



# Historical Society of Cheshire County

*Collecting, Preserving, and Communicating the History of Cheshire County*

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## **NH Chronicle Features Renowned Keene Muralist Barry Faulkner**



*Barry Faulkner, 1915*

One of Keene's favorite sons, muralist Barry Faulkner (1881-1966), was featured this month on *NH Chronicle*. Barry Faulkner is known widely for murals he painted at the National Archives in Washington, Rockefeller Center in New York, and many other buildings including several locations in Keene. The *NH Chronicle* piece highlights Faulkner's murals that have hung for 75 years in the Senate chambers at the New Hampshire state capitol since they were painted in 1942. One of them depicts the first commencement of Dartmouth College in 1771. Another shows Daniel Webster as a young boy reading the U.S. Constitution. A third shows the artist Abbott Thayer and his circle in his studio. A fourth shows General John Stark preparing for battle in the Revolution.

Martha Cox, a painting conservator from Shapleigh, Maine, appears in the *NH Chronicle* story. She restored the Faulkner murals in

conjunction with preparations for the celebration of the state capitol's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Cox says she loved working with Barry Faulkner's art. "His use of color and active brushwork make for engaging and dynamic images," she says. "His attention to detail even at this scale is so wonderful." Cox's job was to remove over 75 years' worth of dirt and grime that had accumulated on the murals. It took Cox six weeks of careful work to restore the vibrancy of colors that the murals had when Faulkner painted them. Cox read Faulkner's autobiography to become more familiar with the artist and his work. She recalls, "The enthusiasm he had for life, for his work, his family, his friends, and his hometown of Keene is so pronounced. It was truly a delight to read about all of this at the same time that I was working on his murals."

The *NH Chronicle* story also features an interview with Carl B. Jacobs, Jr., who is a Keene City Councilmember, a trustee of the Historical Society of Cheshire County, a local musician, and Barry Faulkner's great-nephew. In the *NH Chronicle* piece, Jacobs talks about Faulkner's murals at the National Archives. "I think that's something," says Jacobs, "that in one room there is the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence and two murals by a guy from Keene, New Hampshire. I just love that."

Jacobs enjoyed the *NH Chronicle* story. "I received many comments on how well done it was, and how new aspects of Barry's life were brought to light for people," he says. For example, the David Letterman show used to open with a shot of Faulkner's mosaic at Rockefeller Center and pan up the building. Jacobs will be giving a talk on Faulkner this spring as part of Keene State College's CALL Program (Cheshire Academy for Lifelong Learning).

Many connections to Barry Faulkner can be

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## Barry Faulkner (Cont. from Page 1):

found at the Historical Society of Cheshire County. Visitors to the Historical Society can view a mural that depicts the opening of the Cheshire Railroad in 1848, and an oil study for the 79-foot-long mosaic at Rockefeller Center in New York City. The collections of the Society contain a number of Faulkner's paintings, drawings, studies for his famous murals, and many documents and original manuscripts related to his work and family.



*Four Faulkner Murals at the New Hampshire State House, recently restored by Martha Cox of Shapleigh, Maine.*

The Historical Society's website ([www.hscenh.org](http://www.hscenh.org)) has a Keene self-guided walking tour of Faulkner's sketches, paintings, and artifacts. In addition to the Historical Society's headquarters, there are three other public spaces in the city where one can view Faulkner murals and large-scale drawings.

The Historical Society's Museum Shop sells two books on Barry Faulkner. *Barry Faulkner: Sketches from an Artist's Life* is a collection of autobiographical sketches and illustrations assembled by William L. Bauhan Publisher in collaboration with Barry Faulkner's niece, Jocelyn Faulkner Bolle. *Steps to Great Art: Barry Faulkner and the Art of the Muralist* is co-written by Carl B. Jacobs, Jr. and Alan F. Rumrill. It contains illustrations, a chronology of Faulkner's career, and a CD with audio recordings of radio talks Barry Faulkner did.

