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You Are Cordially Invited...



CONWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

EASTMAN LORD HOUSE MUSEUM

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GRAND RE-OPENING CELEBRATION!

Join us in celebrating our 90th anniversary and the re-opening of the Eastman Lord House and Museum!

**JUNE 21, 2025
12PM-5PM**

- *LIVE MUSIC
- *GUIDED TOURS
- *FOOD & BEVERAGE
- *RAFFLE

2025 Program Schedule

Conway Historical Society

2025 SCHEDULE

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

APRIL 8	A "Walk" Through Conway Village Part 1
MAY 13	A "Walk" Through Conway Village Part 2
JUNE 10	Mt. Washington Cog Railway & Conway
JULY 8	Annual Picnic
AUGUST 12	Covered Bridges of Conway
SEPT 9	History of the Kancamagus
OCT 7	Capital Crime of Witchcraft
NOV 11	The Grand Hotels from the Ashes

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If anyone has an idea for a 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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Spring Cleaning?

We can help with any "junk" that might be cluttering up in your home! Anything related to Conway history, the White Mountains, or anything of historic interest, we'd love to take a look. Call us at 603-447-5551 or email conwayhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Docents Needed!

With our opening coming up on June 21, we are in need of enthusiastic individuals who are interested in giving guided tours of our museum.

There will be weekday and weekend opportunities, as well as our June 21 opening. Each guide will receive a "script," more like guidelines, with information about the house, family and interesting items in each room.

Costumes are welcomed. Unfortunately, we cannot provide costumes from our collection.

For more information, please contact conwayhistoricalsociety@gmail.com



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DOCENT?

The Conway Historical Society is looking for enthusiastic adults to give house tours during our 2025 open season!

✓ EMAIL US FOR MORE INFORMATION!

✓ ENJOYS WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC



✓ LOVE OF HISTORY NOT REQUIRED, BUT ENCOURAGED!

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

The idea to open the Eastman Lord House and Museum to the public for the first time since 2017 first came about in the winter of 2024. I asked the board to tell me if my plan for re-opening in a year and a half was crazy, or a crazy good idea. We are the hysterical society, after all.

Over the last year, we have been working in the main house as much as possible, especially since it gets so cold in there in the winter. We have cataloged several hundred items (paper, books, items which specially live in certain rooms etc.), and gone home covered in cobwebs and some questionable dirt. We should be part owner of the Swiffer company at this point.

I'd like to give everyone a sneak peek into the amount of work that has occurred over this time. Countless volunteer hours and our own personal quests to get the rooms put back together have contributed to the vast strides we have taken, ever since last fall.

Thank you all for your continued support, and to everyone who has made getting covered in cobwebs so much fun.

Heather Corrigan



A labyrinth of boxes, September 2023



There's the floor!, April 2025



September 2022



September 2024



May 2025

President's Message

There certainly has been a lot of activity around the Eastman-Lord House this last few months. For the most part Heather and Judy have been doing a bang up job cataloging and reorganizing some of the many boxes of artifacts and historical items present in the house. They have had assistance from others too – all volunteers to help us get ready for the opening of the house after a long hiatus.

Now the house is 'warm' (remember, there is no heat at all in the house, save in the office area). Board members Blaine, Betsy, Jane, Gary and myself, along with some members, have helped clean and place artifacts in the appropriate locations and it is looking really good. But that is about half of the story. I want to encourage our members who have the ability to help with the 'rest of the story'. We certainly could use help in refreshing the gardens: Jan and Tim Quint have agreed to take on the Gardening Committee, and they can always use the help. We need to start up the Housekeeping Committee again as we always want the house to look presentable. And the Facilities Committee (with Gary and I) could use some help on the more physical aspects: we should do some window repair and painting, and some help cutting the brush back on the north side of the house is becoming imperative. Another larger task (a long term one at that) is moving some items from the second floor storage area to the main attic. We need to photograph the items, log them into Past Perfect, and then move them up a floor for long term storage.

Another item of interest: many years ago our former Executive Director, David Emerson, managed to 'acquire' about a dozen Old Town Hall Benches. (God knows how much other 'stuff' he acquired but we've got lots!!) The benches have been in safe storage for decades but are the same ones that are currently in use in the Meeting Room of the 'new' Conway Town Hall. Those benches have been re-furbished and are beautiful! The Town will likely take a couple this summer, and we need a few in the Eastman-Lord House, but there will be some remaining. For the right price you can own an historical piece of the Town for your own. We can help arrange re-furbishing for you at a very reasonable cost.

So, lots to do this spring and summer, both inside and out. It is great to have as many members as we do, but your volunteer hours are also appreciated. We'll also be looking for docents to help visitors tour the house (first floor only this year) and if you like talking with folks about history, whether Conway or not, we have a place for you. Heather and Blaine will be arranging training sessions for the docents so just give Heather a call at the office to get more information. There is so much to see and do we can keep everyone busy for quite an enjoyable time!

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