

**UPCOMING: CHOCORUA BYWAYS:  
AN OLD ROADS WALK  
with PAUL KING**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 2:00 PM**

Longtime surveyor, local history buff and member of the Tamworth Road Study Committee, Paul will give a brief history of the roads, then lead a walk starting on the Sanger Road (aka Red Gate Path), a Class VI Town Road. Approx. 1.5 miles, moderate terrain, about an hour. Join us! *A joint program of THC, the Chocorua Lake Conservancy, the Tamworth Road Study Committee and Hikes With Friends.*

**Please sign up ahead at  
[tamworthhistorycenter.org](http://tamworthhistorycenter.org) or 323-2911  
Meet at the sharp bend in the Chocorua Lake  
Road, 0.4 miles west of the Narrows Bridge.**

**2024 CALENDAR:  
TRADITIONAL ARTS**

Colorful items and scenes with entertaining stories, to keep you up-to-date and historically happy all year long! Thank you to the Cook Memorial Library for suggesting that we alternate years with calendars, both using the same versatile 7"x7" format, and the layout skills of Peggy Johnson. Look for these cheery \$15 calendars sometime in October!



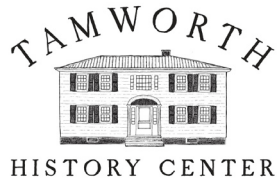
Arthur Corliss

**BASEBALL:**

Apologies - we advertised a Tamworth Baseball Day but never pulled it off. Three postponements = we struck out.

Thanks for your patience! Another season, we hope.

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**TAMWORTH HISTORY CENTER  
NEWSLETTER**

AUTUMN 2023

**RENOVATION COMPLETED!**

We are MOST happy to announce that, after ten years of fund-raising and hard work by dozens of hands, every room in the historic Hall-Dyer House is now useable! Insulated, heated and cooled, painted, available for exhibits, research, activities, and storage. We still have some fine-tuning like painting trim, removing wallpaper, re-routing a duct down cellar, finishing closets, and installing snow stops and window shades - but the heavy lifting is complete. See inside for details, and especially THANKS!



The door is open, the lights are on, the mini-split is humming softly. Our three new upstairs rooms are beautiful and ready for use!

**ANNUAL MEETING and  
RENOVATION CELEBRATION  
12:30 SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 21**

Please join us for our Annual Meeting  
Saturday, October 21, at the History Center!

Join us at 12:30 for a home-made  
soup and sandwich lunch.  
Over dessert, our business meeting:  
a quick summary of our year, and election  
of officers and board members.  
Tour our three newly finished second-floor rooms,  
help us thank all those responsible, and enjoy  
a slide show celebrating some of the building's  
history and renovation highlights.  
And visit with friends!

**OUR 2024 THEME:  
TRADITIONAL ARTS**

For next year THC will celebrate Tamworth's traditional arts. Exhibits, events, activities and workshops all about quilting, cooking, woodworking, shoe-making, rug-making, blacksmithing, and more. With items from our collection - and, we hope, borrowed examples you may have in your attic or shed? Workshops (would you lead one?) and craftspeople (you?) plying their skills on our lawn on Saturday mornings. Please join us!



Little woodcarving  
by Johnson Clark of  
South Tamworth, 1941.

Detail of dress,  
Pike Perkins  
family.



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It has been quite a year of capacity-building at the Tamworth History Center - from our renovation of our second floor, to building our education program including programming with the Brett School, to getting our collections catalog online. Quiet community support has made all this possible - a testament to the value placed on history and local institutions here.

We have delighted in our connection with the K.A. Brett School. On the First Graders’ lively annual visit, they made apple-print greeting cards for good old-fashioned correspondence - and visited with a real descendant of Tamworth’s famous sled dog Chinook! Last winter and spring, on monthly visits with Abby Hambrook’s middle school classroom, we focused on archeology. The students explored history from objects, and wrote up wonderful stories of treasured family objects, from letters to chairs to Ordination Rock! On their visit to THC in May, they worked on a mock dig, toured the Village, and baked apple pies. We look forward to continuing the program this year.

We have received a generous grant from the Bank of New Hampshire to create local history-focused “Discovery Kits” for children and families. With topics like logging, farming, mills, pastimes, handmade toys and games, and more, we will be building the kits this winter, for use next summer season.

