



# **2008 Annual Report**

**Presque Isle Historical Society**

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Staff members of Key Bank and their families graciously gave of their time and energy on Community Clean-up Day in May of 2008 to help the Historical Society clean up the Estey House for the summer season and to do some additional demolition to the interior of the historic fire station. Thank you Key Bank!

Members of the Historical Society and other community members helped to spruce up the historic fire station exterior with a fresh coat of paint during "Make A Difference Day" in October.



## Message from the President

As I step down from the office of President after 7 rewarding years, I want to look back and reflect on how far we have come. In 2000 when I became President, we were the proud caretakers of the Vera T. Estey house, with an endowment fund that provided the revenue to support the property and maintenance. In 2001, we as a board voted to take a leap of faith and protect one of our older buildings in PI, the 1913 fire station. With no money for this project, we began fundraising, writing grants and receiving in-kind donations. Today, we have raised over \$300,000, completed re-pointing of the brick, replaced the windows and have 3 beautiful new doors, replicas of the originals. We continue to make progress on completing our goal of restoring this building to become a starting point to promote all of the historical treasures in Aroostook County. None of this work would have been possible without the support of our valued members, volunteers and the community at large. In these hard economic times, it may take us longer to complete but we are dedicated to this project and when finished, it will be a wonderful addition to the county.

In the coming year, I will be focusing on fund raising initiatives. We will be working hard to generate the revenue we need to complete the restoration and support ongoing expenses.

The Presque Isle Historical Society looks forward to working with all of you to make this a community effort and something we will be proud of for many years to come.

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On December 6, 2008, the Presque Isle Historical Society hosted an Artists' Reception at the Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library to honor some of the artists who had contributed to our 2009 Collector's Edition Calendar. Here various members of the community can be seen chatting with artists Lisa Desjardins (far right, seated) and John Holub (to Ms. Desjardins' left) as they autograph the calendars.

## Mission

The mission of the Presque Isle Historical Society is to study, preserve, and promote the history, heritage, culture, and physical artifacts of Presque Isle for future generations.

This is done through various program offerings and hands-on historical educational opportunities such as our guest lecture series; operation of the Vera Estey House Museum; guided walking tours of historic downtown Presque Isle; maintaining and displaying our collections of books, documents, photographs, and artifacts; and more.

## Vision

The vision of the Presque Isle Historical Society is to provide, with the completion of the restoration of our historic fire station and operation of the Vera Estey House Museum, a local cultural center and museum for promoting Aroostook County, providing educational and volunteer opportunities for the entire community by which it can connect with its historical past; to be recognized as a leader in the historical and cultural heritage of our area; and thus to play an active role in the revitalization of our historic downtown.



In late fall of 2008, the Historic Plaque project was officially unveiled. This joint project, between the City of Presque Isle and the Historical Society, provided plaques on 28 sites of historic interest around the downtown area. These plaques kicked off the “Self-Guided Historic Downtown Tour” program. Seen here unveiling the plaque at the historic fire station are: (L to R) Chamber of Commerce representative Billie Brodsky, City Manager Tom Stevens, Kim Smith from the Historical Society, local historian Dr. Dick Graves, Downtown Revitalization Committee member Patty LeBlanc, and City employee George Howe. Members of the Historic Plaque Committee included: George Howe (City), Carol Bell (Historical Society), Dick Graves, Kim Smith (Historical Society), and Cathy Beaulieu (Downtown Revitalization Committee).

## Brief History of the Presque Isle Historical Society

The Presque Isle Historical Society was founded in 1963. In 1992, Vera Estey bequeathed her home at 16 Third Street to the Historical Society to be operated as a “house museum”. Vera’s will also established a trust account with which the Historical Society is able to maintain the building and grounds. The home was built around 1875 on land originally owned by Dennis Fairbanks, considered the founder of Presque Isle.



Above, as the house appeared in early 1900s.  
To the right, as it appears today.



