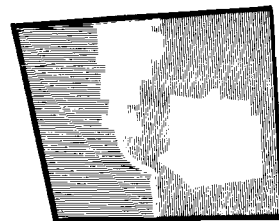


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CENTER STREET ALLEY OLD TIME SONGS SINGALONG: On Friday, May 27, the Society will present an old time songs Singalong in the Center Street Alley. Singing will begin as soon as it's dark enough to read the words to the first of 36 old time favorites projected onto a screen. Featured will be the chorus of the "Peppermint Pipers" in full costume, the Rutland Senior Chorus, and area barbershoppers who will join in a "Reunion Chorus". Judges George Covalt, Ethel Stearns and Chairman Carleton Wilson will award prizes to one lady, one gentleman and one couple in "Gay 90's" costume. Lemonade will be on sale for 2 cents; the rest is free. Bring a folding chair and a friend, enjoy an evening of music and help make the Singalong an annual event.

BENNINGTON MUSEUM EXHIBITION IN RUTLAND: "The Shaping of Vermont: From the Wilderness to the Centennial 1749 - 1877", an exhibition presented by the Bennington Museum, will be on view in Rutland from May 27 to July 29 at the Thrall Chapel of the Methodist Church located at the head of Cottage Street. Visiting hours will be from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. on Thursdays. The Exhibition documents the early history of Vermont through an examination of the maps and mapmakers who helped shape the state out of an uncharted wilderness. It includes early surveying instruments, engraving plates, portraits of the mapmakers, and a globe of James Wilson of Bradford, the first American globemaker. The Shaping of Vermont, a 180 page book by J. Kevin Graffagnino containing full page reproductions of early Vermont maps, also accompanies the Exhibition. Visitors are requested to use the Chestnut Street entrance to the Methodist Chapel.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In October, 1970, the Rutland Historical Society published its first newsletter to communicate with its membership. Vol. III, No.2 of the publication became the "Rutland Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter" and was published quarterly. The title of Vol. III No. 4 was simplified to the "Rutland Historical Society Quarterly". The Quarterly, which is now a formal historical journal, no longer serves its original function of informing the membership about activities of the Society.

Now in its second decade, the Society again requires a means to better communicate with its members. This Newsletter is designed to meet this need. It will currently publish on an "as needed" basis. If required, it could be issued as many as four to six times a year.

The future of this newsletter will depend a great deal on its improvement of communication between the Society's many members and its officers and directors. To be effective it requires your contribution in the form of articles and announcements, your comments and criticism. Please respond by telephone or by mail to: EDITOR, Herb Downing, PO Box 6045, Rutland, Vt. 05701 or Tel. (802) 775-6511.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: When the Rutland Historical Society was founded in 1969 the comment was made that the members would have to decide if they were going to be a Society or support a Society. In the early years it became apparent that the relatively small membership had to do both. The founding members met that challenge. Today the Society has grown many times in its membership, its collections and its activities. As it moves into its second decade it needs not only financial support but also the active involvement of many more of its members in the work of the Society.

Often organizations ask members to serve on committees. So does your Society. However, we have found that members often find that such time commitments are difficult. On the other hand when asked occasionally to give a couple of hours of time on a specific task, there has been an almost unanimous positive response from the membership. We

plan to ask more of you more often to help in the work of the Society. But don't wait to be asked if there is something you can and will do.

Many members also would like to help but feel that they don't have the necessary skills. The Society is planning to offer a series of workshop programs in which members who know how to do things can provide interested members with the knowledge and training necessary to be involved in the Society's various activities. Many of these skills may provide not only personal value but also career benefits. If you are interested in our workshop series let us hear from you.

This Newsletter will periodically inform members of the Society's needs for help. Will you think about what you can do to help when we call upon you? Remember that the Society is as much yours as it is mine.

Jim Davidson

President

WANTED: Members to help host the museum exhibit at the Thrall Chapel. If you can help for one or more days call Louise Adams (802) 773-9214.

CONSTITUTION: At the Annual Business Meeting of the Society in October, 1982, a revised Constitution was approved. Copies are available upon request to Secretary David Zsido at 101 Center Street, Rutland, Vt. 05701.

COMMITTEES: An Ad Hoc Marketing Committee has been formed for planning, designing and overseeing the sale of items for the benefit of the Society (eg. reproduced photos, Society publications, special historical reproductions etc.). Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact Jim Davidson (802)773-7525 for more information.

A Telephone Subcommittee of the Personnel Committee is being formed to make it possible to contact the membership regarding tasks and activities on short notice. Many hands can make this an effective network and a light task. Persons interested in serving on this subcommittee should contact Jim Davidson (802)773-7525.

HOW TO DO IT SERIES: Following is a draft outline for the first of a series of workshops to be offered by the Society to members and others

interested in acquiring skills necessary to become more involved in the Society's various activities. Those interested in learning more about exhibits are encouraged to contact Eleanor Elwert, Exhibit Chairperson, at (802)773-3417.

"YOU TOO CAN BECOME AN EFFECTIVE EXHIBITOR"

1. EXHIBIT CONCEPTS

- A. Artifacts and text
- B. Color and lighting
- C. Sound and movement

2 EXHIBIT TECHNIQUES

- A. Case, frame, surface or support
 - 1. Types and uses
 - 2. Security
 - 3. Creative construction
- B. The exhibit environment (color, lighting, movement and sound)
- C. Relating the parts of the exhibit to the whole.

3. EXHIBIT THEMES

- A. Types: chronological
 - topical
 - other
- B. How to develop a theme: the creative questioning process

4. EXHIBIT PROGRAMMING AND PUBLICITY

5. EXHIBIT WORKSHOP SESSIONS

- hands-on development of an exhibit individually and/or in small groups from topic selection to theme development and technique.

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Auld Lang Syne + Beer Barrell Polka + Bells are Ringing for Me and My Gal +
 Bye Bye Blackbird + By the Light of the Silvery Moon + Darktown Strutters Ball

OLD TIME SONGS

+ Just a Song at Twilight + Let Me Call You Sweetheart + Let the Rest of the
 World Go By + Long, Long Trail A winding + Memories of Moonlight Bay + Show Me
 the Way to Go Home + Smiles + Sweet Ad

SING ALONG

When You Were a Toddler + When Your Hair Has Turned To Silver + Yankee Doodle
 Dandy + You Are My Sunshine + Watch The Words On The Wall and Just Singalong!

PRIZES

To: One Lady, One Gent, One Lady/Gent Couple for "GAY 90's" COSTUMES. Judges: George Covatt, Ethel Stearns and Chairman, Carleton Wilson.

EXTRAS

"PEPPERMINT PIPERS" Chorus in full costume - All area BARBERSHOPPERS invited to one REUNION CHORUS" — One selection from "WESTSIDE STORY" upcoming in THE ALLEY.

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CENTER STREET ALLEY

WHEN?

- **DATE:** Friday, May 27th.
Listen to WHWB/WSYB if weather threatens.
- **TIME:** Dark enough to read song-words on screen.
- **SUGGESTION:**
Bring your own folding chair !