

## *A Deep Presence:*

Robert Goodby Presents the History of the Indigenous People of the Monadnock Region



*Dugout Canoe recovered from Laurel Lake, Fitzwilliam*

The first people to see Mount Monadnock arrived almost 13,000 years ago, sharing the region with caribou and a dwindling number of woolly mammoths. On Indigenous People's day, **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, some of their descendants will gather with other members of the community to celebrate the publication of a new book detailing their compelling story. *A Deep Presence: 13,000 Years of Native American History* celebrates the survival and long history of the Abenaki and their ancestors. Written by archaeologist Dr. Robert Goodby and published by Peter E. Randall Publisher in partnership with the Historical Society of Cheshire County and the Harris Center for Conservation Education, the book describes his twenty years of fieldwork with students from Franklin Pierce University.

First-person accounts, illustrated with sixty high-quality color images, describe the discovery and

stone tools coming from quarries as far as 350 miles away. The Swanzeey Fish Dam, a large stone dam in the Ashuelot River, was constructed 4,000 years ago and was still used when European settlers arrived in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century. On a sandy knoll overlooking Nubanusit Brook in Peterborough, native people made repeated visits beginning almost 6,000 years ago to trap beaver and hunt turtles. At the Wantastiquet Mountain site in Hinsdale, an eroding river bank yielded thousands of artifacts and the remains of timber rattlesnakes, hunted for over 4,000 years by the site's inhabitants. And in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Abenaki Sadoques family became prominent members of the Keene community, serving in the armed forces and working as basket makers, nurses and milliners.

The book launch event for *A Deep Presence*



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*Top: Stone Tools from the  
Wantastiquet Mountain Site,  
Hinsdale, dating between 4,000  
and 2,000 Years before present*

*Middle: Swanzey Fish Dam*

*Bottom: Excavation at the  
Wantastiquet Mountain Site,  
Hinsdale*



### **Many Thanks to the Local Crowd**

We are deeply grateful to The Local Crowd (TLC) Monadnock for hosting our July crowdfunding campaign and sharing their knowledge and experience to help make it a success. The crowdfunding campaign exceeded our expectations, and we raised about \$5,000 towards our goal of acquiring state-of-the-art technology to share our local history stories. Special thanks go to the Monadnock Food Co-op for making TLC Monadnock possible, to Jen Risley for all of her mentorship and support, and to Greg Pregent for producing a first-rate campaign video.

In addition to the financial donations, we appreciated the many encouraging words people contributed during the campaign. Here are a few of the comments we received:

“The Historical Society is such a wonderful resource for educators. I relied on it several times when I taught for the Harris Center. Thank you for all you do!”

Dori Drachman

“This campaign is all about the future of our local history. Thanks to all who are supporting this worthwhile endeavor.”

Tracy Messer







*The Mended Oar Outpost, Chandler Meadow, Stoddard*

The Historical Society is moving ahead with plans to hold our signature fundraising event, the Auction of Historic Proportions in person at our headquarters on **Friday, September 24, at 5:30 pm**. The live and online Auction starts at 7:00 pm. The number of available tickets has been cut in half to allow for a degree of social distancing, and anyone else can take part in the live bidding online. Auctioneer Brandt Onorato from Moggie's Auction Services in Marlborough, New Hampshire has demonstrated that he can call an auction simultaneously in person and online. Online bidders can register at AuctionZip or Invaluable.com. See our website for details and ticket information.

As participants have come to expect, the auction will feature many items with unique connections to Cheshire County history, as well as special opportunities, trips, artworks, books, maps, antiques, and collectibles. Here are just a few of the items:

- NH blanket from Harrisville Designs and Homestead Woolen Mills
- Coach handbag (new with tags)
- Framed montage of historical railroad images from Iron Roads of the Monadnock Region
- Horse-drawn sleigh or wagon ride on the Warren Farm in Alstead, NH
- Ernest Hebert's Darby Chronicles series of novels – autographed
- An electrician for the day from Hamblet Electric
- A deluxe trip to the Greek Islands
- Tom Brady and New England Patriots framed memorabilia
- A two-night stay at the Mended Oar Outpost, an isolated waterside retreat on Chandler Meadow in Stoddard
- Handcrafted treasures by wood turners Ken Greatbatch, Bob Englund, and Roger Hansen



*Bowl by Ken Greatbatch*

### **Raffle**

A winner will be drawn at the auction for a framed 8" x 10" acrylic painting by Gary Custer of "Mount Monadnock from Monadnock Berries." Tickets can be purchased at the Society or on our website for \$5, or six tickets for \$20. Raffle ticket holders need not be present to win.



