



## From the new president

Hello everyone. As the new president of the Glover Historical Society, I want to thank our loyal,



*GHS President Bob Clark introducing Governor Jim Douglas at the bicentennial celebration. In July, Bob stepped down from the office after serving nine years as president.*

longtime members who are retiring from their positions: first, Bob Clark for eight years of dedicated service as president of the society, who succeeded our beloved Wayne Alexander. Bob wanted to get through the Runaway Pond Bicentennial Celebration before he retired as president and he did so with great wisdom and style. We are so lucky to have had his direction and commitment. Also, Mike Ladd, treasurer and board member, what would we have done without your patience and expertise! We are also losing some other beloved board members, Giselle Clark and Harriet King. Thanks to all of you for your steadfast participation and guidance.

We have some new officers to tell you about. Darlene Young has agreed to become the vice-president. She was the moving force and author of the *History of Barton*, and collections manager of the Old Stone House for many years. Jack Sumberg, former director of the Old Stone House, is our new

treasurer and board member. He was a major player in the Runaway Pond Bicentennial, raising the question as to the true identity of the runner who raced ahead of the flood to save the miller's wife. He added a lively debate to the proceedings and was full of creative ideas and fun. New on our board are longtime friend, Ken Barber, photographer *extraordinaire*, who grew up in West Glover, and Connie Ashe, who lives on Shadow Lake and created a fascinating DVD for the Runaway Pond Bicentennial. We are looking forward to lots of new energy and ideas for activities and projects for the future.



*Betsy Day, incoming president*

At our annual meeting in July, we reviewed the bicentennial celebration and celebrated our great success, albeit against great odds, namely a weekend of rain. We weren't too surprised, though. It rained 100 years ago as well. Luckily for us, the rain stopped, just in time for the Market on the Green on Saturday and the dedication on Sunday. Spencer Chamberlain's descendants were well represented throughout the weekend and we had some fascinating lectures, demonstrations, and presentations, as well as three theatrical events performed by the children at the Glover Community School, one of which was covered by WCAX News on the evening broadcast.

Some of us had been working in the school for

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weeks and months before the bicentennial. Many of us, now board members and officers of the society, are also teachers. My vision is that one of our missions will be to cultivate the next generation of Glover historians. It is our hope to start a Junior Historical Society, meeting perhaps once a month after school during the academic year, and continuing during the summers at Pioneer Day Camp. I would also like to renew our efforts of recording oral histories of interesting Gloverites, an inspiration that started with Wayne Alexander, and also of scanning old photos and documents into the computer and onto our

website so that they are accessible to anyone as a research tool. I am also hoping to add more historically relevant lectures and presentations of interest to the community at large, especially in the summer months.

Our first meeting of new officers and board members was Wednesday, August 11, and we had lots to talk about. Keep in touch. And don't forget to order a bicentennial t-shirt and some of our new publications.

- Betsy Day, President

## A scrapbook of the Runaway Pond Bicentennial

In this issue, we bring you some photos from the Runaway Pond Bicentennial Celebration, most of which took place on June 4-6, 2010. We are so thankful for the Runaway Pond Bicentennial Committee who worked hard planning the events and activities: Betsy Day, Randy Williams and Joan Alexander, chairs; along with Wesley Alexander, Chris Bailey and Lori Koshowski, Eleanor Bailey, Ken Barber, Lois Barrows, Judy and Skip Borrell, Delores Chamberlain, Robert Clark, Richard Epinette, Peggy Day Gibson, Jack Sumberg, Darlene Young; and also Pat O'Hagan and Norma Berry Williams from Sheffield Historical Society. Though the weather was very rainy on Sunday (as it was for the 1910 celebration), a great time was had by all!

Our thanks to Joan Alexander, Randy Williams, Dan Rothman, Ray Sweeney, Darlene Oxtan and Scott Wheeler for the photos.

