UPCOMING EVENTS

Down The Cellar Hole Continued: with photographs and what’s next? will be presented by the society on June 21, 2017 at 7:00 in the Town Hall.

The current display by the Pine Grove Springs Golf Club at People’s Bank, on the corner of Route 63 and Route 9, includes a map and photographs from the historical society. We will have a display in September.

A revision of Marty Potter’s Spofford Lake book will be done in the near future. We also will be updating our cemetery book this summer. Volunteers are needed.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

We were pleased to receive a donation from Dale Dunnell, Winky Wall’s daughter, of some of the Native American arrowheads and stone tools from Winky’s extensive collection. We also received a copy of an oil painting of a Native American done by Winky. In addition we received many more of Winky’s sketches as well as a photo of the class at the West Chesterfield School in 1950. We are anxious to put names to all of the students in this photo. Dale pointed out her brothers, Wally and Doug, Mavis Shaw and Stu Riendeau. Please stop by the Historical Society if you can
identify any of the students in this photo. Our hours are Thursdays from 9:30 A.M. – 12 noon and Sunday from 2-4 P.M.

We also received a call from Harlan Fiske Stone II about a forthcoming donation of two chairs with needlework done by Agnes Harvey Stone that had been in the Chief Justice’s home. We will also be receiving some water color paintings done by Mrs. Stone who was originally from Chesterfield.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

We’ve recently noticed a mistake Fritz Wetherbee made on the Channel 9 New Hampshire Chronicle show. He said Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone was born and buried in Chesterfield. The stone marker on Horseshoe Road only marks his birthplace; however, he is buried in Rock Creek Cemetery in Maryland.

**KING PHILLIP’S LAST COUNCIL**

Dwight MacKerron has asked if we can authenticate the story that King Phillip held has last Indian Council on our Spofford Lake Pierce Island. Dwight has done extensive research on King Phillip and has not come across that information. If anyone can enlighten us on this subject, please let us know.

**GEODETIC MARKERS**

We had a call from Bob Shaw last fall regarding the U.S. Geodetic Survey markers in town. We are aware of one in front of the school playground, one near the monument in front of Town Hall and one in the field across from Bob Shaw’s farm. Does anyone have more information regarding other locations of these markers? Let us know if you can help us solve this little mystery.

**RECORDS AND DISPLAYS**

The Pisgah Park minutes of meetings and other park information are now on file at the Historical Society and are available for anyone who would like to see them.

We also have many interesting items on display – stop by and take a look.
SOME HISTORY FROM THE 1940S

We have been given some cards showing dental work done through the Chesterfield school in 1944-46 – a PTA program. Dr. J.H. Grimes, DMD set up his dental equipment at the Town Hall and students were brought over from the two room school. Prices – porcelain fillings .75 each, silver .75, cleanings .50 and extractions .50. Some of us recall the school nurse listed on the cards – Frances Edgett.

YOU ARE IMPORTANT

The next time you are feeling rather unimportant, try a little mathematical trick based on the fact that it took two people, your parents to get you here. Each of your parents had two parents, so in the generation just prior to that of your mother and father, there were four people who’s paring off and sharing a love contributed to your existence. You are the product of 8 great-grandparents, 16 great-great grandparents, 32 great-great-great-grandparents, etc. Keep on multiplying the number by two, you will discover that a scant 500 years ago, there were 1,048,576 people on this planet beginning the production of you.

INTERESTING HISTORICAL TRIVIA

Did you know the saying “God willing and the Creek don’t rise” was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, “God willing and the Creek don’t rise.” Because he capitalized the word “Creek” it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

In George Washington’s days there were no cameras. One’s image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charges by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are “limbs,” therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, “Okay, but it’ll cost you an arm and a leg.”