The historic fire station was built in 1912 and served over the years simultaneously as the fire station, the police station, the municipal offices and the district court. In the early 1960s with the completion of the new A.R. Gould Hospital on Academy Street, the hospital building located at 12 Second Street became City Hall and the municipal court building. In 2001, the fire and police stations built a new facility on North Street leaving the building on Church Street vacant. In 2003, the City of Presque Isle turned over ownership of the historic fire station located at 11 Church Street to the Historical Society for the sum of \$1.00. Cost of the renovations, which included a new sprinkler system, an elevator, new electrical wiring, new roof, exterior masonry repair, and more, is estimated at \$2 million. In order to remain on firm financial ground, the Society also made the decision not to complete any work until the funding for that part of the renovations had been raised.



Fire Station—1925



Fire Station—2001



Fire Station—today

## Programs and Services

- Annual Historic Calendar Project

The Historical Society has continued its annual calendar project for yet another exciting year. In the past, the calendar has featured antique photographs of sites in and around Presque Isle. In honor of the Presque Isle's Sesquicentennial in 2009, a very special commemorative edition was planned featuring water colors and oil paintings by well-known local artists of sites in and around Presque Isle. The calendars are available for purchase at the offices of the Star Herald or from any Historical Society member. A very special thank you goes out to all contributing artists as well as Northeast Publishing for their efforts in making this special calendar a reality!



Sample of the beautiful paintings to be found in this calendar. There are two paintings per month. This one, by artist John Holub, is from a photograph of people skating on the Prestile Stream as taken by Voscarr.

- Architectural Tour of historic downtown Presque Isle

This project is currently in the works and is almost ready for its debut. The self-guided brochure will highlight commercial and residential buildings of architectural interest around the downtown area.

- Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

During 2009, the Historical Society will offer a different presentation on a topic of historic interest on the first Tuesday of every month at 12 noon at the Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library. The presentations are free and open to the public.

Presentations currently include the following topics which are available for groups and organizations:

- 1959 National Christmas Tree
- A Pictorial History of Presque Isle
- John R Braden
- Presque Isle's Centennial 1959
- Arthur R. Gould
- History of Entertainment in PI
- Hot Air Balloon History in N. Maine
- History of Presque Isle's Hospitals
- Vera Estey & the Estey House
- Thomas and James Phair
- A Victorian Christmas
- The Aroostook Valley Railroad
- History of the Maysville Grange
- Northern Maine Fair History
- Northern Maine Sanatorium History
- Presque Isle Curling Club History
- History of the Library
- History of the Fire Department
- Presque Isle's Town Poor Farm
- History of Recreation in PI
- Victorian Etiquette
- Sidney Cook

- Exhibits

During the year, the Historical Society took advantage of various opportunities to display small samples of our exhibits. One such exhibit was our annual entry in the Historic Pavilion during the Northern Maine Fair. For the second year in a row, our booth was awarded “Best Lining History Display” for our live “freeze” models in antique clothing. In addition, our static display featured the “History of the Presque Isle Library” in honor of the library’s 100th anniversary in 2008.



- Fundraisers and other civic participation

In 2008, the Historical Society held a fundraisings Stew Supper at the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club as well as a BBQ at the Crown of Maine Balloon Fest. The Historical Society led a group of Christmas Carolers around downtown as part of Main Street Mania followed by hot chocolate and treats at the home of one of our members. In addition, we once again participated in the Chamber’s Holiday Light Parade.

- Guided costumed tour of historic downtown Presque Isle

Our guided tours, instituted in 2007, continue to be very popular and are available by special request, or at a minimum of once a month during summer months. The tours cover a two-mile radius and take approximately one 1/2 hours. These tours are free and open to the public, or available for special groups.

- Hands-on education for youth

The 2008 year brought a dramatic increase in requests for hands-in educational historical activities. In the fall, one of our members provided a wonderful hands-on presentation about potato harvest and picking potatoes by hand to the students at the Presque Isle Middle School. Artifacts included a 1946 potato truck, and potato barrels. Students were able to participate in a mock potato picking scenario. Later in the year, presentations on pioneer life in Presque Isle were provided to the Middle School and a local Brownie troop working on a local history badge. This presentation included such artifacts as a chamber pot, lye soap and washboard. December brought us the opportunity to give our Victorian Christmas presentation which included making Victorian Christmas ornaments. All of these presentations were well attended and very well received.