### Graves and ghosts



#### **Spencer Chamberlain's grave repaired**

*Just in time for the celebration, Spencer Chamberlain's grave, which had been in two pieces, was repaired and standing tall once again, thanks to Dennis Choquette and funding from a grant from the Vermont Old Cemetery Association.*



#### **In the graveyard**

*Nine Glover junior high students did a special performance at Westlook Cemetery on Thursday night, portraying the early Glover settler they had researched. Back, left to right; Hayley Young, Grace Miller, Katie Carpentier, India Braun, Rachele Miller, Bianca McKay. Front: Hayley Kennedy, Karamae Haymen-Jones, Kaytlyn Stone.*



### ***“Graveyard ghosts” speak***

*After researching the actual lives of people buried at Westlook Cemetery who were the diggers at Runaway Pond, or their families and descendants, each of the 6th, 7th and 8th graders took on the persona of one and wrote and acted in this play that was performed Friday afternoon at the school. Here you see Morrow Hill-Barnes, as a contemporary visitor to the graveyard. Morrow closed the play with an original rap. Thanks go to language arts teacher Renee Piernot, librarian Amy Auger and art teacher Gerry Trevits for all their work. After the play, the Runaway Pond DVD created by Connie Ashe and narrated by Ken Barber had its premiere. A great job! (You can order the DVD... See enclosed order blank. Or you can pick one up at the Town Clerk's office.)*

## ***Humor and hikes***



### ***“Roar Like Thunder”***

*Glover artist Claire Dolan, who lives in the farm right next to Clark's Pond, created a museum in her barn featuring “speculative artifacts” from Runaway Pond, along with many vignettes illustrating scenes from people's firsthand accounts of the event. The museum is open all summer and free, and not to be missed!*



### ***Inside the Museum...***

*Two of the scenes created by Claire Dolan. On the left Grandmother Crane's warning to her children that should the water rise above the sight of the hoe, they should head for the hills, and, on the right, the scene at the Gould home in Barton, where the milk pan, which was lifted by the waters to the roof, was set back down with its milk unspilled.*



### ***Heading out for the Reenactment Hike***

*On Sunday morning this hardy crew, led by Peggy Day Gibson, set out from the Dolan Farm to meet another crew of reenactment diggers that had started in Sheffield, led by Patrick Ham, a teacher in Sheffield. Though they did not cover the entire 1810 route, they did find each other by following the sound of the tin horns they carried, and triumphantly marched to the old shoreline.*

## Arts and crafts



### Setting up for the quilt show

Lois Barrows, left, was the chair of the show, and she put out the call for quilts that had Glover roots or connections. With donated racks from the VT Quilt Show, and help from others, like Ann Young (center) and Betsy Day (right), 50 quilts were displayed at the Town Hall. Each quilt was photographed and documented by the Glover Historical Society. Lois herself made a quilt, a variation of Drunkard's Path, especially for this show, which is hanging on the far right.



### Enjoying the show!

Many visited the show over the weekend. Shown here is Lisa Rothman, admiring a Glover Women's Relief Corps (Grand Army of the Republic) memorial quilt owned by June (Cook) Young. Lisa, incidentally, was the 1st place prize-winning baker in the Runaway Pond Cake Contest with her Carrot Cake recipe. A gift shop was also set up at the Town Hall, with a nice selection of wooden Runaway Pond souvenirs for sale. (See order blank, or see at Town Clerk's office. We are so grateful to Donna Sweeney and Jessica Sweeny at the Town Clerk's for handling sales at their office.)

## Science



### Geology!

Friday evening folks were treated to discussions of the geology of Runaway Pond at the school. Led by our own Randy William's Google Earth fly-over following the path of Runaway Pond, geologist George Springston of the Vermont Geological Survey shared his understanding of why Long Pond ran away, and then engineer Stacy Daniels of Michigan spoke about a similar happening at Crystal Lake, Michigan. In the photo above, George leads a preliminary hike of the basin, as had geologist Bud Ebbott weeks earlier. On Saturday afternoon during the celebration, several local experts led walking tours through the basin: Cedric Alexander, Richard Carbonetti, David Gross, Loraine Janowski, Peggy Day Gibson, Jack Sumberg and Leif Richardson. A bus tour was also offered. Thanks to Richard Epinette for his shuttle driving all weekend and Butler's Bus for the bus.



