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NEW NEWSLETTER

This is the first issue of News from Nickwackett, a new quarterly newsletter from the Rutland Historical Society. Occasional newsletters have been issued by the Society in past years and the first issues of the Quarterly were also called newsletters. News from Nickwackett will be a vehicle of news from the Rutland Historical Society and will be issued four times annually between the issues of the Quarterly.

RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Rutland Historical Society serves as the collector and preserver of the history of the old town of Rutland. Today that includes the towns of Proctor, Rutland, West Rutland and Rutland City. The interests of the Society extend to each of these communities which began as a single town.

The Society has a home at 96 Center Street in Rutland City. Its library and exhibit are open to the public on Mondays from 6-9 P.M. and Saturdays from 1-4 P.M.

IS YOUR MEMBER- SHIP UP TO DATE?

If you will check the label on this newsletter it contains an abbreviation for the type of membership you have. Below that is a two-digit date. If it is "93", you need to renew your membership now for the 1994 year. If it is "94" or later, you are all set. If you are a life member you will not have a membership date.

The membership year is from January to December. The final issue of your subscription contains a renewal card as a reminder that a new membership year is upon us. We do not regularly send renewal notices as it becomes quite expensive to do so.

The annual dues categories are:

SUSTaining - \$125.00
BUSiness - \$125.00
SPONSoring - \$50.00
CONTRibuting - \$20.00
REGular - \$10.00
SENIor Citizen (62 & up) - \$8.00
STUdent (18 & under) - \$8.00

There are two one-payment categories:

LIFEtime - \$200.00
MEMorial gift - \$200.00

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MEMBERS - THE LIFEBLOOD OF AN ORGANIZATION

Members are important because they are an important source of financial support for the Rutland Historical Society. But the participation of members in the activities of the various committees is even more crucial.

The Rutland Historical Society is an all-volunteer organization. There are no employees. Could the Society use more help? Of course it could! With more help there are a number of projects that the Society could initiate to share the history of this community with a wider public.

If you would like to help, the Society can train you. Call the appropriate chairperson for further information. (See **Committee Corner** on this page).

This year the Membership Committee of the Society is asking current members to not only get involved in some committee work but to recruit at least **one additional** member. This could be a neighbor, a friend, a relative, a co-worker etc. Maybe this new member would join you in some committee work.

WHAT'S SHOWING?

"A Place Called Rutland", the current exhibit at Nickwackett, will continue through the 1994 summer season. The Exhibit Committee has had requests to extend the time of this exhibit through September. If you haven't visited it, this summer will be your last chance.

The exhibit shows the places in the original town of Rutland that were centers of activity at different periods up to the breakup of the original town into four communities in 1886-1892.

SCHOOL VISITS

May was a busy month at the Society. Over 100 young people from Rutland schools visited the exhibit. On May 24th the Society hosted 80 sixth graders from Northwest School. A walking tour of Center and Washington Streets was also given to this group. On May 31st 25 third graders from Dana School visited the exhibit.

COMMITTEE CORNER

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Archives Committee -
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DISCOUNT ADMISSION PROGRAM FOR SOCIETY MEMBERS - 1994

Although the Rutland Historical Society never charges any admission to its facilities, many other institutions do charge. The Society is a member of the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance which has begun a new program of discount admissions at other member institutions. A single member may expect a single discount of 10% on admission only at the following participating VMGA institutions. This applies only to individual members and regular admission.

If you would like a Rutland Historical Society membership card in order to take advantage of this discount program, please contact **Helen Davidson at (802) 773-7525** or mail your request to Rutland Historical Society, 96 Center St., Rutland, VT 05701-0423. You must carry a current membership card to obtain this discount. Please enclose a self-addressed envelope or arrange to pick up at the Society. Please allow a few days for response.

