

# Madison Historical Society

Spring 2014



***We are very grateful to report that our recent fund-raising drive earned nearly \$14,000 for our Building Fund! THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!***

Adding these funds to the amount we have managed to save and the prior funds appropriated by the Town of Madison, we are delighted to report that the Madison voters approved in March the remaining amount of money needed to accomplish this phase of our building project! That means that we will be able to lift up the building, move it over a few feet, put a new foundation under it, improve the drainage, and add parking – THIS YEAR!

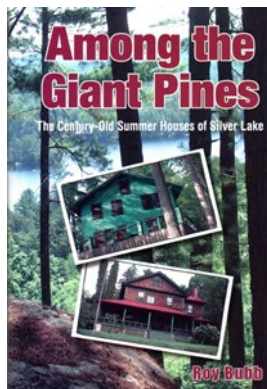
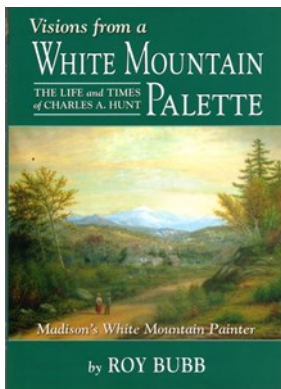
We would like to thank the following donors who contributed to our special 2013 building fund drive:

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***SPECIAL THANKS GO TO ROY BUBB FOR DONATING THE PROCEEDS OF HIS BOOKS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.***



***Visions from a White Mountain Palette. The Life and Times of Charles Hunt, Madison's White Mountain Painter - \$25***

***Among the Giant Pines. The Century-Old Summer Houses of Silver Lake - \$20 (plus \$3.50 shipping)***

## ***...REMEMBERING...***

***REGRETFULLY, we have lost three of our Madison natives in the last three months, each served on the Fire Department, each close to the same age, and they will be dearly missed:***



**ROGER CLAYTON**, our beloved town historian, passed away November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, shortly after we initiated our fund-raising appeal.

**WILBUR MEADER**, who will be remembered for his infectious smile, held many positions in Madison government, and passed away January 13, 2014.



**GERALD WARD**, who worked for N.E.T. and could rehabilitate anything with a small engine, passed away February 9, 2014.

**OUR FIRST PROGRAM FOR 2014 will feature the SAP HOUSE MEADERY**  
**MAY 15, 7 pm**  
**at the Madison Library Chick Room**



The Sap House Meadery is a small producer of premium, hand-crafted meads (honey wines). The Meadery was founded in 2010 by two young entrepreneurs, Ash Fischbein and Matt Trahan. Together they rejuvenated an old store front in downtown Center Ossipee, New Hampshire using many recycled materials and sustainable methods. Sap House Meads use only time-tested traditional methods and procure ingredients from local farms and markets.

History from THE MADISONIAN, The Year Book of Madison High School, 1935, a special issue to observe the 300th anniversary of secondary education in the United States:

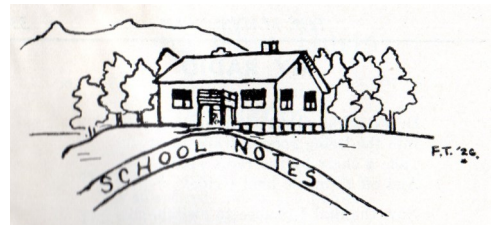
*"Before 1920 only a small per cent of the young people of high school age found it possible to attend high school. In 1918 only 11% went to high school. But as soon as Madison's high school was started the number steadily increased until this year there are forty local students.*

*"In the spring of 1920 Mr. Nason offered the use of his ice cream parlor temporarily until a more convenient place might be provided...The soda fountain was used by the teachers as their desks and also to hold their supplies. The tables and chairs were used as desks by the pupils."*

An article by one of the first students:

*"It is doubtful if there ever was a more joyful group of high school freshmen than the group which met one fall morning back in 1920 as the entering class of what was to become Madison High School...The teachers had to drive about four miles by horse and wagon. Our desks were the tables which are now used in the Town Hall. There were only one or two very small blackboards in the building which was known as Frank Nason's telephone office. (We assume the ice-cream parlor, mentioned earlier was there, too.)*

*"The first year was mostly study. After we had a change of teachers we moved into the rear of the Town Hall and other students joined the original nine until a real high school building was erected, and the school grew until we now have a credible institution."*



*"In the spring of 1921, since Mr. Nason needed his ice cream parlor for business, the school moved to the Town Hall (now the Historical Society Building). At that time there was no kitchen in the building and the piazza extended entirely across the front of the hall. In the spring town meeting the citizens voted to build a kitchen, and Mr. Conner...held his classes in the kitchen, while Miss Quimby had hers in the main hall...There were twenty-six pupils, fourteen of whom paid tuition. At this time the school board gradually assumed the responsibility of the high school and the whole town of Madison assumed the expenses."*

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Membership - \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership - \$15.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Members (under 18) - free

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Members (over 80) - free

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