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From the President's Pen by Cathryn Baird

"Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to." John Pearce – Media and Marketing Entrepreneur

In February 2011, as part of the 250th celebration, the Newport Historical Society sponsored a student essay contest. Fifty students, grades 8 to 12, responded to the writing prompt, **"What is Newport to Me?"** Many of these essays will appear in part or in full in the **250th book *Celebrating Community, Newport, New Hampshire, 1761-2011, 250 Years and Beyond***, edited and authored by Jayna Huot Hooper, (See story on Page 6.) A complete copy of an individual student's essay may be obtained from the Historical Society with written permission from the author.

The following excerpts from each student's essay give a heartwarming portrayal of "Our Town". No one seems in a hurry to leave.

The Inside Scoop

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Alyssa Adams - Newport is a place where I can always come back to and have someone there for me...People gather together on the common for the farmer's market, concerts, graduation...The NET Teen Center has allowed me to gain many friends, do community service, run a play, and develop a sense of family. If we...show teens that they are able to succeed...if we help them get that chance...they will truly show their potential.

Esther Ahaifor - I moved from Bronx, NY to Newport in 2008. One of the many things that impress me about Newport is The Opera House. When I participated in plays I noticed that the main floor and dressing rooms are filled with pictures dated from a long time ago. I cherish the fact that I can be part of this memory...and keep the traditions of the Sunshine Town going...

Stephanie Ayotte - There's a feeling of belonging that I get in Newport that

I've never felt anywhere else. Here, we're not judged by what we have in our bank accounts but by what we have in our hearts. When Christmas rolls around the spirit...is unlike anything else. The community pulls together to try to make sure that every child has a present under their tree and a coat for the winter. I like the track that this town has put me on and I can't wait to see where it takes me in life. Someday I hope to give back to the community that gave so much to me.

Tiffany Ayotte - Newport means a lot to me because the whole community comes together and always is helping each other...Being involved in a lot of school activities makes me feel good about myself. When I'm in a soccer game or at a track meet people from Newport go and support you as well as watch...My hopes for Newport's future are that it continues developing new traditions and never ending the old tradi-

tions. Everyone deserves to have a town like Newport NH.

Lizzy Ball - Anyone who grew up in Newport will have a little piece of it in their heart forever. In a small town...our community celebrates every victory together and...we use each other to get through tragedy. It's not about focusing on the bad, or the areas that need improvement. It's about highlighting the excellence of Newport and the little things that make our town what it is...Tiger Pride... Homecoming... Football State Champs... Winter Carnival... The Prom... Newport is a town where everyone knows everyone... there's not much to fear. I know I always felt safe and secure growing up here surrounded by familiar faces and warm hearts.

Ben Bates - Growing up in the town of Newport has been a very special experience for me. Through the years I have been able to see how close a community

Excerpts from Student Essays on *What is Newport to Me?*, Continued

Newport is...a lot of kids talk about how they can't wait to get out of this town, but I'm in no rush. This is a beautiful town filled with beautiful people. The Recreation Center is a great place because it offers a place for kids to go after school and play sports instead of going home or somewhere else and making bad decisions that could screw up their childhood. The Rec is one of the many reasons why this town is so great.

Ethan Beattie - We are a town that is driven by sports - football, baseball, field hockey, soccer, wrestling...with these sports come the coaches...[who] more than just teach us the rules of the game. They teach us the rules of life... I've had so many role models. Without them I might not have become the same person. And for that, I thank them.

Greg Beaulieu - Many people believe that people from small towns are just "hillbilly" folk, that don't know the first thing about knowing the first thing. Well...they're wrong! I'm proud to be a part of one of those small towns and I'm proud to say I'm from Newport NH and I'll stick with that statement until the day I die. I know there are bigger things in life, people to meet, things to see, but those things are something that I can't call home, those people might not be people I could call friends, family or even foe. Newport provides a sense of comfort for me. Newport will always be here for me. Newport will always be that one place that I can fall back on, that one place where I know every back road like the back of my hand...

