

Franklin Historical Society offers a look at historical Tilton

FRANKLIN — The Franklin Historical Society's monthly offering for November is a slight departure from the norm.

On Thursday night, the 7th of November at 7 p.m., the speaker will be Bonnie Randall to discuss the book she co-authored with Carol Stone entitled "Around Tilton" from the Images of America series of books. As a rule programs for the FHS are chosen as having relevance to the history of Franklin, but as Tilton no longer has an historical society, presenting such a subject was deemed a nice gesture, and while delving into our neighboring town's past, we could educate attendees that all town histories have many things in common, and the events of one municipality often impact their neighbors. Influence does not stop at town

lines.

Bonnie Elaine Randall lives in Tilton with her husband Ken, and has been in the area for more than 52 years. She graduated from State University of New York at Geneseo with a degree in Library Education, and took her first job as Assistant Librarian at Plymouth State University from July 1960 until July 1962. Before leaving that job, she helped with the original plans for the Library across the street. She and her husband Ken met while he was teaching weekdays, but working as the Bookkeeper for the Cog Railroad and Inn at the Top of Mt. Washington, a job which he held for 32 years. They married in 1961, after which Bonnie joined him at the top of Mt. Washington on weekends where she worked in the gift shop and rolled and counted



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Photo of downtown Tilton, circa 1910, used in the book. So much has changed in 100 years... the money.

After leaving PSU, Bonnie worked as Librarian at the boys school in Tilton when the Tilton mansion was converted to the Tilton Private school. When her daughter Kathy was born in 1966, Bonnie retired from the Tilton School but kept busy at home while raising her baby by volunteering

to catalog the elementary school library books for Sanbornton Central and Union Sanborn schools. When Kathy went to third grade, Bonnie went back to work at the Middle School as Librarian and Generalist for the next 20 years. During this time she was also the First Vice President of the New Hampshire

Library Association, President of the Advisory Board for the Happy Wanderers in the Tilton Extension Service for Homemakers and a Trustee of the Public Library among other interests. Most recently after finishing her book "Images of America - Around Tilton", Bonnie has worked indexing the 1940 US Census for the Mormon Church for their website FamilySearch by registering 50,000 names. She is also researching documents for the State of Maine tracing births, marriages and deaths from old unrecorded documents in family bibles, etc. to update the state genealogy. Bonnie says working with Carol

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The presentation will take place at the Society's building at Webster Place (21 Holy Cross Rd., off Route 3 — directions available on our website: www.franklinhistoricalsociety.org) All are welcome, there is never an admission charge, and light refreshments will be served. All those who attend are encouraged to become members if they are not part of our family already, and stay after the program for our regular business meeting to add their input and insight.

Sanbornton Historical Society to examine Civil War Naval battle

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Historical Society will host historian Mike McKinley of Bristol on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Lane Tavern, 520 Sanbornton

Square (Route 132). The topic will be the last major battle between two wooden ships in open water: the victory of the USS Kearsarge over the Confederate ship Alabama June 19, 1864 off the coast near Cherbourg France.

The program will take

Deck the Village returns to Belmont Dec. 1

BELMONT — "Deck the Village," the popular holiday festival held in Belmont 2008-2011, returns to the community this year on the first Sunday in December.

Planning for the Dec. 1 event is underway and all are welcome to attend an organizational meeting

Belmont police investigating armed robbery at

BELMONT — On Oct. 21 at 9:23 p.m., the Belmont Police Department responded to the Dunkin Donuts on Daniel Webster Highway (Route 3) following a report of an armed robbery.

It was reported that a male suspect wearing a hooded sweatshirt and an article covering his face, entered the business armed with a large knife, and demanded cash. The suspect was able to obtain

you aboard the two vessels during their dual at Cherbourg. It will give you a sense of what naval warfare was like on the last of the wooden warships. Mike McKinley has much experience as a historical interpreter with the US Park Service and also does personal historical research.

The subject of the Kearsarge/Alabama battle was the topic of an All Hands Magazine 1989 article "Duel At Cherbourg"

on Monday, Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Corner Meeting House, first floor.

The family-friendly and free event was created by the Heritage Commission with many partners and elves, from Main Street to Shaker District schools. The historic Bandstand and Library are focal

points of this year's activities. Musical performances will celebrate completion of the first phase of Bandstand restoration, through the generous support of the Sargent Fund.

For further information and volunteer sign-up contact Shana Agan, events@belmontnh.org or 998-3525.

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cash from the business, and fled on foot. The two female clerks who were working at the time of the incident were unharmed.

The Laconia and Tilton Police Departments responded to the scene to assist with setting up a perimeter and searching the immediate area while the Gilford Police Department's K9 was requested to perform a track on the suspect. The search yielded no contact with the suspect.

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All programs of the Sanbornton Historical Society are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the program. Call 286-4526 for further information.

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Best dressed...for Halloween, that is

Pines Community Center Recreation Director Brittni Stewart was pleased to award prizes for Best Costumes to "Miss Undead 2013" (Emma) and "Harry Potter" (Thomas) last Friday night. Besides the costume contest, those who attended the PCC Halloween party also enjoyed games and crafts with members of Winnisquam Regional High School's National Honor Society and Student Council as well as other contributions from Tilton School students and the volunteers and staff at PCC.

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