

Winter
2020

Jaffrey Historical Society

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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 13, 2020 at the Civic Center. (*Snow date: Friday, February 14*) Gather at 5:30 p.m. for socializing. Supper at 6:00. Program at 7:00 p.m.

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. Please come even if you can't bring a dish.

IMPORTANT! Contact **Marcie Manning** at 532-7452 or mcm9210@gmail.com to say you're coming and what you'll bring. Please do so by **February 7th**.

'The Three Amigos'

THERE are three mature gentlemen seen almost daily around Jaffrey, usually together, usually making the rounds of lunch places. They tend to talk and laugh a lot. These THREE AMIGOS—**Bill Driscoll**, **Bernie Hampsey** and **Joe Manning**—will bring their wisdom and humor to the annual Potluck at the Civic Center. They—and you—will respond to a collection of Jaffrey scenes, people & places flashed on the screen. We can only guess what the outcome will be. Come along to find out. 🐾 🐾 🐾

News of your Society

A Message from the President,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We were fortunate, by the kindness and benevolence of the late Mary Kidd, to have the means to install a state-of-the-art projector in the Civic Center Auditorium. This will help us with our programs and also provide a benefit to the Civic Center operation. I hope many of you will join us for our Potluck supper meeting on February 13th, and witness this new technology first hand. Not only is the projector attached to the ceiling thereby removing the need for a cart and connecting cables in the middle of the room, it has the capability to connect with a computer (and even a smart phone!) wirelessly.

Unfortunately, our desktop computer that is housed downstairs in the JHS Archives has given up the ghost. This computer is used to catalog our collections and accessions. It exceeded the predictable life span of eight years and in spite of attempts there is no economical repair solution. We will research replacement options for a laptop model that can do double duty—maintain our records and provide the portability for connecting to our new projector for programs in the Auditorium.

It's somewhat ironic that new technology will help us fulfill our mission to preserve and share the history of Jaffrey.

Bruce

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And a reminder: The Society's membership year coincides with the calendar year so you may find a 2020 dues envelope enclosed. (*If you don't find an envelope enclosed, that means you're paid up through 2020*). Please help the Society by paying promptly.

THE SOCIETY ON THE WEB

- There are two Society websites: Sean Driscoll maintains <http://www.jaffreyhistory.org> and Rob Stephenson maintains <http://www.rs41.org/jhs.htm>
- Voluminous information on the Dean Murder is at: <http://www.deanmurder.org>
- Photographs and other images are on SmugMug at: <https://rs41.smugmug.com/Jaffrey>
- Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JaffreyHS>



This year's Autumn Outing was close by. We started at **Millipore Sigma** where we toured the facility and learned just what goes on there along Turnpike Road. We then went on to the **Cathedral of the Pines**, then to the **Rindge Meetinghouse**, and finally to **Sunflowers** for an enjoyable dinner. 🍷



The Society hosted a **Monadnock Historical Societies Forum** on October 10th. Local societies convene three times a year to trade information, pose questions and learn from one another. 🍷



Our annual Christmas Party with the Civic Center was lively and well-attended. Pictured here in the Library are **David Rooney**, **Regina Vorce**, Executive Director of the Civic Center, **Bruce Hill**, Society President, and **Dick Boutwell**, Archivist. 🍷

Archives

Dick Boutwell, *Chair*

RECENT ACCESSIONS include poster and organizational papers of a St. Patrick Church 1946 entertainment (**Mary Given**); four snapshots of unnamed members of the Baptist Church ca. 1937 (**Bruce Hill**); 50th Conant High School Class of 1950 Reunion Program (**Cynthia Hamilton**); Newspaper article announcing Dick Hill's retirement (**Jackie Johnson**); Four aerial views of Jaffrey Center and a large collection of Jaffrey Town Reports (**Rob Stephenson**); Newspaper clipping of award of Army Good Conduct Medal to James Baird, August 11, 1944 (**Nashua Historical Society**); Lloyd Wellington's 1922 Conant High School Graduation Diploma and CDs of Churches of Jaffrey and the Little Red Schoolhouse (**donor unknown**). ☞

Membership

Marcie Manning, *Chair*

WE ARE saddened by the death of our long-time member and Jaffrey native **Charles Hamilton, MD**.