Cassandra Becklo - [When I moved here]...what I saw was a thin surface of what really was this town. Driving through the center of Newport is nice with all the pretty flags... even the roundabout is nothing to be afraid of. I was shocked to find how different this place was. Never before was I accepted into everyone's daily life at school. It made me feel welcome...People care for you.

Amanda Bolduc - There is more of a natural flow here. The town is much more inviting and accepting. There are many people...that influence you and try to make you a better person. The Community members that have made the biggest impression on me are the teachers...They make sure I do my best and help set me up for success... The town makes sure it includes everybody...Rec Dept., NOST (Newport Out of School Time), The Senior Center...

Cole Boone - Newport's community is a very tight knit group...[that] does a lot of traditional activities not all other towns can claim to do...the longest running winter carnival in the nation...and a new Guinness World Record for the most people with moustaches in a gathering. The people are a huge part of what makes Newport so special.

Zach Brown - Football is definitely a tradition... It taught me how to work hard in life, be a gentleman, how to win...football has made me a better person.

Kanesha Campbell - Newport is...known for its outstanding participation by members who want the best for the community and want to improve it in every way they can. Updates on Facebook show what's going on and pictures show the warmth...

Aaron Cherry - ...Teenagers and adults work together at the Recreation Center...it's nice to see...helping out the community to unite and break down the barrier between teens and adults that some towns have today. For all the Newport people...thank you for making me the person I am today. I'm proud to be a Newport Tiger.

Ashley Clivio-Wentrup - When something goes wrong there is not a moment where anyone hesitates to step up and help. There are very few communities that are lucky enough to have that. Growing up in Newport has influenced my perspective on unity and being helpful to those in need. The teachers and staff have helped me to become a better person.

Brianna DeFilippis - I think about what I would be like if I still lived in New York...Even though I can't get to a mall whenever I want...I like the fact that I can drive down the street and see people I know. You were lucky if you ever saw the same person twice in my old town. The people are friendlier, the air is fresher and the town is more united. I don't think that people know how much potential Newport really has. There is so much that can and WILL happen. All we need to do is believe.

Lindsay Desmarais - ...The Recreation Center...pushed me harder than I've ever been pushed...long talks...molded me to love sports and to have stamina beyond imaginable...to be a leader...I find love for my community from watching role models...for making me who I am today: a loving, caring, encouraged, disciplined...proud citizen.

Lexis Demeis - I spent a week in Washington DC with a student leadership program and all of the kids were from big cities. When it was my turn to talk about Newport, they were all amazed by the fact that I knew most people by name, that we had such a strong community bond and how much I valued my "oversized" family.

Rachel Dewey - There's always something going on...the library hosts countless activities and events...the homecoming bonfire and parade, T'was Just Before Christmas, Winter Carnival...If none of those are upcoming events, I always look forward to rehearsals at The Performer's Playground or checking out what's happening at Horsey Park. I rarely come into town and have trouble finding something to do.

Emily DiPadova - ...the Apple Pie Crafts Fair. Now I'm sure there must have been apple pies somewhere, but I never saw one but that didn't bother me. I just remember that we always got to fill up a huge tin full of all different sorts of cookies and got lots of interesting books from the library to keep!

Tony DiPadova - ...a wonderful natural landscape...forests, rivers, fields and hills all right in town...a great place to be if you like the outdoors. As I've written about Newport, I've realized that it's a much better place than I realized. I think I will never take it for granted again because I now know how great it is to live in Newport.

Allison Doucette - The moustache contest was February 12, 2011. The line of men was so compact and long...I noticed the person that became a role model to me. There was an old man in a wheelchair who was on oxygen entering the contest. You cannot get more dedicated than this man. He just made me smile in amazement and reassured me that I am lucky enough to live in the best community anyone could ask for.