### Water depth balloons and historic roadside marker

Jack Sumberg designed this display of balloons to help everyone visualize just how high the water level was before the letting out of Long Pond. The Roadside Marker was supplied by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. GHS had first applied for the marker in 1993, so finally having it erected is was a dream realized.

## Commerce



### **Lines at the post office**

Barton Postmaster Steven Rines and GHS member Joan Alexander were busy selling the special Runaway Pond pictorial postmark, cachet envelope and stamp at the Glover Post Office on Saturday morning. Thanks also to Glover Postmistress Windy Currier for her help with the event. The envelope and postmark featured artwork by Meg Gibson, which was also reproduced on the t-shirts. (There are still envelopes and shirts available... See order blank enclosed.)



### **The market on the green**

Betsy Day organized the vendors for Saturday's celebration. The vendors were also sprinkled along the sidewalk from the green to the Town Hall. Children's games were organized by PETS, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animal Society.

## Sports, the performance arts...



### **"Run, Chamberlain, run"**

Matt Alexander of Richmond, Vermont, was the first to cross the finish line of the Bicentennial "Run, Chamberlain, Run" road race. Ned Andrews, who organized the race, is on the left and volunteer April Bodette is in the background with the clipboard.



### **Bread and Puppet play**

Glover has been enjoying Bread and Puppet Theater's rendition of Harry Alonzo Phillip's canto "Runaway Pond" for years. For the Bicentennial, they delighted us twice, first on the Green on Saturday, and again on Sunday at the Park. You'll notice the video camera; Seven Days produced a great video of the day, which you can see by Googling "Runaway Pond Seven Days." You can also check out WCAX's feature on Runaway Pond online. Both are excellent!



### **Old time parade**

Thanks to Toni Eubanks, librarian at the Glover Public Library, and other library volunteers, who organized the Runaway Pond Bicentennial Parade. Entrants were asked to keep it simple...no motors! That challenge brought creativity, with the Ambulance Squad marching with a gurney, horses pulling the Fire Dept., and plenty of others walking or rolling along Main Street, with llamas, ducks and others setting the beat. Shown above are members of the Bread and Puppet Theater, followed by the Glover Volunteer Fire Dept.



### **The parade judges**

Residents of Union House Nursing Home agreed to serve as judges for the parade, and the porch of the Union House made the perfect reviewing stand. Left to right are Janet Harkins, activities assistant Sally Hauge, Marjorie MacPherson, Roberta Clark (not facing camera) Norma Meredith and Marion Griffin.

Top prize went to the Old Stone House Museum for their float featuring a replica of the Old Stone House in a handcart.



### **"Runaway play"**

Leann Gibson wrote a charming "Runaway Play" comedy-drama about Runaway Pond, which she directed on Saturday night with performers from the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade at Glover Community School. Shown above, left to right: Brooklynne Conley, Anaka Maher, Jacqueline Sweeney and Aiden Maher.



### **Local musicians**

Glover singer/songwriter Loraine Janowski, accompanied by Dustin Bodette, opened the Saturday night concert with her original song about Runaway Pond. Her music, along with other original songs by Bob Amos, Margaret MacArthur, Randy Williams, and Erik Porter are featured on the Runaway Pond DVD, which is still available (see enclosed order blank).

## ...and education about Runaway Pond



### **Hands on History!**

All during the month of May, GHS volunteers were busy in the Glover school, offering workshops and activities for the students, all integrated with the study of tall aspects of Runaway Pond and early settler life. Here students use a model of the Long Pond basin and reenact the letting out. We are so thankful to Dale Burnash, principal at Glover School, and all his staff, who made us so welcome!



