## NEWS FROM NICKWACKETT **RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2001**

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## SPRING 2001 PROGRAMS

The Society has announced its Spring RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY 2001 program series.

THE SOCIETY, 96 CENTER STREET will focus on a late 19th Century [Quarterly Vol. 29 No. of the information, the new owners found Historical Society. information on the architect and the building. This program is sponsored by **THE** the Rutland Historical Society.

# STATE COLLEGE

"Hands on the Land" - Jan Albers, put, icles the changes time has brought to Vermont Council On the Humanities. Vermont's land and economy and prompts us to look at how decisions of today will determine the Vermont of tomorrow. Books and author signings will be available. This program is co-sponsored by the Castleton State College Library and the Rutland Historical Society.

Program Committee of the SATURDAY 21 APRIL 1:00 P.M.

"A History of Baseball" - Thomas Altherr. The Metropolitan State THURSDAY 5 APRIL 7:00 P.M. College, Denver CO. Dr. Altherr is a RUTLAND HISTORICAL Rutland Historical Society member who specializes in Vermont History "A History of Fern Cottage: The and the history of baseball. He is the Home of Zulma Dorr and Her author of "The Fanatics in Grand Husband William Steele" - Kevin Conclave: The Rutland, Vermont, Free Morgan, The Becomings. This program or Reform Convention of 1858" 31 His Rutland home which has recently presentation will include some notice of been purchased for use by The local baseball history. This present-Becomings. In researching the history ation is co-sponsored by the Vermont building for restoration Historical Society and the Rutland

#### local builders as well as plans for the **THURSDAY 26 APRIL** 7:00 P.M. RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 96 CENTER STREET

Century American Popular "19th THURSDAY 19 APRIL 7:00 P.M. Music" Eric Bye, musician. This **THE OLD CHAPEL, CASTLETON** presentation considers various types of music, the uses to which they were settings and performers. author of the book, "Hands on the instruments, and their significance in Land," a magnificently illustrated American life. Included are war songs, history of the Vermont landscape. Ms. religious songs, work songs, slave Albers will present an interactive slide tunes, and songs for entertainment. show based on her book. This program Several tunes will be performed live on captures the "essence of Vermont, period instruments. This program is and how inextricably linked are its sponsored by the Rutland Historical land, people, and way of life." It chron-Society with assistance from the

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## "HISTORICALLY SPEAKING" ON CHANNEL 15 IN RUTLAND

The Society continues to produce a new program of "Historically Speaking" on Channel 15 each month. The programs can be seen every Wednesday at 4:00 P.M., Thursday at 1:30 P.M. and Friday at 7:30 P.M. Videotapes of the following episodes can be obtained from Channel 15. Call (802) 747-0151 for further information.

Episode # 20 - Dorothy Whitford, Chairperson of the Society's Ad Hoc Glass Plate Committee, with Jim Davidson as host, offers a program about glass plate negatives. The program briefly discusses the proper care of glass plates and then offers a number of samples from a collection of glass plates recently acquired by the Society. The samples include both Rutland and Rutland County items. Many are identified by Dorothy but there are some for which the location or subject is unknown.

Episode #21 - Michael Dwyer, Chairman of the Board of Directors, with Jim Davidson as host, offers a program about family history research. Michael, a high school history teacher and a genealogist, uses a nearly 20 year search that he made for the roots of Nora Higgins Tree as a case study of the problems to be found in family history research. He makes particular note of the technological advances in the computer world that greatly reduce the time involved in research.

### LEAGUE OF LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES 2001 ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday 5 May 2001 the Rutland Historical Society will host the Annual Meeting of the League of Local Historical Societies at the Fellowship Hall of the Grace Congregational United Church of Christ and at the Rutland Historical Society. The meeting will begin at 9:00 A.M. at Fellowship Hall and run until 3:30 P.M. Morning coffee, juices and pastries and a luncheon of soup, salad and sandwiches will be available.

Keynote speaker will be Guy Hermann, Museum Planner at E. Verner Johnson and Associates and former Director of Information Services and Internet Strategy at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. His topic will be "Move Over Homer: Museum Storytelling in Digital Space." A Business Meeting, including Local Historical Societies Achievement Awards, will complete the morning session.

In the afternoon there will be six (6) hands-on workshops: 1) Voluntoon Recentitement and Recention

- (1) Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
- (2) Involving School Children in Local History

(3) Exhibiting the 20th Century: Case Studies from Shelburne Museum

- (4) Web Design 101
- (5) Finding Your Family On-line: Genealogy and the Web
- (6) Past Perfect: Computerizing Your Collection

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#### **SPONSOR MEMBERS FOR 2000**

The following either became SPONSOR members in the year 2000 or renewed their previous sponsorship. Others made gifts of \$50 or more in the year 2000.