Samuel Earle - Now, for the most important landmark that Newport has to offer and you're guaranteed not to find one like it anywhere else, The Common. Although it looks like just an expanse of grass surrounded by a single ring of trees it is actually the site for quite a few celebrations.

Morgan Early - Newport NH is such a small town we barely get recognized for anything. When you say Newport to anyone not in the area they think Newport, Rhode Island. As someone who grew up in Newport, I think Newport has many things to offer. We have

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so many activities and places geared toward everyone of every age. Newport is a lot better than some people give it credit for.

Taylor Forgit - The community members who have made the biggest impression on me would have to be my teachers. Most of them call Newport their home and I am honored to live in the same town as them. They have given me an education that I know will take me far in life.

Kyle Greene - Newport, New Hampshire is a wonderful, well connected beautiful town, and I am glad to call it my home. ... I have never wanted or felt the urge to live in any other town and don't plan to unless my future demands it, and then I will truly miss my home in this town. My friends say I'm "crazy" for loving this town, but I say they are crazy for never noticing how lucky they are for living here.

Charlotte Griffiths - Ice Skating starts before Winter Carnival and is open to the entire community. You can bring your own skates or borrow a pair. The hut is filled with tons of skates and there is hot chocolate for really cold days. For the little kids and adults who haven't skated much there are milk crates to help hold them up so they won't fall as much.

Ricky Hammond - Growing up in a small town has taught me a number of lessons...and shaped the person I am today. There are many traditions and events that I will always remember... Winter Carnival and winning the Division IV Football Championship...always give a helping hand and if you want something and work hard at it you can make it happen.

Gunter Hubert - I believe that for a town its size, Newport has the most family owned business... By shopping at home the town's people support the businesses and in turn the businesses help support the town. Local businesses through their ads support the way the town gets their news... the local Argus paper and WCNL radio station... Without the support of the local people to the small business we would only have huge companies.

Sarah Huff - The thing about Newport is you could be someone who has lived here for fifty years or just visiting... and you're treated and feel like family. The vast majority of the town is kind, welcoming and friendly due to the close knit relationships... the corny saying of "everyone knows everyone" is actually true here.

Will Jennings - ...behind the local food store... if you follow a very short path it will open up to a wonderful place... the 603 jumps. If you ride a BMX bike this is a great place to be... this is where my friends and I really started to own our skills and get better at biking... and I bet someday some other kids just like me and my friends will go there and use what we built and maybe even make them better.

Katherine Kessler - Newport is definitely a town where everyone knows each other, where everyone knows the pattern of the two traffic lights... a "true" "small town"... without the influences and support of the people within the community I honestly don't know where I'd be today... I am proud to say that after growing up here in Newport, I am ready for college and any other adventure I may come across.

Steven Linley - The people of Newport are kind people who help out each other in any way they can. My classmates and I do a lot of work in the community that is in the form of helping after school.

Kristin Martin - The community is better than I thought possible. We don't have many crimes (other than speeding car accidents and regular injuries). You won't find a robber running into our bank anytime soon! So to all newcomers, the town may not look like much but the people and how we work for each other is something worth seeing

Sydney Lorandau - Newport is an excellent place to live with deep heritage and traditions. It is a place where everyone is welcomed into the community with open arms regardless of where they're from. It is a place where community members will rally around a world record attempt or come together after a disaster. From Boot Camp to Carnival, Newport is a great place to live... And although it may not be where I'm from, it is always the place I will call home.

Danielle MacConnell - Through thick and thin, this community comes together to rejoice, grieve, and support, and that to me is the most amazing aspect any town can hope to have. This more than anything, more than the festivals held here, the traditions, the activities, the buildings, make me proud to be from Newport.

Sam Nelson - ...Pride in our community, our heritage, and our traditions. Newport is full of hard working families who have strived to be successful... coming from a family with a small business I've... witnessed the kindness and support of the people. Without it, it would be hard to succeed. ... we would not have been able to win a championship for our town.

