



# Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society NEWSLETTER

Westmoreland, NH 03467

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**Officers:** John Harris, Director; Hugh Shelly, Asst. Director; Jan Hurley, Treasurer; Patti Seymour, Clerk/Secretary;  
Walter Carroll, Property Manager – Meeting House; OPEN, Property Manager – School House; and Jan Carpenter, Archivist.

## Message from the Co-Directors

Thanks to those who tore themselves away from the beautiful weather to attend our Annual Meeting on July 22. We elected a new slate of officers and approved a few changes to the By-Laws. John Harris will assume the Director role and Hugh Shelly was elected as Assistant Director. The bi-law change was approved to merge the two treasurer positions, and Jan Hurley was elected to serve as Treasurer for both the Meeting House and the School House. Patti Seymour was elected as Clerk/Secretary. We'd like to thank Stuart Sadick for his dedication and leadership as the first Director of the merged Society. He was instrumental in setting the course for the Society. We'd also like to thank Jan Youga, Dawn Lincoln and Bill Campbell for their roles on the Executive Committee. Jan kept us organized with her diligent meeting minutes and encyclopedic knowledge of the Society bi-laws. Dawn kept the School House in financial shape by managing the membership dues and expenses, among many other things. Bill kept the School House in tip top shape. The Society benefited immensely from their hard work and dedication. The School House Property Manager position is still vacant so if anyone is interested in helping preserve one of our town's historic properties, please contact Jan Carpenter.

Please remember to pay your annual membership dues (or Life Time membership dues so you don't have to remember again next year). We're always interested in speaking with members who want to get more involved, and if you have an idea for future program topics, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you in September at the first Fall program.

## Mark Your Calendar

| DATE                          | EVENT   | TIME        | LOCATION*                                |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------|--|
| <b>2012</b>                   |   |             |  |
| Friday – Sunday, August 17-19 | Old Home Day  | All Day     | Westmoreland                             |
| Sunday, August 19             | Historic Tour of Westmoreland   | 1:00 p.m.   | Leave from Elementary School Parking lot |
| Saturday, September 1         | Tag Sale  | 9-3 p.m.    | Meeting House                            |
| Sunday, September 9           | Fall Work Day   | 1-4 p.m.    | Corner School and Meeting House          |
| Tuesday, September 4          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Fall Program: New Hampshire's Wild History: 350 Years of New Hampshire Wildlife   | 7:00 p.m.   | Corner School                            |
| Monday, October 1             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fall Program: New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality | 7:00 p.m.   | Corner School                            |
| Sunday, October 21            | Executive Meeting   | 3:30-5 p.m. | TBD                                      |
| Monday, November 5            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fall Program: Westmoreland: The Second Settlement Years-1750 to 1800              | 7:00 p.m.   | Fellowship Hall                          |
| <b>2013</b>                   |   |             |  |
| Sunday, January 6             | Executive Meeting   | 3:30-5 p.m. | TBD                                      |
| Sunday, February 10           | General Meeting & Potluck   | 4:00 p.m.   | Town Hall                                |
| Sunday, March 17              | Executive Meeting   | 3:30-5 p.m. | TBD                                      |
| Monday, April 1               | First Spring Program  | 7:00 p.m.   | Fellowship Hall                          |
| **April TBD                   | Yard Work Day   | 1-4 p.m.    | Corner School                            |
| Sunday, April 28              | Executive Meeting   | 3:30-5 p.m. | TBD                                      |
| Monday, May 6                 | Second Spring Program   | 7:00 p.m.   | Fellowship Hall                          |
| Saturday, May 12              | Perennial Plant Sale  | TBD         | Meeting House Lawn                       |
| Sunday, May 19                | Spring Work Day   | 1-4 p.m.    | Corner School and Meeting House          |
| Monday, June 3                | Final Spring Program  | 7:00 p.m.   | Corner School                            |
| Sunday, June 9                | Executive Meeting   | 3:30-5 p.m. | Corner School                            |
| Sunday, July 23               | Annual Meeting & Potluck  | 4:00 p.m.   | Meeting House                            |

\*Unless otherwise advertised

\*\* Corner School house will schedule an earlier Spring Work Day – specifics in the Spring Newsletter

## Fall Programs 2012



Tuesday, September 4

**New Hampshire's Wild History: 350 Years of New Hampshire Wildlife** Speakers from the NH Speaking for Wildlife will take us on a virtual journey through New Hampshire's past, focusing on changes in the land and how wildlife populations have responded over time.

**7:00 pm at the Corner School**

Monday, October 1

**New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality** This is a New Hampshire Humanities To Go grant program presented by Steve Taylor. Steve is returning to Westmoreland (he spoke to us about the Great Sheep Boom) to share his research on the backbone of primary education for generations of children, the one-room school.

**7:00 pm at the Corner School**

Monday, November 5

**Westmoreland: The Second Settlement Years-1750 to 1800.** Beginning with the 2nd. settling and new charter, Jim will talk about some of the changes that occurred in town during that period, and he will discuss some of the important events that affected it, such as the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary

**7:00 pm at Fellowship Hall**

## Old Home Days plans rapidly coming together – Historic Tour

Westmoreland, NH  
Old Home Day



A Town of Friends and Neighbors

Under the direction of Elaine Moore, Nancy Sandahl and Sally Albrecht, the many activities and events are very well organized and coming together nicely. On Sunday August 19, the Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society is conducting a guided Historic Tour of the whole town. The first bus will leave at 1 p.m. from in front of the school on Glebe Road.

A limited number of tickets (approximately 100) will be sold. Costs will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, with \$15.00 for a family of four. Tickets will be available through Saturday, August 18 or until sold out by contacting Jan Carpenter (399-7075). Sites to be visited include Longsjø's blacksmith shop, first two settlement areas, mill sites, military camp and training sites, cemeteries, the Corner School and the craft demonstrations at the Meeting House.

