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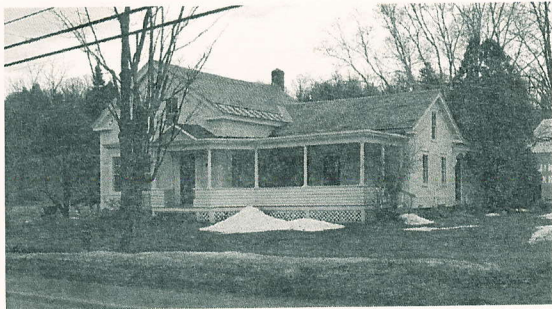
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## The Sweet Property

Your historical society has had a very memorable year. In July we finally took possession of the Sweet property. After being left vacant for many months the interior was in less than stellar condition. A committee was formed to clean the house, sort through the contents and determine what to keep and what to toss. Ably headed by Peaches Longe, the committee spent the better part of two weeks on the project. The results were extraordinary. I saw the house "before" and "after" and I couldn't believe the difference. This group deserves a lot of credit: Lucille Brooker, June & Clark Dodge, Rick Fletcher and Barb & Gaylord Juell, *et al.* We also need to thank Dana Sweet for providing us the use of a dumpster at no charge.

We now have to decide both how to use the property and how to pay for it. Anyone with ideas on either should pass them on to one of the officers or board members. We can use all the help we can get.



## Annual Spring Dinner

The 25th of May was our 3rd Annual Dinner at Three Mountain Lodge and once again Barb Juell brought the whole event together perfectly. As always it was a wonderful evening of good food and socializing with friends. Special plaques were given to Roberta Marsh and Clark and June Dodge honoring them for their many years of service and dedication to the Cambridge Historical Society. Even though a good time was had by all, Ron Little, our President, was greatly missed.

The date for the 2009 dinner will be announced shortly.

## History Expo

Once again we participated in the Vermont Historical Society's History Expo in Tunbridge. Our exhibit highlighted skiing in Cambridge with special emphasis on Smuggs (of course). The mountain provided us with one of the original chair lifts and Joe Rogers was able to scrounge up an old poma lift for us to display. The poma lift brought back unpleasant memories to many who visited the booth, but overall people enjoyed reminiscing about the way things used to be. We had arguments with some who refused to admit that Cambridge had the 2nd lift in the state (after Woodstock) but we know we're right.

The VHS has decided to forgo the Expo in 2009 so we have additional time to come up with a really good exhibit for 2010. Anyone with ideas for a good project should speak up. We may not have a Round Church or a Battle Monument but Cambridge has history worth commemorating.



## Cambridge History Days

The first weekend in October is always reserved for Cambridge History Days (the erstwhile Old Farm Days). This year the event returned to the Dodge Homestead on Route 108. The food was superb, the weather cooperated (mostly) and the attendance was good. There are too many people to thank individually (this is truly a cooperative event) but you know who you are and we give a hardy THANK YOU! to you all. We made over \$1,000.00 and June Dodge said



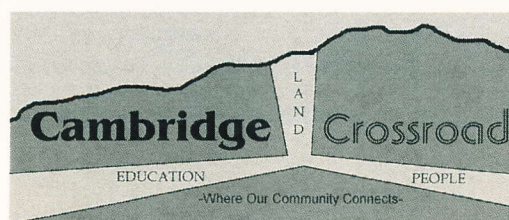
“Never Again” again. We’ll see what happens when October 2009 rolls around.

## Cambridge Crossroads

A new organization began this fall with the creation of Cambridge Crossroads. A collaboration between Shelburne Farms and UVM with much local input, the Crossroads project resulted in a community forum in November which brought together diverse elements of the Cambridge community in a two day event.

The local organizers of the Crossroads project asked for historical society input and are interested in continued cooperation with us. There are many younger people in the Crossroads project who have shown interest in the historical society (some have even joined). We should continue to encourage a strong relationship between our two organizations, which can only make us both stronger.

Anyone interested in learning more about Cambridge Crossroads should visit their Web site at [www.cambridgecrossroads.net](http://www.cambridgecrossroads.net).



## Holiday Gift Shoppe

What a wonderful opportunity we had to have the Holiday Gift Shoppe during the Christmas season. Thanks to Adam Howard and company we were given space rent-free for the four weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



25% of all our sales were donated by the artisans to the Cambridge Historical Society, with some donating the entire sales amount. We were so fortunate that many members volunteered their time to staff the shoppe. Special thanks to Roberta Marsh and her daughter Darla for the delicious cookies each day, Cambridge Village Market for their donation of cider and Brown & Jenkins for the coffee donation.

The Holiday Gift Shoppe resulted not only in giving CHS the exposure to the community which we need, but also the opportunity to expand our membership. At least three memberships can be traced directly to people coming into the Shoppe and speaking with our members. Even if we hadn't made a lot of money (and we made over \$1,000) this exposure to the whole Cambridge community would have made the time and effort of this venture worthwhile.

It needs to be mentioned that Martha Kinney and Barb & Gaylord Juell (with the help of a few others) deserve the credit for the idea of the Holiday Gift Shoppe as well as the work involved in setting it up and organizing volunteers.

This was just the beginning. Look for us in 2009.

### *Quilt Raffle*

Carolyn Thompson donated a quilt to the society in 2007 and we have been selling raffle tickets ever since. The Gift Shoppe gave us an excellent opportunity to sell more tickets and make this raffle a success.

The winning ticket was drawn at our December meeting and the winner was ~ our President, Joel Page. As far as we know, no fix was in. We hope Joel and Donna will enjoy the quilt.

## Some Views of the CHS Holiday Gift Shoppe



It's a new year and again time to renew your membership in the CHS. We've had another wonderful year with many interesting programs and important events. This past year we were blessed with a new acquisition. However, along with that we are facing many decisions and challenges and times are indeed CHALLENGING. More than ever we need your support, physically and financially, as we strive to conserve, educate and appreciate our heritage.

This newsletter and membership form are being sent to all members—lifetime and regular—plus other people whom we feel might be interested. If you are a lifetime member, you do not need to renew your membership. However, if you wish to make a donation, it would be much appreciated.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we begin this exciting new year. We and you are the future of our CHS. Our thanks to each and every one of you for your support.

—Diancy Boyden, *Membership Chairman*

## 2009 Membership Application/Renewal

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Individual \$10.00

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Please consider becoming a:

Patron \$500.00

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If you are a lifetime member you do not need to renew your membership.  
However, if you wish to make a donation it would be much appreciated.

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If you have suggestions about program topics or have some great ideas for fundraisers,  
please let us know by listing your ideas below.

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**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!**

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## Remembering Ronnie Little

our past president who passed  
away unexpectedly May 7, 2008.

Ronnie had many hopes and dreams  
for the society's future that he was  
unable to accomplish. We appreciate  
his willingness and everything he did  
for the CHS.

