

Grand Re-Opening Celebration 6/21/25



Our grand re-opening was a great success! We hosted 75 people throughout the day. Our docents gave tours, live entertainment was provided by Rek'lis Duo and we raffled off a number of great items! This event would not have been possible without the countless volunteer hours from our board, membership and friends. Thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes and on the day of the event. We hope to see you this summer!

From the Desk of the Executive Director



With the grand opening behind us, the big question is: NOW WHAT?

The momentum of the opening has us up to our ears in projects at the Eastman Lord House. Getting the museum rooms set-up forced us to get organized and now comes the fun of organizing everything that didn't make it into the museum this summer. We have plans to re-organize the attic, which stores most of our furniture and heavy tools, to make it more accessible and organized.

Across the street at the Old Firehouse, we have 5 racks of vintage and antique clothing that needs to be sorted. Given our lack of storage space, we have to make some decisions on what to keep and what we can no longer store safely or properly. One of the hardest parts of museum life is realizing that you simply cannot keep everything. But rest assured, we will find the proper home for anything we decide to part with.

Come and see us this summer! Right now, appointments can be made to tour the house. Look for some small events this fall as well!

-Heather Corrigan

Raffle Winners From Our Grand Re-Opening

Handmade Table Runner—Karen MacDonald

Town Hall Bench—Eleanor Eastman

Cranmore Mountain Adventure Park Tickets—Sue West

Cheese Louise \$50 Gift Certificate—Diane Cook

Conway Historical Society Basket (Throw, Cup, and Book) & Red Sox Bag/Hat/Cup - Allison Provencher

Wicked Fresh \$50 Gift Certificate—Sara Butterfield

Patchwork Quilt—Margery Eastman

Congratulations to all our winners!

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 14	Capital Crime of Witchcraft
NOV 11	The Grand Hotels from the Ashes

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Old Firehouse Building

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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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Cleaning House?

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

August Program

New Hampshire is home to over 61 covered bridges, 46 of which are over a century old. Join Kim Varney Chandler as she presents an overview of these bridges and shares information on the Conway area covered bridges that have been lost to time. Learn the rich histories of the existing covered bridges in the greater Conway Area – Saco River, Swift River, Stoney Morrell, Bartlett, Jackson, and Albany Bridges. This program includes an overview of historic preservation efforts to save these historic landmarks and resources to start your own journey of discovering New Hampshire's covered bridges.

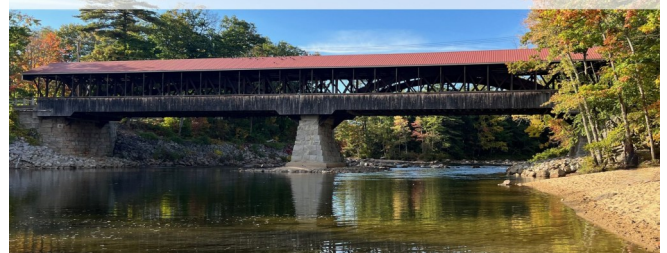
Following the presentation, Kim will be available to sign copies of her book Covered Bridges of New Hampshire.



COVERED BRIDGES of NEW HAMPSHIRE

KIM VARNEY CHANDLER

COVERED BRIDGES NEAR CONWAY, PAST & PRESENT



AUGUST 12, 2025 7 PM

Hosted by the

Conway Historical Society

111 Main Street, Conway



Intern—Hailey Boynton



From left: Brian Wiggin, CHS Vice President; Hailey Boynton, scholarship recipient

We were so fortunate to have Hailey Boynton as our intern for the 2024-25 school year. Her work in the house and with the collection was a HUGE help to get us ready to open this summer.

In return for all her help, we voted to award her with our annual scholarship to a graduating senior at Kennett High School. At the May Member Meeting, Hailey was awarded \$1,000 towards attending college. She was beyond surprised and so grateful to be awarded the scholarship. Hailey will attend the University of New Haven, studying Forensic Science, in the fall.

Thank you Hailey and good luck this fall!

Boston Cane Presentation

On July 1st, we joined the Selectboard of Conway at Mineral Springs in North Conway for a presentation of the Boston Cane. Corrine Page, 100, turned a century old on June 15. She was born in Randolph, MA and moved to New Hampshire in the 1960s.

Corrine was joined by Mike, her guardian and oldest friend. Mike fondly recalls meeting Corrine at the Center of Hope over 50 years ago, and they have been friends ever since. Congratulations Corrine!

The Boston Post Cane tradition was started by Edwin A. Grozier in 1909. Grozier, publisher of *The Boston Post*, sent a gold-headed ebony cane to 431 towns in New England and asked they present it to the oldest living male citizen in the town, compliments of *The Boston Post*. Women were eligible later on. The cane resided with the recipient in Conway until 2000, when it was retired from active use. It resides at the Conway Historical Society's Eastman Lord House.



From left: Mary Seavey, Selectman; Mike, guardian; Corrine Page; John Colbath, Selectman

From The Archives—Recent Donations



This beautiful wedding announcement was donated by Bill Whittum. It features the wedding of Cyrus D. James and Grace A. Lawrence, married November 1, 1893.

It has been hanging on the wall at the Cranmore Inn in North Conway for years. They are currently renovating the building, and the announcement was taken off the wall, destined for the dumpster. Thanks to Bill for rescuing it and donating it to us!

John Kelley donated a series of candid, personal photographs from a trip up Mt. Washington from 1972. They show different aspects of the cog and the sites along the trip to the summit.



Ellen Sprague donated a couple items from her father's store, Cressey's Pharmacy. The photograph at left of Arthur and Reba Cressey, a wooden arm chair used by her father in his office and also a table top scale. These items have created a small collection of Cressey's Pharmacy items, joining a promotional key chain advertising their locations in North Conway and Glen.

President's Message

I know this is the summer President's Note because it is really hot out! Three days of temperatures in the 90's make it a heat wave so we are glad that we were the recipient of a new (or almost new) air conditioner for the office. After we installed it the unit ran for hours trying to dry out and cool the office and bathroom areas. Thanks to Heather for making this happen. Having the unit makes office work at least bearable under these hot summer conditions.

As Heather notes in her column, we've been unimaginably busy here at your Society: the major effort to 'get the house open', to getting the flower beds looking great has been an all-out job. Visitors were really impressed by the items on display, and many questions were answered by our docents. While we were preparing for the opening event, of course, the toilet sprang a leak (fortunately the Fire House fellows helped to turn off the water!). This just made the already planned plumbing repairs move to a point much higher on the list of 'things to be done'. We already knew that the plumbing in the rear basement needed help because the water heater pipes were 'seeping'.

This new problem only points to the much needed repair and maintenance list. We've already highlighted the need to repair/replace all of the windows on the north side of the building, as well as trying to find a painter who would paint the north and west sides of the building. Those are two of the major repair items that we face in the immediate future. As an organization we have been 'fiscally conservative' so we have some funds available to do the work but it is really hard to find contractors who are available to do the work. So, if you, as members, know of any contractors who would be interested in working for us please let Heather know!

Our monthly members programs have had very good attendance, and the upcoming programs should also perk your interest. These programs are listed on page 3, but remember you are free to bring along any summer visitors that you may have, friends, relatives, or just anyone who might be interested in the topic at hand. We work hard to get good and effective programs to you, and all of our presenters are happy to answer your questions, too.

Here is hoping for more reasonable temperatures in the near future, and just a little bit of rain to get the Saco up to normal levels. We are a little bit 'dry' right now, but maybe that portends a really great foliage season as some folks believe. Either way, it's time to head to the beach!

-Ken Rancourt

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