

HIRAM NEWSLETTER

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JUNE 2019

COME JOIN THE FUN!!
4TH OF JULY
PARADE



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE, PLEASE CALL DAVE AT 625-3530 OR 256-0136.

**THE PARADE IS
THURSDAY JULY 4TH - 10A.M.
(LINE UP AT 9 A.M. AT Four
Corners Store, Rt. 117, East
Hiram)**

Bring anything you can think of- decorated bicycles, antique & specialty cars, trucks, wagons, floats, tractors, animals (sheep, horses, etc), Boy & Girl Scouts, Brownies, whatever! Would love to have you!

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE PARK

50/50 RAFFLE

Need to be present to win 50/50 raffle

RAFFLE AND BAKE SALE!



Chainsaw, 20 pc silverware set, Panini grill, multicooker, bird feeder, outside thermometer, glasses, and much, much more!

Advance tickets for the raffles will be for sale at the Hiram Town Office, Dave & Gloria Paro, Four Corners Store and on the Village Green the day of the parade.

**Donations for the raffle are welcome!
Questions, call Dave**

**HIRAM TOWN OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
JULY 4TH AND 5TH, 2019
ENJOY THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND!**



**FLEA MARKET
4TH OF JULY
AT THE
HIRAM COMMUNITY CENTER
14 HISTORICAL RIDGE**

**JUST OFF MAIN ST (RT. 117)
HIRAM**

OPEN 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**Antiques, craft supplies, attic treasures,
collectibles**

Many Vendors

Light lunch available!

**Tables available - Inside tables
\$5 for 6 ft table and \$7 for 8 ft.
table. Outside spot is \$10.00
which is larger than inside.**



**If Interested contact, Priscilla
Howard at 625-8074 or
Gloria Paro at 625-3530**



WE HAVE ADDED NEW HOURS!
TOWN OFFICE HOURS
MON – THURS. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
THURS EVENINGS 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
FRI – 9 a.m. – NOON
SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
TEL: 207-625-4663 – FAX 207-625-7635



MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEET EVERY THURS EVENING
AT 7 P.M. AT THE TOWN OFFICE
PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND

DIRECTORY

TOWN CLERK, TX COLLECTOR, TREASURER, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS – MARYLOU STACEY – hiramclerk@roadrunner.com
 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, DEPUTY, E911 ADDRESSING OFFICER AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR – TERRY DAY – hiramtwnofc@roadrunner.com
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 ERIC DURGIN – MUNICIPAL OFFICER – edurgin@townofhiram.org
 H. JAMIE MARSHALL – MUNICIPAL OFFICER – jmarshall@townofhiram.org
 BRUCE SMITH – CEO – hiramCEO@gmail.com
 CINDY EATON – ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – 207-890-5313

Southwest Oxford County Nutrition Inc.
 701 Pequawket Trail Rt. 113 Brownfield Maine

Hours of Operation
 Set up and Distribution third Thursday of each month
 Volunteer Hours 8:00am to 4:00pm
 Client hours are from 12:00pm to 4:00 pm

Five Week Months

5	5	5	5
January	February	March	April
May	June	July	August
September	October	November	December

17	21	21	18	16	20	18	15	19	17	21	19
Clean up Friday after Distribution 8:00am											
18	22	22	19	17	21	19	16	20	18	22	20

Closing Policy
 If Schools in MSAD#72 are closed the Pantry Distribution is also canceled
 Announcements will be on your local TV stations if in doubt call 207-935-2620

Food Boxes are available for pick up only by appointment on
Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:00pm and Fridays from 9:30 to 10:00am

FOR Appointments CALL 207-935-2620

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Towns Served
 Brownfield
 Chatham
 Denmark
 Fryeburg
 Hiram
 Lowell
 Porter
 Stoneham
 Stow

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Corner

Be sure to check out our redesigned website at www.townofhiram.org

We are still adding to it. Please send your suggestions to hiramclerk@roadrunner.com



ATV registrations are due for renewal.

2019 registrations expire on June 30th.

If you already have an orange sticker for 2020 you are all set.

Resident Renewal Fee \$46

Non Resident Renewal - \$91

New registrations will be an extra \$1, plus sales tax if due.

Change of Address?

