



potluck | pət'ləkəl  
noun

used in reference to a situation in which one must take a chance that whatever is available will prove to be good or acceptable : he could take potluck in a town not noted for its hotels.

• a meal or party to which each of the guests contributes a dish : [as adj. ] a potluck supper.

Everything "...available will prove to be good or acceptable..." at the Society's Annual Potluck Supper on...



**Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the Civic Center. Gather at 5:30 p.m. for socializing. Supper at 6:00. Program at 7:00.**

For the Potluck Supper please bring your choice of *hors d'oeuvres*, bread, salad, main dish, sides or dessert. The Society will provide coffee, tea, wine, etc.

**IMPORTANT!** Contact Marcie Manning at 532-7452 or [mcm9210@gmail.com](mailto:mcm9210@gmail.com) to say you're coming and what you'll bring. Please do so by **February 6th**.

# 'Dog sledding in Jaffrey...



# and elsewhere'



**D**OG SLEDDING was a big thing in Jaffrey back in the 1940s and even before. There were races in, to and through the town that drew big crowds. Among the local names you might recognize who were among the 'mushers'—Tat Duval, Oren & William Belletete, Bill Shearer. In fact dog sledding was almost the official New Hampshire winter pastime. It was far more, too, as you'll learn at the Potluck! Any guess who the New Hampshire State Dog is? You'll find out at the Potluck! We'll also show some 'Old Winter Scenes' around Jaffrey. Any dog sledding memorabilia? If so, bring it along. 🐕🐕🐕

## News of your Society

GREETINGS TO ALL,

WE HOPE you'll come to the Society's February 9th **Potluck Supper** described on the other side. Enjoy some good food and drink and then be transported back in time to an earlier Jaffrey.

We traveled off on October 16th to Wilton for the Society's **Annual Autumn Outing**. We were welcomed by our host, the Wilton Historical Society, at its headquarters on the top floor of the Wilton Public & Gregg Free Library. What a marvelous space they have! Afterwards we visited Frye's Measure Mill and then stopped at the First Unitarian Congregational Society Church in Wilton Center where **Dick Boutwell** entertained us with some autumn songs on the organ. Many of us then repaired to Brady's American Grill in Peterborough for supper.

Our collections keep growing. Among the recent additions are a large assortment of early clothing and accessories associated with the Emery family (donated by Emery Prior of Hudson, Ohio) and a trunk once owned by Jaffrey's great benefactor Jule Durant filled with Town and School annual reports and numerous other items (donated by Randy Cournoyer). Several collections that have never been catalogued were done so in the past few months: hotel registers and journals from The Ark, Jaffrey water works correspondence from 1904-05 and business journals of the blacksmith Ed Coburn, 1849-1911 (likely donated by family member Pat Van Ness).

Director **Vicki Arceci** has started developing a database of every program and event since the Society's inception in 1958.

We welcome new members Lou Casagrande and Pauline & Philip Tremblay but are saddened to lose members **John Peard Sr.** and **Juliette DeGrandpre** and offer our condolences to their families.

We now have a separate domain for our Dean Murder files. Check out <http://www.deanmurder.org>

**And a reminder.** The Society's membership year coincides with the calendar year so you will find a 2017 dues envelope enclosed (*if you don't find an envelope enclosed, that means you're paid up through 2017*). Please help the Society by paying promptly.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS 2017

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3: *Jaffrey Winters: an Exhibit*. Opening Reception 5-6pm at the Civic Center • THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9: *Potluck* (see page 1) • THURSDAY APRIL 13: Kai Nalenz, *Conservation & Repair of Historic Gravestones—Preserving a Record of our Past* • A SUNDAY IN JUNE: *An Old Burying Ground Walking Tour* (with the Jaffrey Cemetery Committee) • August Exhibits: *Dear Auntie... Jaffrey Postcards from the Past* and *W. W. Cross* • THURSDAY AUGUST 10: Annual Meeting. Phil Cournoyer, *W. W. Cross* • A SUMMER SATURDAY: *Open House at the Monadnock 4 Fire Museum*, date TBD • SUNDAY OCTOBER 15: *Annual Autumn Outing* (Winchendon & the Harvard Forest Museum—tentative). • THURSDAY DECEMBER 14: *Annual Christmas Party* with the Civic Center. ☺



Members admiring the space and contents of the **Wilton Historical Society** rooms during our Autumn Outing on Sunday, October 16. Photo: Rob Stephenson



**Jackie Johnson** prepares for the annual Christmas party co-sponsored with the Civic Center and held there on December 20th. A large turnout enjoyed a wondrous array of food and drink. Photo: Dick Boutwell