

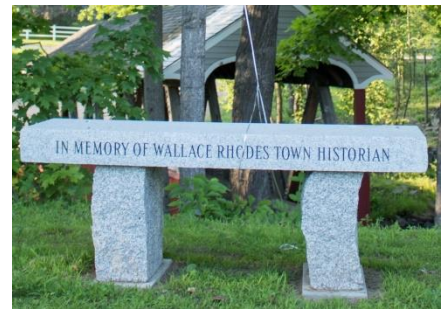
Heritage Commission

2019 Annual Report



The Heritage Commission welcomed the challenge of helping to celebrate the town's 150th Anniversary . We enjoyed the collaboration and support of the Selectmen, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin and the Events Coordinator Gretta Olson- Wilder. We focused on several projects to enhance the town's history through the eyes of the young and old.

In collaboration with the actual 150th anniversary date, July 5, 2019 the Heritage Commission honored Wallace Rhodes with the installation of a memorial granite bench located behind the Belmont Mill.



Community Heritage Award

**Preservation of Town History
and Heritage**

presented
November 5, 2019

Community Heritage Awards were presented this year with the Board of Selectmen. The awards were given to those who helped move, reconstruct, restore, paint, and enhance two covered bridges which provide access to a now very popular walking and hiking area for the town. It was a privilege to publicly thank a very large community group who gave their time and expertise to create these unique bridges over the Tioga River along the Village Spur Trail.



Community Heritage Award Recipients and Selectmen

Pictured from right to left: Front row (sitting) - Christine Fogg, Woody Fogg*, Rich Stanley*, Lee Cheshire*, Steve Bracy*, Mike O'Meara*, Craig Clairmont, Tom Garfield* Second row – Jeanne Beaudin, Ron Mitchell*, Gerrie Mitchell, Ruth Mooney (Selectman) ,Sonny Patten (Selectman), Jon Pike (Selectman), Jack Donovan and Priscilla Annis. (Heritage Members). Third row - Mo Gouin*, Richard Nowak*, Russ Fabian*, Mark Roberts, Matt Roberts, Jeff Roberts, Ken Knowlton, and Richard McNamara.

Not pictured: Paul Blouin of Blouin Steel, Bruce and Dana Pearl of Rod Pearl and Sons, Dave Schroth*, Bill Firth*, Bob Kay*, Tom Fee*, Fred Fabian*, Richy Bryant, James Loe, Lee Cheshire*, Rich Stanley*, Rick Patten, Brian and Kim Watterson, Vicki Donovan (Heritage Member), Jim Fortin, Allen Daisy, Cameron White and Jessica Hopkins.

* Members of Charles Kilborn American Legion Post #58



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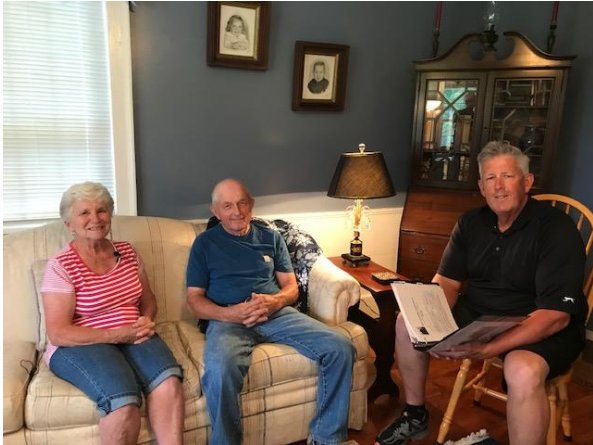
A special Heritage project, years in the making proved to be very endearing. The interviewing and videotaping of several elder members of Belmont gave us wonderful insight and stories from the past. The answers they gave to questions about how the town has changed, what it was like going to school and growing up in Belmont were interesting and sometimes very humorous. The videotaping of interviews will continue into 2020. This historical video project will be available to the schools and the town library when completed. The Heritage Commission would like to thank the John M. Sargent Fund for supporting this endeavor. This project blossomed into more than we expected as far as the knowledge gained from stories of the past.



Lillian, Lucille, and Janet Leroux



Everett Weeks, Alice Jewell, and Albert Akerstrom III



Claire and John Bickford

More highlights of our year include....



- The making of Commemorative 2020 Calendars.*



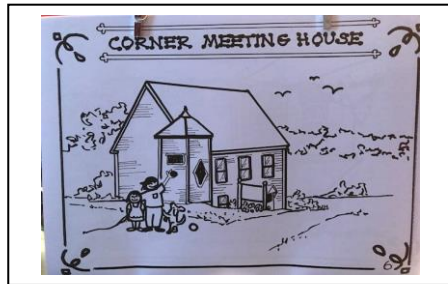
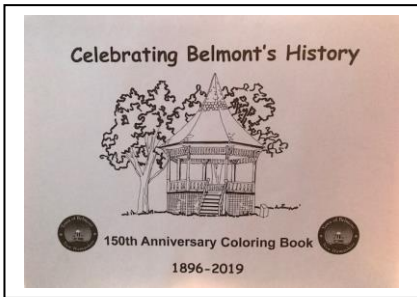
- New street banners for the 150th anniversary celebration.



- 150th Anniversary Sun Catchers*



- Specially designed coloring books* were made possible by the Heritage Commission for the children of Belmont. The books promote and highlight historical buildings and places to celebrate Belmont's 150th Anniversary.



- Special 150th Anniversary "1869" baseball hats.

* Placed in 2019 time capsule to be opened in 25 years.

Thank you to cherished old and new friends we celebrated this special 150th year with!

Heritage Commission Members

Vicki Donovan (Chairman)
Jack Donovan

Claire Bickford (Vice -Chairman)
Jillian Rolfe

Priscilla Annis (Secretary)
Ben Rolfe