

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!

Tues., April 12, 7:00 P.M. @ Old White Church, 15 Salmon Falls Rd, Bar Mills—*The Pre-History of Hollis*: Archeologist Ned Moore of TRC shares exciting results of fall 2010 Hollis Archeological Dig, including maps and artifacts.

Tues., May 10, 7:00 P.M. @ Old White Church, 15 Salmon Falls Rd, Bar Mills—*"Start to Finish From Ewe to You"*: From carding to finish product, Carla Turner demonstrates the age old craft of spinning wool to yarn.

Sat., June 4, 10:00 A.M. Tour Hanson School, Rt. 22 Plains Rd, Buxton Center: This 22,000 sq. ft. building, valued at over \$1,200,000 is in danger of being torn down. If you haven't had a chance, come to see it before you vote on the June 14th Community Center referendum.

Tues., June 7, 7:00 P.M. @ Hanson School, Rt. 22, Buxton Center—*"The Economics of Re-Purposing Old Buildings"* Whether you are opposed, still on the fence, or fully supportive of your Town accepting its old high school back from RSU 6 to use as a community center, gather with Maine Preservation's Chris Cross, Field Service Preservation Advisor for western and southern Maine, to learn the advantages and economic benefits of re-purposing quality old buildings for use today. Hear latest developments on Hanson and Hollis High School, ask more questions in preparation for the June 14th referendum question in both Buxton and Hollis.

Sat., July 23, 9A.M. to 3 P.M.—BHHS sale and information table @ Buxton Community Day/Dorcas Fair, Tory Hill Church Common. Whether you are decide to volunteer at the sale table or simply drop by to visit, we'll see you at the Fair! *Remember, the museum research library will be closed this day, unless you make special arrangements!*

Tues., Aug. 9, 6:30 P.M. @ the Mustard House, Rt. 22, Buxton—Join Pam Haines for iced tea and refreshments in the rear garden of the beautifully rehabilitated Mustard House structure and learn the story of its metamorphosis from an unoccupied, endangered residence into a unique and well functioning retail space. Learn, too, how Pam created the gorgeous custom decorative wall treatments.

Sept. 13, 7:00 P.M. @ Old White Church, 15 Salmon Falls Rd, Bar Mills—*Andrea Vasquez*, freelance reporter for the American Journal, Adult Ed English teacher and member of the Westbrook Historical Society presents a program entitled, *"A Writer's Research"*, in which she describes her growing love of genealogies as she investigated various historical figures from area history for her recently published book entitled, *Remembering Westbrook, the People of the Paper City*.

Tues., October 11, 7:00 P.M. Old White Church, 15 Salmon Falls Rd, Bar Mills—"1790 Houses of Buxton"—The historical society is working to identify the remaining 1790 houses of Buxton and is inviting present day owners of these historic homes to share and learn more about their architectural styles and history, as well as any early house photos and family histories they may have. The society will be documenting and updating information in our 2003 Buxton Comprehensive Roadside Survey files which include all buildings in Buxton over 50 years old at the time of the survey.

Sat., Nov. 12, 6:00 P.M. Bar Mills Community Church, 1 Hermit Thrush Drive, Buxton—41st ANNUAL MEETING & Buffet Dinner—Join the Society and Don Perkins, Wednesday columnist for the Portland Press Herald and an expert on barns, for an excellent *Maine barn power/paint presentation*. Dinner \$15. Call 929-6773 by Sunday, November 6 for reservations. To reserve your seat, please make checks in advance to: BHHS, C/O Nancy Kneeland, Treasurer, P.O. Box 475, ME 04093.

S. D. HANSON & THE OLD HOLLIS HIGH SCHOOL.

"Potential For Yankee Economy At Work" OR "Re-Cycle, Re-Use Our Assets"

The recent consolidation of elementary school students and changes in use of older school buildings has prompted Regional School Unit 6 to offer back to the towns of Hollis and Buxton an opportunity to "re-purpose" the former Hollis High School and Buxton's Hanson School. The Selectmen of Buxton declined Hanson School last year. Hollis Selectmen have yet to make a formal decision on whether to accept their building back from the District. There are citizen efforts at work in both towns to save these buildings from the wrecking ball and re-cycle them for use today, while economically providing meeting space and a home for needed services for citizens. The Board of the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society is deeply concerned about the enormous loss to the towns if these beautiful, well constructed historic buildings are destroyed and their potential to meet many community needs is abandoned. We urge you to express your will to USE these buildings for citizens of all ages in the Referendum on June 14th!

Tour of Endangered Old Hollis High School

The Old Hollis High School (a.k.a. Hollis Learning Center) has been offered back to the Town of Hollis by MSAD 6. A newly forming citizens group, *The Friends of Hollis High School*, has begun circulating a petition to take the building back for use as a community center and is holding an *informal meeting beginning @ 6 P.M. on Tues. April 5* at the Hollis Community Building next to Hollis Town Hall. All those interested are encouraged to attend. A question

and answer period will be followed by a tour of the old School for those who are interested.

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Hanson School



This book, *Keepers of the School, We the Children*, by children's author Andrew Clements, is recommended by 5th graders, Abigail Kovacs, as it reminds her of her old school at Buxton Center, which is being threatened with demolition.