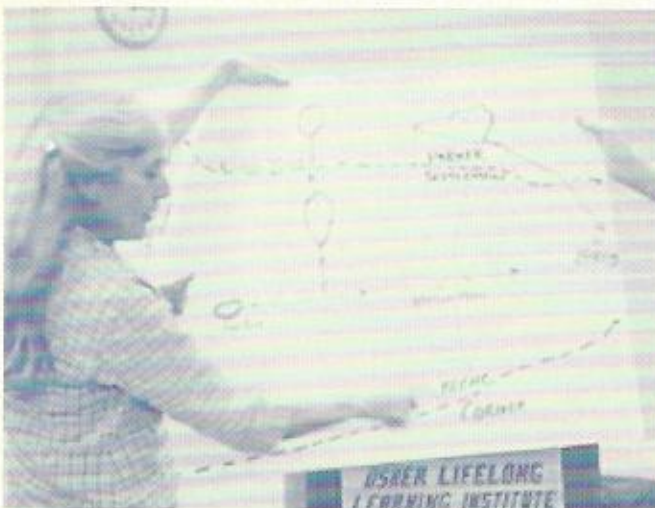
### **Life in 1810**

One Friday in May, James Dassatti, left, of the Living History Association and Paul Wood, historian from Walden, joined forces to give a presentation about life in 1810. Here they talk about Paul's collection of tools and implements that would have been used at the time. The GHS sponsored the men's talks, once in the afternoon to the whole school and later that evening for the community.



### **MacArthur Family**

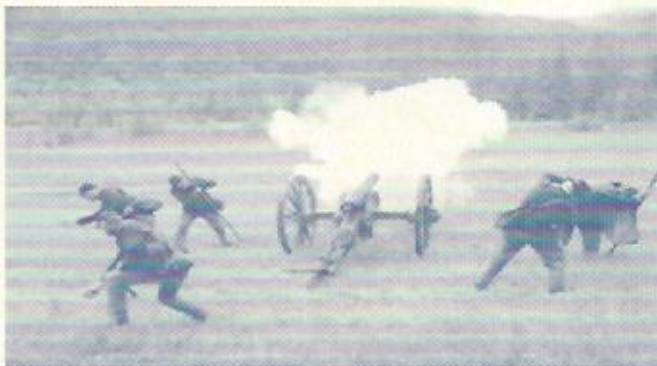
Back in 1987 Vermont folksinger and folk song collector Margaret MacArthur was at the Miller's Run School in Sheffield for a residency, and with the 8th grade students, wrote the Ballad of Runaway Pond. Margaret died recently, but we were pleased to have her children Gary (left), Megan, and Dan give a wonderful concert on Saturday night. They opened the dedication ceremony on Sunday at the park by singing the ballad. The MacArthur family also entertained on Sunday, with the Northeast Kingdom Shape Note Singers, Howie Cantor and Sid Gulick warming up the crowd.



### **Presentations**

Peggy Day Gibson, Glover resident and director of the Old Stone House Museum, was one of the speakers at the OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute presentation about Runaway Pond in Newport in May. The diagrams made by Wayne Alexander back in the 1990s were put to good use! Betsy, Randy, Jack and Joan also presented singly or in groups at the Sheffield Historical Society, the Jones Memorial Library, VT History Expo, Scott Wheeler's radio show, and the Union House.

## The celebration



### Fire!

The Vermont Hemlock's Civil War Reenactors came on Sunday morning complete with cannon to replicate what was done at the 1910 celebration, where a cannon was set at the point where the bank of Long Pond breached, and fired every ten minutes between 11:00 and noon. The cannon was set up at the park instead of on the old shoreline. In the old accounts, both eyewitnesses at the scene of the letting out and folks who heard the waters rushing along its route to Memphremagog, likened the sound they heard to that of thunder and cannon fire.



### The Governor joins us

After a wonderful invocation by Rev. Evelyn Coupe, we were delighted to have Governor Douglas and his wife join us for the dedication. We had asked if he would read some of the remarks that William O. King, selectman of Glover, had made at the 1910 celebration, which he graciously did. And we were delighted that the Governor also gave his own address. He noted that the "hearty band" of settlers had planned that their efforts would be a "fine economic development project" and a "stimulus plan," and that their spirit of hard work and never give up attitude lives on.