If your mailing address has recently changed please let the office know.

We are in the process of getting tax bills ready, to be mailed out on July 12th.

2019 Tax Bills

We are looking to mail the 2019 tax bills on July 19th, 2019.

If everything goes as planned between now and then, the due date will be August 19th, 2019.

Interest will begin September 17th.

Please allow ample time to mail your tax payment to avoid interest

If your taxes are escrowed it is up to you to forward a copy of your tax bill to your mortgage holder.

If you have recently sold or purchased property the tax bill will be in the name of whoever owned the property as of April 1, 2019. We do try to send copies to both parties so please call us if you have any questions.

If you have not received a copy of your tax bill by August 1st please contact the office.

New Veterans Plates



Reminder if you currently have the old style Veterans Plate on your vehicle you will need to process your re-registration in person.

WE NEED YOU!

We are currently looking for a volunteer to serve on the Sacopec Rescue Board, they meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Rescue Barn.

We have two openings for Alternate Planning Board Members, the planning board meets as needed typically on Wednesday evenings.

We are also looking for one member to join our Appeals Board.

Please contact Marylou at 625-4663 or email at hiramclerk@roadrunner.com if you are interested in any of the above appointments

Thank You!

Please help us better serve you

If you are coming in to re-register something (cars, boats, ATV etc) if possible please bring in the old registration. For vehicle registrations please check to see that you have a valid insurance card and the current mileage before coming into the office this will help us better serve you.

*** REMINDER ***

The State is starting to crack down on bill of sales for motor vehicles, snowmobiles, ATV's and boats. They are requesting what they refer to as a valid bill of sale. What is a valid bill of sale? A valid bill of sale fully describes the vehicle being purchased – the year, make, model, color and VIN; it also has both the seller and buyers information, the names, signatures and addresses for all parties. This can be helpful on vehicle for if the title transfer is incomplete and you have a valid bill of sale we may be able to process the registration using the documents you have.

When registering a previously owned snowmobile, ATV or boat if it has been registered in Maine before please try to bring in the sticker number and year from the previous registration this is extremely helpful trying to locate the vehicle within MOSES



TRI-TOWN WASTE FACILITY
 SERVING TOWNS OF BALDWIN, HIRAM AND PORTER
HOURS: TUES, WEDS, & FRI'S – 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
SAT'S – 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.
SUN'S – 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.
CLOSED MON. & THURS.



ATTENTION
TRI-TOWN WASTE FACILITY PATRONS
NEW DEMO PRICES
EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, 2019

Due to rising tipping fees and cost of operation, we have had to increase our demo fees at the station.

- All roofing materials - \$40/cy to \$55.00/cy min. \$20
- Pressure treated wood - \$40/cy to \$55.00/cy min. \$20
- Sheetrock/plaster - \$40/cy to \$55.00/cy min. \$20
- All construction wood - \$20/cy to \$30/cy min. \$20
- Insulation in contractor bag - \$5.00/cy to \$8.00/cy
- Insulation in trash bag - \$2.00/cy to \$5.00/cy
- Toilets - \$5.00 to \$8.00 each
- Bathtub – porcelain, concrete, or similar - \$10 to \$15 each
- Bathtub – plastic type - \$5 to \$10 each

If you have any questions, contact your municipal officers at your town office, or the attendants at the station.

Thank you
 Tri-Town Waste Board
 Representing Towns of Baldwin, Hiram & Porter

YOUR RECYCLING EFFORTS ARE PAYING OFF!!

DEAR TRI-TOWN BOARD

Another great month for your communities! Thank you for the super clean recycling and for everyone's effort! It's been almost a year since we began tracking contamination in the recycling loads and in that time only 2 of the loads from your towns exceeded 5% contamination and that was in the first month of our evaluating the loads. Since June of last year the loads have consistently been between 0-1% contaminated. What an excellent trend for your communities!

10347986	TRI-TOWN RECYCLE	4/11/2019	1%	Rolloff	
10349963	TRI-TOWN RECYCLE	4/22/2019	1%	Rolloff	

THANK YOU
 JOE
 MIKE
 TIM

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE
PATRONS OF THE
STATION!
CONTINUE TO PAY
ATTENTION TO THE
SIGNAGE ON THE
RECYCLING CONTAINER!