On Saturday, August 18, the Historical Society will have a display in Fellowship Hall of some articles in our collection, many old pictures and items from past Old Home Days as well as books and pamphlets for sale.

# OLD HOME DAY SCHEDULE

August 17, 18, 19, 2012

## Friday Evening, August 17, 2012

7:00 PM "Westmoreland's Got Talent" show at the school gym – call Jim Sandahl (399-4303) to participate \$5.00 adults/ children under 10 free/ benefits Old Home Day (OHD)

## Saturday, August 18, 2012

8:00 Fun-run at School –Linda Groiss in charge (399-7148) \$1.00 admission  
8:00 Tee off at Golf Tournament at Pine Grove Springs in Spofford – call Nancy Hillier (399-4886)  
8:00 - 10:30 Tennis Play-offs - call Sue Longsjø (399-4963) no admission  
8:00 – 10:30 Horseshoe Competition - call Wes Staples (399-4492) no admission  
9:00 - 10:30 Games for Kids at the school with Mark Hayward /no admission  
9:00 - 11:00 Breakfast sandwiches (Wagon at Fellowship Hall) \$  
10:00 - 1:00 Creative Dress Up Portraits at the Library With Medora Hebert (bring your own costume(s) props or use theirs) order pictures on line – Sponsored by and benefits the Library  
10:00 - 1:00 Pete Longsjø's Smithy open (across from the library) - free  
10:00 - 2:00 Westmoreland Market Place at the school gym/food, crafts, etc. Gina Gitchell (399-7071) free admn. /\$5 a table  
11:00 Parade from Mary Matthews (S. Village Rd.) to the school - Kristen Chamberlin – (399-4393) or Michelle Prock – (399-7104)  
12:00 Lunch /hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken tenders, hot chips, pulled pork sandwiches, grinders, desserts, drinks, etc. \$  
12:45 PM Tug-o-War on the Common  
1:00 - 4:00 PM Horse & Wagon Rides with Reggie Goodnow /Donation to help feed the beautiful horses!!  
1:30 - 4:30 PM Great Westmoreland Reunion at Fellowship Hall (enjoy old pictures, slides, videos, friends and refreshments) Hostess Angie Ackerman (399-7705) no admission  
2:00 - 4:00 PM Married People vs. Single People Ball Game at the school with Ted & TJ Ferguson - free  
5:00 - 7:00 PM Old Home Day Ham & Bean Dinner on the Common sponsored by the W. United Church \$8.00 adults/ \$3.00 children under 10  
6:00 - 7:00 PM Westmoreland Town Band Concert – free/ donations accepted  
7:30 - 10:00 PM Contra Dance at School Gym – Come learn the fun dances with all of us! Donation encouraged for OHD

## Sunday, August 19, 2012

7:30 - 10:30 Pancake Breakfast at Town Hall/Common sponsored by the Sno-Belters Club \$  
10:30 - 11:30 Church Service Brick Church w/Pastor Gage followed by history of church & remember whens...?  
12:00 - 1:00 PM Pot Luck Salad Bar Luncheon on the Common (dessert & drink provided) sponsored by OHD  
1:00 - 4:00 PM Historic Bus Tour of Town including Early Settlements/ Corner School/Park Hill Meeting House /Old Cemeteries/ Old Smithy/ Mill sites, etc. Leaves from School- sponsored by the Historical Society/ \$5 each ticket  
1:00 – 4:00 PM More Horse & Wagon Rides with Reggie Goodnow/ Donations to help feed the beautiful horses!!

**Check out our website [www.westmorelandoldhomeday.com](http://www.westmorelandoldhomeday.com) and a link at [www.westmorelandnh.com](http://www.westmorelandnh.com)**

**Old Home Day SPECIAL - "Homes of Westmoreland" - \$25.00**

**Old Home Day T-Shirts available to buy for \$10 each! Something for all!! Hope to see you there!!!**

## Annual Meeting

We had a good turnout for the Annual Meeting. On the right, Walter Carroll, Jan Hurley and Stuart Sadick (R to L) sit at dais table, and Pricilla Haselton, Paula Page, Susie Harris and Patti Seymour (R to L) look on.



Above, Ernie Hebert, Maitland Hudson & Cecile Goff are listening to Walter Carroll describe the work that has been done on the "historic" heating system at the Meeting House.

## Membership

Please remember to pay you annual dues if you have not already done so. Please ask your friends, neighbors and colleagues who have an interest in learning more about the history of our town to join the Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society by completing the attached membership form at the end of the newsletter.

**MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM**  
**THE WESTMORELAND PARK HILL MEETING HOUSE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

|                          |          |                                |          |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Individual Membership    | \$ 10.00 | Individual Lifetime Membership | \$100.00 |
| Household                | \$ 15.00 | Household Lifetime Membership  | \$150.00 |
| Organization or Business | \$ 25.00 |                                |          |

Please accept my additional tax exempt (501(c)(3)) donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Make your check payable to The Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society.

Mail check to: Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society P.O. Box 105  
 Westmoreland, NH 03467

**Time and Talent**

Please check any and all ways you are willing to help out with the public events and tasks of the Corner School and the Meeting House. Most activities are for a few hours once a year.

|  |  |   |  |                                    |
|--|--|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> cleaning/painting | <input type="checkbox"/> baking              | <input type="checkbox"/> planning events        | <input type="checkbox"/> phoning                   | <input type="checkbox"/> publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> annual tag sale   | <input type="checkbox"/> open house<br>guide | <input type="checkbox"/> general<br>maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> serving on a<br>committee |                                    |

Other talents and expertise you have that you are willing to share to help the Society:

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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