

Durham Historical society

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Dear Member,

The Durham Historical Society is beginning its membership drive for 2011 (July 1st, 2011-June 30th, 2012). I would like to take this time to update you on the society and to urge you to become a member or to renew your membership.

There have been many exciting things that have happened at the Center Schoolhouse this year. In August 2010, our latest book *Durham 1900-1950* was published by Arcadia Publishing. The book highlights postcards from Durham from 1900-1950, with the majority of the images being taken by local photographer John F. Main from the turn of the century through the 1920s. The book has received rave reviews, both from locals and from people with Durham connections out of state. The flooring has been installed and was recently sealed. I have included a picture of what the second floor currently looks like. Our next step is to frame the doors and windows and put another coat of paint on the walls. It is our hope that we can get display cases bought and assembled by the fall so we can put exhibits together. You may have noticed that the building has been painted. We were able to raise enough money through book sales to paint the exterior. We have certainly been busy this year!

The building is still in need of a heating system and a bathroom. Despite these needs, we are hoping to be open to the public in the late winter of 2012.

Our next event will occur on November 12th, 2011. We will be joined by the Atwater-Donnelly Band at the Middlefield Community Center at 7pm. In the past we have had three band members join us but for this concert, a fourth person will be added. Atwater-Donnelly is an American folk band who incorporates traditional folk dance and celtic music into their performance. This event is being co-sponsored with the Middlefield Historical Society and we have received a donation from the Durham Fair Foundation to cover half the cost of the concert. Without the support of the Durham Fair Foundation, this concert would not be possible. Please visit www.atwater-donnelly.com for more information on the band. Tickets are \$10 a person and will be available at the door.

My last piece of exciting news is the launch of our new website at www.durhamhistoricalsociety.net. New member Matt Means, who is a professional graphic designer, graciously put his time and effort into creating a website for us. Let me know if you have any suggestions as to what you'd like to see on the website. Please visit us online!

We are looking forward to a very successful year and I hope to welcome you all to our grand reopening very soon (hopefully with a heating system and bathroom!).

Best Wishes,

Sarah E. Atwell

President