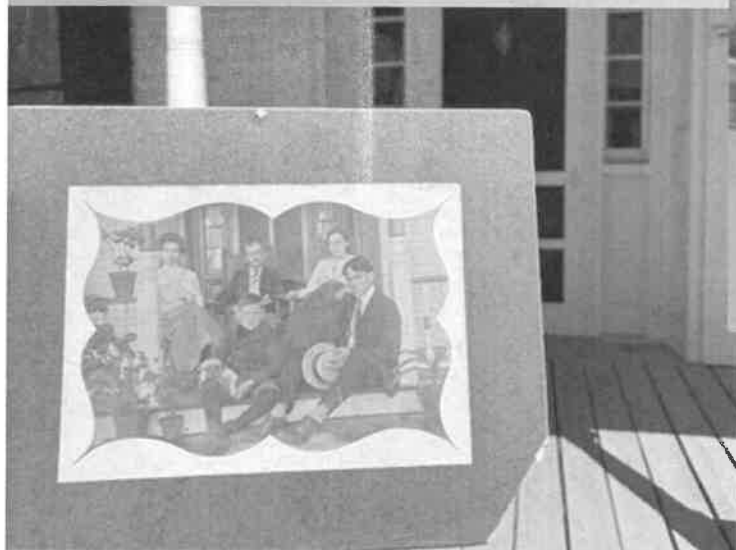
## *From Our Collections*

We're taken on the massive undertaking of cataloging our immense collection. In the process, we've come across so many amazing items that we get to play with!



**Top left:** WWII ration book & stamps from a family on Washington St.

**Middle:** The famous windmills of Conway...souvenirs of Conway, NH



**Bottom left:** A photo of the Lord family on the porch of our house. The Lord family was the last to live in the house, and the house was then gifted to CHS in 1962 by Robert "Bowser" Lord

## *Featuring Our Collection*



The Museum of the White Mountains in Plymouth, NH, borrowed a number of our Abenaki baskets and materials for basket making, for their new exhibit. Check out their website for information on the exhibit and hours. [www.plymouth.edu/mwm](http://www.plymouth.edu/mwm)

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