### **Silent auction**

New this year for people who attend in person will be a selection of several gift baskets in various themes. A children's book-themed basket contains ten classic children's books donated by Toadstool Bookstore. A margaritas-themed basket includes fixings for margaritas and a special overnight stay at the Hancock Inn that comes with their signature maple margarita. A golf-themed basket comes with four rounds of golf at Keene Country Club, Bretwood Golf Course, The Shattuck Golf Club and Eastman Golf Links, respectively. Other themes including dog care, gardening, local honey, automotive, baking, and more. For those who can't attend the auction in person, the silent auction items will be available for viewing and bidding at the Historical Society from September 14 through September 22.

### **Food and music, wine and beer**

Kristin's Bistro and Bakery and the Keene Country Club will provide hors d'oeuvres and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Pops will play classic swing tunes. A selection of complimentary wine, beers, and non-alcoholic drinks will be available for guests





## Historical Society Exhibit Opening Reception: October 1, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

In 2018 the NH Society of Photographic Artists, in collaboration with the New Hampshire Historical Society, launched a statewide project to document, in photographs, life in New Hampshire. For more than two years, 55 accomplished photographers from around NH photographed all aspects of the state and contemporary life here – the natural environment,

built environment, unfolding events, and people going about their daily lives. The resulting photographic archive of approximately 10,000 images will be held in the permanent collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society and available to researchers and the public in the future through the Society's website. This archive will be a powerful historical resource for future generations. The project director is seventh NH Artist Laureate, Gary Samson.

The inspiration for **New Hampshire Now** is the photographic work created by the Farm Security Administration (FSA) that documented the impact of the Great Depression of the 1930s. The FSA program made possible extraordinary and memorable photographs made by Walker Evans, Arthur Rothstein, and Dorothea Lange, among others. Carl Mydans and others were assigned to New Hampshire to cover the impact of the closing of Manchester's Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, a farm auction in Hancock, and daily rural life across the Granite State. The FSA photographers created an exhaustive documentation of the time, and the resulting negatives and photographs are now housed at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

Eight separate exhibitions of photographs from the **New Hampshire Now** collection will open simultaneously at partnering venues around the state on **October 1, 2021**. The locations are:

- New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord
- Manchester Historic Association
- Museum of the White Mountains, Plymouth State University
- **Historical Society of Cheshire County**, Keene
- Portsmouth Historical Society/Discover Portsmouth
- Colby-Sawyer College, New London
- Belknap Mill, Laconia
- Tillotson Center, Colebrook

In addition, a book (256 pages) edited by Gary Samson and NHSPA board members Dan Gingras and Michal Sterling with an introduction by noted NH author, Howard Mansfield, is to be designed by Peter Randall Publishing and printed by Puritan Press, Inc., on paper being supplied by NH's Monadnock Paper Mill. The book will be available for purchase at the partner exhibiting organizations listed above, along with independent book stores.

The lead corporate sponsor for the project is NH Mutual Bancorp, which is the state's largest headquartered bank and the holding company for Merrimack County Savings Bank, Savings Bank of Walpole, Meredith Village Savings Bank, and NH Trust

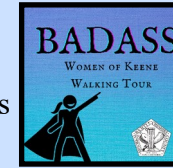


Each tour is \$10/person and is limited to 8 participants (youth under 18 are free.).

### Badass Women of Keene Walking Tours

Delve into the history of the women's suffrage movement from a local perspective. This history-on-the-streets experience highlights empowered women from the community and shares one city's involvement with a national movement. Tours are 1 1/2 hours.

