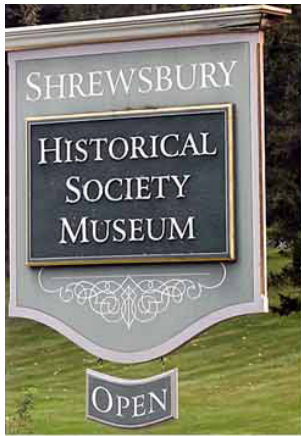


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Julanne (Smith) Sharrow and Earl Sharrow of Pine Valley Farm



Dick Rohe, Chairman of Shrewsbury Day



Grace Brigham, President of SHS, presents Ruth Winkler with a Lifetime Achievement Award



Eldred French as Benning Wentworth

President's Note

Many thanks to our officers, trustees and members and to everyone who supported our Museum in 2018. We love it when you come and visit. There is much to share in this carefully maintained historic building.

The Society welcomed many new members and sponsors for our calendar in 2018. For this we thank Dick and Lee Rohe for providing their marketing and public relations expertise.

The Rohe's most memorable gift was the creation of our town's first Shrewsbury Day. Their committee drew in an astonishing cross section of Shrewsbury personalities who helped with planning and organizing and saw it through.

The community-wide celebration was extraordinary, filled with laughter and good will. The event has become a golden memory to savor over the winter and imagine continuing the tradition with Shrewsbury Day 2019.

Grace Brigham, President

SHS OFFICERS FOR 2019

At the annual meeting held Oct. 30, 2018, the following officers were elected for 2019: President: Grace Brigham; Vice Pres.: Marguerite Ponton; Treasurer: John Elwert; Recording Sec.: Grace Korzun; Corresp. Secretary, Ruth Winkler. Two Trustees voted in for a 3-year term: Tim Stout and Brian Jelensits.

Officers and Trustees 2018

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In Memoriam

It is with sadness that the Shrewsbury Historical Society had to report on the passing of two Shrewsbury women, both Life Members, who were brave and courageous, and hard workers in every aspect of their lives. We miss you both.

Lucille W. Fiske passed away at age 88 on January 25, 2018 while living in Pennsylvania near her daughter Connie. Lucille was the wife of the late Clinton G. Fiske. She was a teacher for 30 years and then she and Clint operated the Haunted Mansion Book Shop in Cuttingsville after retirement. The Fiskes were also Life Members of the Historical Society.

Being an active quilter, Lucille enjoyed her role in preparing a Quilt Show held in the museum one summer. She also displayed many of her quilts at a special Fall Festival held by the SHS in the Town Hall in 2003. Beds were brought in and dressed with her creations. It was a perfect crisp fall day, with the aroma of fried apple fritters wafting out into the rooms. Also offered were interesting tag sale items, pumpkins and flora, which were displayed outside the Hall in an old farm wagon.

Later, when spring arrived in the village each year, Lucille and Clint would often wear the turquoise jewelry they purchased while wintering in Arizona and offered at their small shop in the Old Brick in Cuttingsville.

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Edie M. Clark, formerly of Shrewsbury Center, passed away at age 94 in her Maples home with her daughter and daughter-in-law by her side on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, after bravely and quietly losing her battle with cancer. Bud and Edie had lived in their beautiful home that Bud built in Shrewsbury Center until recent years when they moved to Rutland. Edie's husband Bud passed away last year.

Both Edie and Bud joined the Shrewsbury Historical Society and were Life Members for many years. Edie helped move all artifacts from the 2nd floor of the Library over to our new museum location at the church building in Cuttingsville. Bud was our treasurer for many years. Both donated their garden's prettiest flowers each year for our Spring Plant and Bake Sale. The Clarks were a fearsome duo when the Society held their annual croquet games on Don and Lois Butler's lawn, opposite the Museum.



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Thank You



Several members of the Marketing/Planning Committee 2018 attending last meeting of the year. Front row, LtoR. Penelope Weiss, Ann Vanneman, Grace Brigham, President of SHS. Lee and Dick Rohe, Chairman of Committee. Back row LtoR., John Davis, Ali Wilson, Betsy Jesser and Elana Levin.



