

NEWS FROM NICKWACKETT



VOL. 25 NO. 4

THE RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

ANNUAL MEETING

This year the Annual Business Meeting of the Rutland Historical Society was held on Thursday, October 18th, at 7:00PM at Tuttle Hall on the campus of the College of St. Joseph in Rutland. The brief business meeting was followed at 7:30PM by a PowerPoint presentation by Jason Smiley.

Mr. Smiley's program was entitled "The Devil's Cabinet: The Story of the Eddy Family of Spirit Mediums." During the mid to late 1800s the Eddy Family became world-renowned as spirit mediums with the alleged ability of generating full-bodied manifestations or "materializations" of the departed. People traveled from all over the world to attend these sessions.

Mr. Smiley provided an excellent presentation about the Eddy family but left the audience to their own judgment about the family's powers.

ELECTION RESULTS

Pres. – Jake Sherman

V.P. – Lloyd Davis

Sec. – Audrey Allaire

Treas. – Andrew Costello

Dir. (2 yrs) – Randy Brown

Dir. (2 yrs) – Angela Hinchey

Dir. (2 yrs) – Dr. Andrew P. Zak

Randy Brown and Angela Hinchey were nominated and elected to replace two directors who opted not to continue.

Continuing Directors were Barbara Giffin, Corey Kennedy, and Doreen McCullough.

- Submitted by Mary Segale, Chairperson of the Nominations Committee

RAILROAD SHOW

On Saturday September 29th Jim Davidson and Doreen McCullough staffed a table at the Holiday Inn meeting sponsored by the Rutland Railway Association. The meeting always draws a large number of railroad buffs and the general public. The Rutland Historical Society finds this a great opportunity to acquaint folks with the Society website and Society publications that may be of interest to those interested in the Rutland Railroad.

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND SALE

On the weekend of October 6th and 7th the Society held its annual sale. Members and friends of the Society provided numerous items for the sale. The variety, quality and quantity of the donations for the sale always impresses those working on the sale. The public finds that the prices of the items are very attractive and many items are sold on the first day. This year the items left were offered at half price with few exceptions. The sale added over \$1,000 to the Society treasury. The few items left were sent to the Open Door Mission.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

The parade was scheduled for Saturday the 27th of October, But very wet and cold weather caused a postponement to Sunday the 28th of October.
(continued on page 2)

HALLOWEEN PARADE

(continued from page 1)

The Society placed a body basket from its collections on a trailer. A live member rode in the basket as a corpse but would occasionally arise to surprise the crowd. Some spare arms and legs from a mannequin were frequently removed by the Society's big squirrel mascot and fed to a large dinosaur. The squirrel and dinosaur gleefully danced around the body basket and frequently extracted body parts of the corpse while the crowd howled in excitement and laughter. The Rutland Herald photographer caught a shot of this action that to everyone's surprise gained a spot on the front page of the Rutland Herald. Yes, it was a very successful parade.

PUBLICATION APOLOGY

Through the malfunction of the software creating the labels for our mailings, the second mailings sent two issues to a few members and none to others. Bob Perkins, Membership Secretary, worked very hard to solve the problem. Supplemental mailings were sent to those we believe were affected. We apologize for the problem.

CHANGE IN NEWSLETTER FREQUENCY

In order to save on printing costs, the Board has approved Newsletters with only the first and third Quarterly mailings. Please refer to the website and the Facebook account to keep up to date on Society activity. Note that all four Quarterly issues will continue to be published and mailed.

NEWS FROM NICKWACKETT is a quarterly newsletter produced by the Publications Committee of the Rutland Historical Society, 96 Center Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701-4023. Tel. (802) 775-2006.

RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP FORM

96 Center Street, Rutland VT 05701-4023
Phone 802-775-2006

First Name Last Name

Street Address or Post Office Box

City or Town State ZIP Code

Phone (optional) Email (optional)

\$8 Student \$8 Senior (62+)
\$10 Regular \$20 Contributor
\$50 Sponsor \$200 Life (individual only)

If making an additional donation please check here and enter the donation amount.

Second person at same address (if any). No additional fee. (Not available for Student or Lifetime memberships.)

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