Date: September 19.



### Railroad History Tour

How did the coming of the railroad impact New England communities like Keene. Walk the Cheshire Rail Trail through downtown Keene and learn about the arrival of Keene's first train in 1848. This 2 hour tour visits the sites where many industrial firms found success along the tracks in the downtown area. Date: October 10.



### Walldogs Mural- Magical History Tours

In June 2019, over 200 Walldogs artists descended on the city of Keene to paint 16 historically-themed murals across its cityscape in a matter of 3 days. Let our tour guides share the story of that event and the stories behind the murals on this 2 hour walking tour in downtown Keene. Dates: September 18 and 25, October 10, 16, and 23.



### Ghost Army Exhibit a Great Success



*Four Generations of the McKane Family*

Four generations of the McKane family came to see The Ghost Army exhibit at the Historical Society of Cheshire County. The family patriarch, Irving "Mickey" McKane, was a member of the Ghost Army division in World War II and his story was a special feature of the exhibit during the time that it was on display in Keene. Four other family members of Ghost Army veterans came to visit the exhibit, establishing more local connections to the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops.

The Ghost Army exhibit has been one of the Historical Society's most visited exhibits, with over 1000 visitors, and has appealed to people of all ages. We are thankful to all who made it possible to bring



*Art and Lynn Simington were the 1000th and 1001st visitors to the Ghost Army Exhibit on August 31, 2021.*

### In Memory of Pat Haley

On June 18, 2021, Cheshire County lost an admired resident and a distinguished writer. Pat Haley's award-winning journalism at The Keene Sentinel was well regarded by her readers and her fellow writers. Her book *Cooking with Feeling* is available at the Historical Society's Museum Store and contains recipes from around the world as well as entertaining essays with titles such as, "The Magic Circle of Juniper," "Ecstasy by the Cup," and "Powerful Medicine at the Produce Counter." We are honored and grateful that her obituary



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**Keene International Festival**  
**Saturday, September 18, 2021**  
**11:00 am-3:00 pm.**



Come see what our vendors have been up  
 to. Lots of new merchandise available  
 in-store and online.

Juliana Bergeron and Arto Leino  
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Valerie and Lawrence Santham  
 Arthur and Lynn Simington  
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 Jeanie Sy  
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A life membership supports the Historical Society in perpetuity. The tax-deductible contribution goes into an endowment fund that is permanently restricted for operations. The income from the fund in effect covers your membership dues in perpetuity. Life members receive a lapel pin and an invitation to an exclusive event each year. Life memberships are \$1,000 for individuals and \$1,500 for couples. To become a life member, go to [hscnh.org/support/memberships](http://hscnh.org/support/memberships).

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***We are deeply grateful for the support we have received from about 50 businesses in the Monadnock region. You have been there when we needed you!***

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Wed.: 9 am - 8 pm

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**Calendar: Complete List of Events at [www.hscnh.org](http://www.hscnh.org)**

**September 2021**

**Saturday, September 18, Fuller Park, 312 Washington Street, Keene, 11:00 to 3:00 pm,**  
Keene International Festival

**Friday, September 24, Exhibit Hall, 5:30 to 9:00 pm,** Auction of Historic Proportions (live and virtual)

**October 2021**

**Friday, October 1, Exhibit Hall, 4:00 to 6:00 pm.** Opening Reception for “New Hampshire Now” photography exhibit

**Monday, October 11, Exhibit Hall, 6:00 pm.** Book Launch: *A Deep Presence*, by Robert Goodby

**Thursday, October 14, Exhibit Hall, 9:30 am.** Monadnock Historical Societies Forum Roundtable.

See Page 5 for dates of Walldogs, Pedestrian Women



The beauty of the gardens at the Wyman Tavern is deeply rooted in the care it receives from the Monadnock Garden Club. We appreciate the hard work (sometimes on very hot days) from the club members. Pictured from left to right are Ann McCann, Eileen Sarson, Jane Kennedy (kneeling),