

## CROYDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2014



Hello Croydon townspeople, one more year until our 250th celebration.

Our 'Fine Dining' raffle winners were pampered by the museum servants in May, getting to mingle with neighbors that they don't often see. It's been proven, the more tickets you buy is almost a sure win. Some repeat winners use this strategy.

(Picture inset is the Keeping Room setup.)

Beatrice H. Smith is our Oldest Croydon Resident, at 95. She was recognized by the Society officially in August at the tractor parade event, with family and friends in attendance. She is a quiet matriarch, who doesn't like to call attention to herself.



We acquired a few significant physical donations this year. The Bob Nelson family donated some great farm implements, including a horse drawn field roller, seeders, harness, to list some. This all came from the original Davis Farm on Old Springfield Rd, Ryder Corner. Then we acquired a number of items from the Hickey family, off the Paul Farm, which they have sold on Reeds Mill Rd, a very early winnower, which is used to separate grain from the chaff, other horse drawn plows and seeders, a one horse sleigh, and several chairs and a dresser placed into the museum, to list some things too. All this is in the museum barn, waiting to be placed and labeled for viewing.



The Linton family (Shirley and Joyce) donated Leon Linton's homemade wooden gavel that he used as town moderator from 1941 to 1955. The Diotte family (Brenda and Cynthia) donated a metal stamp of R. Durkee, Croydon, NH, found years ago in the dirt on Barton Rd by their boys, also, a handmade wedding dress of Grandma Diotte. Monetary donations, memory and others continue to come, and we can hardly say thank you enough for these. We've lost a number of folks this year, Madeleine Dearden, John Clements, selectman 6+ years, Bob Smith, John Weber, Eleanor Reney, all having contributed to the history of Croydon, personally and families.



During the Veteran Dinner at the Croydon Fire Station hall, we recognized Clayton Phillips as our town's oldest veteran. The talented young singers lead by Amanda Leslie, and the participants singing their service theme songs, added to the enjoyment of the gathering.

If you would like to come in to the museum, would like to join us in our efforts to preserve Croydon's history, want a 2014 ornament, or would be willing to help with plans for the 250<sup>th</sup>, please contact us through the town office or email:

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