

Winthrop Maine Historical Society Accomplishments in Year 2021

The year of 2021 has been one of great accomplishments for the Winthrop Maine Historical Society. With the generosity of so many donors, the purchase of the Key Bank Building on Main St. Winthrop was completed in February, 2021.

The building was in need of a fair amount of renovation before it could be opened. Among these were:

- **Asbestos removal**
- **Teller lines removed**
- **Pipes wrapped**
- **Installed drop ceiling to replace ceiling tiles**
- **Walls all painted**
- **Electrical work replaced and updates were done**
- **Led lights installed with Efficiency Maine proceeds**
- **Signage outside of building**
- **Parking lot relined**
- **Water trough placed on Society location**

Majority of this work was accomplished with the help of volunteers. A recognition plaque was made with the names and businesses that donated \$500 or more. Another plaque was to recognize the three contractors Steve Thomas, Greg Ruby, and Barry Crowell who renovated either with free or reduced cost.

August 2021, the Historical Society held a Grand Opening for the public. Walls and display cabinets were filled with artifacts, and the gift shop opened with items made from local and Maine vendors. Two weeks later we had a reception for all volunteers and donors.

Membership grew to 200 members during the year. Past Perfect software was also purchased for cataloging artifacts.

Committees planned at least one event per month for the public to enjoy throughout the year. These were the following:

- **May- Plant Sale**
- **July- History Walk of the Town**
- **August- Mvstic Fair & SideWalk Art Show**

- October- Part of the Cemetery Walk
- November- Fall Decorations Workshop for the public
Veterans Day ceremony with the American Legion Post #40 as well as
the Girl and Boys Scout groups held at the Historical Center
- Fall Decoration Craft Day
- December- Christmas Cookie Walk Sale
- Float in the Christmas Parade
- Board Member Reception at the Viles Historical Home in Augusta

The Winthrop Maie Historical Society Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who has helped create the History and Heritage Center for the Town of Winthrop. People of Winthrop truly support and cherish their history.

Lynda Pratt, President