- **Historic Geo-Caching Tour**  
This program is almost ready to launch thanks to a grant received in 2008 from the Maine Community Foundation to cover the purchase of ten hand-held GPS devices. This tour combines the use of modern technology (GPS) with history while providing a wholesome outdoor activity that the whole family can enjoy. Participants will be able to hike, bike, or drive (with rentals of bikes and GPS units) to approximately 20 sites of historic significance around the Presque Isle area. Geo-caching is a very popular activity today being enjoyed in over 220 countries world-wide.
- **Historic Music available through a server at the public library**  
The Historical Society is actively digitizing its collection of albums which are available to enjoy on the server at the Mark & Emily Turner Library.
- **Maine Memory Network**  
The Historical Society has several historic photographs of the people and buildings of Presque Isle available for purchase on the Maine Memory Network web site, a part of the Maine Historical Society.
- **Oral History Interviews**  
The Historical Society is actively conducting interviews of people with memories that are significant for us to retain as an integral part of our local history.
- **Quarterly newsletter**
- **SAGE “Our Town” Weekly Lecture Series**  
Beginning in December and running through April of 2009, the Historical Society provided weekly lectures as part of the “Our Town” series for the “Seniors Achieving Greater Education” (SAGE) group at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. These presentations have been very well received.



Pictured on left: Historical Society member, Kim Smith, provides a presentation on Arthur R. Gould to the AR Gould Memorial Hospital (TAMC).

Pictured on the right: Amber Shaw, recipient of the Historical Society’s first scholarship award given in 2008.



- **Scholarship Program**  
The Historical Society awarded its first scholarship in 2008 funded by recycling used cell phones. The initial offering of the scholarship was in the amount of \$100 and was awarded to Amber Shaw, a junior member of the Historical Society, who will continue her education at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.
- **Self-Guided tour of historic downtown Presque Isle**  
If you don’t want to wait for a guided tour, or prefer to stroll at your own pace, the “Self-Guided Tour” brochure is available on-line at [www.pihistory.org](http://www.pihistory.org).

- Sesquicentennial preparations  
Presque Isle will celebrate its Sesquicentennial in 2009. The Historical Society is heavily involved in the celebration which will feature events every single month of the year. A Schedule of Events is included later in this publication.
- Souvenirs of Presque Isle  
The Historical Society has expanded its line of Presque Isle souvenirs offered as the Sesquicentennial nears. In addition to our collectible calendars and the offerings introduced in 2007 (mugs, paperweights, and ornaments), we now have Sesquicentennial t-shirts, wooden nickels, 15 oz. Tumblers, and soon-to-arrive Sesquicentennial plates. The proceeds from the sale of these souvenirs will go towards the historic fire station restoration fund.

## **2008 Grantors**

In 2008, we received three grants. Maine Community Foundation awarded the Presque Isle Historical Society a grant of \$2,000 to purchase 10 hand-held GPS devices for our Historic Geo-Caching Tour. This project once finally implemented will offer a wholesome, family activity for residents and tourists alike combining modern technology with local history and offering folks a chance to enjoy the beautiful scenery here in the Presque Isle area while engaging in outdoor activity. The Historical Society will rent bicycles, helmets, and GPS devices for participants to bike to as many as twenty sites around the City of Presque Isle of historic significance. Participants may also choose to drive the route or hike the route. A map with physical addresses as well as the GPS coordinates will be supplied. This project is almost ready to go. We now have the helmets, GPS devices, and some of the bicycles. We are still in need of 7 more mountain bicycles and a commercial bicycle rack.

The Seth Sprague Foundation awarded \$1,000 to the Historical Society for unrestricted use for the betterment of the organization.

In June of 2008, The Presque Isle Historical Society was notified that our grant application to the Maine Community Heritage Project was accepted. Presque Isle was one of eight original recipients. This \$10,000 grant required a collaboration between a local historical society, a public library, and a school. The Presque Isle team consists of the Historical Society, Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library, the Presque Isle Middle School, the Presque Isle High School, and the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Our original intent under this grant was to engage more youth in local history, to identify additional resources for local history, and to make the history of Presque Isle more accessible to residents of Presque Isle. The year-long efforts of this grant, sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and the State Library of Maine, will culminate with a special reception open to the public on June 6, 2009 when the Presque Isle team unveils its on-line exhibits and narrative at [www.presqueisle.mainememory.net](http://www.presqueisle.mainememory.net).