Donations credits:

Ice cream from Steward's Shops and Wilcox;
Cabot cheese courtesy of the Sharrows of Pine Valley Farm,
paper goods provided by Steward's Shops and Hannaford

*Thanks to all who participated and supported Shrewsbury Day.
Special gratitude to...*

Shrewsbury Selectboard,
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department,
Constable Ray Dambrackas,
TIMES of Shrewsbury,
and the folks from the Shrewsbury Community Church
who served desserts to all

Grace Brigham, President

Planning committee team:

Grace Brigham, John Davis, Nancy Ellery, Judy Emerick,
Stacy Harshman, Brian Jelensits, Betsy Jesser,
Elana Levin, Dick Rohe, Lee Rohe, Judy Ryan, Ed Ryan,
Julanne Sharrow, Ann Vanneman, Penelope Weiss, Ali Wilson



Gifts to Society, 2018

Grace and Joel Korzun, Shrewsbury, VT: Album of Leonard Korzun's photos of Celebration of Vt. Bicentennial 1991, showing parade, dignitaries, Mountain School children, other events.

B-J Stewart, Cuttingsville, VT: Minutes of Cuttingsville/N. Shrewsbury Telephone Co. 1906., and shareholders' records..

Jonathon Wells, Doylestown, PA: Large poster showing Shrewsbury geology.

Ruth Winkler, Cuttingsville, VT. Soft-covered book, "New England's General Stores". Page 67 highlights Co-op of Pierce's Store in Northam.

B-J Stewart, Cuttingsville, VT: 8 ½ x 11 copy of photo of a young Mary Ann Pratt Snyder.

Nancy Sobotka (related to Korzun Family), Springfield, VT: Photos of family and house on Shunpike Road, Cuttingsville, formerly Ichabod Robinson's Tavern, ca. 1792.

Dick and Lillian Rohe, Shrewsbury, VT: Vintage wood carrier. Also a beautiful handmade quilt.

Julanne Sharrow, Shrewsbury, VT: Six books discarded from DAR covering other towns.

Lynette, ?, Cuttingsville, VT: Received from Anne Spencer, a manuscript entitled, "A Door to Be Closed" by Richard Johns, with letters from Publishing Co. rejecting manuscript. Also Life Magazines dated Nov. 3, 1952 and Sept. 20, 1948.

Nancy Cook Eddy, Rutland, VT: Framed photograph of members of the Foster Family of Cuttingsville, showing young George Foster, who died in WWI, and whose memorial stone is in front of the museum.

Gina Stewart, Cuttingsville, VT: 100 photos of Shrewsbury Day, Sept. 16, 2018.

Jim McNeil of McNeil /Reedy Men's Shop, Rutland, VT. Vintage mannequin to be used as a museum exhibit dressed as Benning Wentworth. Wentworth was Royal Governor of NH in 1761 and he granted 24,000 acres of land to be named the Town of Shrewsbury.

Carole Cook Hass, Montpelier, VT: Tapes, child's bonnet and clothing, papers of father, Ed Cook, Jr..

Help Preserve Shrewsbury's History

Shrewsbury Historical Society's

2019 Annual Dues Request

The Society has come a long way in helping to preserve artifacts and display them for everyone to enjoy. Our exhibits rotate from year to year which is always interesting to those who visit the museum each year. In recent years, due to the Internet and our own website, we have seen a significant increase in the number of inquiries from folks researching their Shrewsbury ancestry. All such requests are answered.

Your support helps keep the museum viable, interesting and accessible. Your dues and donations will not only be used for the upkeep and care of the museum building, but will also help in the preservation of our town's history for future generations. The SHS is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization.

Thanks for your support

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please fill out this form and mail it with your check payable to the Shrewsbury Historical Society, Inc., c/o John Elwert, 499 Shunpike Rd., Cuttingsville, VT 05738.

Name _____

Individual \$10

Family \$15

Contributing \$30

Address _____

Life (Individual/Couple) \$125

Dues and donations are tax deductible.

A Special Visit

On Sunday, May 27, 2018 the SHS opened its doors to the families of Edward J. and Irene Cook. Daughter Carole Cook Hass and husband Gary, invited the many relatives who attended a special get together in Laurel Glen Cemetery that day, followed by a visit to the museum to peruse the table of Ed and Irene Cook's memorabilia donated by Carole.

Children were especially curious about the exhibit of Victorian era toys. The SHS offered special rolled up copies of the Charter, tied with twine, that was issued by the Royal Governor of New Hampshire, Benning Wentworth, in 1761. The Charter designated 24,000 acres of land to be known as the Town of Shrewsbury. One little tyke was running past us holding one of these scrolls high in the air. When I asked him what he had there, he delightedly shouted "It's from George Washington!".

When Grace Brigham, our President of SHS walked in, there were many hugs and happy greetings from many of the young folks present for they were once students of Grace when she taught in Mountain School.

The following day, the families of George and Laicita Cook attended the military burial of Laicita Cook in Laurel Glen Cemetery. She was a WAC in WWII.



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