



*Sheldon Historical Society
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Sheldon Historical Society Newsletter Fall 2021

Our efforts press on to the preservation of Sheldon's history, its stories and the artifacts left behind by prior generations. We strive to continue the restoration of the 200 Bridge Street location as a permanent home for collections. We're confident we can accomplish our goals with your help.

To move forward we need funding and volunteers to help complete a 2-story addition on the south side of the museum that will house an accessible restroom and lift to the second floor. The former town clerk's office on the lower level is waiting to be rehabilitated to provide needed work space for conducting research, inventorying, cataloging and building exhibits.

Our displays include a large collection of arrowheads recovered from and around the former Missisquoi Campground, an exhibit highlighting Fair week at the Sheldon Junction Fairgrounds and the History of Keith's blast furnaces to name a few. The Home Dem "Festival of Quilts" exhibit will continue throughout the fall and features a collection of household artifacts of domestic life. A quilt sale is in progress at the museum and will be held at the Christmas Bazaar on November 6 at the Sheldon School. Proceeds benefit the building fund.

We're looking for artifacts and photos that will help tell other stories related to Sheldon. If you have any of these items and are willing to donate or loan to the museum, we want to hear from you. We're also looking for volunteers who can help with data entry, writing, research, fundraising, exhibit design and planning 2022 Old Home Day. If you have a few hours to spare each month please contact us at 802-782-3909.

The Society is very pleased to have acquired the post office boxes formerly located at the Sheldon Creek Post Office. Prior to their move to the Main Street location in 1958 they originated in the H.H. Mower Store that was built after the fire of 1932. This building is now your Historical Museum. These boxes are for sale (by donation) at \$100 each and will remain as an integral part of the museum's post office exhibit. A brass plaque will be placed at the back of each box with the owner's personal inscription. To make a purchase submit the enclosed form or visit the museum. Post office box numbers are available on a first come first serve basis.



The 2022 “Images of Historic Sheldon” calendars will be available for purchase later this fall at \$10 each. Be sure to reserve your copy by calling Brent Garrow at 802-782-3909. This year’s calendar will also feature a local business directory.

For those of you who bank with TD Bank, you may wish to add the Sheldon Historical Society to your profile as your local charity of choice. Through their community outreach budget, they will make a contribution to the Sheldon Historical Society from their TD Affinity fund. The Sheldon Historical number with the TD Bank is AH241. Check in with your customer service person at the bank and add the Sheldon Historical Society. You will help the Society without affecting your personal account.

Volunteers working on the Sheldon Museum have made excellent progress on renewing 200 Bridge Street. Hopefully you have stopped by to view the many exhibits and attended one or more of our events. We appreciate all the support received thus far but need additional volunteers and funding to keep moving forward. Please take a look at the enclosed gifting opportunity form and let us know how you wish to help by becoming a member, volunteering and/or by making a contribution. Further information can be obtained by visiting the museum or contacting any one of our board members.

Board members: Brent Garrow - President, Fern Mercure - Vice President, Andrew Crane - Secretary, Judith Royea - Treasurer, Bryan Derry, Lori Derry, Celeste Kane-Stebbins, Don McFeeters, Bob Norris, Sally Severy and Harold Smith.

Museum hours: Thursday 10-1 and Saturday 1-4

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