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ARCHIVES COMMITTEE



Three committee members take a breather during their Thursday evening work session. (l to r) Alan Shelvey, Carmine Pacca and Jim Davidson.

The Archives Committee regularly meets on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm. The committee is a busy one staffed by busy people. Alan Shelvey, Chairperson, is also a Director of the Society. Carmine Pacca is a Monday night host and a member of the Exhibit and Archives committees. Jim Davidson chairs the Exhibit Committee, is a Monday night host, and serves on the Publications, Program, Library, Membership and Archives committees. He also edits the newsletter and is Co-editor of the Quarterly. Other members of the

Archives Committee are: Tom Carpenter, who is also Treasurer of the Society, Chairperson of the Finance Committee and a member of the Membership Committee; Bernie Donahue, who is also a member of the Exhibit and Program committees and a Monday night host; Don Bordeau, who is immediate Past President; Dot Whitford, who is Chairperson of the Research Committee and also a new member of the Board of Directors; and Elaine Purdy, current President of the Society and Co-editor of the Quarterly.

CARMINE PACCA RECOGNIZED

At the Annual Meeting of the Society, Carmine Pacca was recognized for his nearly 20 years of service to the Society, including two terms as Vice President. He was an active member of the editorial committee which worked two and one half years to produce Rutland In Retrospect, the Society's award winning first book. As a member of the Exhibit Committee, he regularly responds to requests for his engineering skills in preparing exhibits or mounting floats and also gives walking tours to school groups. He regularly works with the Thursday evening work crew of the Archives Committee and is a regular Society host at the Monday night public hours and often drops in on Saturday afternoons as well.

Carmine is an authority on the history of Rutland prior to July 1777 who is always ready to assist others in their historical or genealogical research to the degree that many call him the Rutland Free Library's resident historian.

JIM DAVIDSON NAMED "HONORARY CURATOR"

At their November meeting, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to bestow upon Jim Davidson the title of "honorary curator". This was considered overdue as Jim has long been performing a curator's duties without formal recognition. Elaine Purdy proposed the motion in verse:

"Although officers come and officers go
He's always here to guide the flow.
He fields the questions and opens the door;
Dreams up exhibits and minds the store.
Publications, computers to him are no mystery,
He knows them as well as he knows Rutland's history.
He deserves recognition - and sooner than later,
I move that we give Jim a title: "Curator".

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS NAMED

Three new committee chairpersons have been appointed for the coming year. Pat McCormack will be taking over as Program Chairperson, replacing Don Wickman who has had to step down due to a busy schedule. Don will remain on the committee. Jake Sherman will replace newly elected President Elaine Purdy as Chairperson of the Publications Committee. Tom Carpenter will serve as Chairperson of the newly activated Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE CORNER

Chairpersons

Archives Committee

Alan Shelvey - 775-4168

Artifacts Committee

Eleanor Elwert - 773-3417

Building Committee

Morris Tucker - 773-7356

Exhibit Committee

Jim Davidson - 773-7525

Finance Committee

Tom Carpenter - 773-3626

Historic Preservation Committee

Ann Singiser - 773-8172

Library Committee

Ann Glagola - 775-1302

Membership Committee

Helen Davidson - 773-7525

Personnel Committee

Mary Segale - 773-2326

Program Committee

Pat McCormack - 747-0243

Public Relations

Kendall Wild - 773-8687

Publications

Jake Sherman - 775-2784

Research

Dorothy Whitford - 773-3219

President

Elaine Purdy - 773-6819

Society Historian

Mary Segale - 773-2326

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

The Society has a number of excellent gift options ranging in price from two dollars (\$2.00) to thirty dollars (\$30.00). The following books are available:

History of Rutland, Vermont, 1761-1861	\$30.00
Early Families of Rutland, Vermont	\$30.00
Historical Sketches of West Rutland, Vermont	\$10.00
Imagine What's Been Cooking In West Rutland (cookbook)	\$10.00
Proctor: My Home Town	\$10.00
Rutland Town: A Collection of Stories Spanning Over 200 Years of Town History	\$5.00

NOTE: Shipping and handling is \$3.00 for the \$30.00 books and \$1.00 for the other books.

For ten dollars (\$10.00) there are gift memberships which provide four Quarterlies and four Newsletters throughout the year. The Society will send a gift notice if you request. For two dollars (\$2.00) you may wish to purchase a back issue of our Quarterlies. It is possible to assemble interesting combinations of past issues to meet a particular interest. Drop in at the Society to look over the possibilities.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REQUEST

The Program Committee would like to get some response from the membership as to their program preferences. Would you please take a moment to complete the form below and return to us with your membership renewal or in separate mail? Thank you.

PROGRAMMING SURVEY

(Please circle each type of program that you prefer. Write in any other preference.)

Individual speakers

Panel discussions
with audience participation

"How-to" programs

Antique/collectible
appraisal programs

Dramatic or musical presentation programs

TV Programs on Channel 15
(Rutland Public Access Channel)

_____ (write in)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Society now has nearly 550 members. We want to increase that number to 600 during the coming year. Please renew your membership promptly if you have a "97" on your mailing label and use gift subscriptions for your friends and acquaintances.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____

Check if M/M applies. [One subscription to a Mr./Mrs. will bring full membership benefits to each except for LIFE members.]

STREET/BOX NO. _____

CITY/TOWN _____

STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____

[9 digit if you know it]

TELEPHONE _____

CIRCLE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

STUdent(18 & less)	\$8	SPONsor	\$50
SENior(62 & up)	\$8	LIFETIME	\$200
REGular	\$10	MEMorial	
CONtributing	\$20	gift	\$200

G.A.R. WINDOWS

The Society is pleased to announce that the entire amount needed for restoration of both of the Civil War memorial windows has been raised through donations. The windows were rescued in the 1930s when Memorial Hall on West Street was razed to make way for the Federal Building. Memorial Hall had been erected in the 1880s by members of the Grand Army of the Republic in recognition of the service and sacrifice of their comrades in the Civil War.

When the Society received stewardship of the windows they were badly in need of repair and it was decided to try to raise the funds necessary for their restoration by donation. A memorial book was prepared and names of Civil War ancestors or heroes were recorded in

return for a \$5.00 gift. In addition, other generous donations were received. The Society extends its heartfelt thanks to all who made this restoration possible. The windows will be on display from time to time at the Society and viewed by request.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Pres. Elaine Purdy
 V.P. Helen Davidson
 Sec. Gloria LaMontagne
 Treas. Thomas Carpenter
 Dir. (2 yrs.) Alex Alexander
 Dir. (2 yrs.) Jacob Sherman
 Dir. (2 yrs.) Morris Tucker
 Dir. (1 yr.) Dorothy Whitford
 Continuing Directors are Mary Segale and Alan Shelvey. Jacob Sherman was re-elected as Chairman of the Board.

**THE FACILITIES OF THE
 RUTLAND HISTORICAL
 SOCIETY ARE OPEN ON:
 MONDAYS 6 - 9 PM
 SATURDAYS 1 - 4 PM**

DUES SCHEDULE

Sponsor \$50.00	Students	\$8.00
Contributing \$20.00	(18 & under)	
Regular \$10.00	Senior citizens	\$8.00
	(62 & up)	
Life Membership		\$200.00
Memorial Membership		\$200.00

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