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#### PAST PERFECT ROUNDTABLE

Alan Shelvey, Chairperson of the Archives Committee, and Tom Carpenter and Jim Davidson of the committee attended a session for Past Perfect software program users at the Annual Meeting of the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance in February at Norwich. The Society began cataloging its collections using this program in January 2000. The Society has been guite happy with the quality of the program and the ease of use. This meeting hoped to form a Past Perfect Users Support Group. A number of contacts were made at the meeting. The VMGA was also interested in finding out what workshops users might need to make more effective use of their software.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY**

The Rutland Veterans Council will hold a Re-dedication of Flag and Flagpole and Memorial Service on Sunday 27 May 2001 from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON at the old West Street Cemetery in Rutland. This cemetery is on the north side of West Street. Dr. Russell W. Irvine M/M Lee Keirstead Marion Loveland Anthony Marro Richard A. Marshall & Dr. Ann M. McEntee James A. Moran David J Nettleton Nimtz, Berryhill & Figiel Mrs. Hugh Onion **Owner** Services Patricia O. Pool John A. Read **Rutland Herald Rutland Products** Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce Sharp Offset Printing **Smallev** Contractors Tad Smith S.W. Vermont Fed. Employees Credit Union Reiko Tuttle

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For those interested Treasurer Tom Carpenter has prepared IRS Form 990 Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax for the Year Ending 30 June 2000 for the Rutland Historical Society. A copy of this form is available at the Society upon request.

#### LOCAL SOCIETIES COUNCIL OF THE VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jim Davidson, Rutland County representative to the state Local Societies Council attended a meeting of the Council in Montpelier on 10 February.

The Rutland-Bennington societies will hold a regional meeting on Saturday 17 March at the Skinner Library in Manchester from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON. Any interested persons are welcome. Gainor Davis, Director of the Vermont Historical Society, will make a major presentation on "Obtaining Grants".

#### SOCIETY TO DONATE PICTURES AND FRAMES FOR CITY HALL DECOR

The Board of Directors of the Rutland Historical Society have decided to donate reproduced pictures of Rutland's history and the associated frames for the newly renovated City Hall in Rutland. The Society and a City Hall committee have identified approximately 48 frames to be mounted in the hallways of the renovated building. A City Hall committee will work with the Society to select pictures most representative of the community's history.

#### **GLASS PLATE FUND**

In the last Newsletter it was noted that that the Society had recently acquired over 400 glass plate photographic negatives which the Ad Hoc Glass Plate Committee has inventoried. This brings the Society's collection of glass plates to over 1,000 items. The Society has received two sizeable gifts to provide for making photographic prints of the items and to purchase proper storage containers and materials. One gift was for \$500 and the other was for \$300. It is anticipated that the costs to accomplish what is needed for the glass plate collection will be approximately \$3500. The Society is investigating a possible grant source but meanwhile the committee would be pleased to receive any assistance that members can offer.

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#### **DUES SCHEDULE**

Sponsor		Students	\$8.00
	ting \$20.00	(18 & under)	
Regular	\$10.00	Senior citizens	\$8.00
		(62 & up)	
			200.00
Memorial Membership \$			3200.00

#### NEW EXHIBIT

A new exhibit called "Eight Generations of Rutland's History" is now installed. A companion brochure traces the outlines of Rutland's history as it identifies some of the key persons and events in Rutland's past generations whose images appear in the exhibit. The generations have been assigned a title representative of the era and the appropriate dates have been assigned. The eight generations are:

- (1) 18th Century Rutland (1770-1800)
- (2) The Quiet Years (1801-1830)
- (3) Marble and Railroads (1831-1860)
- (4) Civil War and Industry (1861-1892)
- (5) Urbanization (1893-1920)
- (6) 20s, Depression and WWII (1921-1950)
- (7) Post-war and Post-railroad Rutland (1951-1980)
- (8) Rutland Revitalized (1981-2010)

As the exhibit was developed it was decided to include the present generation thus making eight rather than seven generations as had been announced in a previous Newsletter. Webster's Dictionary defines a generation as approximately 30 years. In the history of Rutland this works very well to approximate the eras of the generations and the changes that accompanied each.

## LOYALTY DAY PARADE

The 38th Annual Loyalty Day Parade, sponsored by the VFW Post #648, will be held on Sunday 6 May 2001. The parade will begin at 2:00 P.M. Rutland's Loyalty Day Parade is the largest parade in the state and Rutlanders always turn out in large numbers to watch a parade.

THE FACILITIES OF THE<br/>RUTLAND HISTORICAL<br/>SOCIETY ARE OPEN ON:<br/>MONDAYSMONDAYS6 - 9 PM<br/>1 - 4 PM