

Historically Speaking

Presque Isle Historical Society's Quarterly Newsletter

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IMPORTANT MEETING CHANGES

The Executive Committee has voted to make some changes in meeting dates and formats to more closely follow guidelines set forth in our By-Laws and to make meetings more interesting.

Membership meetings will no longer be held monthly, but will now only be held during the months of May, July, September, and December as spelled out in the By-Laws. These meetings will still be held on the first Wednesday of those months. Each meeting will consist of a presentation on a topic of local historic interest. The December 1st meeting will begin on 5:30 pm at ACAP by Wal-Mart (771 Main Street, Presque Isle) - **PLEASE NOTE THIS NEW LOCATION.** The presentation will be on "Victorian Christmas". Come learn what present day traditions came from the Victorian era.

Society business will now be conducted at the Executive Committee level in meetings held in February, May, August, and November.

News Bits:

\$\$ - Historical Society member Richard Rand visited Presque Isle Middle School in October with his 1946 potato truck to give sixth graders a feel for what harvesting potatoes by hand was like.

\$\$ - Historical Society member Kim Smith presented a Grant Writing workshop at NMCC at the end of October as a fundraising event for the Society. The event was an outstanding success pulling almost \$1,000 for the organization.

\$\$ - Historical Society member Carol Bell spoke before Beta Sigma sorority in November about the Society's goals and programs.



L to R: Penny Kerns presents Gold Award to Divya Bisht as Presque Isle Historical Society mentor Carol Bell looks on.

Presque Isle High School Senior earns Girl Scouts highest award for volunteering with Presque Isle Historical Society for work with Historical Pavilion

Divya began working with the Historical Society in the spring of 2009 to help with the organization of the August 2009 Historical Pavilion making necessary calls to potential participants. As set-up for the Pavilion began, Divya was present to assist exhibitors with set-up. One of the requirements of the award was to engage youth in the project. For this aspect, Divya created a Historical Pavilion Scavenger Hunt requiring participating youth to visit the booths and get answers to historic questions.

Divya put in many hours on this project, which ultimately earned her the Gold Award. The Gold Award is only earned by 5% of Girl Scouts. There are approximately 184 Girl Scouts in Aroostook County, just over 3 million in the United States, and 10 million worldwide. The presentation was made on October 17, 2010 at the Grant Memorial United Methodist Church. Congratulations, Divya!

INVITATION FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - WE NEED YOU!

Come join us on Monday November 15th from 6PM – 7PM at the ACAP building by Wal-Mart to discuss our fundraising goals and objectives for 2011. We ask anyone who may be interested to attend and bring your ideas. Our intent is to have one or more fund raising activities per month and also ongoing activities such as selling items to the public. We need to have support from many individuals as we would like to spread the work out to make the load lighter for everyone. We will be looking at the expense of maintaining the fire station in a year and determine what we need for money to pay the expenses and how much we think we can raise to continue our restoration. I encourage you to come and participate. If you are unable to attend but have ideas you would like to share, please email Carol Bell at cbell@acap-me.org

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The Presque Isle Historical Society now has available for purchase a CD of the 1887 Roe & Colby Aroostook County Atlas. This is a great tool for those tracing genealogy! The CD contains maps of 17 towns, 13 villages, and 20 plantations from Amity to Fort Kent. Available for only \$20 plus \$2.50 shipping/handling. Contact the Historical Society at pihistoricalsociety@hotmail.com, or (207) 762-1151 to place your order today!