We thank you very much for your exemplary work!
 Lissa Bittermann
 Business Development Manager
ecomaine
 (207) 773-1738 x3119 Office
bittermann@ecomaine.org



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for doing such a great job keeping an eye out on the items that are going into the recycling container.

NEW! Get instant answers to your recycling and waste-handling questions in ecomaine's new [RECYCLOPEDIA](#). Download the FREE mobile app today!



Owner

Communities

Bridgton
Cape Elizabeth
Casco
Cumberland
Falmouth
Freeport
Gorham
Gray
Harrison
Hollis
Limington
Lyman
North Yarmouth
Portland
Pownal
Scarborough
South Portland
Waterboro
Windham
Yarmouth

**Associate
Members**

Baldwin
Hiram
Naples
Parsonsfield
Porter
Saco
Standish

**Contract
Members**

Appleton
Andover
Augusta
Brownfield
Camden
Carmel
Chebeague Island
Chelsea
Cornish
Eliot
Fayette
Fryeburg
Glenburn
Greenland, NH
Hope
Jay
Kittery
Lamoine
Liberty
Limerick
Lincolnville
Livermore Falls
Monmouth
Newburgh
Newington, NH
North Haven
Old Orchard
Beach
Otisfield
Owl's Head
Readfield
Rockland
Rockport
Sanford
Shapleigh
Somerville
South Thomaston
Stetson
Swan's Island
Thomaston
Union
Vinalhaven
Washington
Waterville
Wayne
Woolwich

May 21, 2019

Dear customer:

Please be advised that materials that are poisonous and/or hazardous in any way may not be knowingly or intentionally included in any wastepaper or recyclable material.

This includes:

1. Pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, etc.
2. Chemical containers that may have held such chemicals including heavy metals such as antimony, arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, selenium, silver, and zinc.
3. Toxic and potentially carcinogenic materials such as dyes, formaldehyde, phenolic based resins, DIPN, pigments, etc.
4. Wastepaper and board from hospitals contaminated with biohazardous materials.

ecomaine does not accept wastepaper or other recyclable material from any source that cannot similarly certify that it does not knowingly or intentionally include such items as above.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Matt Grondin
Communications Manager

HIRAM COMMUNITY CENTER

14 HISTORICAL RIDGE

EVENTS

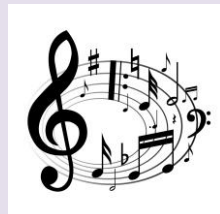
ROAST BEEF SUPPERS – STARTED MAY 4TH AND CONTINUE THE FIRST SATURDAY THROUGH NOVEMBER. We started strong and served 102 at the June supper! You get delicious home cooked roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, delicious homemade desserts all for \$10 per person.

**NEXT ROAST
BEEF SUPPER
JULY 6TH!**



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Open Mic night began June 8th (second Saturday) with guest host Cassie Dove. Readers Theatre started the night off, with many more entertainers to follow. Amy Irish will be emceeing the July 13th one and Kathryn Rhoda will be back with us in August. Folks always have a great time. There is no admission, but we do have a donation jar if folks want to help out covering the cost of advertising.





WATCH FOR OUR NEW SIGN



Joyce Siracuse, Municipal Officer, went to Augusta and attended an information meeting for electronic signs that the state was granting to qualifying towns. We now have that sign up and running on a trailer that was custom built by Dave Fox. James & Joyce and and Scott Cecil programmed the sign and it is up and running. First placed on Rt. 113/Pequawket Trail, and is working slowing vehicles down prior to getting to the bridge. Thank you Joyce, James, Dave and Scott for all of your work and seeing this project through.



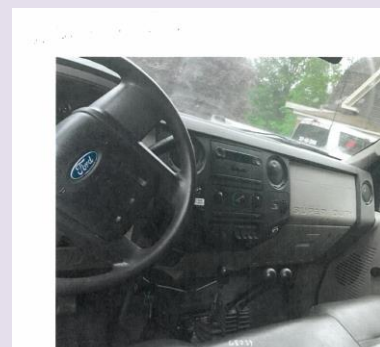
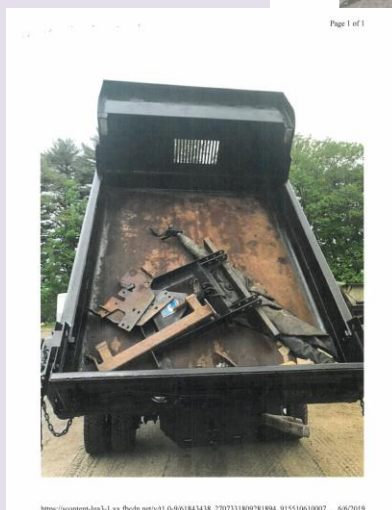
GREAT JOB!



