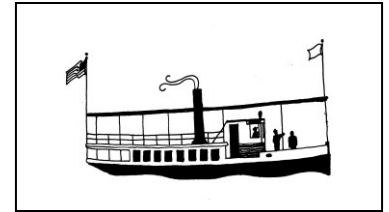


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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Summer is coming and we're looking forward to celebrating our 50 years of preserving Sunapee's history with all of you. We hope we'll see you often and that you'll help us imagine the future with fresh ideas and renewed enthusiasm!

This promises to be an especially busy summer with lots of anniversaries being celebrated with special events in addition to our own: LSPA (LakeSunapee.org) is 125; the NH Historical Society (NHHistory.org) is 200; SooNipi Magazine is 40, and many more. All events are posted on the relevant websites, and you'll also find a full listing of ours on the enclosed card (or accompanying email attachment if you're reading this online).

Museum Reopening. The Museum will open for the season on Memorial Day weekend, but we'd like to make a bigger event of it than usual. Saturday afternoon, 27 May, would be an especially good time to stop by and savor all that we have accomplished in 50 years with your support. Come to see exhibits old and new and visit with several board members. Open hours this year will continue to be Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 11-4 (probably starting earlier on Saturdays when the Farmers' Market is on).

Come Celebrate!

Sunapee Historical Society

1973 2023

50th ANNIVERSARY

GRAND REOPENING

Saturday, May 27th
Noon to 4:00 pm

Flanders-Osborne Museum
for Sunapee Historical Society's 50th summer

For more information
www.SunapeeHistoricalSociety.org

Big 70s Party! Please plan to celebrate with us on 12 August at the Livery from 7-10 pm. We'll have hearty hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and a band playing 70s music. It's a BYOB event. Tickets are \$50 and reservations can be made any time.

History Cruises. We're planning two history cruises –on 26 June and repeated on 31 July. This year Barbara Chalmers, Midge Eliassen, and Nancy Dutton will take us on a lakeside tour of Hastings, SooNipi, Blodgett's and the islands. Barbara is busy finishing up another book, this one on the properties on Great Isle, so we can expect more new information than usual on this year's cruise! Reservations can be made anytime via phone (603.763.9872) or email (sunapeehistory@gmail.com).

Special Events. You won't want to miss two special programs added this year: One is a **Fly-tying Workshop** with master fly tyer Scott Biron at the Museum on Saturday morning, 8 July. Scott will demonstrate tying Sunapee streamer patterns and discuss their history. And the other, scheduled for a Wednesday evening in September, will be a discussion of life in early 19th century rural New Hampshire with **Pauper Auction** author Mary Kronenwetter. Some of you may remember Mary from her time as education director at the Fells and/or remember the brief review of her book in the last issue of this newsletter.

Wish list. Our files are outgrowing their file cabinet space at the Archives, so we're wondering if anyone has a **4-drawer, letter-size filing cabinet** that he/she is eager to part with. And we have a batch of 35mm photo slides to digitize. Does anyone have a **slide digitizer** that we could borrow? Either or both would be a big help. Thanks for considering.

Preparing the Museum. We've begun getting the Museum ready for the season and hoping for weather that will allow us to put a fresh coat of stain on the front of the building. Final cleanup is scheduled for Saturday morning, 20 May. Come on down if you'd like to help. We'll be there from 9 to noon.

If you'd like to help in other ways this summer, please let us know. There's lots to do!

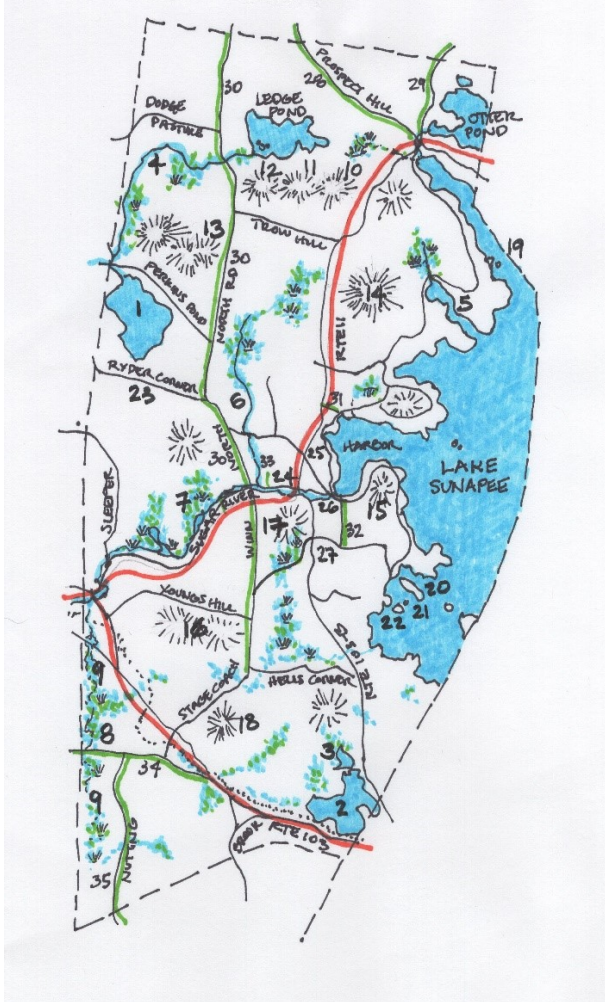
See you soon!