Although the Maine Community Heritage Grant was awarded in 2008, cash proceeds, which will be shared amongst the team partners, will not show on the books of the Historical Society until fiscal year 2009.

## 2008 Cash Donors

### **\$0—\$49**

Carol Bell	Restricted—Fire Station Restoration
Robert Carter	Restricted—Fire Station Restoration
Ann Cushman	Unrestricted
William Hummer	Unrestricted
Eva Kirk	Unrestricted
Maurice LePage	Unrestricted
Paul & Priscilla Nichols	Restricted—Fire Station Restoration
Ryan O'Neal	Unrestricted
Rebecca Olore	Restricted—Fire Station Restoration
Mary Smith	Restricted—Scholarship Fund
Janet Snow	Unrestricted
Eloise Somers	Unrestricted
Tom & Claudia Stevens	Unrestricted
Steve Vance	Unrestricted
Tammy Walton	Unrestricted
Ann Wight	Unrestricted

### **\$50—\$99**

Chester Kearney CPA	Unrestricted
Country Collectibles	Unrestricted
Scott Foxworth	Restricted—Fire Station
Craig Green	Restricted—Fire Station
Judy Hilton	Unrestricted
Larry & Anne LaPlante	Unrestricted
Peter & Helen McConnell	Unrestricted
Parsons Street Redemption	Unrestricted
Presque Isle Animal Hospital	Unrestricted

### **\$100—\$249**

Marilyn Clark	Restricted—Fire Station
Richard & Eva Ireland	Restricted—Staff
Merchants on the Corner	Unrestricted
Don & Robbin Sawyer	Unrestricted

### **\$250—\$499**

Northern Auto Body	Restricted—Fire Station
Presque Isle Curling Club	Restricted—to establish curling display
Greg Roderick	Restricted—Fire Station
Janet Snow	Unrestricted

### **\$500—\$749**

Ron Coffin	Unrestricted
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### **\$10,000 or more**

Estate of Dorothy Dingwall	Restricted-Fire Station
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## 2008 In-Kind Donors

### **\$0—\$49**

Carol Bell	Food for Stew Supper
Ann Cushman	Food for Stew Supper
Willard Green	Food for Stew Supper
Ed Hews	Food for Stew Supper
Judy Hilton	Food for Stew Supper
Donna Lisnik	Food for Stew Supper
Norway Historical Society	1931 Northern Maine Fair Premium List (program)
Barb Nardone	Food for Stew Supper
Christopher Smith	office supplies
Kimberly Smith	Food for Main Street Mania event
Janet Snow	Food for Stew Supper
Sheree Sweeney	Food for Stew Supper
Ann Wight	Food for Stew Supper

### **\$50—\$99**

Brian Jones	Local 1890s newspaper
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### **\$100—\$249**

Irish Setter Pub	Food for Stew Supper
Candace Cameron Alden	Cookbooks, miniature Presque Isle postcard set
Riverside Inn	Food for Stew Supper
Tim Crowley	Old fire chief's hat
Nancy Mears	Journal with old newspaper articles
Elizabeth Shaw	2 silver teaspoons owned by Dr. Boone's mother
Jim & Cheryl Taubin	Miscellaneous books and papers
Jim Trent	Collection of albums

### **\$250—\$499**

David & Roberta Griffiths	Antique clothing
Evelyn Petosa i/m/o Edith Pike Shaw	Arnold Friberg Print, "Prayer at Valley Forge"
Grant Spinney	Antique fire artifacts and antique cash register
Presque Isle Curling Club	Curling Club artifacts

### **\$500—\$749**

Helen York	Buffalo robe and cowbell
Steve Vance	Computer server equipment and albums

### **\$2000 or more**

Dirk Duncan	Horse-drawn sleigh
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Volunteer labor donated as reported by 12/31/08 was valued at \$26,737.50.  
Omissions or errors on the donor lists are unintentional. We apologize for any errors.

