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Summer 2025

Savor the Summer August 2025

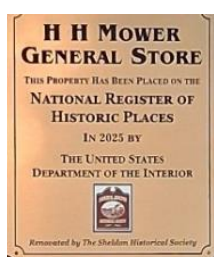


"Savor the summer", August 9, 2025, was aptly named when three hours of non-stop music, excellent food, and warm Sheldon Historical Society served up a perfect Saturday. Sheldon residents, friends, visitors, and some surprised Rail Trail bikers enjoyed conversation at the Society's Bridge Street home.



The Society's museum was open through the day, and more than one hundred folks visited its first-floor exhibits and the newly rehabilitated second floor hall, where fourteen community organizations displayed information on their history, activities, and programs.

Museum on the Registry of National Historic Buildings



At the recent gala event President Don McFeeters unveiled a plaque recognizing the former H Mower General Store as a National historic landmark, Lieutenant Governor John Rogers spoke with deep conviction of the importance of Vermont's architectural history.

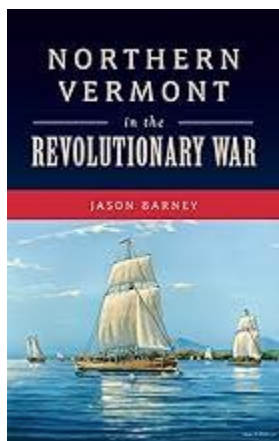
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Kinderbears June 2025



Kinderbears from Sheldon Elementary School recently visited the museum to learn about the history of our town. After stopping at the general store display to "purchase" a historic postcard, our visitors proceeded to the post office display to "mail" it, and then proceeded to our schoolroom display to learn how the town came to be called "Sheldon." Along the way, we met long-ago visitors to Sheldon who drank spring water and stayed in big hotels, read a 1905 letter from a Sheldon student, handled iron ores used in the blast furnaces by early settlers, and asked many, many questions.

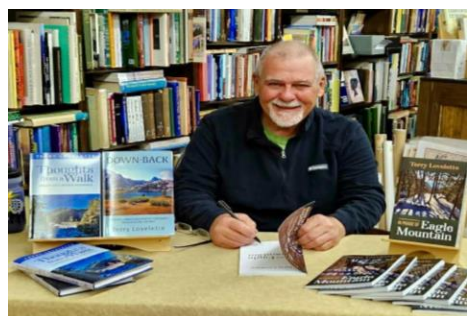
250 Years of History



At the annual meeting of the Sheldon Historical Society on Tuesday, June 17 author and local historian Jason Barney revealed details and explained how small towns of northern Vermont were impacted by the invading British armies.

We commemorate our 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Festivities continue at Sheldon and statewide throughout 2025.

Yet Another Recent Event



Terry Lovelette at his Book Signing on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at the Sheldon Historical Museum. A native of Sheldon Springs Terry engaged in conversations about nature, reverence, life and growing up in a small town. Terry is the author of *Thoughts from a Walk, In Praise of Eagle Mountain and Down-Back*.

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Our Home



Do you recall when our museum home looked like this in 2017? A lot has happened over the past 8 years. Especially significant has been the hundreds of hours of volunteer labor and successful grant writing. Rather than giving you updated photos here is a standing invitation to visit and enjoy. You will not be disappointed! Museum hours are

Thursday and Saturday 10:00 to 2:00 or ask any board member about a tour.

Coming Events



Calcutta Fundraiser & Silent Auction

September 19, 2025
6:30 p.m.
The Abbey Restaurant

Tickets on sale at the museum Thursdays and Saturdays 10 - 2
or call 802-933-4630

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Do
Not
Miss
This
Annual
Event

Regularly Scheduled Card Parties

Join us on the last Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for a **500 card party** at the museum's Community Memorial Center on the second floor at 200 Bridge Street Sheldon Creek. \$10 entry fee and bring your own beverage. Snacks are optional. (October's card party will be held on Friday, 10/24). We strive to make this a regular community event.