### Old time costumes

Skip Borrell and his wife Judy dressed as an early 1800 clergyman and his wife. These costumes weren't the only sewing Judy was busy with... she was also the creator of the Hunter's Star lap quilt, which was raffled off as a fundraiser for the celebration.



### Unveiling the roadside marker

Descendants of the 1810 diggers and the carvers of the 1910 monument were invited to help unveil the marker. There were kin of Spencer Chamberlain, Silas Clark, Elijah Stone, and Aaron Willson present. In this photo, the oldest descendants, Ernest Chamberlain, age 94, of Salt Lake City, Utah (in veteran's cap), and Bruce Willson, age 86, of Irasburg (in white cap), help with the unveiling. An American flag was also used for the unveiling of the monument in 1910, and was also unveiled by descendants of the diggers. This 2010 flag was provided by Sen. Leahy's office and flown over the Capitol in honor of the Runaway Pond Bicentennial.



**Pies and cakes!**

Both cakes and pies figured in the Runaway Pond story of June 6, 1810, as the diggers had brought at least one Election Day cake for their lunch to the dig and Spencer Chamberlain reportedly stopped for a piece of pie along his run. Five pies and nine cakes were entered in the contest. Thanks to the Runaway Café, which was the drop-off spot for the goodies, and to the judges Sue Dodge McKay, Dianne Carter and Sandy Kepler. The entries were all delicious, and residents at the Union House enjoyed the leftovers with their dinner that night.



**Gov. Douglas announces the winner of the pie contest**



Wayne Alexander, age 8, was thrilled when he won the pie contest with his Raspberry Black-berry Pie. He received a cutting board with the bicentennial artwork engraved on it.



**Time capsule**

Peggy Day Gibson helped students at Glover School fill and bury a time capsule under the monument in 1997, and she was there to help dig it back up on Sunday afternoon. The students who added to it back then are now adults! Contact Peggy if you want details of what was in the capsule.



**Church supper**

The Glover Community Church hosted a delicious Italian supper on Saturday night, enjoyed by many, including the Alexander family shown here. Martha Alexander, far right, was the GHS treasurer for many years.





### **Park work bee**

The GHS, Glover Garden Club, and Kate Butler and her Labour of Love landscaping crew visited the park several times over the last year to clean up weeds, plant flowers and get the park ready for the celebration. In late May, this group met to work on the park. Thanks also to Nature by Design, Gloverview Greenhouse, and Millside Nursery for plantings, and to Bill and Sue Tester for mowing. Left to right: Betsy, Randy Williams, Joan, Wayne and Cole Alexander; Linda Elbow.



### **Thanks to the Fire Dept!**

They answered the call, not to put out a fire, but to put up and take down tents, tables and chairs, all in the rain. Thank you!! Left to right: Riley Auger, Alan Mathews, Dan Breitmeyer, Jason Martin. Front, kneeling: Scott Laferriere, Norman Auger.

## **Thanks to all the Runaway Pond Celebration donors!**

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## *Last call for school memories!*

We hope to finish putting together a history of all Glover's schools by winter. Our thanks to those of you who answered the call in our last newsletter and have sent photos, labeled identified pictures from our files, and even provided diary entries of a young teacher at the Wright School in the early 1900s. Do

you have some treasures to share? Please contact Joan Alexander at joanalex\_05839@yahoo.com or by calling (802) 525 6212 or writing to us at GHS, PO Box 208, Glover VT 05839. We can scan your photos and return them if you cannot send them electronically. We welcome your input!

