A Message From
The Milo Historical Society
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"Fits and Starts"

Recently there was an article in the Bangor Daily News on uniquely Maine colloquialisms or "sayin's". Included were those such as wicked, ayuh, cussid, and many more expressions that most of us growing up in Maine are familiar with. My elderly relatives always referred to the sofa or couch as the "davenport" and the porch as the "piazza" and I remember my grandmother saying that she was tired of it being a "laury" or overcast day. One expression not included in the article was one that my grandmother, a good old Mainer, often used; "fits and starts". Asked how she was coming on a project, she would reply, "Oh, it's coming together in fits and starts", meaning that she would be inspired to work furiously on something, get a little distracted or bored, and then get busy again on it. I really never could figure out which was the burst of activity, the "fit" or the "start", but as I got older could completely understand what she meant by the expression. I think we all have periods of inspiration and intense devotion to a project, followed by a lull and period of catching our breath, then getting "back in the saddle". It is also my experience from being involved in various organizations and group projects that they all go through "fits and starts", and the Milo Historical Society is no exception.

In the last few years, we have come through a very productive burst of activity. Thanks to the dedication of our members and the community, we have gotten the exterior of our museum building in topnotch shape from stem to stern. Two years ago, the bell tower and entryway were repaired and the front of the building was painted. Last year we completed the final phase of getting the entire building painted. We can not begin to express our gratitude to the many individuals and business who contributed money, time and materials to the effort of making our building a shining and proud showcase for our community's heritage. Much of this work was accomplished through grant funds, but the historical society was obligated to commit substantial matching funds. Needless to say, our bank account has thinned down considerably and we continue to have projects inside the building that need to be addressed along with the day to day operating expenses of maintaining a museum and preserving the collection of artifacts. Even though we have experienced a burst of recent activity, we don't want to be forced into a lull due to lack of resources or involvement from individuals. We have been conducting a number of fundraising activities throughout the year and have plans for many more. We will be holding a good old fashioned bean dinner on May 19 at the Milo Town Hall and have many ideas for upcoming activities. We continue to rely on the support that comes in through our memberships and truly appreciate the added generous donations that so many of you always make sure to include.

This message hopefully makes it clear that the Milo Historical Society tries to not "*glob around*" and if you come by this summer, you'll see that our "*dooryard is lookin wicked good*". With any luck the Milo Historical Society will keep plugging away in "fits and starts" and we will be able to continue in our mission of keeping the fond memories of Milo alive for future generations.

Allen Monroe, Milo Historical Society Secretary

The Milo Historical Society will be hosting the summer meeting of the Maine Old Cemetery Association (known as MOCA) on Sat., July 28, 2012, starting at 8:30 AM. The organization is dedicated to the preservation of Maine's neglected cemeteries. The program will feature displays, a guest speaker, and a tour of historically significant highlights of Milo's Evergreen Cemetery. The public is invited to attend. There is a $3.00 registration fee. The Milo Historical Society will be selling a lunch on the day of the event. For more information, please contact Allen Monroe at 943-2268 or Jane Macomber at 876-4125.

Now, more than ever, we need your financial support in order to cover our operating costs. Along with your membership renewal, please consider an additional donation to assure that we can continue to preserve the heritage of Milo for future generations. All donations are tax deductible. *Thank You.*

The Milo Historical Soc. meetings are the 3rd. Thurs. of each month, at 7:00 PM. (generally, at the museum). All are welcomed to attend. Please call 943-2268 if you have any questions.

Won't You Join Us!

Milo Historical Society Dues:

(Dues cover May 1, 2012 ~ April 30, 2013)

Active Membership:

$5.00

Student Membership:

(under 18 yrs.)

$2.50

Patron Membership:

$25.00

Return membership dues and/or Contributions to:

The Milo Historical Society
C/O Allen Monroe, Sec.
23 Park Street
Milo, Maine 04463

Name: _____

Address: _____

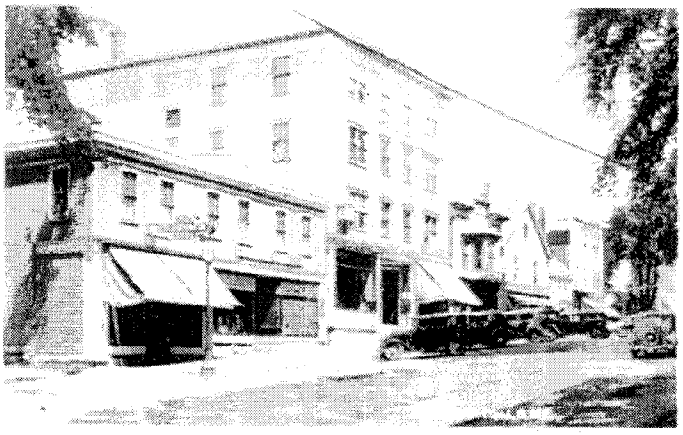
City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

◆Our membership for 2012-2013 starts on May 1, 2012. In order to save expenses, we do not send out membership cards, unless a request is made with this form. Thank you for your understanding.

The Milo Historical Society would like to extend a big thank you to all volunteers who have contributed their time and energy in a number of ways over the past year. Your efforts on projects and assistance in keeping the museum open are greatly appreciated and make the preservation and enjoyment of our community's heritage possible. A special thank you goes to the Milo High School Alumni Assoc. for their past support.

Thank you!

The Milo Historical Society has a number of projects "in the works". We are always eager and happy to have volunteers to assist with getting things done. We have projects that involve preserving and documenting donated items, along with tasks that need attention around the museum building and displays. If you have some free time and an interest in our community's history, please give us a call:
Virgil Valente at 943-2167 or
Allen Monroe at 943-2268.