Many came out for our Family Picnic, on an idyllic July afternoon by the Swift River, with sweet tunes by the Bakery Band and great storytelling, including John Hidden and the Owls, Margaret Twitchell Steele and the Great Paved Road Stand-off, and Grover Cleveland’s congenial Canoe and Fishing anecdotes. That day also concluded our first online auction: happy bidders won a homemade pizza night, a handmade quilt, horse and wagon rides, blenders, antiques and more. We hope both picnic and auction will be repeat events.

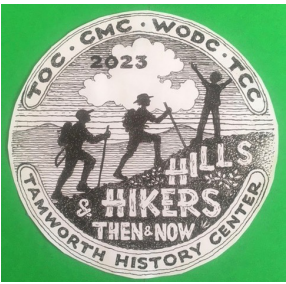
As our town and area inevitably undergoes change, ‘for sale’ signs go up, neighbors move or pass, and new neighbors move in and are born, a community non-profit institution devoted to telling and preserving our own stories feels like constant and important work. Family stories, institutional stories, personal stories, with all their diverse points of view, add to our shared narrative, give us an opportunity for self-definition and representation, and constantly regenerate our locally grown culture.

Consider participating in the Tamworth History Center as a volunteer or donor, or by offering a program, donating something to our collection, stopping by, or attending an event. Be a part of growing this long-term and ambitious shared project!

- Alice Posner



July 22 Family Picnic and Story Swap



HILLS AND HIKERS, SKIS AND CONTRA-DANCERS

Our 2023 theme was ‘Tamworth Hills and Hikers’ - celebrating our town’s intrepid Outdoor Organizations. Six groups exhibited. The Wonalancet Out Door Club (founded 1892) displayed years of trail maps, and curator Doug McVicar’s fascinating short videos. Kate Lanou’s exhibit for the Chocorua Mountain Club (1908) featured serious trail-clearing tools and tales. For the Tamworth Outing Club (1935) Suzanne Morgan exhibited posters and photos of TOC’s contradances and other recreation programs, plus a pair of skis, a baseball bat and a sled dog harness. Nelson O’Bryan’s exhibit for the Tamworth Conservation Commission (1966) focused on its mission to protect our natural resources, its Great Hill trails and its Hiking Herons program. The Remick Farm & Museum (1993) display guided folks to the Binsack Trail next door. Ed Parsons brought in great photos of ‘Hikes with Friends’, started by the Community Nurse in 2021 as a Covid antidote. Thank you all! May your wonderful organizations flourish forever!



We tooted our own horn in the July 4th parade, and later hosted old car rides and wagon rides.



Brett first graders meet friendly Chinook descendant - and set off for the South Pole.



ORGANIZING OUR COLLECTION

Over the winter, we’ll be using every room in the building to sort through our large, wonderful and somewhat random collection of memorabilia. Led by our archivist Chris Clyne, we’ll organize items of meaning and value to Tamworth, photograph and catalog them in our Past Perfect software system. (Eventually, the collection will be available online.) Starting with items in the building, later we’ll bring in things stored around town. For items that are duplicates, or have no direct Tamworth connection, we will find appropriate new homes.

RECENT COLLECTION DONATIONS

- Carroll County Sheriff Jim Welch memorabilia from the Ossipee Historical Society: items donated to OHS, 1950s, by Charlie Aspinall and Harry Henderson of Tamworth!)
- Lilian McGrew’s framed commission as first woman selectman in town, 1959: David McGrew.
- Wil Smith poster of Ski Race on Mt. Whittier, 1951: Helen Steele.
- Old glass slides with local scenes: Diane Robinson

A big thank you to all these and other generous 2023 donors!

RENOVATION THANK YOUS

Huge gratitude to all our generous donors: The Tamworth Foundation, The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, the 1772 Foundation, The Ham Charitable Foundation, the Gibson/Woodbury Charitable Foundation, and the Henney Historical Fund; also to earlier board members whose planning was essential: Nate and Donna Whipple, Joan Casarotto, Bobbi Carleton, Bob McLean, George Plender, and especially Barbara Nordeen and John Wacker. We thank our many individual and family donors, from Tamworth and beyond; and the many local building companies that worked on the renovation: Lang Ambrose, Jean Chester, Ned Coville, Brad Streeter, Capstone Home Services, The Heat Doctor, Pelletier Painting, Jim Shea, Hans Stafford, Clark Moses, Nick Longley, and most recently Gardner Norcross and Chris King - and all of their crew members and subcontractors. Thanks too to our intrepid volunteers Dannie Wasson, Ron Remick, John Hidden, Michelle Longley, Kent Hemingway, the Great Hill Gang, Rich Benton, and many more. To ones we have surely omitted: apologies and big thanks.