## **In Memoriam**

Phyllis B. Amyot

Sept. 8, 1926 - April 24, 2010

Edmond J. Boutin

March 10, 1919 - April 23, 2010

Arland A. Butler

October 28, 1922 - June 19, 2010

Alden D. Walcott,

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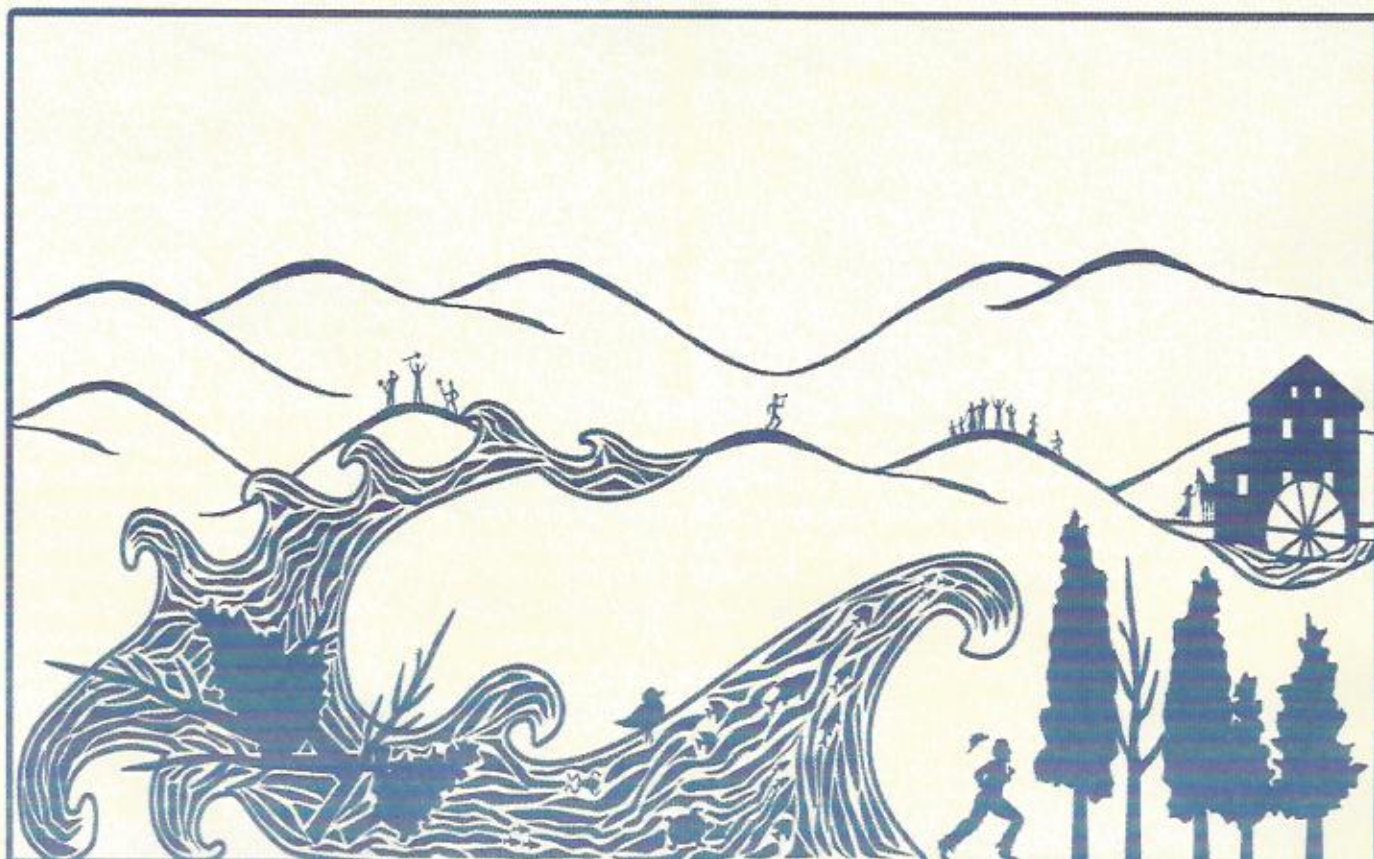
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*Thanks to Lucy Smith for compiling our mailing list and keeping it up to date.*



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