TOWN OF HIRAM GOT A TRUCK!



After much searching and analyzing, the Municipal Officers found a used truck for the road commissioner to use on a daily basis doing the summer maintenance on our roads. It is a 2009 F450 Super Duty with dump body and storage boxes, 16,000 miles, automatic transmission, for \$18,000 from a local business. Jamie Marshall and Dave Fox went all over the truck to fix any minor parts and get it ready for the daily use. Now we have a backhoe and small utility truck for the road commissioner to use for summer maintenance. The Municipal Officers held public hearings and brought to the voters at town meeting to purchase a truck and trailer to haul the backhoe with. After speaking with the purchase committee members, they decided to purchase a small utility truck for daily use. They intend to see if the town will approve to purchase a larger dump truck for large projects and to haul the backhoe with on a trailer. The municipal officers will be having public hearings to discuss this idea further with the townspeople before anything is purchased.



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

BRUCE SMITH
207-232-0183 (CELL)
hiramCEO@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS
WEDS. 8 A.M.- NOON
ALL OTHER TIME BY PHONE & EMAIL

*****NOTICE*****

BRUCE WILL NOT BE IN THE OFFICE ON JULY 10TH AND 17TH BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA CELLPHONE AND EMAIL. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

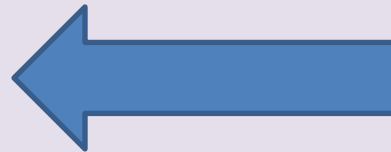
HIRAM PLANNING BOARD

MEETS AS NEEDED AT THIS TIME

REMINDER:

If you are wishing to operate a business out of your home or on your property, you need to speak with the code enforcement officer PRIOR to beginning to determine if you need a conditional use permit from the planning board.

If you have questions, please contact the Code Enforcement Officer and he will determine which direction you need to go.



THANK YOU! CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS OF 2019



2019 Graduating Seniors doing community service at Merrill Park & Mt. Cutler trails



2019 Graduating Seniors helping out at the Historical Society

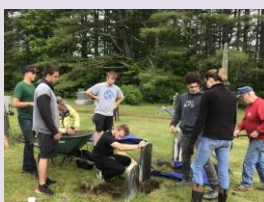
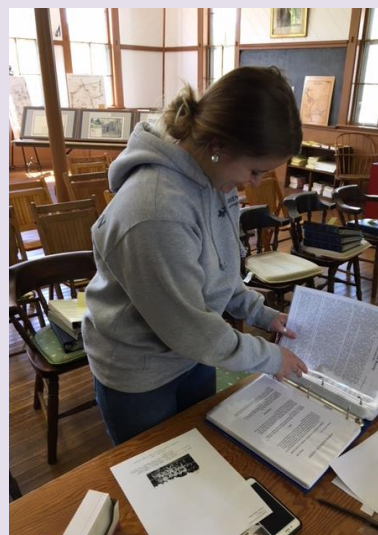


2019 Graduating Seniors Community Service continued.....

For four days the Sacopee Valley High School students labored at community service from 8 a.m. to 12 noon outdoors and inside, in cold rain and warm sun. In Hiram five teams worked cleaning cemeteries (Stanley in South Hiram, Old Settlers and Wentworth in East Hiram), tackling brush and logs with loppers and saws in Merrill Park and Mt. Cutler Trails, and various projects in Great Ossipee Museum of Hiram Historical Society - for which we are very grateful. The Hall stone was black before the hard work of scrubbing!

Students graduated Saturday June 8th and will move on to the next phase in their lives. Most will be leaving Hiram, at least for awhile, and we hope they treasure and remember fondly their time in Hiram. We wish all students success at whatever they choose to do and hope they will return, at least to visit our beautiful Sacopee Valley.