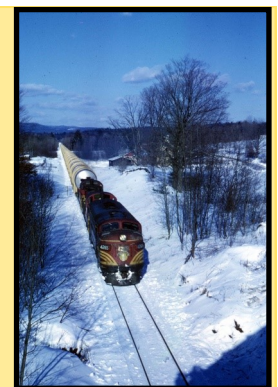
### Coming in October

#### ***Iron Roads of the Monadnock Region, 1843-2017*** ***A history of the railroads in the Monadnock Region***

Railroad historians Bradford G. Blodget and Richard R. Richards, Jr. have been working on their railroad book for seven years in collaboration with the Historical Society of Cheshire County. Blodget and Richards have collected over 750 photographs of historical significance, and the book will contain detailed maps and tables of the rail lines of the Monadnock region in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. The authors have painstakingly researched the history of the railroads and the communities they served.

**Look for our Kickstarter.com Crowdfunding Campaign in February** to help finance the publication of *Iron Roads of the Monadnock Region*. Contributors to the Kickstarter Campaign can receive rewards such as signed copies, posters, and even a tour of Monadnock railroad locations with the authors.

**Sign up at our website to receive updates** on the publication of *Iron Roads of the Monadnock Region*: [www.hscenh.org](http://www.hscenh.org).







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## Identity & Race in 1940s Keene

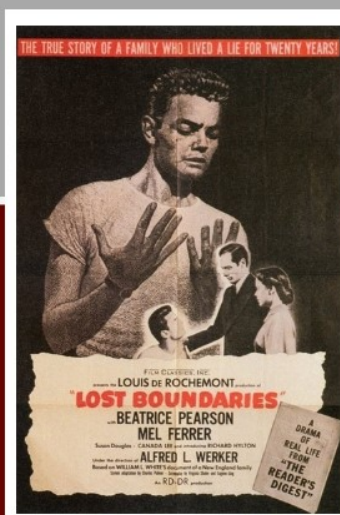
A display of artifacts related to the Albert Johnston family of Keene and *Lost Boundaries*, the Louis de Rochemont Hollywood film inspired by their story.

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### The Lost Boundaries Reunion

**Wednesday, February 6,  
7:00 pm**

Filmmaker and historian Larry Benaquist will discuss his 1989 documentary *The Lost Boundaries Reunion* based on interviews with Dr. Albert Johnston's family following his death in 1988.

### Monadnock Historical Societies Forum Roundtable

**Thursday, February 7  
9:30 am-1:00 pm.**

Horatio Colony House Museum  
199 Main Street, Keene

The Horatio Colony House Museum will host the winter session of the Monadnock Historical Societies Forum with a traditional roundtable discussion followed by a tour of the Horatio Colony Museum. Please RSVP by contacting Jennifer Carroll at 603-352-1895 or [dired@hsccnh.org](mailto:dired@hsccnh.org).



### Calling All Bakers!

**A loaf of fresh baked bread brings happiness to even devils. ~Finnish Proverb**

Show the world how much you love Finnish bread, whether you call it nisu or pulla. Become a contestant in the Historical Society of Cheshire County's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Great Finnish Bread Bake-off to be held on **Saturday, May 18th** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Troy Elementary School in Troy, NH.

Registration forms and bake-off rules are now available online at [www.hsccnh.org](http://www.hsccnh.org) or at the Historical Society, 246 Main Street, Keene, NH.

For more information contact: Jennifer Carroll, Director of Education, at 603/352-1895 or [dired@hsccnh.org](mailto:dired@hsccnh.org).

### Electronic Version of Newsletter Now Available

If you are interested in receiving the **newsletter electronically**, please email the Historical Society at [hscc@hsccnh.org](mailto:hscc@hsccnh.org) or call 603-352-1895.

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**There are a number of ways to give.**

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Making a charitable gift of stocks and publicly traded securities directly to the Historical Society of Cheshire County can be a smart tax strategy. When you donate appreciated securities that you have owned for longer than one year, you receive the same income tax savings you would by making a gift of cash or by check, but you also avoid tax on the capital gains built up in donated securities. Additionally, your income tax deduction is based on any increased value of the stock at the time of transfer, instead of your cost basis.

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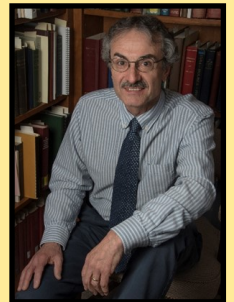
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To do so, you can instruct your IRA advisor to send some or all of the money from your required minimum distribution directly to the Historical Society of Cheshire County without first taking it as income. The mailing address of the Historical Society of Cheshire County is: P.O. Box 803, Keene, NH 03431. The tax ID number is 02-6007201.