We welcome as a new Life Member, **Casey Leach**, daughter of Susan & Allen Leach. ☞

Let's Eat!

Karen Ayers & Dick Boutwell, *Chairs*

"LET'S EAT" is the recently installed Society exhibit located on the second floor of the Jaffrey Public Library.

Eating not only feeds our bodies, but it provides opportunities for getting together with friends and family.

Jaffrey has had a number of eateries and some (*The Rusty Bucket, Alymer's, Perry's Diner*) are highlighted in the exhibit cases as well as tableware from some of the establishments.

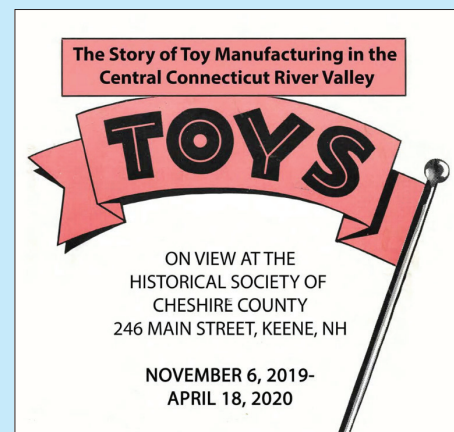
Local civic organizations have compiled recipe books from as early as 1902.

Take a walk down memory lane and see which ones make your mouth water.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS 2020

WINTER, Library Exhibit, *Let's Eat!* • **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13:** *Annual Potluck* 5:30pm *The Three Amigos* (see page 1) • **THURSDAY, APRIL 16:** *Program* TBD • **SUNDAY, JUNE 14:** *Cutter Cemetery tour* (with the Jaffrey Cemetery Committee) • **THURSDAY, AUGUST 20:** *Annual Meeting, Program* TBD • **MONTH OF AUGUST,** Exhibit, TBD • **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18:** *Annual Autumn Outing*, Amherst, New Hampshire • **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10:** *Annual Christmas Party* with the Civic Center, 5:30-7pm. ☞

This exhibit contains ephemera not only from the Jaffrey Historical Society archives but also items on loan from Pat Cournoyer, Cathy Proulx, Casey Leach, Karen Ayers and Carolyn Edwards of *Sunflowers*. ☞



OUR SOCIETY lent a doll swing made by Annett Mfg. in Squantum to the current HSCC exhibit in Keene. Stop by and have a look. ☞

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Solvang, California: A Jaffrey Connection

VIGGO BRANDT-ERICHSEN's time in Jaffrey is known by many and there are a few who even remember the man himself. The sculptor of the Buddies Monument and the World War II Gold Star Mothers monument on the downtown Common came to Jaffrey in 1926 where he first lived at *The Ark* and later at Highland Farm on Highland Avenue and finally at the Melville or stone house on Main Street. In 1949 Viggo and Patt and their three children left Jaffrey for California where they settled in Solvang in the lovely Santa Ynez Valley north of Santa Barbara. "Viggo died in Solvang in 1955, not yet 60 years old. Patt survived him for many years, dying in 1983. She left the house they had built and the grounds to the Santa Ynez Valley Historical Society with the provision that it should become what is now the Elverhøj Museum of History and Art. It features history of the town of Solvang as well as Viggo and Patt's art work."

Margaret Bean wrote and the Society published *Viggo Brandt-Erichsen in Jaffrey* back in 2006. You can purchase a copy at the Civic Center or find it online at <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/BrandtErichsen.pdf> 📄

Below is the **Elverhøj Museum** in Solvang, California. Built by Viggo Brandt-Erichsen (1896-1955) and his family as their home after leaving Jaffrey, it is now a museum focusing on the Solvang Danish connection and on the Brandt-Erichsens. It serves also as the local historical society. For more see <https://www.solvangusa.com/directory/elverhoj-museum-of-history-art/>

Not far away in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Ballard is the gravesite of Viggo and his third wife Martha (Patt), the unusual designs the work of Viggo (photo courtesy of findagrave.com). In the same cemetery is the gravesite of Viggo Thor Brandt-Erichsen (1939-2008), the son of Viggo and his second wife, Joan Crowley. In Jaffrey's Old Burying Ground, in the far northwest corner, is the mausoleum Viggo built for his first wife, Dorothy Caldwell, also an unusual design. 🏠

