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DON'T MISS, "CARING FOR YOUR FAMILY HEIRLOOMS"

The passing of a treasured heirloom from one generation to the next is an important way of maintaining family ties. Understanding what forces precipitate the deterioration of textiles, photographs, hand tools, and other heirlooms will help you protect your valuables from this natural decay.

March 11th marks the date of the next program featuring *M. J. Davis*, Project Director for the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance. The program will include a brief slide presentation on the forces affecting your valuables and other factors that lead to artifact deterioration. The information presented in the evening program will help you to preserve your special artifacts in the best conditions possible for their lifetime. A variety of conservation materials will be available for participants to look at, and Ms. Davis will discuss which products work best for a given type of heirloom. Time will be set aside to answer questions from the audience about your own collections or individual artifacts.

If you have an heirloom that you want to bring for discussion, please do so. Come join us at 7:00 PM, at the Greater Hartford Church of Christ, in Hartford Village, and bring a friend. The Society is only as strong as we make it.

DISPLAYS AT THE GARIPAY HOUSE

The February 7th display will showcase Charlie and Mira Davis. The Valentine season seems appropriate for this area couple. Their life together is poignantly presented and highlights an era not long ago in years, but ages ago in our culture.

The March display carries the above theme further by looking into the life of Mira Davis, Hartford Village teacher. This member of our community taught from 1908 to the late 1950's. We hope that anyone who had her as a teacher, or remembers her, will come and share their memories of her.

If you would like to help with the displays we desperately need new blood to volunteer their time and expertise. This is a golden opportunity to work with the Collection in forming displays and can take advantage of your talents in research, artwork, and layout.



GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

The Genealogy Workshop, starting with only five members, has enjoyed phenomenal success and welcomes new participants. Their upcoming meetings are scheduled for February 10th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th, and June 9th. All meetings are held from 10:00 AM to Noon.



The Workshop held its first meeting on April 8, 1997. In June of 1997, their first field took them to the Vermont Historical Society Library in Montpelier, followed by a September visit to the Mormon Church Library in Lebanon, and to the Rutland Public Library.

Suggested field trips for 1998 include: the New Hampshire Historical Society Library in Concord, the Mormon Church Library in Lebanon, the Bennington Museum Library, and the Brattleboro Library. Workshop members will make up a list of family names they are searching, so they can share sources with each other.



WISH LIST

The Society is in dire need of a computer. It seems our current one is suffering from an incorrectly working battery, but of serious concern is that the hard drive is failing.

If you have recently upgraded, or are planning to, please consider donating your computer to the Society. It would be given a loving home. We also need small floor fans and portable bulletin boards. If you have items such as these, please contact Pat Stark, during the day at 295-9353 or evenings at 296-2192.

UPCOMING VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

Wednesday, February 18th, 7:30 PM

In the House Chamber, Montpelier, Farmers Night Program
Performance: Jesse Bruhac, "The Circle of the Drum".

Friday, March 6th

Dig Into Vermont's Past!

George F. Edmunds Writing Contest Deadline.
For Vermont students in grades 7-12.

Saturday, March 21st, 1:00 to 4:30 PM

Vermont Historical Society

Women's History Month Symposium.

"Among Strangers in a Strange Land": Vermont Women and the Westward Movement"

Wednesday, April 29th, 9:00 to 3:00 PM,

Vermont Historical Society

Vermont History Day Contest - "Migration in History"
For students in grades 6-12.

Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 to 4:00 PM,

Norwich Historical Society

League of Local Historical Societies Annual Meeting,

"Doing Family History: Researching, Interpreting, and Preserving Vermont's Families"

Sunday, June 28th, 2:00 PM

Green Mountain Railroad Station, Bellows Falls

Riding the Rails, Vermont-style,

Vermont Historical Society's Members Ride on the Green Mountain Flyer

Call (802) 828-5670 for more information.

Readers with questions or comments, please drop us
a line at PO Box 547 Hartford, VT 05047

Welcome to the Hartford Historical Society
Our New Members for 1997:

Jon H. Appleton of White River Junction
Phyllis Berry of Quechee
Brookside Nursing Home, Inc. (Tom Rice)
Elisabeth Cameron of Woodstock
Clifford Cewinski of Toms River, NJ
Floyd & Delores Cook of Wilder
Greg & Pat Cook of Hartford
Richard & Kathleen Cook of White River Junction
Patricia Cope of Quechee
George & Kay Cusson of Wilder
Bob & Wendy Durkee of White River Junction
Philip & Janet Eller of White River Junction
Gretchen & Bob Fairweather of West Hartford
Robert & Lorraine Follensbee of Hartford
Richard & Susan Graham of Springfield
Charlotte Harvey of White River Junction
Alice Hazen of West Hartford
John & Barbara Hazen of West Hartford
Ron Heroux of White River Junction
Tom Houghton of White River Junction
Gary & Donna Keehl of Bakersfield, CA
Minta Ison Koloski of White River Junction
Elizabeth McKinstry & Jonathan Streeter of Wilder
Constance T. Reed of Wilder
Sue Ellen Shambo of Wilder
Bill & Phyllis Shambo of White River Junction
Everett & Sandra Smith of White River Junction
Cynthia Stephens & Mike Rollins of White River Junction
Juanita M. Stowell of Wilder
U.S. Post Office of Wilder
Noel & Eva Vincent of White River Junction
Claire Watts of White River Junction
Rob & Sandie Wilson of Quechee
Richard & Elizabeth Winfrey of Quechee

DUES
and how you can help us save precious money.

Due to the growth in membership experienced over the years, we have changed our method of soliciting the payment of annual dues. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE APPEARING ON YOUR MAILING LABEL.** Your dues are paid up until the date on your label.

We are counting on you to take note of the date (which will change when your dues are received for the next year) and to take care of the most important responsibility you have as a member. We all aren't able to donate time and talent, but we can help furnish the funds which will keep your Historical Society functioning thus preserving our town's history.

Please complete the Membership Application form, noting any change in type of membership, and send it with your check covering the appropriate dues to:

Hartford Historical Society
Attn.: Treasurer
P.O. Box 547
Hartford, VT 05047-0547

Remember, Members are the Historical Society.

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Garvey House
187 Main Street
Hartford, Vermont

The history of YOUR town and village is not dull and dry/dry!
Be part of the fun of learning about it.

JOIN NOW!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Type of Membership (please circle):

Individual	\$15 per year
Family (same address)	\$20 per year
Senior	\$10 per year
Senior Family (same address)	\$15 per year
Commercial/Institutional	\$25 per year
Special Gift of Support	

Name _____

Additional Names (Family Memberships) _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____

Comments/Questions _____

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