

Madison Historical Society

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at the MHS Museum—7 pm

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By Ann & David Wilkins

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FROM THE CURATOR'S DESK

Time is marching along quickly and our summer exhibit "**A Century of Games**" is approaching. We still need games of any type to make this exhibit a success. Please help if you can by loaning a game or two for this fun and nostalgic summer exhibit.

Drop off time for games are as follows, or email me for other arrangements. Please let me know which date you can come on via email. Games need not be complete in order to be exhibited.

Tuesday, May 28 - 6-8 pm

Wednesday, May 29 - 2-4 pm

Wednesday, June 5 - 9-noon

Friday, June 7 - 9 am—4 pm

The Opening for this exhibit is June 22 from 6-9 pm by donation. Refreshments will be served.

Donations are earmarked for the building of a humidity controlled room to care and house our collections. We are waterproofing the basement walls this summer and hope to move forward with the building of the room perhaps this fall or next spring/summer.

Cleanup days for the Historical Society building are Thursday, May 9 from 1-4 pm—1st floor only and Thursday, May 23 from 1-4 pm—basement and grounds. Everyone is welcome to come and help clean, rake, etc.!

We hope to see you this summer!

Karen Lord, Curator

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NOTE: We will have wristbands for sale at the museum and all our functions this summer with proceeds put toward the humidity controlled room.



A Century of Games 2019 Exhibit

"BUY A BAND"

"HELP US BUILD A ROOM"



\$1.00 each will help our

**Madison Historical Society
Fundraising Campaign**

build a humidity controlled room
to house our exhibits

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS

2019 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

To be held at the Madison Historical Society Museum unless otherwise noted

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June 6, 7 pm—**WHITE MOUNTAIN HUTS: Past and Future** by Allen Koop. This is a NH Humanities Program co-hosted by the Friends of the Madison Library and the Madison Historical Society and held at the library.

June 20, 6-9 pm—**"A CENTURY OF GAMES" OPENING/PREVIEW NIGHT**, fundraiser

July 6, 11 am-1pm—**TEDDY BEAR PICNIC**-Bring your favorite teddy bear or find plenty of bears for adoption. Food and games!

July 18, 7 pm—**CRUSHING NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORY: A Guide to New Hampshire's Roadside Historical Markers**. Michael Bruno explores 255 NH historical markers and expands on historical information which includes The Granville Homestead marker on the MHS lawn. His book by the same name will be on sale after the meeting.

August 15, 7 pm -**THE CONCORD COACH AND ITS HISTORY**—We will watch a movie about the Concord Coach provided by the Abbot-Downing Historical Society.

September 19, 7pm—**MADISON BED AND BREAKFASTS**-An informal evening of stories from former B&B owners Sally Perrow, Nancy Carlson & Becky Knowles.

A BIT OF BUSINESS

We need to vote on the following proposed Bylaws changes in July. To do this we need to submit them in writing at the previous meeting, and since there will be no business at the June meeting which is being held in conjunction with the Library, we are presenting them here; the words in red are the proposed changes.

The purpose of the proposed changes are to allow for another meeting location or date if necessary.

We would welcome any comments.

Article VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Madison Historical Society Building, or other location, which may be decided by the Executive Board. Regular public meetings shall be held each month from May through September at the Madison Historical Society Building, or other location which may be decided by the Executive Board. It is recommended that these meetings be on the third Thursday of the month if possible.

Section 2. The regular meeting held on the third Thursday in July shall be called the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and for any other business which may arise. The regular public meeting in July shall be called the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and for any other business which may arise.

NOTE:

In addition to the regular public meetings, the board of directors meets about once a month all year round. If you are interested in participating, we would be happy to hear from you.

Thanks to observant members, we were recently made aware of a new way to receive donations. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products as Amazon.com, but when customers shop there, the Foundation donates .5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of their choice. The Madison Historical Society is now registered with them and will receive any donations which come in on a quarterly basis.



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PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE SILVER LAKE WOMAN'S CLUB 1903-1923

This paper is copied from original one written by Mrs. Jennie Perry Forrest in 1923 when our club was twenty years old having had ten presidents. It was written in a jolly way to provide little fun at one of our regular club meetings, little thinking it would pass into history, to be read again at end of thirty years. She was a Charter member and always an active, earnest and interested member of our club, always ready to cheerfully assist in all our undertakings. She died three years ago, and is held in loving remembrance by all her club associates.

Frances Forrest Morales

Copied in October 1923.

In the month of October 1903,

Started a Woman's Club, brand new.

You sit quite still, and listen well

And what it was I'll try to tell.

Ten ladies met with Mrs. Burke that fall.