### **The Alan F. Rumrill Endowment**

The Alan F. Rumrill Fund was established in 2018 in recognition of Alan Rumrill's 35 years of service to the Historical Society of Cheshire County. The purpose of the fund is to support the position of a staff historian at the Society for years to come. We are well on our way towards our goal of raising \$200,000 for the fund.



### **Engrave your name in history. Buy a brick at the Bruder House.**



In February of 2018 the Historical Society of Cheshire County acquired the Bruder House on Main Street in Keene to accommodate its expanded range of educational and cultural programs for the public.

When you buy a brick to be installed at the Bruder House and the Wyman Tavern, you can honor your family, friends or an historic figure for generations to come. **For \$100, you can purchase a 4" x**

**8" brick with three lines of engraving of up to 21 characters per line. For \$200, you can purchase an 8" x 8" brick with six lines of engraving.**

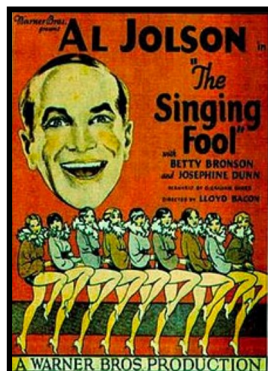
For more information on any of these ways to give, contact Rick Swanson, Development Director at 603-352-1895, [devdir@hsccnh.org](mailto:devdir@hsccnh.org), or go to [www.hsccnh.org](http://www.hsccnh.org).

**Film Series 2019:  
Sound Comes to Keene  
Keene Public Library**

At the events, film historian Larry Benaquist will provide insight into the introduction of ‘talkies’ in Keene’s theatres and more about the history of the films.

**The Singing Fool  
Wednesday, April 10  
7:00 pm**

Warner Brothers released *The Singing Fool* starring Al Jolson, on September 19, 1928. It was shown at the Colonial Theatre in Keene that year. This film, the follow-up film to *The Jazz Singer*, was even more successful than its predecessor. *The Singing Fool* has all of Jolson’s songs in synchronized sound, and many of the dialogue sequences as well as the music track.



**The Trespasser  
Wednesday, April 17  
7:00 pm**

Released on November 1929, *The Trespasser* screened at the Scenic Theatre in Keene on December 17th and 18th, 1929. Ninety minutes in length, this was Gloria Swanson’s first talking film and it was a tremendous success. *The Trespasser* is a melodrama in which Gloria is a secretary who marries a wealthy but weak-willed young man whose father forces his son to annul the marriage; however, she has a son, and gossip starts that she is a “kept woman.”

**Bus Trip to Naulakha  
Tuesday, April 2, 11:00 am.**

Travel with the Historical Society of Cheshire County into the world of Rudyard Kipling. This annual bus trip begins with an early lunch at Kipling’s Restaurant and Pub in Brattleboro, VT, before heading to the home of Rudyard Kipling in Dummerston. “Naulakha” (jewel without price) is where Kipling wrote his famous works *Captains Courageous* and *The Jungle Books*. Take a private tour of the home and enjoy a special presentation of Just-So stories by Rudyard Kipling himself!

The bus leaves promptly at 11:00 am from the parking lot of the Historical Society. Plan to return around 3:00 pm. Reservations are \$30 per person for transportation, tour of the house, and the performance. Participants pay for their own lunches. For reservations call (603)352-1895 or visit [www.hscnh.org](http://www.hscnh.org).



**True Tales from the Monadnock Region  
Cheshire Academy of Lifelong Learning  
Keene State College**

Starting **Friday, March 8**, at 10:00 am and running for eight weeks until **April 26**, the Historical Society of Cheshire County will sponsor CALL classes on the theme of “True Tales from the Monadnock Region.” Local historians will speak each week on subjects ranging from the history of Paleo-Indians in the region to the history of summer camps, Jonathan Daniels, and Barry Faulkner.

To register or for more information, go to [www.keene.edu/academics/conted/call](http://www.keene.edu/academics/conted/call), or contact Heather Jasmin at the Continuing Education Department of Keene State College, [continuing-ed@keene.edu](mailto:continuing-ed@keene.edu), or (603) 358-2942.





