

# UNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JULY 2016



## 3rd Annual **Celebrate UNITY** •° Festival! •°

**Saturday, July 30th...**

**9am-10:30am NORTHERN SOLSTICE**

**ALPACA FARM** Learn Soap felting with the Alpacas. Enjoy FREE coffee + donuts!

**11am-3pm FIELD OF DREAMS** Chicken BBQ, hotdogs, ice cream, music, bounce house, XGTC presentation, vendors, activities, etc.

**Noon VILLAGE AT DEPOT CROSSING**

Classic Car Rally

**4pm-6pm YOUNITY WINERY**

FREE Wine/Cheese Tasting

**7pm UCCPA: PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

Kevin Libby Concert... Tickets \$20

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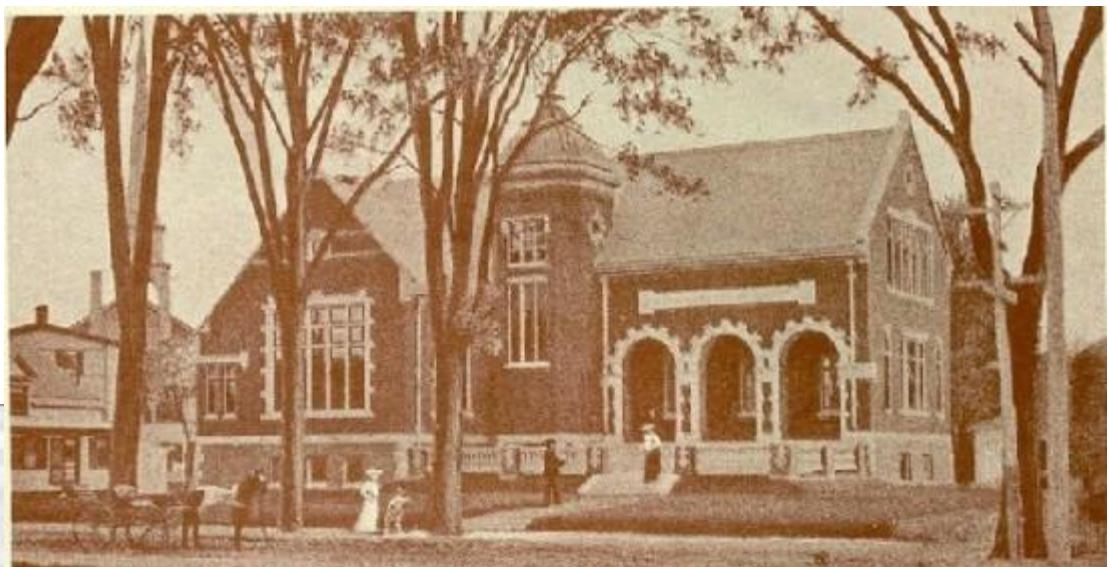
Unity Barn Raisers  
Working together to build a better community.

For more information about the event -or- to reserve your vending space (there's still time)...  
email [programs@unitybarnraisers.org](mailto:programs@unitybarnraisers.org) website [www.unityme.org/fest/](http://www.unityme.org/fest/)



## JUNE MEETING NOTES

Waterville Public Library Curator and member of the Waterville Historical Society/Redington Museum, **Sarah Sugden**, was our guest in June and did a wonderful job of showing the history of Waterville. So many great stories and photos that there simply isn't enough room here to do her justice. Folks unable to attend the meeting really missed something special. Here are a couple of photos:



Waterville Public Library, dedicated May 13, 1905,  
Corner of Elm and Appleton Streets.



Thanks to Dot Quimby  
for refreshments!



Many thanks to  
**UNITY UNION CHURCH**

UHS members were treated to a special preview Open House at the Unity Union Church just before the June meeting. Joan Bradstreet and Bill Russell spent time showing folks around and talking about the history and future plans. Look for the Church's official Open House later this summer.

# 2016 Meetings

APRIL 26

MAY 24\*

JUNE 28

JULY 30—UNITY FESTIVAL

Join the community at the Field of Dreams for a fun-filled day

AUGUST 23\*

SEPTEMBER 27

OCTOBER 25

We are scheduling other presenters and the very popular "Show and Tell" will be back this year. Is there something you'd like to hear about?

Please let us know.



\* Month has 5 Tuesdays

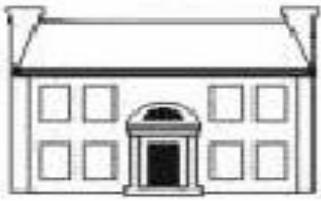
An excerpt from *A Brief History of the Town of Unity* by Edmund Murch in 1892.

Among the early settlers of this town were Mr. Kelley, Mr. Elisha Parkhurst and Mr. Jonathan Hunt. Mr. Hunt settled on the farm now occupied by Samuel Rollins, and raised a large family, I think the most of the children were boys. I remember of the boys, Archelous by name, (when I was quite a young boy, and he a man) who was a very bright, smart man, but somewhat eccentric, and very sarcastic when he bent his wits in that direction. He is said to have been the author of an acrostic commencing with the first letter of the alphabet and going through to z, and bringing in twenty-six names of men then living in town, which I learned when a boy of ten or twelve, and have a mind (at the risk of being called boyish) to repeat a few verses from this poem.

A if Antioch, the city of fame,  
B is for Burnham, for he bears a great name.  
C is for Conner, the Colonel of place,  
D is for Dinsmore, with his narrow face.  
E is for Elijah Winslow, who courts Elize  
for a living,  
F is for Fowler, who fell over thanksgiving.  
G is for George Sinclair, the driver of sheep,  
H is for poor Hunt, for he can just creep.

As my memory will not serve me to repeat all of this poem, and as I presume it would not interest you as much as it did me when a boy of ten, I will proceed.

(Note: Misspellings are as printed)



## Unity Happenings

July 27th = Schoolhouse Suppers at Unity Food Hub  
**Taco Night**  
*MaineFarmlandTrust.org*

**Unity Farmers Market** every Saturday from 9am-1pm at the Unity Community Center. Many offerings including: meats, breads, vegetables, fruits, seedlings, soaps, artisan olive oils and vinegars, jams and jellies, and more!

**Sebasticook Regional Land Trust** has a really interesting new feature—the Community Lands Story Map. Check it out at their website  
*www.sebasticookrlt.org*

Meetings are held at **7:00 p.m.** on the Fourth Tuesday each month from April through October

### **NEXT MEETING:** **August 23rd** **Show & Tell**

Building open by appointment  
Call 207-948-5610

The **Unity Historical Society** is dedicated to the collection and preservation of historical materials related to the Town of Unity, Maine. The Society makes this information available to individuals and/or organizations interested in historical and genealogical research.

<http://unityhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com>

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual dues: \$10/person  
(April 1 ~ March 31)

Life Membership: \$250/person

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<http://unityhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com>  
Find UHS on Facebook : *UnityHistoricalSociety*  
Or link from: [www.UnityMaine.org](http://www.UnityMaine.org)



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