

## Dinner, Quilt & Syrup Are The Raffle Prizes

The Historical Society will sell raffle tickets for three prizes – a catered dinner for four, an antique quilt and a gallon of maple syrup – until the Oct. 12 drawing.

Earnings will go toward matching a State Historic Preservation Grant of \$14,500 for restoration of the North Tunbridge Baptist Church (see separate story).

This is the society's 10th year of raising money to restore the 1870 North Tunbridge Baptist Church, which has been closed because of water damage.

If you don't get to buy raffle tickets on Memorial Day or at the fair, call T Swayze at 889-3234.

### Dinner for Four

JP and Judi Debeuf, owners of the Tunbridge Village Store, will cater a dinner for four within 20 miles of Tunbridge. They have been in the restaurant business for over 20 years, most recently owning two restaurants in New Hampshire, one of which was voted the best restaurant in Southern New Hampshire.

JP trained in France and won the nationwide "Moet et Chandon"

award. It is given for expertise and knowledge of champagne, its history, and a meal prepared to accompany a special bottle of champagne.

Judi worked in the restaurant and hotel industry in Boston, for the Four Seasons Hotel and the Copley Plaza.

Their daughter Christelle, who will be going to UVM next year, is in charge of the espresso machine and public relations.

### Posey Quilt

Ella Pappius of Tunbridge, a prize-winning quilt maker, donated a vintage Depression-era "Posey Quilt." It is from a pattern published by the Kansas City Star in 1929.

The quilt has hand appliqued pink and yellow flowers, green stems and leaves, on blue and white background. It was hand-quilted in feathered wreaths, flowers, spider webs and grids at 11-12 stitches per inch and measures 76x92 inches.

### Maple Syrup

One gallon of award-winning maple syrup from the trees and sug-arhouse of Bill and Marie Danforth will provide topping for many, many breakfasts of pancakes and waffles for months and months.

The syrup has an excellent shelf life and once opened should find its way into a refrigerator or freezer.

## Church Receives Matching Grant

The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation has awarded a \$14,500 matching grant for repair of the North Tunbridge Baptist Church to the Tunbridge Historical Society.

Repairs are estimated at \$29,000. George White is scheduled to undertake the repairs in the fall.

The matching funds have been largely raised through years of Historical Society raffle ticket sales.

### Potluck Supper Aug. 5

The annual potluck supper will be held Aug. 5 at the Dodge-Gilman building. The Good Sam Club of Vermont, which is at the fairgrounds from Aug. 4-10, is co-hosting the supper for the third year.

All are welcome to the supper at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 entertainment by a storyteller sponsored by the Good Sammers will begin.

This year's raffle will again benefit the church restoration.

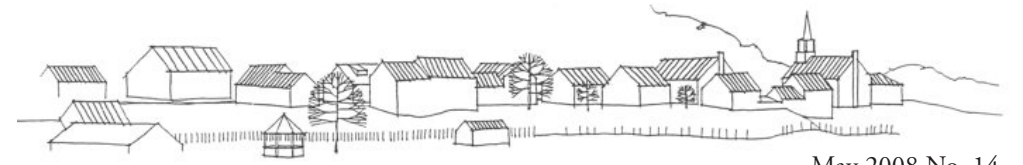
The society also received funds from the sale of last year's Memorial Day photo DVD and the Tunbridge Civic Club's annual show, as well as some generous donations from individuals in town.

During the 1980s the Baptist congregation asked the Historical Society to join with them in the protection and use of the church building. In recent years the society painted the church and did some initial repairs to the steeple.

Since then, areas around the steeple leaked and portions of the vestibule and Sunday school room ceilings collapsed, making the building unusable.

Tax-deductible donations to preserve this historic town building are welcomed and may be sent to T Swayze, 56 Swayze Rd.

# Bridges



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## 'Come To The Fair' For Euclid's June Slide Show

Oldtimers who miss the girlie shows will wax nostalgic when Euclid Farnham presents "Come to The Fair" on June 10 at the Tunbridge Library.

At 7:30 he will pass around and talk about some World's Fair artifacts before starting the slide show at 8 p.m., when it is a little darker.

Most of the photos will also be in Euclid's new book, "The Tunbridge World's Fair," which is due out before the fair. A couple of hundred photos with captions and a preface will be featured in this new pictorial history produced with the help of Priscilla Farnham and Rebecca Beguin.

Besides the girls, Euclid says the slide program will be heavy on really old fair photos. Don't miss this chance to relive the days of the Tunbridge Trotting Park, Dreamland, the old grandstand, the Harmony Singers, husking bees and more.



Priscilla Farnham

## Mystery & History By Foot

Everyone is invited to join the two walks sponsored by the Historical Society and Tunbridge Library.

The History Mystery Walk will be held on Sunday, June 8. Meet at

the library at 3 p.m. to carpool and join the caravan to a historical spot in town where Euclid Farnham will lead the walk. It's a mystery, so we can't tell you anything more.

The annual Ghost Walk on Oct. 26 will introduce some of the interesting people at Meeting House Cemetery, the cemetery beyond the transfer station.

Tour goers will meet Tunbridge's first state representative, a minister, and veterans of the Revolutionary War and Civil War, among others.

The cemetery has been inactive

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### For information or to volunteer contact one of these officers

**President:** Euclid Farnham 889-3458  
**Vice-President:** Kay Jorgensen 889-5528  
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**Program Committee:** Elaine Howe,  
 Kay Jorgensen, Ben Wolfe

Memberships support restoration of the North Tunbridge Church and society programs.  
 Annual dues: Individual \$5, Students \$1,  
 Family \$10, Life \$50.