Cristal Olivares - Growing up in Newport has been a life changing experience for me from living in a city... Living with the outdoors made me physically active. I've had the chance to grow up in a loving community without violence, gangs and tragedies. Newport gets better and better every year that goes by... This little warm welcoming town will always be cherished.

Austin Partlow - I'm from a family of builders and workers who try hard to make money and create things... a family who loves cookouts and fires and visiting with other family members... a mixture of Finnish, French and Indian...

Adam Pysz - Newport's community consists of nice good people trying to have a good life... there is not much crime... the law is pretty strict and allows little tolerance to crime... it is a good town and a good place to live.

Leanne Rubchinuk - We call ourselves the Sunshine Town even though quite frequently the weather is cloudy or rainy... Sunshine Town does not stand for the weather; it stands for the happiness we give off... to one another.

Taner Sherman - My first couple of weeks in Newport were lonely and friendless until one day I walked into the local market... very hungry and that was when I tried my first sub... it touched all my taste buds. I knew it wouldn't be my last. Now I look where I am today, a lot better than I would be if I didn't have that man. (who made the sub)

Hannah St. Jean - There are numerous organizations that help benefit many different groups in the community. An example is the Booster Club... goes to different sports games of every season and sells goods like candy or pizza. The money that is profit is dispersed equally among each of the teams. These people go out of their way to fundraise... that's a huge help and something I am very thankful for.

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Alex Stefan - The Recreation Department was a big part of my childhood...they not only taught me how to play sports but they taught me sportsmanship, how to help others, dedication, and communication. I hope that in the future Newport will stay the strong, small tight-knit community and continue to help kids grow up and mature like they did for me.

Monica Stout - I love being part of this town because we care about past, present *and future*. We celebrate history and heritage. We tend to the young and watch them grow and prosper. Not a thing goes unnoticed in a close-knit town. Newport may be small but the spirit is large. The last moments of 2010 in Newport were shared by all [at] a gathering in the Opera House [for] the 250th anniversary celebration of Newport. Local businesses donated raffle prizes.... face painting, booths selling treats...a local band was performing on stage...Before midnight citizens were headed to the town common. When the official time-piece, the town clock on the Opera House struck 12, church bells joined in. People on the common rang commemorative bells and ...the canon fired [twice]. Fireworks soon appeared in the sky. I could not have been more proud...this was my home and I love it here.

Julia Sullivan - Living in a small town seems like it would be dreary and uneventful, but my community is different. Newport is something to be proud of. I could never be who I am today without the love and support my town has given me...It's a good feeling to know everywhere you turn you have a friend, acquaintance or fan...

Anna Stefan - Newport...it's a pretty small town with a bunch of big hearted people. Newport and I have grown to love each other I think but it's kind of a bitter-sweet relationship. Privacy is definitely not one of Newport's strong suits. As soon as something happens, the whole town knows about it within the next twenty four hours. News spreads in this town like butter spreads on a piece of toast! Nobody in town is under the impression that everyone is happy with this. I, personally think it's a good thing...people know what you're going through and can empathize...and help...Newport and I have a bitter-sweet relationship but mostly sweet.

Joe Tremblay - Newport is a place of (personal) change...as I went through high school especially through sports, I developed determination, mental fortitude and a drive to

be the best...I strive to be excellent: on the football field, on the wrestling mat or at home doing my homework...This perfectionism is the result of growing up in Newport...

David Truell-Lund - ...2010 Division State Champions. The overwhelming support as we were escorted through town by the local police and fire departments...This is what Newport is about. Small town love...It's a prideful community...that likes...traditions every year...I hope one day I can bring my family to see the parades.

Daniel Tyoninski - Respect and responsibility are the influences that Newport gave to me. It's such a small town that word gets around quickly...I should be on my best behavior. [Events] boost good spirit in everyone...and should influence everyone to get along and that everyone counts no matter who you are. Events [like Crop Walk and Adopt-a-Highway] have shaped me in positive ways.

