

Yarmouth Village Improvement Society  
Spring Notes

After fifty years, the VIS no longer has ownership of the Depot. It has changed hands to Ford Reiche and soon will be restored and Gorham Savings Bank will be coming this summer. We wish them well and look forward to the restored Depot.

Village Green has had tape on the trees and bushes since February and will begin some transformation in the near future. It is due to have some refreshing and the time has come. Some trees will have pruning, some bushes will be dug out. Three lilac bushes stay and the cherry tree will stay after some pruning. There will be some changes to the path, any markers that come out due to the renovation will be put back in.

Activities at the Old Meeting House on Hillside St. will be difficult if there is any at all due to the pipes that need to be replaced in town and road work. The granite steps at the OMH will be taken up, but will be put back once the street is redone. Also, the town will be putting a path from the side walk up to the building which will make the entry safer to the building for event attendees and help make it more ADA compliant.

The Architectural Survey program went over so many things. There was a wonderful presentation and display of the survey what the History Center staff and VIS volunteers did for the survey and explained the VIS marker program. There was a very good discussion of Historic districts and how to protect historic properties. You can find out more on the town website under historic properties. Also, the display continues on the second floor of the library until mid- April of some photos and surveys. Thank you, Linda for all your work on this.

There will be Spring Walking Tours in June of three areas of town presented by the VIS and the History Center. These are the Harbor and Lower Village, the Bridge and Main St. and The Upper Village. These will be posted on our website. Dates are June 5<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, and June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our next program is May 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 am at Town Hall Community Room. Social at 10:30 am  
Griffin Dill, Pest Management Specialist and Researcher from U Maine Cooperative Extension at Orono will talk About "Staying Healthy Through the Tick Season." He will explain about the types of ticks, diseases found in Maine, symptoms and how to manage the ticks and prevent sickness. He coordinates the Integrated Tick Management Program and will explain all the work he does managing the Tick Lab within the Diagnostic and Research Lab. He is not a medical doctor, but an expert on these ticks and can help prevent you from getting sick from these ticks by knowing what to look for and do to stop the ticks. I think this will be well worth your time with different kinds of ticks in Maine. I hope you do too and can join us!

June 4<sup>th</sup> is our President's Luncheon and election of trustees at Skyline Farms. Time is 11 am to 1 pm. More information will be sent out about this. Hope you will join us for this.

There are other events that are in the planning stages to happen in the summer and beyond. One is that Yarmouth Arts Alliance is planning a Mailbox Fundraiser. Artists will paint a mailbox to auction. This auction will be at Tyler technology on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. You will be seeing some place cards about this around town especially this summer.

The Bridge Committee is planning the Main St. Bridge Celebration for August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm. Plan on a picnic and events and a fun time!

The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by YCS and VIS happens April 20<sup>th</sup> at Royal River Park at 10 am for ages 2-7 and it is free. Hope the snow is done by then!

Thank you again to Laurie, Pam and Linda who presented the programs for us this winter and early spring. Thanks to members for your continued support.

Best wishes,  
Liz

