

NORTH SCHOOL NEWS

NORTH SCHOOL PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

CONVEYANCE IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

It began as a dream for a few people. They wanted to help preserve part of the history, part of the beauty and part of their memories. They also wanted a place for the community to come together and enjoy the outdoors and each other.

Hard work and dedication it would certainly take but where ever would they get the money? It would certainly take money. Would others be interested enough to help? What began that day was a monumental task for a handful of neighbors and school alumni, spearheaded by Jean Willard. How would they start? What needed to be done? After answering all these questions, and more the North School Preservation Society was formed.

Little did they realize the magnitude of the job ahead but persevere they did and all of us in the community are the beneficiaries of their hard work. Thank you, all of you for not only saving a beautiful building but the memories that go with it. It will be a wonderful place for all our citizens to come and enjoy and make more wonderful memories.

On November 22, 2011 the North School building and land was officially conveyed to the Society. There will be an official ceremony in the Spring.



“Bringing the community together”

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ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR DECEMBER 6, 2011



We need you. We want you. Please come to the Annual meeting. We’ve done so much but there is still a great deal left to be done and we would like to have the community join us. Cast your vote for the new Board of Directors. Let your voice be heard.

NSPS
Annual Meeting
December 6, 2011
6:00 PM
At the Warming Hut

President's Message

This has been a remarkable year, not only for the North School Preservation Society, but for our community as well. The floods of Hurricane Irene irrevocably changed lives and our environment. The Great Brook in North Springfield has been a microcosm of greater rivers and streams throughout the state.

While some elements of destruction will forever remind us of what happened, the sense of community and perseverance that has emerged has made us stronger and more cohesive as a group and as a community.

Nothing has impressed me with the significance of this as much as a small North School administrative detail that occurred after the flood. While it had nothing to do with the flood, it has renewed my faith in our society's mission and in our community.

In our enthusiasm to "beat the clock" we had scheduled our annual fall cleanup day for September 24 (earlier than usual), forgetting that the date would be one of the busiest Saturdays in the season for the recreation department's children's fall soccer games. Thanks to the cooperation of Andy and Matt in the town recreation department, we were able to reschedule our cleanup day (at the last minute) for the following Saturday, October 1.

Before the soccer games began on September 24, I was looking at the school across the street from my home. The hubbub and activity of children arriving with their parents to once again overrun the playing fields with laughter and excitement struck me with a sense of renewal and inspiration for the goals to which the North School Preservation Society members have dedicated themselves.

It also struck me that the property where the school and playing fields sit was unaffected by the flood, and there it was shining in the sun and ringing with happy voices.

Francine Provost, President

Membership

Membership Drive & Renewal

This November will mark our first ever membership drive. We will be sending out a letter with a bit of the NSPS history and our accomplishments hoping to solicit new members and swell our ranks.

In addition to the mailing I would like to issue a challenge to all current members. The challenge, to recruit at least one new member in the coming year. This small act would help to double our current membership – and we need more members actively participating in the Society's fundraisers and programs to be a successful organization.

In our growing pains as a new non-profit we have been remiss in sending out renewal notices, but going forward membership will run from December 1st to November 30th. Renewal forms will be sent out in the fall and dues must be paid by the first of December to be eligible for voting at the Society's annual meeting in December. We hope to see you there!

In closing I would like to thank all of you who have shown your support of the NSPS by becoming members!

Virginia Ricker
Membership Committee

Welcome

New Members!

Burt & Frances Stevens

June McCormack

Richard & Mary Ely

Marion Harlow

David & Linda Batchelder

Trish Cahill

George & Fran Keeler

Shara & Bruce Houghtaling

School House Quilt Raffle

Even before she knew there was a North Springfield School Preservation Society Trish Cahill dreamed of owning this beautiful quilt created and donated by Cindy Tufts.



This spring Trish saw the notice and picture of the quilt in the Springfield Reporter. She decided she wanted to win that quilt! Later, she purposely went to the Hallmark store to get a ticket. After Trish was introduced to this group by Andrea Cook and later became a member. Trish volunteered at our book sale, and bought more tickets, again stating that she wanted to win that quilt!

Alumni Day in June turned out to be a beautiful day. After volunteering to sell food at Riverside Middle School during and after the parade, several of the group went back to the warming hut at the North School to wrap things up. At the end of the day, our President Francine was trying to get someone to draw the winning ticket.

Linda Batchelder (sister of Trish Cahill!) volunteered. All were amazed as we looked at the ticket pulled. It was our own Trish Cahill, who has been a great inspiration to all of us since joining the group. She has been fighting her own battle with cancer and was absent from the group that day because she was too ill to be there. It seemed fitting that she should be the one to own that quilt. She cried when she received it; so awed that she was actually the winner! Congratulations Trish! Thank you Cindy and everyone who worked on the raffle to make it a success.

We Did It!

Last October the NSPS received an anonymous donation of \$2500. The donation also came with a fundraising challenge. If we raised \$2500 in the next year the anonymous benefactor would contribute another \$2500 to the Society. With hard work and determination we set out to meet the challenge, and succeeded. The Society received a letter from the bank stating we had fulfilled the challenge and another \$2500 was being deposited into our account. The NSPS would like to thank this benefactor for their generosity and support - thank you whoever you are!

Upcoming Events

Cutest Pet Contest

November 14-21, 2011

NSPS Annual Meeting

December 6, 2011

Following Events—Dates TBA

Spring Clean Up ~ Dedication of Building

More Raffles ~ Summer Book Sale

And much more..... Watch for our spring Newsletter

Summer Fun & Fundraising

The Society kicked off the summer season with its second annual book sale. It was great to see the number of repeat faces at this year's sale. We added a new feature this year, the "Two Bucks a Bag" clearance sale at the end of the day. In spite of selling many books, there were still many left at the end of the day. In the spirit of community support the leftovers were donated to the Friends of Springfield Library.

Alumni Day found us having our usual open house and, as always, it was a hit with visiting alumni and others who toured the building and viewed the displays. This was also the day we raffled off the beautiful quilt that was donated by Cindy Tufts - thanks Cindy. The winner was Trish Cahill, whose grandfather was the custodian and bus driver at North School for many years. Congratulations Trish!

It's not summer without our yard sale and this year's was one of the most successful yet, we raised over \$800.00. Thank you to our supporters and members for their generous donations of sale items.

To participate in the celebration Springfield's 250th birthday we hosted a Monday Night at the Movies event in August. The subject for the evening was Harland Whitcomb's collection of old photos - this evening was particularly special for us, as Harland is a longtime resident of North Springfield.

The finale for the summer was taking part in the 250th Birthday Fair. We had a booth with a display of old photos - a big hit was looking at the old class photos and trying to identify old classmates and friends.

It was a great summer! We want to take a moment to thank all the volunteers who made the events possible and all of the supporters who came out and made the events a success. See you next summer

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- I do not want to be a member at this time
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 Building and Grounds
 Finance Committee
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