*Who is that masked man? Why, Bob Wellwood, of course, the Historical Society's volunteer for 30 years.*

## Robert Wellwood: Volunteer Extraordinaire, 1988-2018

At the 2018 Volunteer Appreciation Reception, the Historical Society of Cheshire County recognized Robert (Bob) Wellwood for thirty years of service at the Historical Society. Thanks to his dedicated work, the Society has an extensive collection of obituaries from the *Keene Sentinel*, dating back to the early 1980s. This collection is a valuable resource for genealogical research.

Bob and his wife, Sue, were also volunteers at the Wyman Tavern for many years, serving as docents and educators to school children and adults who toured the tavern.

Since Bob could not attend the reception, Alan and Rick paid him a visit to present him with a certificate of appreciation. The Historical Society has also designated a brick to be added to the pavilion at the Bruder House in his honor, which will read "Robert Wellwood Volunteer Extraordinaire, 1988-2018."

### *The Historical Society thanks the 2019 Wyman Tavern Keepers*

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**If you would like to become a 2019 Wyman Tavern Keeper, please contact the Historical Society for more information. A \$300 donation helps to pay expenses at the Wyman Tavern for one week and designates the donor as a Tavern Keeper. For more information, call the Historical Society at 603-352-1895, or visit the website at [www.hscnh.org](http://www.hscnh.org).**

### **Spring Egg Workshop**

Doreen Monahan of the Elegant Hatchery will present a class in egg decorating on March 6th at the Historical Society in Keene from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. Participants have a choice of making two darling quail eggs. Eggs are carved ahead of time; you will decorate with fimo caned flowers and fine gold braiding. You will also enhance the egg with Swarovski crystals and extra fine glitter. Visit our website for more information and pricing. Register for this class by emailing Doreen Monahan at : [eleganthatchery@gmail.com](mailto:eleganthatchery@gmail.com) or texting 530-933-3432. Make sure you receive confirmation as we want you to receive the colors and eggs you want.

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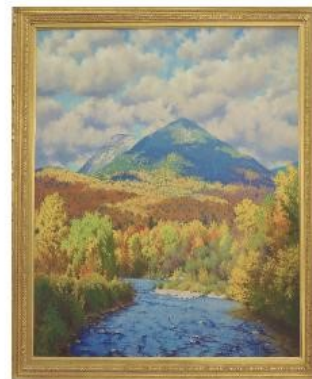
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**February 2019**

**January 30 through February 16**, Exhibit Hall,  
*Identity and Race in 1940s Keene* Exhibit

**Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 pm**, Exhibit Hall,  
*The Lost Boundaries Reunion*: Discussion with  
Larry Benaquist

**Thursday, February 7, 9:30 am**, Horatio Colony  
House Museum, 199 Main Street, Keene, The  
Monadnock Historical Societies' Forum  
Roundtable

**March 2019**

**Wednesday, March 6, 4:30 pm**, Faulkner Room,  
Egg Workshop with The Elegant Hatchery

**Friday, March 8, 10:00 am**, Keene State College,  
CALL Program begins. "True Tales from the  
Monadnock Region" (8 week class)

**April 2019**

**Tuesday, April 2, 11:00 am**, Historical Society of  
Cheshire County, Bus Trip to Naulakha

**Saturday, April 6, 1:00 pm**, KSC Mabel Brown  
Room, Student Union Center, Hindu Festival of  
Color-Holi

**Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 pm**, Keene Public  
Library, *The Singing Fool*: Film and Discussion  
with Larry Benaquist

**Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 pm**, Keene Public  
Library, *The Trespasser*: Film and Discussion with  
Larry Benaquist

**Save The Date for these upcoming events:**

**Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 pm**, Annual Meeting

**Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11**, Book Sale

**Saturday, May 18, 1:00 pm**, Finnish Bread Bake  
Off

**Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am**, Wyman Tavern  
Festival

**Thursday & Friday, June 27-28**, Teachers  
Workshop

**Monday through Friday, July 22-26**, 18th Century  
Kids Camp

**Saturday, August 3**, Wyman Tavern Brew Fest

**Friday, September 27**, Auction of Historic  
Proportions

**Friday, October 4**, Candlelight Open House