## Volunteer Appreciation

In 2008, seventy volunteers reported a total of 2,709.75 hours donated to our various events and fundraisers. As a 100% volunteer driven organization, each and every minute of time and effort given to our organization is greatly appreciated as we obviously could not exist without everyone's generous giving.

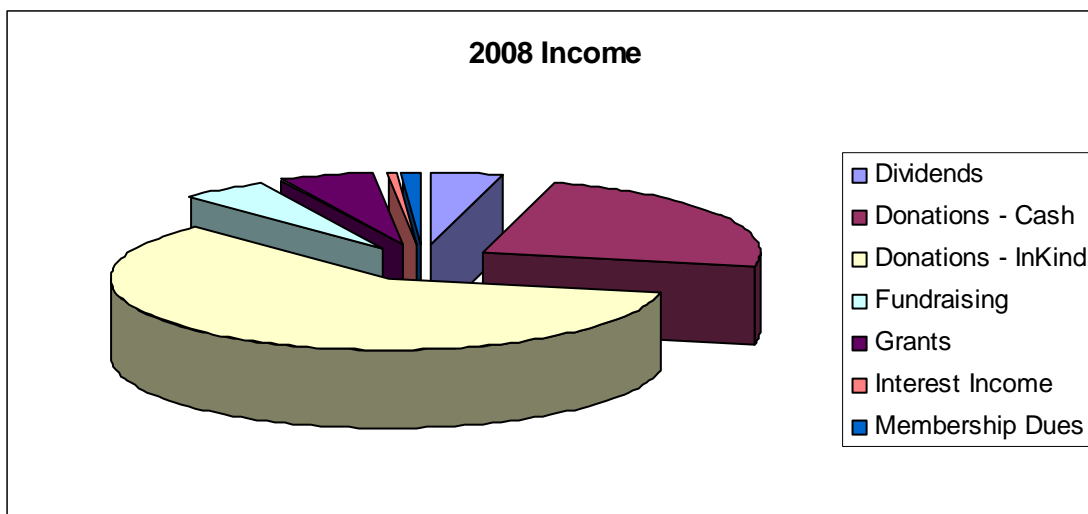
In addition, each hour given has a special added benefit. For the purpose of securing grants, these hours have actual dollar value and can leverage additional funding.

During National Volunteer Week in the Spring of 2009, all volunteers reporting hours for 2008 were recognized for their generosity and dedication with a cook-out at the offices of New York Life. Of the 64 volunteers, seven had individually given 100 hours or more of their time during the year. These seven were given special recognition by Presidential Service Awards from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group affiliated with the National Points of Light Foundation. These awards included a Certificate of Appreciation, a lapel pin, a letter from the President of the United States, and a letter from the President's Council. For donating 100 to 249 hours, Bronze level awards were given to Jeremy Farley, Craig Green, Fred Haines, Barb Nardone, and Steve Vance. Richard Rand and Kim Smith received Gold level awards for donating 500 hours or more.



Present at the Volunteer Appreciation Event to receive their Certificates of Appreciation were: (L to R) Ed Hews, Fred Haines, Donna Rowe, Richard Rand, Janet Snow, Albert Akeley, Jarrod Walton, Steve Vance, Judy Hilton—kneeling, Donna Michaud, Blanche Beckwith, Craig Green, Jaylee Farley, Jan Farley, Phil Brown, and Kim Smith.

## 2008 Financial Data



### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	86,109	87,063
Property and Equipment	634,057	620,351
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>85,858</u>	<u>82,555</u>
	548,199	537,796
Investments—cost basis	209,232	222,309
Unrealized gains on investments	<u>5,024</u>	<u>88,731</u>
Investments—market value	<u>214,256</u>	<u>311,040</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>848,564</u></b>	<b><u>935,899</u></b>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	578,210	580,282
Temporarily Restricted	5,024	88,731
Permanently Restricted	<u>265,330</u>	<u>266,886</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>848,564</u></b>	<b><u>935,899</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>848,564</u></b>	<b><u>935,989</u></b>