Barn Quilt Therapy with Kimberly Hess Sept 5, 2025.

A Brief Look at the Life and Times of Jeffrey Brace: Revolutionary Soldier and Slave with Joanne Polanshek. Saturday October 11 at 1:00 p.m. Come and learn more about the life of this historically important man and his ties to Sheldon.

The Weight of Snow and Regret book signing by author Elizabeth Gauffreau. Saturday October 25 at 1:00 p.m. "For over 100 years, no one wanted to be sent to the Sheldon Poor Farm. By 1968, no one wanted to leave."

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eager to hear from you.

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message.

Officer Monthly Comment

My Thoughts by Don McFeeters Board President

It is time to celebrate the efforts of the many members of the Sheldon Historical Society. Much has been accomplished with much more to come.

The HH Mower General Store building has been renovated and placed on the National Historic Registrar as a historic place.

So far, the following actions have occurred.

- Hundreds of hours of labor by volunteers and paid contractors
- Funding by the taxpayers of Sheldon
- Tickets purchased to support our Calcutta fundraisers
- Single donations from friends and visitors
- Several grants in the past and most recently \$50K from the Preservation Trust of Vermont. This most recent grant has allowed us to build the exterior staircase, refurbish the second floor of 200 Bridge Street and create the handicap entrance
- A grant from the Vermont Art Council has been recently received to install mini-splits for the benefit of better air and heat

Our next step is to complete the finishing of the 1st and 2nd floors. The Board has named the second floor as the **“Community Memorial Center”**, already being used as a gathering place. We are open Thursdays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, so stop in, visit, and see what the hours of labor, the donations by many, and the taxpayers have done. At the same time, take in some of the history of Sheldon. It is important for all of us to see where Sheldon has been and it gives us an understanding of how the Town has arrived at this point in time.

A small group is now visiting and working on bringing the gardens back to life and making them an important part of the property. The old Town Clerk's office, downstairs in the building will be next for major work. To continue to build our Collections, we are prepared to receive additional artifacts, photos, and printed material that will help us all to better understand the history; whether we are visitors, students in school, a senior who has lived in the Town for many years or a recent newcomer.

We want to say thank you to those families who have given to the Society's, "Memorial Gifts". These gifts are extremely beneficial as we complete the renovation of the H H Mower General Store, the operation of the Museum and upkeep of the building. Please visit with members of the Board, how your family can best accomplish this recognition.

As some may not know me, I was brought up on a farm in Sheldon, graduate of the Sheldon Springs School, and have been a member of the Board of Directors of the Sheldon Historical Society for many years. I currently live in St. Albans. The extended McFeeters family has had a long-time history of Town government involvement, farm owners, and a lifetime employee and manager of the paper mill.

To everyone involved, we all say thank you.

Mystery of the Month

Our staff regularly examines artifacts and photos. With many hundreds of pictures there are always a few we cannot fully identify. Maybe you know the answer to our questions.



Is this familiar to you? Caption says "Gilbert House where beaver skin hats were once made." Send us email at sheldonhistorical@gmail.com.

Membership Invitation

Are you not a member yet? Why not join over 100 of your neighbors and friends who belong? Membership is as easy and filling out the form below and mailing it to us. Be among our members and supporters including over 20 regular corporations and businesses and 10 "Friends" providing regular monetary support.

Membership Application

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Name: _____

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Are you already a member? Why not sponsor a friend or family member by gifting them with a membership? A strong membership base can indirectly increase our chances of being awarded grants by making a proposal more compelling. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Regularly Scheduled Card Parties



Since our initial reporting of events we have had one party A good time was had by all at the monthly 500 card party hosted by the SHS

If you have not taken the time to visit with us, this photo is in our second floor community room. This area gives us the opportunity to share the Mower site with everyone. You can contact us about using the facility.