HINSDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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# COL. EBENEZER HINSDALE HOMESTEAD NEWSLETTER



As the vibrant colors of autumn adorn the landscape, we welcome you to our latest newsletter, bringing you up-to-date on the recent activities at the Col. Ebenezer Hinsdale Homestead's and our exciting future plans. In this edition, we'll share our upcoming events, recap our most recent events, and provide an update of our ongoing preservation efforts.

Join us for a journey through the latest news and developments at our historical haven.

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UPCOMING EVENTS QUARTERLY MEETING OCTOBER 29, 1PM

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 9, 10AM - 3PM DECEMBER 16, RAIN DATE

# 2023: A RECAP

It has been a busy year. We have two more events planned for 2023, the October Quarterly Meeting and a Christmas Open House.

The quarterly meeting will be on October 29th at 1pm.

The Christmas Open House will be on December 9th at 10am, with a rain date of December 16th. We have asked the Col. Hinsdale Garrison re-enactment group to come and set up in the house again for the open house this year.



Members of the Col. Hinsdale Garrison at the 2022 Christmas Open House

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#### WORK ON THE HOUSE

The preparation work on the house for painting next spring is complete.

While we haven't heard from LCHIP as of this date, they announce the grant recipients mid-November, all of the issues that they identified during their site visit in July have been addressed. They have been sent photos of the more serious issues that were found.

There were two small sills (4-5 ft. sections) that were seriously disintegrated where the water had been migrating through the stone foundation. All of the lower the exterior walls have been sheathed in lead which will divert the water over the stone and away from the building.

The bill for this work came to more than we expected but we were able to cover the cost. Fund raising is ongoing and any donations would be appreciated.

#### PRIVATE EVENTS UPDATE

We have made some changes to the private event criteria for the future. The wedding that took place in September went well and the bride and family were very pleased. The feeling is that we should promote the property as a venue for private events.



#### NOW AND THEN VEHICLE CLUB

The Now and Then Vehicle Club have had a tough year. The weather has not been kind and many Saturday 'Cruise Ins' have had to be cancelled because of rain. We were happy to welcome them when the weather was

cooperating.



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#### THE ANTIQUE ENGINE SHOW

The Antique Engine Show was a smaller turnout this year but the general feeling was that the wet weather in July and 90 degree temperatures were the cause.











#### THE CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

The Civil War event was quite well attended and we have been discussing with the Vermont Civil War Hemlocks that maybe we could combine their group with the New Hampshire 5th Infantry for an even larger event next summer.

#### THE SENIOR TEA

We had 12 people sign up for the Senior's Afternoon Tea. A couple were not able to come because of COVID but the rest of us had a lovely time. We may put it into our regular schedule for the future.