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**WORLD'S FAIR - TUNBRIDGE, VT.**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19, 1940**  
 17th is Preparation Day - no admission charged  
**EVENING SHOWS - SEPT. 18 & 19**  
 We are trying to make it more educational and more interesting than ever  
 Antique Exhibit, Horse Racing, Motor Racing, Vaudeville, Fireworks, Midway, Dancing,  
 Agricultural Exhibits, 4-H Club Work, Machinery Shed, Floral Hall, etc.  
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 EDWARD R. FLINT, Secretary, Tunbridge, Vt.

# Tunbridge Historical Society 2008 Coming Events

The walks and talks are co-sponsored with the Tunbridge Library  
All are free and everyone is invited

## History Mystery Walk

Sunday, June 8, 3 p.m. from the library

Please arrive early

## "Come To The Fair" slide program by Euclid Farnham

Euclid's pictorial history, "The Tunbridge World's Fair,"  
will be published in a few months

Tuesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m., showing of fair items

Slide show starts at 8 p.m. Tunbridge Library

## Vermont History Expo

Saturday & Sunday, June 21 & 22, 10-5, Tunbridge Fairgrounds

## "In Their Words" – hear local history

Relive local historical events through selected readings  
from Tunbridge residents' writings & speeches

Tuesday, July 8, 8 p.m.,

Tunbridge Church

Following the Tunbridge Church Ice Cream Social

## Potluck supper and storyteller

Supper with the Good Sam Club which is hosting the entertainment

Tuesday, Aug. 5, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m., Dodge-Gilman Building

## Show & tell and dessert social

Annual meeting, selection of raffle winners & election of officers

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m., Parsonage

## Ghost Walk

Sunday, Oct. 26, 1:30 p.m. (rain date Nov. 2)

Meeting House Cemetery (beyond the transfer station)

## The Tunbridge Mystery Question

Answer correctly and you will win the esteem of the Tunbridge Historical Society AND win a free year's membership PLUS a free book of raffle tickets. Be the first to call Euclid Farnham at 889-3458 and claim your prize. The next four people with the correct answer will win a book of tickets for this year's raffle.

### Here's the question:

Name the two important  
Civil War personages  
who both attended the  
Tunbridge #2 school  
(Hoyt District).

### Last Year's Mystery Question:

Who surveyed Tunbridge in  
1775 and what happened to that  
person in his later life?

After surveying Tunbridge, Hezekiah Hutchinson built the first frame house in town (Barbara Kohn lives there) in 1809 and spent the rest of his life here. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War and a deacon of the Congregational Church.

Hezekiah started the Hutchinson farm there and lived to be 99. He died in 1851 and was buried in the Village Cemetery.

His grandson started the dairy operation which continued for three generations until Earl died in 1974. Until Earl passed away no other family had lived in the house, which is one of the four or five oldest in Tunbridge.

## Walks

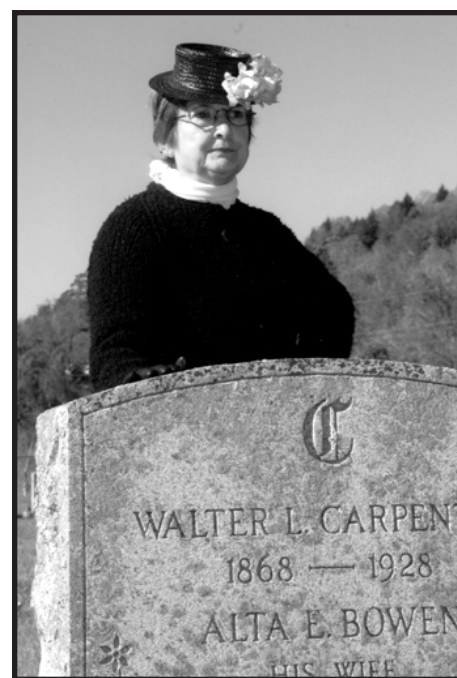
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for 60 years. The last person buried there was John West, who was carried across the river over the ice because there was no road or bridge. He'll tell all about it.

The walk will begin at 1:30 p.m.  
Rain date is Nov. 2.



Euclid Farnham



Marsha Higgins



Mick McGuire



Elaine Howe

## Hear Local History On Tuesday, July 8 After The Church Social

The historical society will present "In Their Words," something new in local history presentation, on Tuesday, July 8, at 8 p.m. The program at the Tunbridge Church will follow the church's Ice Cream Social on the Parsonage lawn.

Selected readings from the speeches and writings of residents will describe events from all periods of Tunbridge history.

Come hear the impassioned speech given in 1938 against the proposal to build a flood control dam that would have flooded South Tunbridge to Tunbridge Village.

Listen to a description of the Indian Raid and hear what Wilbur Fisk saw during the Civil War. And experience the patriotism described by the president of the local Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

## Did You Know?

- In 1870 Tunbridge had three gristmills, eight sawmills, four black or iron smiths, an iron foundry and finishing shop, three carriage shops, a rake factory, harness shop and three shoe shops.
- The North Tunbridge Sawmill and Rake Factory made some 400 dozen wooden rake handles a year.
- Florence Spaulding was the first woman to drive across the U.S. She drove a 1914 Model T Ford across the country six times, accompanied by her husband and pet dogs.
- The first car reportedly driven in Tunbridge was a 1902 Buick. The first tractor made its debut about 1924.

(Thanks to "Tunbridge Past" by Euclid Farnham)