



Lamoine Historical Society Newsletter

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Lamoine Historical Society shall be to collect, preserve and interpret objects, documents, archaeological materials and specimens which illustrate the history of the Town of Lamoine and its environs, to make them available to the public for education and research purposes, and to preserve the East Lamoine Meeting House.

The Lamoine Historical Society joins with Lamoine Community Arts to present a Reading of Cully's Gold at Ellsworth Public Library on Thursday evening, August 26th, at 6 PM. This play, written by two LHS members Carol Korty and Susa Wuorinen, grew out of their work with materials in LHS archives, as well as from memories of stories told to Korty by her grandmother, Sarah Coggins Tweedie Hodgkins. Sadie grew up in Lamoine, attended the one room school house that is now Town Hall, and after spending her married life in Massachusetts, returned to her birth home to live for many years. That home? It's the lovely white farm house on the corner of Douglas Highway and Jordan River Road. Wouldn't she have been some pleased to see how beautifully it is now kept with the addition of white horse fences. Cully's Gold is set in Lamoine during the summer of 1873. The main character, Sadie Coggins, is modeled after the real one. Copies of the script will be available for sale at the Reading, as well as at the monthly meetings of LHS on July 28, August 25, and September 22 (the Annual Meeting)

Meeting House Repairs.

The repairs to our beautiful building continue with windows being recaulked and painted by Doug Stewart, the steeple roof will be repaired by Mike Jordan and there will be work parties again this summer, so stay tuned – an email will go out with the dates volunteers are needed. All hands will be welcome once again! Thank you to all those who have donated to the renovation costs in addition to their membership. All donations to the renovation fund are gratefully received and are tax deductible!

Summer Fun Events with the Lamoine Historical Society! Join us:

Wednesday, July 28th to find out about Holidays, Celebrations and Social Gatherings in Lamoine in days of yore. There will be artifacts and decorations from the archives as well as yummy desserts for sale by donation to raise funds for the Restoration Campaign for the building. Some of the recipes will be from the cookbook *Early Lamoine Recipes* by names well known in our community. Join us for fun, festivities, great food and bring your stories of Lamoine celebrations past in your family or neighborhood and decorations from the old days as well– **all are welcome!**

Wednesday, August 25th Bob Alvarez will join us reminiscing about the USS Massachusetts and the old Coaling Station (now known as Lamoine State Park) There will be a pie and ice cream social following the presentation.

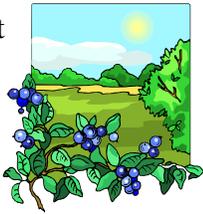
Wednesday, September 29th will be our Annual Meeting, with a program about shipwrecks connected to Lamoine or its resident and update on the renovations of the old church.

All events take place at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall of the Lamoine Baptist Church (at Lamoine Corner - across from the Grange) and refreshments will be served. Come learn about our wonderful community and support one of the oldest buildings in Lamoine – the Lamoine Historical Society Meeting House.



Thank you everyone who took their redeemables to the Transfer Station during June – we should hear how much was donated for the Restoration Fund soon!

“Receipt” of the season from Early Lamoine Recipes, 1979 is Aunt Eunice’s Blueberry Cake by Ruth Reynolds.



- One cup sugar
- One third cup shortening
- One cup sour milk or buttermilk
- Two cups flour sifted with one teaspoon soda, one teaspoon salt, one teaspoon cinnamon, half teaspoon cloves and one quarter teaspoon nutmeg
- One cup blueberries, lightly floured

Bake at 375 about 25 minutes. This is good served warm with butter.

Wedding Bells are ringing. July 24th there will be a wedding at the East Lamoine Meeting House. What a joyous event to help celebrate the times in our beautiful old building. We hope this is the first of many more such happy events in the meeting house as we make it more user friendly! The happy couple has offered to send us pictures to record in our archives as well.

Flat bed or truck needed. A replica of our beautiful building built by Neil Walker in the early 1950’s has been donated by the family of Charles Katsiaticas to the Lamoine Historical Society. We need to move it from the Eagles Lodge in Ellsworth to the meeting house site, and are looking for someone with an appropriate flat bed or truck and some folk with muscles to accomplish this. At the same time, we will move the bell in front of the church to a new spot to create a garden area in which to enjoy them both. If you can provide either or both services, contact Sue Hodgkins 667-5115.



Watch for the Lamoine Historical Society calendar for 2011 featuring some Lamoine homes “Then... and Now!” This year, we will have advertising by Lamoine resident business owners available! Contact Edna Coyne at 667-9276 for details if you would like to have your business listed.



Above: Arthur Reynolds boyhood home.
Photo Courtesy of Susan Reynolds Hodgkins.

A number of those of you who attended and enjoyed the reading of the A. W. Reynolds “House Book” last year, asked if copies are available for sale. We are happy to say that a transcript of the original manuscript is now available for \$25 or as a PDF document on a cd for \$15. Contact Anne Stocking at 667-6564. The proceeds will benefit the Restoration Fund

Thank you to Edna Coyne for continuing the yearly geranium pots in front of the meeting house and to Doug Stewart and Paul Hodgkins for mowing the grass, all of the above who follow in Harlan Hodgkin’s footsteps in caring for our rapidly improving property. Drive by some day and see what Sue and Jim Hodgkins, Joe Reynolds and Doug Stewart have done in the ongoing painting, clapboarding and repairing windows! Our grand old lady is looking better and better. We have a professional appraisal by an historical preservation specialist which tells us which directions we need to go in and gives us maintenance and renovation priorities.



We want to express our gratitude to the family of Ellen McKinnon, departed this life, for naming the Lamoine Historical Society as a beneficiary for donations in her name.

If you would like to be a member of the Lamoine Historical Society or to be on our email list, contact Muffet at Lamoine.historicalsociety@yahoo.com.