Some were short, and some were tall.

They had some books and a pencil, too.

They wrote, and talked as women do.

The first we knew, now listen my friends,

They'd formed a Woman's Club, may it never end.

For in twenty years a lot of good it has done.

They have helped most everything under the sun.

Each club must have a name you know

So they thought and thought, when, lo!

Some one said, "Silver Lake." It pleased them all,

The fat ones, the short ones, as well as the tall.

Now to run a club in any land

Officers are needed on every hand.

The highest of these is called President.

She guides the Club with good intent.

Her term expires in just two years.

And of all the Presidents we've had no fears.

About these past Presidents I'm writing this tale.

It'll be interesting sure, and now without fail

When your names are called will you take your
places

So the rest can see your smiling faces.

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MRS. MARIE T. BURKE was number one.

Her work on earth is already done.

We'll pause a moment and reverence pay

To the memory of her who has passed away.

EMMA FORREST was number two.

She made us hustle and we worked too.

She conducted the Club in a business way,

And that is the way to make things pay.

She is an old maid I'll tell you now.

She is tall of stature, and to her you might bow.

But in spite of all, she's jolly and gay,

And she ran the club in a business like way.

FRANCES KNOWLES now comes along.

She's always humming some jolly song.

Wherever she is she'll work with a will.

It would be hard I guess, her place to fill.

EDNA GILMAN now sails into place

With a spring in her step, and a smile on her face.

With grace and dignity she filled the chair

And performed her work with utmost care.

HARRIETTE WARREN now wends her way.

She comes with tact and work for each day.

Things must go well from the very first.

She was proficient and very well versed.

HATTIE L. CHICK now takes her place.

Slight of stature, and full of grace.

She did her work with modest mien,

With mind alert, and manner keen.

EMMA KENNELL was the next in line,

She's pretty good looking, and does things fine.

She knows every time just what to do

About things in the manual and other work, too.

JENNIE FORREST was the next to fit in.

She's pokey, makes blunders, yet thinks it no sin.

She did her work the best she could

And on the whole we hope 'twas fairly good.

The next to come was **LIZZIE LYMAN**.

A wonderful woman she surely was.

She made an officer of great command,

Efficient and strong on every hand.

MARY KENNELL is the last of our number.

No longer your time will I try to encumber.

She did her work well, and surrendered her chair

To **MARY FORREST** who is standing there.

Her smile gives joy, and makes the heart glad

Wherever she is one cannot be sad.

...TO BE CONTINUED

from Henry Nathaniel Forrest "**MEMOIRS**"

Edited by Joanne T. Hadlock;

Self-published, 2017

Since I attended high school in the midst of World War II, our teachers were very attuned to what was happening abroad. In civics and history classed they would discuss the war in some detail with the goal of keeping us informed. As a result we learned a good deal about several specific battles where our clever strategy, despite being outnumbered, was the reason for our success.

During that time Parade Magazine featured an article with pictures and identification of all the major American admirals and generals in combat. I remember cutting the pictures out and pasting them on the walls of my room. There was no space left for Hollywood or rock stars. The war was riveting. This influence through the school, combined with the significant impact of rationing, served as constant reminders of the war and the impact it had on so many soldiers and families.

Henry is generously donating the proceeds of the second printing of his book to the Madison Historical Society. They are available for \$20 (\$23 if you want it shipped).

Clarence L. Washburn, retired P & W engineer

LONGMEADOW — Clarence L. Washburn, 74, of 82 Dunn Road, retired chief design engineer for Pratt & Whitney, East Hartford, Conn., and Hamilton Standard, Windsor Locks, Conn., both divisions of United Technologies Corp., died Saturday at home.

Born in Springfield, he lived in this town 40 years.

A registered professional engineer and consultant, Washburn was previously chief design engineer at the old Indian Motorcycle Co., Springfield.

He leaves a son, Ernest R. of

Melbourne Beach, Fla., and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be this evening at Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home, Springfield, with burial at the convenience of the family.

We got a very nice note from member Ernest Washburn in response to our last newsletter. He wrote, "Thank you for your inclusion of the obituary for Ed Granville in the latest newsletter. My father, Clarence Washburn and Eddie were lifelong friends beginning with the early days at Silver Lake when they flew in on their amphibian and stayed at the Granville camp. Clarence was one of the principles in the development of the Gee Bee and went on to become plant manager of the Indian Motorcycle Company in Springfield, MA. He passed away in 1983."



TESTING — Clarence Washburn of 82 Dunn Road, Longmeadow, samples the water provided by the National Guard Tuesday. Wells near the Connecticut River were contaminated with raw sewage during heavy rains. (John Suchocki photo)



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