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
NET ASSETS, JANUARY 1, 2008	580,252	88,731	266,886	935,899
<b>REVENUES AND SUPPORT</b>				
Donor contributions	18,931			18,931
Membership dues	660			660
Miscellaneous	<u>54</u>			<u>54</u>
Investment Income				
Interest and Dividends	10,368			10,368
Realized gains/(losses)	<u>(3,952)</u>			<u>(3,952)</u>
Total Investment Income	<u>6,416</u>			<u>(3,952)</u>
Fundraising Revenues				
Calendar Sales	2,789			2,789
Other	<u>(9)</u>			<u>(9)</u>
Total Fundraising Revenues	<u>(2,780)</u>			<u>(2,780)</u>
Grants	<u>5,000</u>			<u>5,000</u>
Release of assets from restrictions	<u>1,556</u>		<u>(1,556)</u>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT</b>	<u>35,397</u>		<u>(1,556)</u>	<u>33,841</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Alarm monitoring	240			240
Building maintenance	2,191			2,191
Contributions	300			300
Depreciation	3,303			3,303
Dues and subscriptions	170			170
Bank fees	177			177
Insurance	6,757			6,757
Advertising	755			755
Miscellaneous	282			282
Office supplies	447			447
Postage	491			491
Printing	1,252			1,252
Professional fees	1,570			1,570
PILOT	2,107			2,107
Telephone	700			700
Travel	159			159
Utilities-Estey House	3,433			3,433
Utilities-Fire Station	<u>13,135</u>			<u>13,135</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>37,469</u>			<u>37,469</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES UNDER EXPENDITURES</b>				
	(2,072)		(1,556)	(3,628)
<b>UNREALIZED LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS</b>		<u>(83,707)</u>		<u>(83,707)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>				
	(2,072)	(83,707)	(1,556)	(87,335)
NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 2008	<u>578,210</u>	<u>5,024</u>	<u>265,330</u>	<u>848,564</u>

## **Board of Directors (elected May 2008, serving June 2008—May 2009):**

### **President, Carol S. Bell**

Ms. Bell holds an Associates Degree in Environmental Control Technology and a BS Degree in Industrial Technology. She is certified in OSHA safety standards, has 18 years experience in manufacturing with 8 years as a mill manager. In addition, Carol is a former member of the Northern Maine Technical College Advisory Committee, a member of the Northern Maine Development Commission loan review committee, a member of the Hot Air Balloon Festival, and past President of the Board of the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves as the Project Manager for Partnership for a Healthy Community with the Aroostook County Action Program.

### **Vice President, Craig Green**

Mr. Green holds a BS Degree in Business Management from the University of Maine. Craig has been an NASD Registered Representative for New York Life Insurance Company for 14 years. He is serving or has served the local community in a number of capacities including Past President of the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club and Past Lieutenant Governor of the New England District, currently on the Board of Directors of the Aroostook Medical Center, one of the original eight founders of Caring Area Neighbors for Cancer Education and Recovery C.A.N.C.E.R., Secretary of the Presque Isle Sewer District, Vice President of the Northern Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of Aroostook County, Chairperson of the Aroostook Republican Committee, Member of the Maine Republican Party Board of Directors, and Chairperson for the Second Congressional District County Chairpersons Board.

### **Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, Kimberly R. Smith, MSB**

Ms. Smith holds a Master's of Science Degree in Business from Husson College, a BA Degree in International Affairs from the University of Maine, and a Non-Profit Organizational Management Diploma from Shenandoah University. Kim has served as the CEO of three non-profit organizations, which have won national awards under her stewardship. She has been a member of the Virginia Festivals and Events Association; has presented seminars on Grant Writing and the ABC's of Event Planning; has served on the Board of Directors for the South Florida Chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, First Night Virginia, and the Association of Fundraising Raising Executives. She is listed in several "Who's Who" directories and is a member of MENSA.

### **Recording Secretary, Richard Rand**

Mr. Rand holds a BS in Education from Aroostook State Teachers College (now the University of Maine at Presque Isle) and an MS in Education from the University of Maine. He has taught elementary and middle school as well as mathematics at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, from which he is now retired. Richard belongs to the Presque Isle Fish and Game Club, is a member of Maine Educators Association and the National Education Association, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Aroostook Retired Teachers Association.