Becky Fitts Rylander

Did you know?.....

WHAT'S IN A NAME? by Barbara Chalmers

It stands to reason that a town that changed its name three times, as Sunapee did, would change road and place names too. Many began with the name of the family who owned the land.



Pond names changed:

- 1 - Breech or Brecks Pond early 1800s to Perkins Pond by 1860
- 2 - Spectacle Pond early 1800s to Mountainview Lake by 1907
- 3 - Little Spectacle Pond early 1800s to Mud Pond by 1907

Brooks and swamp meadow names endured:

- 4 - Ledge Pond Brook from early 1800s
- 5 - Jobs Creek, named for land owner Job Williams from 1820
- 6 - Meadow Brook from mid-1800s
- 7 - Young's Mill Pond of early 1800s to Brookside Farm meadows 1835 to Wendell Marsh by 1960s
- 8 - Alder Meadow or Alder Swamp from mid-1800s
- 9 - Wendell Brook from mid-1800s

Many hills were named for pioneer families:

- 10 - Gulf Hill, from early 1800s, no longer used
- 11 - Trow Hill for 1790s settler Josiah Trow
- 12 - Mica Mine Hill, for mine that opened in 1896
- 13 - Smith Hill, for 1790s settler Francis Smith
- 14 - Browns Hill, for 1840 farmer David Brown
- 15 - Keyser Hill, for industrialist George Keyser of 1840, later called Sunset Hill, Hedgehog Hill, or Harbor Hill
- 16 - Youngs Hill, for 1790s Young family farms
- 17 - Blaisdell Hill, for 1840s Blaisdell family, to Ski Tow Hill in 1938
- 18 - Angell Hill, for 1780s Angell family farms, no longer used

Lake Sunapee's islands have had many names:

- 19 - Woodbury Islands by 1860, to Woodsum Islands by 1887, to Twin Islands by 1915

- 20 - Birch Island by 1820s, Liberty Island by 1881, Tuxbury's 1902, Shepard's 1937, Isle of Pines 1960s
- 21 - Blueberry Island by 1860, to Emerald Island by 1890s
- 22 - Burnt Island by 1846, to Star Island in 1890s

Place names lost to time:

- 23 - Felch Hollow, Ryder Corner Rd where John Felch committed suicide in 1878.
- 24 - Cooper Square, Main St at Rte 11, named for Ray Cooper, Sunapee's first death in WWI
- 25 - Hopkins Corners, Intersection by St Joachim Church, named for Dr. John Hopkins
- 26 - Post Office Square, intersection of Central St, Main St, and High Street
- 27 - Robinson Corners, intersection of Rte103B, Beech St, and Stagecoach Rd for Robinson family

Street names change:

- 28 - North Road in 1780s to Main St in 1900s, to Prospect Hill Road in 1950
- 29 - Lover's Lane in 1900s to Cooper St and Springfield Rd in 1950s
- 30 - Thurber Road in 1772 to North Road and Winn Road in 1902
- 31 - Worthen Road in 1940s to Dewey Beach Road 1970s
- 32 - Granite Street in 1879 to Burkehaven Hill Road in 1940s
- 33 - Myrtle Street in 1902 to School Street in 1928
- 34 - County Road in 1800s to Bradford Road in modern era
- 35 - Sischo Road in 1800s to Old Goshen Road in 1909 to Nutting Road in 1940s

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Putting up the sign, painted by Babe Sargent in 1981, at the Museum