Hillary Wentzell - Prom entrances, what an exciting time for the community. Police blocking off the main road, family members and friends waiting hours outside the Newport Opera House just to catch a glimpse of the seniors as they pull up in their fancy cars, on horses, in carriages and sometimes even motorcycles. The saying "Great things come in small packages" definitely applies to my hometown.

Alex Wesoja - ...there are many unused buildings that are waiting for someone to come and occupy them. If people used these buildings it will create more jobs...and will help to improve the economy...people wouldn't have to spend extra money to drive [elsewhere]. I want people to come to Newport and say "Wow, this is a great town that has a lot of places to go to".

Samantha West - Newport has some interesting characteristics that differentiate it from other towns. Two of the eight railroad covered bridges in the world are located in Newport. The nursery rhyme that everyone learns in elementary school, "Mary had a Little Lamb" was written by Sarah Josepha Hale who lived in Newport for 35-40 years of her life. Newport is a cozy little community filled with love...Even when you leave...you'll always know there's a home waiting for you when you return.

Kayla White - One event that brings many of the members of the community together is the Community Talent Show...that gives anyone a chance to show who they are, a chance to have

fun and gives many people something different to do. This gives everyone who wants one, a chance to shine.

Sophie Willis - One of the [Winter Carnival] events that I know I'll remember is the Scavenger Hunt. I've started to participate annually and I love to see the people, who might usually be busy inside working, out and around town having a blast with fellow citizens

Davis Williams - The seasons here are so diverse that it's like a whole different town from one season to the next. To some, summer means walking the brick covered sidewalks of town...or jumping off the bridge into the cold Sugar River. When fall comes around...this can mean only one thing. Football...when winter gets here it's a whole new story. Basketball, snowmobiling...Spring is down time. You get ready or summer and go four wheeling. Baseball is in town. Either you love this town or you don't know about it.

Emerald Willey - Winter Carnival is a treasured event...[the Queen's Pageant] was more than just glitter and expensive gowns and fancy hairstyles...there were friendships formed, tears that were cried and hard work that was put into creating a show that entertained the entire town. I loved every minute of it and if I could relive it every day I would because it was the best time of my life.

Payton Wilson - I am from the sweet scent of the summer daisies blooming. The ancient apple tree, whose long limbs I remember as if they were my own. I am from my ancestors... amazing, beautiful, unbelievable memories.

Morgan Wilson - Your hometown always holds a special place in your heart. No matter where you go from then on, you'll keep returning to that place, the town that shaped you, where you grew up, where you became yourself. Newport is this town for me, my hometown. Winter is the season of togetherness...the Christmas Festival at the high school, New Years[250th Celebration], Winter Carnival, ice skating, the Polar Plunge...It is one of the happiest times in this town, when we are in constant interaction with each other. College kids come back to Newport all the time. They are happy to be "home", they say.



Open For Business

By Christina O'Brien



The **Newport Historical Society Museum** is getting ready for visitors! Located in the Nettleton House at 20 Central Street, the Newport Historical Society purchased the building from ECON (Economic Development Corporation of Newport) in May of this year as a home for our new museum.

We have two events planned for October to help celebrate this milestone:

On Tuesday, October 4th, the museum will be hosting the Newport Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours for all Newport Chamber members.

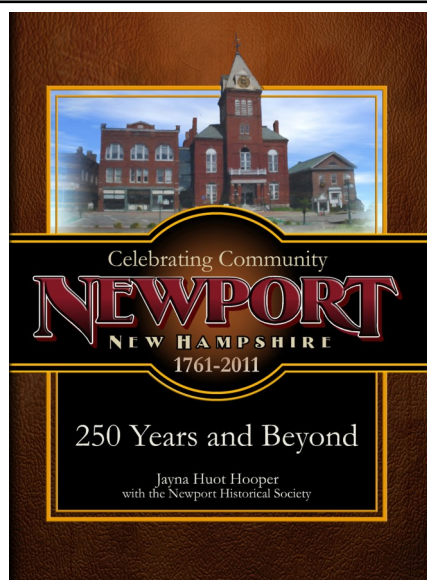
On Wednesday, October 5th, from 4-7 PM, Historical Society members and the general public are welcomed to the official Grand Opening of the Newport Historical Society Museum.