### **Curator, Judy Hilton**

Mrs. Hilton holds Associate Degrees in Applied Science in Computer Programming and in Business Administration from Northern Maine Vocational Technical College (now Northern Maine Community College). She retired from NMCC as Senior Computer Programmer after 26 years. In addition, Judy volunteers for the Aroostook Agency on Aging where she does medical transport, volunteers for Aroostook RSVP, and prepares meals one day a week for the Martha and Mary's Food Kitchen Ministry. She is also very active in her church and recently traveled to Swaziland in Africa to present a bible school and help build a building to be used by the local orphanage. Judy continues to take classes through SAGE (Seniors Achieving Greater Education) and works part time for Northeast Publishing Company.

### **Docent, Janet Snow**

Ms. Snow holds a BA in Behavioral Sciences and an MS in Adult Education. Janet is a licensed Social Worker and is retired from the State of Maine Adult Protective Services. She is a member of the Community Advisory Board for Maine Public Broadcasting, Steering Committee Member and Field Trip Coordinator for the University of Maine at Presque Isle Senior College (SAGE), an active member of the University of Maine Aroostook County Homemakers Spragueville Extension, and a member of Maine Association of Retirees and MSEA-SEIU. She is also currently attending the Presque Isle Police Department's Citizen Police Academy.

### **Members at Large**

Audrey Thibodeau holds a BS Degree in Science and Home Economics. Audrey taught classes in Houlton, Presque Isle, and Washburn. She was instrumental in obtaining teachers and establishing programs to train teachers in Aroostook County to work with dyslexic children. Audrey has served on the local Welcome Wagon, on the Board of the University of Maine at Presque Isle, as a member of the Community Recreation Department, was a founder of the AR Gould Hospital Auxiliary, and was a member of Tri-Delta sorority. In addition, she is a past president of this Board. Audrey owned and operated a large retail business in the area for 17 years. She also set up a successful pony club program in Aroostook County.

Angie Graves holds a BS in foreign language with a minor in English and Biology. Angie is fluent in English, Spanish, and German. She has owned an antique shop since 1979 and serves as an antique appraiser with researching and over 30 years hands-on experience in dealing with antiques. She has previously served as the President of this Board and as President of the Quoggy Joe Ski Club. Angie has also served as a member of the women's auxiliary of the AR Gould Hospital and the Retail Committee for the Chamber of Commerce. She has also taught school.

Steve Vance holds a BS degree in Entomology from the University of Maine and taught science at Presque Isle High School. He retired as the Technology Coordinator of MSAD #1.

# 2009 Sesquicentennial Calendar of Events

Events, dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please watch for monthly updates. FMI, 762-1151.

