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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018

2018 was a year of increased activity for the Lyndon Historical Society. Our main focus for the past year has been on the revitalization of two wonderful assets that we have at our fingertips; the Shores Museum and the District Number Six Schoolhouse.

On June 10th we co-hosted "Vermont History through Song" with the Upright Steeple Society at the York Street Meeting House. This well attended event resurrected some long forgotten, but not lost, Vermont folk songs (some dating back to the civil war era). The event was sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council.

During the Stars and Stripes Pageant in July vice president Charlie Somers hosted an open house at the schoolhouse. While the open house was not widely publicized, a larger than expected number of folks attended. Most commented on the immaculate condition of the schoolhouse which gave us incentive to open it to the public more often in the future.

In August Rachel Onuf from the Vermont Historical Records Program visited the Shores Museum in an effort to help us with the inventory process of the many historical treasures of local interest housed within the Shores and to help us in the archival process. It is our intent and ambition to document the contents of the Shores museum, make the exhibits educational and accessible to the public, while keeping the condition of the building and the experience of touring the building and enjoying the many treasures found within coinciding with the vision and bequest of Dr. Venila Shores.

In 2018 Beth Kanell established a Facebook page for us. This is working out very well in a variety of ways. Beth often posts historic pictures with and without description, which usually leads to lively discussion. We thank Beth for this huge contribution of her time and for her unwavering support.

With the help of a successful grant application, submission authored by our secretary Sylvia Dodge, we were able to get a building condition assessment for the Shores Museum from Irene Facciolo, architect from Thunder Mill Design of East Montpelier. The Queen Anne-style homestead was built by James Shores in 1896. Irene described the building as "a living history classroom".

Our goal is to continue cataloguing the contents of the Shores Museum while keeping up with the maintenance and repairs of the Shores Museum and the District Number Six schoolhouse. We hope to eventually host school groups and other interested parties and give tours as the time of our volunteers permit.

If anyone would like to help us with the cataloguing of the contents of the Shores or would be willing to donate a little of their time to being involved in our worthwhile and exciting goals of opening the Shores Museum and District Number Six schoolhouse to tours please let me know.

At our autumn meeting held in October at the Lyndon Townhouse Eric Paris was elected as president, Charlie Somers as vice president, Sylvia Dodge as secretary and Patricia Jauch as treasurer. Bonnie Paris will continue as editor of The Legacy.

Respectfully,
Eric Paris