

July 2019

# Portage Lake Historical Society News

## DEAR MEMBERS:

Hello! I hope this year has been treating you all well. The weather in Northern Maine has finally cooperated and we are enjoying summer as it should be! The Portage Lake Historical Society is in full swing with fund raising to purchase the Old Town Hall building on Cottage Road. We are over half way to our goal of \$40,000, but we have much, much more money to raise! I'm counting on all of you to spread the word about our fund raisers and our ongoing Building Fund Donation project. We already have so many artifacts and donations in the building just waiting to become part of a full-fledged museum! We are also in full planning for upcoming events in August, including the Variety Show on August 16, Whoopie Pie Festival & Canoe Carry on August 17, and various raffles throughout the summer. I hope you can be a part of one or more of these events! ~ *Corrine Routhier, PLHS President*

*This year we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Canoe Carry from Little Machias Lake to Portage Lake. This has been an Historical Society tradition since July of 2009, when Portage Lake held its Centennial Celebration! Jim Dumond has been in charge of this since the beginning. This year it will be held on August 17. Spectators can watch the paddlers from the Base*

Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, April to August, at 6:30 pm at the Portage Lake Town Hall.

## BUILDING FUND UPDATE

In 2016, the PL Historical Society entered into an agreement to purchase the Old Town Hall building on Cottage Road from Daniel Higgins Sr. for \$40,000. At the end of this summer, he will have been paid a total of \$10,000 toward the purchase of the building. Currently, there is \$12,000 in the Building Fund bank account, mostly from generous donors. If a person or business donates at least \$25 toward the fund, they will have their name on a plaque on display in the entrance of the Old Town Hall when it becomes our museum! Donation forms can be found at the Portage Lake town hall and online at [www.townofportage.org](http://www.townofportage.org), look for Historical Society under the Clubs/Organizations tab.

**Got Whoopie...Pies, that is? We are asking all members to help us for the Portage Lake Whoopie Pie Festival on August 17 from noon to 3! If every member makes a dozen Whoopie Pies (any flavor) and brings them to our booth to sell, we would have a great money-maker with not a lot of effort! All proceeds from the Whoopie Pie sales will go toward the purchase of the Old Town Hall.**

## Contact Information:

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*Corrine can also be contacted at the Portage Lake Town Hall, 207-435-4361*

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Marcelle Gagnon, Treasurer: 207-554-0036

Jim Dumond, Canoe Carry: 207-227-1864

# Society Fund Raisers

## SCRATCH TICKET TREE RAFFLE

Get a chance to win \$100 worth of scratch tickets for only \$1!! What could be better than that? Well, buying 6 tickets for only \$5!! 😊 Tickets are available through the summer at the Portage Lake Town Hall, and will also be for sale at the Portage Lake Whoopie Pie Festival on August 17. The winner will be drawn during the Whoopie Pie Festival.

## CHICKADEE QUILT RAFFLE

We are blessed to have very talented people in our organization! Mary Ellen Violette, one of our Board Members, created a hand-made quilt with a chickadee theme for us to raffle off! Tickets are for sale for \$3 each or 4 for \$10, and are on sale at the Portage Lake Town Office and at the Portage Lake Whoopie Pie Festival on August 17. The winner will be drawn during the Whoopie Pie Festival. Don't miss your chance to win this keepsake!



## PIE CABINET RAFFLE

This gorgeous pie cabinet pictured was hand made by member Ralph Miller. We are selling raffle

tickets on this during the summer for \$5 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$12. Tickets are sold at the Portage Lake Town Office, and will be available at the Whoopie Pie Festival Historical Society booth. Winner will be drawn at our August 26 meeting. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of the Old Hall building.

**Our Annual Baked Ham & Bean Dinner was a great success! We made about \$500 after expenses, and we served about 65 people. Everyone left with full bellies and warm hearts from being with friends and family. This dinner is traditionally held on Father's Day Weekend, so make plans to join us next year if you missed it this year!**

## VARIETY SHOW!!

Join the fun! Enter our Variety Show to be held on August 16, the kickoff to the Portage Lake Summer Round Up Weekend. If you have a "talent" and would like to be a part of it, contact Corrine Routhier. Or if you would prefer to be in the audience, admission is \$5 per person.

**Members**, we sincerely thank you for your generosity toward this Historical Society! We could not do anything we do without your membership dues!  
**Not a member yet?** That's OK!! Simply fill out the membership for below (or get a larger one at [www.townofportage.org](http://www.townofportage.org)) and send it and \$10 per person to Portage Lake Historical Society, PO Box 65, Portage Lake, ME 04768.

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