After our open house events, the museum will be open every Sunday (starting in October) from 10am-2pm or by special appointment.

Come and see what we've done with our new space! There is a colonial kitchen display, an early school room display and the 'Champollion Gallery' on the lower level of the building (Central Street Entrance.) The upper level (parking lot/ramp entrance) has a Newport Room and a colonial bedroom. Both levels are wheelchair accessible from each exterior entrance. Inside, a flight of stairs separates each level. There are plenty of historic photographs and records on file and welcome all those who would like to come in to research family genealogy or just take a look back in time at the many people and events that have shaped our town. Museum donations are graciously accepted and will be catalogued and stored in our 'old museum' located above the Old Courthouse Restaurant (30 Main Street, behind the Opera House) until we rotate our displays, which we hope to do twice a year.

We look forward to seeing you at one or both of our upcoming events to enjoy delicious refreshments, good company and the wonderful historic artifacts of our beloved Newport!

Newport's history book, *Celebrating Community – 250 Years and Beyond*, by author/editor, Jayna Huot Hooper, a hard cover, text book size, 460 plus page book will be available for sale beginning Monday, October 3, at the Library Arts Center reception and book launch. The book is priced at an affordable \$30.00. Thanks to the *Eagle Times* for assisting with publication of the book. See next page for story.



The BOOK is READY!

Celebrating Community, Newport, New Hampshire, 1761 – 2011, 250 Years and Beyond

By Jacke Cote

When Cathryn Baird asked Jayna Huot Hooper if she might be interested in assisting with writing a book about Newport's history, neither person knew what was in store! While readily accepting the opportunity, Jayna realized that even though she had lived in Newport her entire life, she had, "...never had a clear or complete understanding of Newport's history".

"We are content to live as though things simply are as they appear...and we stop expending the extra effort to really understand and ask the questions, "how?" or "why?" or even "when" or "what" or "who?"

Armed with the skills learned from her mentors at Newport Middle High School and Mt Holyoke College, Jayna began the task of telling *"The 'Why' of Who We Are"*. And tell it, she has! Beginning after Thanksgiving of 2010, faced with a seemingly impossible deadline of May 31, 2011, Jayna began researching and writing the history of Newport from 1761 to 2011.

"This 250th book is a history book—with maps and chronologies, and typically a picture or two on each of its 400 plus pages. [It] explains the development of Newport from the time the first white man set foot here sometime around 1761, to the present day."

This is a book to read over and over again, a book to be proud of, a book that sets Newport apart from any other town or city in our great country! It is truly *"...a tribute to the generations of civic-minded Newporters, past, present and future"*. (Excerpts in italics quoted from the PREFACE, written by Jayna.)

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Jayna Huot Hooper – Book Editor/Author

Born April 19, 1982 in Claremont, New Hampshire, to Larry and Nancy Huot, Jayna grew up on East Mountain in Newport attending Newport's elementary, middle and high schools. She graduated from Newport Middle High School in 2000 as Salutatorian of her class. She served as class President during her sophomore, junior and senior years and was inducted into the National Honor Society.

In 2004 she graduated Magna Cum Laude from Mt Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, attaining a BA in American Studies with a concentration in American History and American Literature. While at Mt. Holyoke, Jayna was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society.

During the summer of 2004, she was a Teaching Intern at St Paul's School Advanced Summer Placement Program in Concord, New Hampshire, and has continued her association as an interviewer for high school juniors wishing to attend St Paul's summer program. In 2006 she earned her K-8 teaching certification and was an elementary Special Education Para Educator. She served on the 2008 Special Education Task Force Committee affiliated with the Newport School Board.

