

Steve Hooper

24 Years Covering Jaffrey in the *Sentinel*



Spring Program 7 pm, Thursday, April 12, 2012

Jaffrey Civic Center

Free for all. Refreshments

Steve Hooper has been taking photographs of the Monadnock Region for close to a quarter of a century. These have appeared mostly in the Keene *Sentinel*. He tries to capture the events—happy, tragic, historic, every-day—that happen in a community and make it what it is and what we remember. He has won numerous local regional and national awards for his photojournalism work.

Steve coordinated the four year grassroots effort to make the film *An American Nurse At War* which chronicles the WW I Red Cross experience of his great-aunt Marion McCune Rice of Brattleboro. He is presently involved as Executive Producer of a feature length documentary on the history of Mount Monadnock entitled *Monadnock—The Mountain That Stands Alone*.

Steve lives in Keene with his wife Jackie.

News of your Society

from our President, Marcie Manning

THERE is no need to welcome you to Spring since we have been experiencing spring-like weather during these usually cold winter months; but it will be nice to say that winter is over and we can look forward to the “real spring.”

Our Spring meeting will be on April 12th at the Civic Center at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be Steve Hooper from the Keene *Sentinel*. He will bring along a selection of the many photographs of Jaffrey that he and his colleagues at the *Sentinel* have taken over the past few decades. We hope you are planning to attend this event. We will have light refreshments after the program.

As usual, membership dues are another item to mention. Several members have not sent in their 2012 dues. If you received a membership envelope with this letter, it indicates that your dues have not yet been paid. Remember it is your dues that keep the Jaffrey Historical Society going.

When you do send in your check could you possibly include an e-mail address? This will make sending notices easier for us and less expensive. Thank you ahead of time. This endeavor to get everyone's e-address has just started. You can send in your address to me at

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INSPIRED by another railroad-related donation from **Paul St. Pierre**, a new exhibit has been set up in the historical rooms at the Civic Center. Paul located and framed a picture of two trains standing at the East Jaffrey Train Depot. Earlier items from Paul include pictures of a 1911 train wreck, and a piece of rail from the tracks south of town. Among the artifacts which were already in the archives is the letter written by the Jaffrey Selectmen inviting the Monadnock Railroad to come through Jaffrey. It is from 1870. The original letter is on display along with pictures taken at the station, shipping orders to businesses in town, and route maps. The exhibit will be on display through the Annual Meeting in August. The Railroad in Jaffrey display can be viewed whenever the Civic Center is open.



Also on view are the panels of pictures organized for the February meeting at which **Dennis Wright** spoke about his years as a one room school teacher. Four of Jaffrey's first schoolhouses are shown, along with student writings and awards, teachers' salaries, annual reports and a map of the thirteen school districts in town. Many items date back to the early decades of the nineteenth century.

Because of the shortage of volunteers, it has proven too difficult to open the Historical Society rooms on a regular basis. But the faithful volunteers who work through the late fall, winter and early spring, usually two mornings each week, will be happy to greet you if you call ahead. They are **Jackie Johnson**, **Ken Duquette** and **Dick Boutwell**. Come and see our wonderful collections.

The Jaffrey Historical Society joins

other societies four times a year and collaborates on exhibits at the Historical Society of Cheshire County in Keene. Two recent exhibits were on *Churches & Meetinghouses*, and *Education in Early New England*. A new exhibit now being planned will be about water powered mills. Jaffrey had a goodly number of saw, carding and fulling mills. The remains of these may be seen in several parts of town.

The Society has only a few pictures of these mills, but no artifacts relating to them. Albert Annett's *History of Jaffrey* has an excellent chapter about the mills and his writing supplies much of the information which will be used. We are putting out a request for pictures, artifacts and information regarding Jaffrey's water-powered mills which could be shared. Please contact **Dick Boutwell** (532-6160) about anything you might have to share.

The Jaffrey Historic District Commission is preparing a walking tour of Squantum Village along the same lines of the published tours of Downtown and Jaffrey Center. How many of you have visited Squantum? It's perhaps Jaffrey's earliest settlement and still retains some of its heritage as a mill site. Where did the name come from? No one seems to know. If you have any interesting information on Squantum, particularly old photographs, let **Rob Stephenson** (rs41@comcast.net) know. He's the one putting together the tour. (There'll be a walk-around Squantum to help in this effort and to learn more about its history on **June 3rd**. Look for further details as the date approaches. 🍷