MONTH	EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	TIME	COST	HOST
January	Lecture - Contributions of Arthur Gould	Turner Memorial Library	01/06/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
	Victorian Tea	Masonic Lodge, State St	01/31/09	1:30 PM	\$5.00	Eastern Star
February	Lecture - The History of the Aroostook Valley Railroad	Turner Memorial Library	02/03/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
	Planet Head Day	N. Maine Museum of Science	02/14/09	11:00 AM	free/don.	NMMS
	Celtic Music Festival	Caribou Performing Arts Ctr	02/27/09	7:00 PM	free	PISCC/CSCC
March	Lecture - The History of Northern Maine Sanatorium	Turner Memorial Library	03/03/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
April	Red Cross Heroes Breakfast	NMCC-Edmunds/Christie Bldgs	04/02/09	7:30 AM	\$25	NMCC
	Presque Isle's 150 Birthday Party	NMCC-Edmunds/Christie Bldgs	04/04/09	11am-4pm	free	PISCC
	Hand cancelled stamp	PI Post Office	04/04/09	all day	postage	PISCC
	Lecture - History of the Maysville Grange	Turner Memorial Library	04/07/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
	Costumed guided walking tours of downtown begin	Vera Estey House	04/11/09	10:00 AM	free	PIHS
	Home, Garden and Recreation Show	The Forum	04/18/09	10am - 8pm	\$3	Kiwanis
	Home, Garden and Recreation Show	The Forum	04/19/09	10am - 4pm	\$3	Kiwanis
	Community Sinawik Open House	NMCC-Res. Construction Lab	04/28/09	11am-1pm	free	NMCC
May	Lecture - The Life & Times of Vera Estey	Turner Memorial Library	05/05/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
	Open House at Vera Estey House - VE's 115th b'day	Vera Estey House	05/09/09	10am - 2pm	free	PIHS
	Historical Music Concert	St. Mary's	05/10/09	3:00 PM	donations	Caribou Choral
	Walk Around the World in 150 days	Aroostook Centre Mall	05/14/09	12 noon	free	NMCC/Cary
June	Lecture - History of Entertainment in PI	Turner Memorial Library	06/02/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
	Maine Community Heritage Project Reception	Turner Memorial Library	06/06/09	1pm	free	PIHS
	Progressive Dinner	Various area churches	06/14/09	4:30 p.m.	\$10.00	churches
	Strawberry Shortcake Festival	North Street	06/25/09	all day	\$3	PIACC
	Time Capsules	contact Historical Society	762-1151	n/a	free/\$5	PISCC/PIHS
	Costumed guided walking tour of downtown	starts at Vera Estey House	06/27/09	10:00 AM	free	PIHS
July	Lecture - The History of Northern Maine Fair	Turner Memorial Library	07/07/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
	Costumed guided walking tour of downtown	starts at Vera Estey House	07/18/09	10:00 AM	free	PIHS
	Ultimate ATV Event	Star City ATV Club grounds	07/24-07/26	varies	varies	Star City ATV
	Northern Maine Fair	Northern Maine Fair	07/31-08/08	all day	fair adm	NMF
	The James School - Open House	The James School	Sundays	1 - 2 pm	free	TJS
August	Lecture - The History of Hot Air Ballooning	Turner Memorial Library	08/04/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
	Historic Pavilion - History of Northern Maine Fair	Northern Maine Fair	08/04-08/06	4 - 8 pm	fair adm	NMF
	The James School - Family Fun Day	The James School	08/08/09			TJS
	The James School - Open House	The James School	Sundays	1 - 2 pm	free	TJS
	Fireworks	fairgrounds	08/14/09	9pm	free	PISCC
	Sesquicentennial 5K Fun Run	Fire Station - around town	08/15/09	9:30 AM	free	PISCC
	Parade	downtown	08/15/09	12 p.m.	free	Chamber
	Costumed guided walking tour of downtown	starts at Vera Estey House	08/22/09	10:00 AM	free	PIHS
	Balloon Fest	Northern Maine Fair	08/27-30/09	6am/6pm	free	COMBF
September	Balloon Fest - BBQ	Northern Maine Fair	08/28/09	5 - 7 pm	menu	PIHS
	Lecture - History of Sidney Cook	Turner Memorial Library	09/01/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
October	Lecture - Thomas & James Phair	Turner Memorial Library	10/06/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
November	Lecture - History of the Presque Isle Library	Turner Memorial Library	11/03/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
December	Lecture - A Victorian Christmas	Turner Memorial Library	12/01/09	12 to 1	free	PIHS
	Holiday Light Parade	downtown	12/05/09	7:00 PM	free	PIACC
	Victorian Christmas family/youth hands-on activity	to be announced	12/12/09	1:00 PM	\$5	PIHS

## **Meetings**

Monthly membership meetings of the Presque Isle Historical Society are held on the first Wednesday of every month (weather permitting) beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Grant Memorial United Methodist Church at 79 Fleetwood Street in Presque Isle. These meetings typically run until 7:00 p.m.

For 2009, monthly meeting dates will be:

January 7

February 4

March 4

April 1

May 6

June 3

July 1

August 12 (moved back one week due to Historic Pavilion dates)

September 2

October 7

November 4

December 2

Occasionally, these meetings are postponed in case of conflict with fundraising events or due to inclement weather. Please call us to be notified of any changes.

Executive Board meetings are held on a quarterly basis typically in the months of March, July, September, and December.

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We look forward to hearing from you!