Thank you Sally Williams and Sylvia Pease for the photos!



**THANK YOU!
GOOD LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE
ENDEAVORS!**

Mt Cutler Park & Conservation Area Project Update Hiram, Maine - 2019 February 3

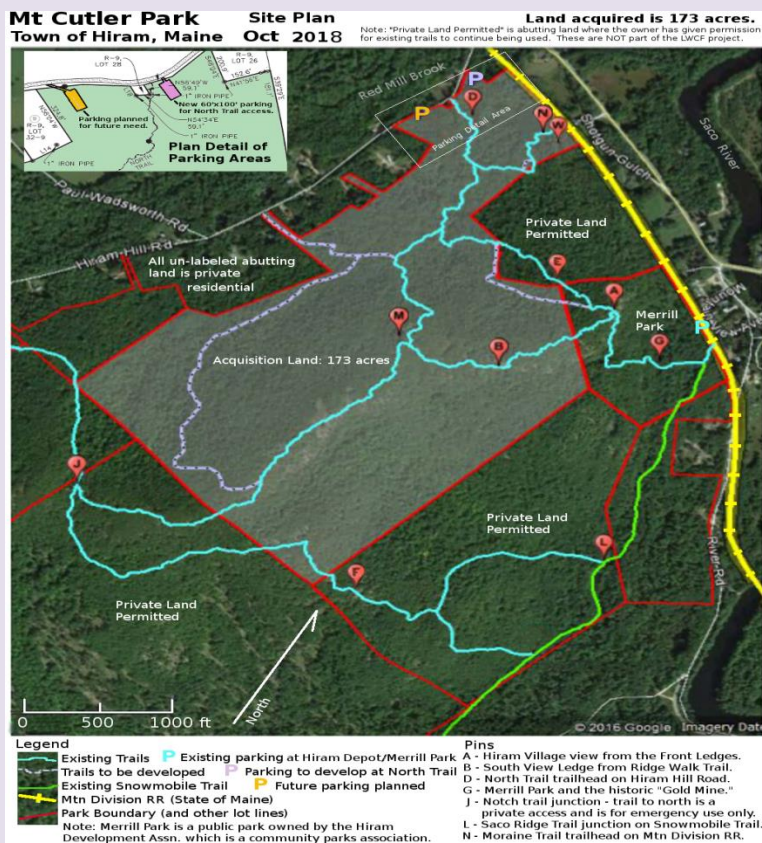
Since the start of planning in 2016, this project has been for the acquisition of land to establish a new park with hiking, hunting, scenic views, forest management, and preservation of natural areas. This was accomplished when the Town of Hiram became the owner of the park property last June.

The owners of lands where hiking trails were established around Mt Cutler have allowed public access for as long as local memory can recall, but there was never assurance that this access could be preserved if all of the land remained in private ownership. The previous owner of the land now in the park was willing to sell and donated more than half of the property value to assure that public ownership could be accomplished. The major purpose of having the park is to assure continued public access and assure that the land is maintained for the uses listed above.

Mt Cutler currently has almost five miles of hiking trails, all described in the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) Maine Mtn Guide and in many other publications. Most of the trails are on the park lands, but some extend across neighboring properties where passage is allowed by consent of those owners. Part of the trail system includes a section of established snow-mobile trail, and also a half mile of the Mountain Division rail line. There are two trail heads; both will be maintained. The Hiram Hill Road trail head will be improved with a new parking lot, large enough to accommodate about 20 vehicles, and this will become the primary trail access.

This trail system is well known and often used by residents and by visitors from far away. Many weekends have more than ten cars at the historic trail head between the tracks just off Mountain View Ave.

The Land & Water Conservation Fund grant, that is providing for almost half of the cost of acquisition and development, required having a trail system that does not depend on the cooperation of other land owners, so some existing trails are being relocated and almost a mile of new trails will be developed as shown in this map. Trails that extend beyond the Park property will still be used with the cooperation of those land owners. New improvements will include the parking area, adding a second trail head from the Hiram Hill Road, new and relocated trails, and improved signage for all the park.



We are now working on all these tasks.