Jim Chrimes – Book Cover Designer

Born April 1968 in Norwich, Connecticut, Jim's family moved to New Hampshire in July 1973. Jim grew up in Newport and considers it his home town. Growing up, Jim enjoyed drawing and painting and was always eager to learn more as he grew older.

Jim graduated from Newport High School in 1987 and attended Cazenovia College in New York majoring in Commercial Illustration. In January 2000 Jim opened Newport Sign Solutions as an outlet for his creative skills running the business as a "one-man shop" until April 2009 when partner, Bob Stanhope, joined the business. Together they created Bacon Graphics, transforming the business from a sign shop to a graphic design business where signs are just one of the services offered. This expansion has allowed Jim to return to creating illustration art once again.

Some of Jim's recent work includes front and back covers, of *Celebrating Community – 250 Years and Beyond* book, the Newport Historical Society Museum sign at our new museum on Central Street, posters and DVD jacket for the *"Tribute to Babe Sargent"*, Pier Bridge logo for Sweatshirts and T-Shirts, Pier Bridge mug and note cards.

Schedule for Charter Week Events

Friday Sept. 30 – Discovery Challenge commences. General information packet with list of questions to be answered in digital format (photos) can be picked up at Richards Library, Town Office or Newport Historical Society booth at Farmers Market. Information packet will also be available on NHS (www.newportnhhistory.org) and town websites beginning 9/30. (Participants will have until Monday, October 10 to find answers and take photos. **Conclusion of Discovery Challenge on Monday, Oct. 10** Entries submitted via email for judging per packet instructions.

Saturday Oct. 1 – Homecoming/250th Anniversary Parade Groups wishing to participate must sign up. Contact information is available on the Historical Society website, www.newportnhhistory.org.

9 AM — Parade assembles in the AutoServe/Dunkin Donuts parking lot.

10 AM — Parade proceeds to NMHS. BRING and RING your 250th commemorative bell, whether marching or watching. (Bells available at Farmer's Market NHS Tent.)

1:30 PM — **Homecoming Football Game – Newport vs Mascoma** – kickoff at Maryn Field

8 PM— **Sarah J. Hale Award** – Free to the public ,at the Newport Opera House.

Sunday Oct. 2

3 PM — **South Church Organ Concert** – Rev. Edward Erb on the organ playing music by John Stanley, Sam Wesley, Handel, Mozart, Mendelsohn's Sonata, followed by anthems sung by the South Church Choir.

3 to 6 PM— **Unveiling of Sunapee Street Mural** on Coronis building side wall. BBQ and music with Nick Scalera & Terry Moore.

Monday Oct. 3

5 to 7 PM — **Celebrating Community – 250 Years and Beyond** Book launch and Reception for author/editor, Jayna Huot Hooper at the **Library Arts Center** . Signed copies of the book will be available for sale (\$30).

Tuesday Oct. 4

5 to 7 PM — **Chamber After Hours** at NHS Museum - Grand opening of the museum for business community Chamber members. **Celebrating Community – 250 Years and Beyond** book will be **available for sale** along with other NHS products. Refreshments provided by "Two Ladies Catering".

Wednesday Oct. 5

5 to 7 PM — **Grand Opening of NHS Museum – for NHS members and the public.** **Celebrating Community – 250 Years and Beyond** will be **available for sale** along with other NHS products. Refreshments provided by Newport Historical Society members.

Thursday Oct. 6 – Charter Day Celebration

12 to 5 PM — First Day cancellation – Newport Post Office personnel on the Common - envelopes will be available from USPS for sale or bring your own envelope/post card with a stamp on it for cancellation with the special **250th logo pictorial postmark**. NHS and Friends of the Richards Library selling packet of Historical Postcards suitable for the post-marking of the day in the NHS tent on the Common.

