

Newport Historical Society

Fundraising Committee Report for October 14, 2013

1. The entire order of 104 Sarah Hale ornaments has been recently received. Pris has the ornament proof to design the note card. We now have 5 new ornament proofs for another set of assorted note cards. We will save this for spring so that we have something new to offer. The 5 proofs are Depot, Firehouse, Tiger, Parlin and Sarah.

2. We are preparing the ornaments for the Gallery of Gifts. Thank you, Bidy, for offering to prep and attach the tags and fill out the inventory sheet. We will also submit the remaining Grave Rubbings as in past years hoping to sell them all or as many as possible. They will be priced at \$20, \$30 & \$40 depending on the size. I believe that we have 8 left. We also have permission this year to include our note cards since they are watercolor renditions of Newport subjects.

4. Farmers Market – The final market on Friday, October 11, was covered by Pris, Jerry and Rita.

Our 2012 season of 19 weeks yielded gross sales of \$1,762.50 with 4 weeks missed due to rain. Our 2013 season of 20 weeks yielded gross sales of \$1,957.13 with 5 weeks missed due to rain. For each year, we had 15 weeks of participation. An interesting statistic: 9 weeks into this year's market we were 36% down in sales but ended the season with an 11% increase over 2012.

5. We recently sold out of the *Finns in Newport* book. I have notified Ron Garceau who will order another 20 books. We purchase these from Ron in lots of 5 to 6 books so that we don't have a large amount of money tied up. Ron said that we will have these for the Christmas selling season.

6. Bank Boutique – This season we will only have 5 weeks at Sugar River Bank due to sharing the space with other groups. For the first 3 weeks of November (11/1&2, 11/8&9, 11/15&16), we will occupy our usual space in the foyer. For November 22 & 23, we will set up at Lake Sunapee Bank. We are back at Sugar River Bank for December 6&7 and December 13&14. For the last weekend before Christmas, we are back at Lake Sunapee Bank with a bit of a different twist. For this last weekend we will set up on Saturday, December 21 and Monday, December 23.

Respectfully submitted – Jackie Cote and Stan Sweeney