

Madrid

Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

June 2016

OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER AS A COMMUNITY!



ANNUAL PICNIC- Once again, the Madrid Historical Society (MHS) will sponsor the annual Madrid Twp. Community Picnic on July 2, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Burgers, Hot Dogs and FUN provided. Please bring a dish to share and the beverage of your choice. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SET UP (9:30 that morning) AND CLEAN UP AFTER.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY –We had a great party for the children last year. Lots of activities, games, caroling, food, gifts, and, of course, Santa! But we need your help with identifying children, ages 10 and under for this year's party, December 10, 11:00-1:00 IF YOU KNOW CHILDREN IN THIS AGE RANGE IN MADRID/EAST MADRID PLEASE CONTACT SOMEONE FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SO WE CAN GET THEM ON THE LIST. *And we invite the children of Madrid, all ages, to make an ornament for the MHS Christmas tree, signed and dated. Some of our most beloved ornaments are those made by small hands!*



ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY – Instead of a business meeting in December we celebrate the holidays with a party for the grown-ups! Pot luck and Yankee Swap start at 6:00 on December 12. All are welcome!

UPDATE ON LAND ACQUISITION - The legislature passed the bill that would allow MHS to take ownership of the parcel of land adjacent to MHS that should have been conveyed to us by the Town of Madrid when the town deorganized. We are now awaiting the Governor's signature. Once that is in place, we will take the steps necessary with the help of our lawyer, Paul Mills, to have the deed to the land put in our name.

MHS SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM – Our annual **Open House** is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 10-3. Please stop by and see our collections and the schoolroom. We are always looking for historic photos and other memorabilia related to Madrid, including BUT NOT LIMITED TO items pertaining to the grange halls, mills, logging, homes, people, and Reeds Mill Church. Photos can be scanned and returned if desired. We will also be glad to assist anyone with historical and genealogy research.

LOOKING FOR CALENDAR MATERIAL Do you or someone you know have pictures of old hunting/logging camps in Madrid? We'd love to have that be the theme in a future calendar. Get pictures to us, which we'd gladly scan and return to you ASAP. **Please be sure to label your photos.** Our 2015 calendar had an error in mislabeling one of the homesteads; we apologize! And be sure to include your order for the 2017 calendar on the attached form. Calendars highlight Madrid's history!

IN MEMORIUM This past year we lost two friends. Ethel Whitmore, a past member, who spent many, summers here in her camp on Reeds Mill Road, and Bill Epstein, who *always* supplied the potato chips for the annual picnic.

A NOTE OF THANKS – After many years of tireless service to MHS, Peg Balduf, our treasurer, is retiring from this position. Peg has done an awesome job of keeping track of the finances. We will miss her but wish her well in her 'retirement'. Consequently, we are in need of a new treasurer. Contact MHS if you feel you can help.

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MADRID BUSINESS LIST - Did you know there are several businesses in Madrid? Please support them!

Signs of Design - Cindy Kamens - Graphic Design 639-2115, signsofdaydesign@tds.net

Norton Farms – Kevin Norton – Beef, Eggs, Maple Syrup 639-3342

Sew What - Carolyn Harvey - Quality, custom Upholstery, Slipcovers, Window Treatments Phone -639-2795, sewwhatme@tds.net

Star Barn Yoga – Ginni Robie – All levels 639-2713, vrobie@live.com

Melvyn Webber Construction – 639-2143

Grammy Sammy’s Goodies (Baked Goods)/Massage – Sandy Grignon 639-2251

Wilber Heating/Plumbing – John Wilber 639-2251

Little Boutique in the Woods – Prudy Pike 639-4301



RED LIGHT ALERT – MHS has a red, temperature “ALERT LIGHT” in the window facing Rte. 4. If you notice the light is on, please contact a member of the board.

FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORY TOUR - MHS continues to participate in this semiannual tour Saturday June 4 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Historical societies from New Sharon to Kingfield to Oquossoc will be open 10:00-4:00. Go to www.franklincountymaine.org/calendar/event/364 for the full list. Make a day of it!



SHOWING PATRIOTISM Don’t you just love it when you drive through a town that has flags flying down the center of Main St.? MHS would like to hang USA flags in Madrid along a short segment of Rte. 4 and Reeds Mill Road. Would you be willing to help sponsor this project, perhaps in honor of or in memory of someone? If so, your donation of \$50 pays for one set up and should be included with your dues and/or calendar order. Thank you!

REEDS MILL CHURCH The church will begin summer services on Sunday, July 3, 2:00 PM. If you’re in town for the annual picnic, stay for church the next day. ☺ Everyone welcome! There is also a hymn sing Sunday, September 11, 7:00 PM (bring your flashlight). And don’t forget to make our 10:00 Thanksgiving morning service a part of your holiday tradition as well as the Christmas Candlelight Service the Sunday before Christmas at 3:00 PM. 207-639-2713 or www.reedsmillchurch.org.

MADRID CEMETERY ASSOCIATION UPDATE The Madrid Cemetery Association has been working hard this past year installing new fencing at the Centre Cemetery, cleaning up brush and putting in two new roads at the Dunham Cemetery. We meet the second Tuesday of May and October (next meeting Oct. 11, 2016). New members warmly welcomed. Questions? Call Prudy Pike at 207-639-4301.

ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP *Your membership renewal/calendar order form is attached. Your annual dues is very important to the ongoing work of MHS. In addition to maintaining the building, the property, and the museum, it is your dues money that assists us in providing outreach in our community by sponsoring the annual picnic and the annual children’s Christmas party. Thank you for being a member of the Madrid Historical Society.*

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April -November – Monthly MHS meetings. Potluck 5:30, Business Meeting 6:00 All are welcome!

June 4 – Franklin County History Tour, 10-2

July 2 – Annual Picnic, Bud’s Field on Reeds Mill Road 11-3

August 20 – Annual Open House, MHS Museum 10-3

December 10 - Madrid Children’s Christmas Party, Community Room – 11:00-1:00

December 12 – Madrid Adult Christmas Party, Community Room – 6:00

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