



# UNION MEETING HALL

# November 2021 Newsletter

## The Friends of the Union Meeting Hall Board of Directors

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## FERRISBURGH DAY

Ferrisburgh Day was an amazing success for the entire Town! We are extremely grateful for the FUMH volunteers Jeanne Comouche, Jodi Fearon, and Red Muir for helping make the events at the UMH a success! We'd also like to thank the Vandeweert's Pleasant Acres for donating the pumpkins, the Basin Harbor food truck for selling amazing food, the Quilts of Valor organization for hosting a very moving ceremony for our veterans, the Bixby Library for hosting a reading nook, the Champlain Brass Quintet and Erik and Erica Andrus for playing music and Steve Audy for not only playing music but running the sound for the entire event as well! What a wonderful community we live in!



## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Friends of the Union Meeting Hall (FUMH) are pleased to announce that we are the recipient of two grants, a \$26,4000 Cultural Facilities Grant from the Vermont Arts Council and a \$2,000 Walter Cerf Grant from the Vermont Community Foundation. These funds will allow a permanent ADA entrance/exit and earthen ramp to be installed on the north side of the building. The initial planning work has begun, and work will continue throughout winter and spring. We are very appreciative for support of the Vermont Arts Council and the Vermont Community Foundation of our efforts to rehabilitate the Union Meeting Hall.

## NEW VIDEOS ON THE UMH WEBSITE

We've added some great videos to the Union Meeting Hall website, including the removal of the steeple from the building, a video of the steeple being put back on the building, and a video of Silas Towler doing a "History Talk" on the Union Meeting. Check them out!

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Girl Scout Troop 58465 have generously purchased, assembled and donated a Little Free Library to the Union Meeting. The Library will be installed in the coming weeks. The Bixby Library has also graciously offered to adopt our Little Free Library, ensuring that it's stocked for visitors of all ages. Information about a dedication ceremony will be forthcoming.

## IN THE NEWS

The FUMH was very excited to be featured on the E-Newsletter from the Preservation Trust of Vermont. FUMH President Ashley LaFlam had the opportunity to talk with Meg Campbell from PTV about our efforts to save the Union Meeting Hall. A link to the newsletter can be found under the "In the News" tab on our website.