As owner of the property the Town makes decisions about uses, parking and forest management. Another organization, such as the Hiram Conservation Commission or another responsible group, will be designated by the Town to be responsible for managing facilities and for trail maintenance. All trail maintenance is by volunteers, including the Maine Chapter AMC, the Healthy Sacopee Hikers, high school students and other groups. There are written assurances that the volunteer work will continue. In addition, the Town will also have an agreement for the continued use of trails through Merrill Park, which is owned by the Hiram Development Association, Inc. (HDA also owns the village square park in East Hiram.) The Town Office has been updating information available at our Town of Hiram web site, and now includes a page with information about the Mt Cutler Park.

MT CUTLER TRAIL

Dan Hester and his grandson Stewart Locke repainting of blue blazes marking the North Trail. Since the North Trail will become the main trail for Mt. Cutler access when the new parking area is developed, this assures that this half-mile-long trail will be clearly marked. There is more painting of blazes that will be needed. White blazes marking the new trails being developed and refreshing of paint blazes on the original White Flag Trail (which now also has a new section). Using oil-based boundary marker paint, these blazes are usually good for about 5 years. This kind of work is best done by just a group of 2 or 3 persons.



**GREAT
JOB
DAN & STEWART!**

**NEXT
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
JULY 30TH, 2019
At the
Soldiers Memorial Library
85 Main St.
7:00 p.m.
Public welcome to attend
Volunteers welcome**

MAINE'S EARLY TOURISM



With examples of Belgrade Lakes and Hiram region

Sat. July 13, 2019 at 1:30

With examples of Belgrade Lakes and Hiram region

*Hiram Historical Society
Great Ossipee Museum
20 Historical Ridge, off Main Street
Hiram Village
Business Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Free - Light refreshment.
Donations welcome.
FMI 207-615-4390*

ARTS CENTER **2019 Events** at 8 Hancock





Oen Kennedy
May 11th 7:00PM
\$10/\$5

MAINE Wildflowers
MAY 23rd 7PM



June 16th 6:30-8:00pm
Carlos Angeles



June 28th 7-8:30pm
Bellamy Jazz Band

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE
CHASING THE MOON
A FILM BY FORREST STONE
PREMIERES JULY 6TH ON PBS
JULY 5th 7-8:30PM



Cornac McCarthy
JULY 20th 7 PM

MILLTOWN Roadshow
August 3rd 7-9:00pm

Mike Preston & Kim Curry
August 18th 2-4:00pm

A NEW LECTURE
BY ED WEBSTER
History of Aglocochoc
(MT, Washington)
SEPT. 13th 7 PM



Katherine Rhoda
August 30th 7PM

Maine Mystery Writers Panel!
SEPTEMBER 21st 1:00pm

Come HANG with US!

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8hancockave@gmail.com



PHOTOS OF EVENTS AT SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND ARTS CENTER



HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

...meets on the second Saturday of months May to October, with free programs open to the public. Business meetings start at 1:00 pm
Programs start at 1:30 pm

Great Ossipee Museum is open the 3rd Saturday of months May to October 9:30 am-12:30 pm or by appointment 207-615-4390

Program calendar for 2019

May 11 – New Fruits to Grow in Maine. Jesse Stevens, farmer in Sweden, tells us how, and brings plants for sale.

June 8 – Deb Gould, Maine author is back to talk about her second book of historical fiction.

July 13– Maine’s Early Tourism: Growth and Development, with examples of Belgrade and Hiram by Linda McLoon & Sally Williams

August 10 – Popular storyteller Jo Radner on the misunderstandings in the interaction of Colonial settlers and Native Americans

September 14 - “Marty on the Mountain” weatherman Engstrom” talks about his years on New England’s tallest peak.

October 12 – Katherine Rhoda performs original Vintage Grange Songs.

October 19 – Trash Can Turkey Roast and Mt. Cutler School Reunion, 12 noon, Hiram Community Center & Great Ossipee Museum Open House, programs and special exhibits.

SOME HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

HIRAM, MAINE



Wadsworth Hall built in 1800 by Brigadier General Peleg Wadsworth, a founder of Hiram



Cotton’s Store 1816 in front of Mt. Cutler



Peleg Thompson Wadsworth/Blanchard/Stacey barn, 99 feet long, c. 1890