

Stockholm Historical Society Newsletter

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President's Message

Greeting to friends near and far! My name is Sandra Hara and I am your new Stockholm Historical Society President. I grew up in Stockholm, the daughter of Harold and Ruth (Sandstrom) Johnson. I attended Stockholm Schools and graduated in 1962 from Caribou High. I then got my vocational nurse training at the Northern Maine Vocational Institute, got married to one of those "fly boys" Clifford Hara, moved to the desert of Southern California and raised a family. In 2001 we came home for a 1-week visit in July. In 2002 we came back for 2 weeks and found a camp at Madawaska Lake. We finally retired in 2006 and the plan was to spend summers at the lake and winters in California. But after 11 cross-country car trips, longer times in Maine and less time in California we have decided to cross over and become official Mainiacs again.

We have a wonderful heritage housed in the old general store and barn at the corner of North Main St and Lake St. and it is an awesome responsibility to keep this 100+ year old building in shape and up to date. Thank goodness we have a small very dedicated group of folks who see to this endeavor. Each year brings new repair challenges, new displays, and new funding worries. We have the calendars produced by Lori Costello and Linda Callison that have been a huge success. With the continuing worry over rising fuel oil costs and other costs we need to seek more avenues of revenue.

As we begin this new season it is my hope that we can expand our active membership with folk who can dedicate a few hours of time to the museum. There is a great need for "new blood" to come in and learn from those who have dedicated years to the museum. We have an amazing group of volunteers, who have held their respective offices for years, but they would love to pass the "torch" and we would love to embrace new folk. You don't have to have ancestry from Stockholm to join, or even live in Stockholm to be an active member. One of our most active members lives in the town of Madawaska and others live at Madawaska Lake.

Here is my wish list:

1. Volunteers to host at the museum on summer weekends.
2. Volunteers who have an interest in the repair and upkeep of museum artifacts.
3. Ideas and assistance with fund raising.
4. Volunteers who have a desire to help with ANY aspect of the museum.
5. Expansion of our gift shop items
6. Ideas on how we can take advantage of the upcoming 2014 Acadian Congress to increase our exposure to the rest of Aroostook County, Maine and Canada.

I look forward to the spring and invite everyone to our first official meeting of 2013, which is April 29th at 7 pm here at the museum.



Sandra Hara

Past President's Message

I have been President of the Historical Society for seventeen years. It didn't seem that long but now it's time to give someone else the position. It was a pleasure to serve and we accomplished a lot by working together. There is still a lot more to do but we are very proud of everything that has been done.

Now, we need to encourage our younger generation to join us. The museum will be theirs to maintain and promote what we have been working on all these years.

The museum is an asset to our community. We get many compliments every year from the community and as well as from outside visitors and tourists from other states and countries.

Our next project, through a generous donation from Paul Anderson, is the fabrication of a Hot Air Balloon in memory of Gordon Anderson who brought his balloon to Stockholm and gave free rides to anyone who wancourtesy of Paul Anderson , to honor the past baseball team members that were active in town and county in the 1950's.

Our new President is Sandra Hara. Sandra is a devoted member and hard worker for our society.

See you all in April. We will be vacationing in Tucson, Arizona for a few weeks. We hope you all have a wonderful winter. Stay warm!



Albertine Dufour

Kaffeeklatsch at Anderson's Store (any day, any year)



NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN

Kristi Peterson has opened a Beauty Salon and has Custom-made Sewing Creations, "The Jemtland Gypsy". Stop in! It's located across the road from the Town Office.

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ORDER THE 2014 STOCKHOLM MUSUM CALENDAR NOW!

We are now taking orders for the 2014 Stockholm Historical Society Calendars! This year we are going through our photos and looking for black and white scenes from Stockholm during the 1950's. The calendar sales have been a great fundraiser to help pay for fuel oil to heat the museum each winter. If you would like to order a calendar, or several, see the order form below. Calendars will be available the first part of July.