Adirondack Museum, NY (\$10 adult, \$9 seniors, \$6 age 7-16, free under 7 yrs. old)
 American Museum of Fly Fishing, Manchester (\$2 adult, suggested donation)
 American Precision Museum, Windsor (\$3.50 adult, \$3.00 seniors, \$2 age 6-12, free under 6)
 Bennington Museum, Bennington (\$5 adult, \$4 seniors, \$12 family, free under 12)
 Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock (\$6 adult, \$5 seniors, \$3 child over 6, free under 6)
 Birds of Vermont Museum, Richmond (\$3.50 adult, \$3 seniors, \$1.50 child under 12)
 Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Brattleboro (\$2 adult, \$1 seniors/students, child free)
 Discovery Museum, Essex Junction (\$3, \$2 seniors and child 2-14)
 Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington (\$3.50 adult, \$3 seniors, \$2 child)
 Fairbanks Museum, St. Johnsbury (\$4 adult, \$3 seniors, \$2.50 child under 17, \$9 family.
 Additional charge of \$1.50 for Planetarium)
 Farrar Mansur House, Weston (Admission not yet set)
 Fort Ticonderoga, NY (\$7 adult, \$6.30 seniors, \$5 age 10-13, child free under 10)
 Helen Day Art Center, Stowe (\$2 adult, \$1 child, \$.50 students)
 Hildene, Manchester (\$6 adult, \$2 ages 6-14, child free under 6)
 Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Basin Harbor (\$3 adult, \$2 seniors, free under 12)
 Montshire Museum, Norwich (\$5 adult, \$3 ages 3-17)
 New England Maple Museum, Pittsford (\$1.50 adult, \$1.25 seniors, \$.50 ages 6-12)
 Norman Rockwell Museum, Rutland (\$2.50 adult, \$2 seniors, \$.75 ages 8-16)
 Old Stone House, Brownington (\$3 adult, \$1 child under 12)
 Park Mc-Cullough House, N. Bennington (\$5 adult)
 Robert Hull Fleming Museum, Burlington (\$2 suggested donation, child free)
 Rokeby, N. Ferrisburgh (\$4 adult, \$3 students/seniors, \$1 child under 12)
 St. Albans Historical Society, St. Albans (\$2 adult, child under 12 free)
 Shelburne Farms, Shelburne (\$6.50 adult, \$2 seniors, \$3 child under 3. For the farm yard and
 walking tour only, \$4 adult, \$3 child under 3)
 Shelburne Museum, Shelburne (\$15 adult, \$6 age 6-14, under 14 free)
 Sheldon Museum, Middlebury (\$3.50 adult, \$3 seniors/students, \$.50 under 12, \$7 family)
 Southern Vermont Art Center, Manchester (\$3 adult, \$.50 students, child free)
 Stratton Arts Festival, Stratton (\$6 adult, \$5 seniors, \$4 students, free under 16)
 Vermont Historical Society, Montpelier (\$3 adult, \$2 seniors/students, free under 6)
 Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Woodstock (\$5 adult, \$1 child, free under 5)
 Vermont Marble Exhibit, Proctor (\$3.50 adult, \$2.50 seniors, \$2 students, \$1 child)
 Wilson Castle, W. Rutland (\$6 adult, \$5.50 seniors, \$2 ages 6-12, under 6 free)
 T.W. Wood Art Gallery, Montpelier (\$2 adult)
 Woodstock Historical Society, Woodstock (\$3.50 adult, \$2.50 senior, \$1 student, free under 5)

If you visited all 34 institutions and received the 10% discount on one regular adult admission you would save over \$14.00.

ARCHIVES WORKSHOP

Ten members of the Archives Committee, all the members of the Library Committee and three Board members attended a day-long workshop on archives on Saturday 7 May 1994 at Nickwackett. Polly Darnell, from the Sheldon Museum in Middlebury provided an excellent and thorough beginning for new members of the Archives Committee.

BASEBALL IN RUTLAND

The Society recently assisted WCAX-TV to obtain pictures of material pertaining to the Rutland Royals baseball team for a special on professional baseball in Vermont. In gathering this information it became apparent that "The History of Baseball in Rutland" is a sizeable topic worthy of a major research project. Those interested in such a task should contact the Editor.

VIDEO WORKSHOP

Seven Society members attended a Vermont Museum & Gallery Alliance sponsored workshop on Saturday 21 May 1994 at Nickwackett on the uses of video in a local historical society. Gloria Gil, videographer from Burlington, provided an interesting consultation that led to numerous exciting ideas for the use of video in exhibits, school and public programs, and making the Society collections more accessible. Persons interested in video use in the Society should contact Jim Davidson at 773-7525. There are enough ideas for a dozen people. A major goal is to produce a series of programs for cable TV on topics of Rutland's history.

COMPUTER

The Society now has a MAC computer and a laser printer. A new database keeps track of membership information and prints the labels for all mailings. The MAC was also used to prepare this newsletter.

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