4 to 7 PM Events on the Newport Common

- ◆ Traditional New England Barn Dancing with Dudley & Jacqueline Laufman, on the Common from **4-5 PM**.
- ◆ Viewing of the **Town Charter**.
- ◆ **Birthday cake Bake-off Contest, open to the public**, Contest Prizes, and free cake served to celebrate "Happy Birthday Newport." Townspeople with birthdays on Oct. 6 will blow out candles on cakes. Bring cakes to share with everyone, even if not entering contest.
- ◆ **Red Barn Farm** will sell hot dogs – free hot dogs to first 250 people wearing a 250th Anniversary button
- ◆ A reminiscent **Popcorn street vendor**, Dean Stetson, will be on the common with his newly crafted popcorn wagon.
- ◆ **Proclamation** Presentation, by Dan Cherry, official Town Crier, and state officials.
- ◆ **Newport Commemorative poem** read by author, Doug Wheeler
- ◆ Firing of the Newport canon.
- ◆ **Celebrating Community – 250 Years and Beyond** book **available for sale**, along with other NHS products

Friday Oct 7

3 to 6 PM — **Final Farmers Market** of the season on the common. Visit the **Newport Historical Society** Booth to purchase the **Celebrating Community Book** and other 250th commemorative memorabilia.

7 PM — free performance (sponsored by Roy & Eeva Malool), by the **Newmont Military Band**, a brass band with 22 members from all over New England, in the Newport Common Gazebo. Bring your chairs. **Celebrating Community** book available for sale.

Saturday Oct. 8

8 to 11 PM - Heritage Ball at the Newport Opera House, to benefit the Senior Class of 2013. Tickets, \$40 per person, available at Universal Physical Therapy, Newport Ballroom, NHS booth at Farmers Market. Nancy Huot & Sandy Cherry Co-Chairs.

DJ: Steve Smith

Catering: Courthouse Restaurant – hors d'oeuvres & dessert

Dress: Period costumes and/or formal attire (tux optional)

Raffle: Dinner for 2 at Courthouse Restaurant

Celebrating Community book available for sale

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Newport Historical Society Membership Form

Date: _____ New Membership _____ Renewal _____

Name(s): _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Personal Membership Type: _____ Individual (\$15) _____ Family (\$25) _____ Junior (\$1)

Corporate/Business: _____ Bronze(\$25) _____ Silver (\$50) _____ Gold (\$75) _____ Platinum(\$100) _____ Diamond(\$100+)

Here's my additional donation to the: Museum \$_____ Operating \$_____ Building\$_____ Cemetery \$_____

Payment Method: _____ Cash _____ Check (Newport Historical Society) Total Enclosed \$_____

**Our goal is to have 250 members by the end of 2011 in celebration of Newport's 250th anniversary.
Tell a friend about the Historical Society and share this form with them!**

Join Us!

HISTORICAL POSTCARD SETS for Sale!

The **Friends of the Richards Library** and the **Newport Historical Society** are selling a packet of 12 reproductions of historical postcards, showing Newport of around 100 years ago. The original postcards came from Larry Cote's extensive collection of vintage postcards. The set costs \$7.00, with the proceeds going to the both the "Friends" and NHS. The packet, which includes a description of each scene, is available at the NHS sales table during all of the Charter week events and the Farmers Market.

The Post Office special cancellation on Oct. 6, 12-5, will be a great opportunity to create your own collectibles. Send them to family or friends *or to yourself!*



Depot Street decorated for the 150th Birthday celebration.



150th Celebration Parade in front of old Richards Free Library, with elephants.

250th Lecture Series

Executive Committee
Meeting. 6 PM

Membership Meeting
6:30 PM

Program 7 to 8 PM

October 17

McCrillis & Eldredge

Insurance Agency

Richards Library Ball-
room

November 14

Newport Town Records

Richards Library Ball-
room

December 12

The Nettleton Family

Richards Library Ball-
room