Possible scenes:

Old High School/Little Brown School
IGA Store/Albert's Shop (anyone have interior photos?)
Fogelin's/Gessner's/Franny's Garage
Memorial Day Parade to the Cemetery
Ice Skating Rink on Station Street (anyone have pictures?)
Ball games at the park
Train Station (anyone have pictures of people coming and going?)
Post Office/Potato Houses
Potato Harvest the old-fashioned way
Winter Carnival Races
Three Churches/Band Stand

Thank you for all your wonderful support of this fund raiser.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Quantity _____ \$12 each plus \$3 shipping (if calendar is to be mailed)

Send this form and payment to:
Stockholm Historical Society Stockholm, ME 04783

Stockholm Firefighters Honored

The volunteers of the Stockholm Fire Dept. were honored at a dinner on January 25, 2013. The hearty pot roast dinner was hosted by the American Legion Post # 136 of Stockholm. Seven of the ten volunteers were able to attend. The evening started with Brenda Jepson singing the Star Spangled Banner. Auxiliary President Kathy Robinson did a few fireman jokes and then Juanita Goetz sang several songs, some were sing-alongs. Commander Herman Fisher presented each honoree with a certificate and then announced the Fireman of the Year: Joe Thibodeau. Stockholm and surrounding towns appreciate these fine men for their service.



Joe Thibodeau, Steve Wimmer, Sven Bondeson, Joe Bither, Dave Duquette, John Gagnon, Rich Long

“As Time Goes By”

Looking for Talent, or just a Wanna-be. The Stockholm American Legion & Auxiliary is putting on its fifth annual Variety Show, summer of 2013. This year's theme is a fashion show/musical from the early 1900's to the present. You can be part of this fun project. Looking for singers, musicians, loans of “period” type clothing, backdrop scenery, etc. This show will be presented on two nights: June 29th and July 3rd. Tickets will be on sale soon. \$8. for June 30th for show only and \$12. for July 3rd which will include a dinner. For more information, call Program Chairman Kathy Robinson, Auxiliary President at 896-7909.

2014 World Acadian Congress

Our neighbors to the north will be celebrating an important event from August 8 to 24 in 2014. There are many celebrations and everyone is welcome to attend. One wonderful happening will be the 120 family reunions that will be taking place. To see their Newsletter, and to find out what is going to take place in Madawaska, Fort Kent, Quebec and other areas, go on line at Acadian Congress 2014 and join the fun! It just happens that HILLARY CLINTON is of Franco-American ancestry, read about her life at <http://fchsm.org/pdf/Clinton.pdf>.

WE'RE EXPECTING YOU

The 14th Annual Stockholm Historical Parade will be held on July 4th at 11:00am. Molly Bouchard, Miss Maine 2012, will be the Grand Marshal. Queens from surrounding areas will also be in the parade. We are fortunate this year to have two bands, the Van Buren School Marching Band and the Aroostook K Band. There will also be a special float from the World Acadian Congress 2014 Celebration from Madawaska, St. John Valley, New Brunswick and Quebec provinces. All participants are welcome. Contact George Clayton Nelson, 728-3854 or 316-7282.

MIDSOMMAR FEST IN NEW SWEDEN WILL BE HELD JUNE 21, 22, AND 23, THIS YEAR. THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE COLONY OF NEW SWEDEN (NEW SWEDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY) AND MAINE'S SWEDISH COLONY, INC., HAVE MERGED! YOU CAN FIND THEM ON FACEBOOK.

There is a "Little Free Library" in memory of Margaret Anderson on the porch of Anderson's Store. You may take a book, read it, bring it back, give it to a friend or keep it. If you wish to donate a book, it can be left at the store or at Trinity church.



MEMBERSHIP

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94 DONWORTH STREET, STOCKHOLM, ME 04783

DONATION: (THANK YOU, THANK YOU) \$_____

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